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CLEARINGHOUSE REPORT TO AGENCY

[THIS REPORT HAS BEEN PREPARED PURSUANT TO S. 227.15, STATS. THIS IS A REPORT ON A RULE AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY THE AGENCY; THE REPORT MAY NOT REFLECT THE FINAL CONTENT OF THE RULE IN FINAL DRAFT FORM AS IT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATURE. THIS REPORT CONSTITUTES A REVIEW OF, BUT NOT APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF, THE SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT AND TECHNICAL ACCURACY OF THE RULE.]

CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 99-037

AN ORDER to renumber Trans 212.06 (3); to amend Trans 212.02 (1), (3) and (5) Note, 212.06 (1), 212.07, 212.08, 212.10 and 212.11 (1) and (3); and to create Trans 212.06 (3), relating to standards for the inspection of bridges in Wisconsin.

Submitted by **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

02-25-99 RECEIVED BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

03-19-99 REPORT SENT TO AGENCY.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RULES CLEARINGHOUSE REPORT

This rule has been reviewed by the Rules Clearinghouse. Based on that review, comments are reported as noted below:

1. STATUTORY AUTHORITY [s. 227.15 (2) (a)]

Comment Attached YES NO

2. FORM, STYLE AND PLACEMENT IN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE [s. 227.15 (2) (c)]

Comment Attached YES NO

3. CONFLICT WITH OR DUPLICATION OF EXISTING RULES [s. 227.15 (2) (d)]

Comment Attached YES NO

4. ADEQUACY OF REFERENCES TO RELATED STATUTES, RULES AND FORMS
[s. 227.15 (2) (e)]

Comment Attached YES NO

5. CLARITY, GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION AND USE OF PLAIN LANGUAGE [s. 227.15 (2) (f)]

Comment Attached YES NO

6. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS WITH, AND COMPARABILITY TO, RELATED FEDERAL
REGULATIONS [s. 227.15 (2) (g)]

Comment Attached YES NO

7. COMPLIANCE WITH PERMIT ACTION DEADLINE REQUIREMENTS [s. 227.15 (2) (h)]

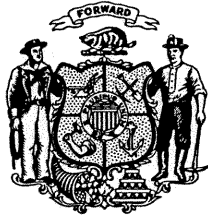
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Comments

[NOTE: All citations to "Manual" in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated September 1998.]

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

a. In s. Trans 212.06 (3), first sentence, "analysis" by whom? In the second sentence, "obtained" by whom?

b. Section Trans 212.11 (3) (b) and (c) would be clearer if they read:

(b) Except as provided in par. (c), paper . . . of each odd year.

(c) In lieu of par. (b), electronic reports . . . of each odd year.



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RE: **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING** and Text of Proposed Rule, relating to
Standards for the Inspection of Bridges in Wisconsin, Trans 212

Dear Mr. Sklansky:

In accordance with § 227.15(1), Stats., I submit the enclosed text of proposed rule for Legislative Council staff review in the above-referenced matter. This document, along with written notice of WisDOT's submittal to joint Legislative Council staff, have also been filed with the Revisor of Statutes to be published in the Administrative Register in accordance with § 227.14(4m) and 227.17, Stats.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie A. Johnson".

Julie A. Johnson
Paralegal

Enclosure

cc: Secretary's Office
Sandy Beaupre
Mike Goetzman
Jim Gruendler
Bruce Karow

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NOTE: This manual is on file at the offices of the Division of Transportation Infrastructure Development, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the Secretary of State, and the Revisor of Statutes.

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TRANS 212.10 Posting. When it is determined by the department that the maximum load under state law exceeds the load permitted on a bridge as described in the AASHTO manual, the bridge shall be posted for weight limits or closed. The department shall post or close bridges on the state trunk highway system and all other bridges for which the department ~~has been assigned maintenance responsibility~~ is the maintaining authority. Each local authority shall post or close the bridges on highways under its jurisdiction. When a local authority fails to post or close a bridge as required, the department shall inform the county highway commissioner of the county in which the bridge is located and direct the county to post or close the bridge or cause the bridge to be posted or closed. Upon receipt of the department's notice and direction, the county shall post or close the bridge or cause it to be posted or closed. After the erection of signs or barriers associated with the posting or closing of the bridge by the county, the local maintaining authority ~~that has responsibility for the maintenance~~ of the bridge is responsible for the maintenance of the signs or barriers.

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(3)(a) Each county highway commissioner shall report the results of all non-state maintained bridge inspections in his or her county to the appropriate department official or officials.

Except as provided in par. (c),

(b) ~~Paper Reports~~ reports for all local bridges that are not a department responsibility shall be submitted to the department by ~~February 4~~ January 15 of each odd year except as ^{provided} noted in par. (c).

(c) Electronic reports in a form acceptable to the department may be submitted to the department by February 1 of each odd year in lieu of par. (b).

(END OF RULE TEXT)

Effective Date. This rule shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register as provided in s. 227.22(2), Stats.

Signed at Madison, Wisconsin, this 23 day of February, 1999.

