BRIDGE
PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Final Rulemaking

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) published in the *Federal* Register (82 FR5886) a [final rule](#) establishing performance measures for State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) to use in managing pavement and bridge performance on the National Highway System (NHS). The National Performance Management Measures; Assessing Pavement Condition for the National Highway Performance Program and Bridge Condition for the National Highway Performance Program Final Rule addresses requirements established by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and reflects passage of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. The rule is effective **May 20, 2017**.

Performance Measures
✓ % of NHS bridges by deck area classified as in Good condition
✓ % of NHS bridges by deck area classified as in Poor condition

Condition-Based Performance Measures

- Measures are based on deck area.
- The classification is based on National Bridge Inventory (NBI) condition ratings for item 58 - Deck, 59 - Superstructure, 60 - Substructure, and 62 - Culvert.
- Condition is determined by the lowest rating of deck, superstructure, substructure, or culvert. If the lowest rating is greater than or equal to 7, the bridge is classified as good; if is less than or equal to 4, the classification is poor. (Bridges rated below 7 but above 4 will be classified as fair; there is no related performance measure.)
- Deck area is computed using NBI item 49 - Structure Length, and 52 - Deck Width or 32 - Approach Roadway Width (for some culverts).

Target Setting
State DOTs:

- Must establish targets for all bridges carrying the NHS, which includes on- and off-ramps connected to the NHS within a State, and bridges carrying the NHS that cross a State border, regardless of ownership.
- Must establish statewide 2- and 4-year targets by May 20, 2018, and report targets by October 1, 2018, in the Baseline Performance Period Report.
- May adjust 4-year targets at the Mid Performance Period Progress Report (October 1, 2020).

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs):

- Support the relevant State DOT(s) 4-year target or establish their own by 180 days after the State DOT(s) target is established.

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Key Dates	
May 20, 2017	Final rule effective date.
January 1, 2018	1st 4- year performance period begins.
May 20, 2018	Initial 2- and 4-year targets established.
October 1, 2018	Baseline Performance Period Report for the 1st Performance Period due. State DOTs report 2-year and 4-year targets; etc.
Within 180 days of relevant State DOT(s) target establishment	MPOs must commit to support State target or establish separate quantifiable target.
October 1, 2020	Mid Performance Period Progress Report for the 1st Performance Period due. State DOTs report 2-year condition/performance; progress toward achieving 2-year targets; etc.
December 31, 2021	1st 4-year performance period ends.
October 1, 2022	Full Performance Period Progress Report for 1st performance period due. State DOTs report 4-year condition/performance; progress toward achieving 4-year targets; etc. Baseline report due for 2nd performance period due. State DOTs report 2- and 4-year targets; baseline condition, etc.

Other Specifics
- State DOT targets should be determined from asset management analyses and procedures and reflect investment strategies that work toward achieving a state of good repair over the life cycle of assets at minimum practicable cost. State DOTs may establish additional measures and targets that reflect asset management objectives.
- The rule applies to bridges carrying the NHS, including bridges on on- and off-ramps connected to the NHS.
- If for 3 consecutive years more than 10.0% of a State DOT's NHS bridges' total deck area is classified as Structurally Deficient, the State DOT must obligate and set aside National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds for eligible projects on bridges on the NHS.
- Deck area of all border bridges counts toward both States DOTs' totals.

Visit www.fhwa.dot.gov/tpm/ to learn about training, guidance, and other implementation-related information.

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