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The Honorable Fred Risser
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April 26, 1999

The Honorable Scott Jensen
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RE: Proposed Administrative Rule **TRANS 212**
Notification of Legislative Standing Committees
CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 99-037

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of Clearinghouse Rule **99-037**, relating to **standards for the inspection of bridges in Wisconsin**. The rule is submitted to you for referral to the appropriate standing committees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie A. Johnson".

Julie A. Johnson
Paralegal

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Enclosure

cc: Gary Poulson (Deputy Revisor of Statutes)
Senator Judy Robson
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CR 98-037

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**REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
ON THE FINAL RULE DRAFT**

This report is submitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and Assembly for referral to the appropriate standing committees. The report consists of the following parts:

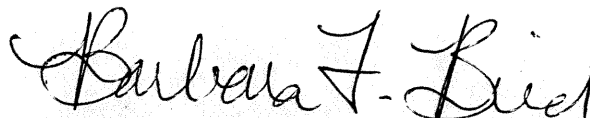
Part 1--Analysis prepared by the Department of Transportation.

Part 2--Rule text in final draft form.

Part 3--Recommendations of the Legislative Council.

Part 4--Analysis prepared pursuant to the provisions of s. 227.19(3), Stats.

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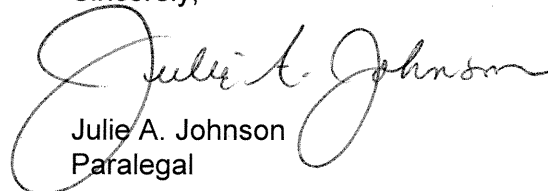
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SECTION 1. Trans 212.02(1), (3) and (5)(note) are amended to read:

TRANS 212.02(1) "AASHTO manual" means the *Manual for ~~Maintenance Inspection Condition Evaluation of Bridges 1983, 1994~~ as revised by ~~the Interim Specifications Bridges, 1984-1990 Specifications, Bridges 1995-1998~~*, published by the American association of state highway and transportation officials, 444 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. ~~This manual is on file at the offices of the division of highways, Wisconsin department of transportation, of the secretary of state and of the revisor of statutes.~~

NOTE: This manual is on file at the offices of the Division of Transportation Infrastructure Development, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the Secretary of State, and the Revisor of Statutes.

(3) "Bridge inspector's training manual" means the *Bridge Inspector's Training Manual 90, 1991*, published by the federal highway administration and available from the superintendent of documents, U.S. government printing office, Washington, D.C. 20402. ~~This manual is on file at the offices of the division of highways, Wisconsin department of transportation, of the secretary of state and of the revisor of statutes.~~

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(5)(note) Note: The bridge inspection report forms referred to in this subsection are:

(1) "Annual Field Bridge Inspection Report," #E-M-30, and (2) "Supplemental Information to

~~Annual~~ Field Bridge Inspection," #E-M-36. Copies of these report forms may be obtained from the department.

SECTION 2. Trans 212.06(1) is amended to read:

TRANS 212.06(1) State-owned or state-maintained bridges shall be inspected ~~annually~~ at regular intervals not to exceed 2 years.

SECTION 3. Trans 212.06(3) is renumbered Trans 212.06(4).

SECTION 4. Trans 212.06(3) is created to read:

TRANS 212.06(3) The maximum inspection interval specified in subs. (1) and (2) may be increased from 2 years to no more than 4 years for certain types or groups of bridges where past inspection reports, favorable experience and analysis justifies an increased inspection interval. Written concurrence of the federal highway administrator shall be obtained before the inspection interval is increased.

SECTION 5. Trans 212.07 and 212.08 are amended to read:

TRANS 212.07 Frequency of inventory. An inventory shall be maintained for each bridge. Changes in inventory data or postings ~~for existing bridges~~ shall be reported to the appropriate department official or officials when the bridges are inspected and ~~when~~ significant changes occur. The inventory of a new bridge shall be obtained upon completion of its construction and the information shall be submitted to the department at that time for use in maintaining the statewide bridge file.

TRANS 212.08 Inspection. The items to be inspected on each bridge include, but are not limited to, the items specified on the bridge inspection report form. The bridge inspector's training manual shall be used as a guide to additional items to be inspected and to the detail required in special cases.

SECTION 6. Trans 212.10 is amended to read:

TRANS 212.10 Posting. When it is determined by the department that the maximum load under state law exceeds the load permitted on a bridge as described in the AASHTO manual, the bridge shall be posted for weight limits or closed. The department shall post or close bridges on the state trunk highway system and all other bridges for which the department ~~has been assigned maintenance responsibility~~ is the maintaining authority. Each local authority shall post or close the bridges on highways under its jurisdiction. When a local authority fails to post or close a bridge as required, the department shall inform the county highway commissioner of the county in which the bridge is located and direct the county to post or close the bridge or cause the bridge to be posted or closed. Upon receipt of the department's notice and direction, the county shall post or close the bridge or cause it to be posted or closed. After the erection of signs or barriers associated with the posting or closing of the bridge by the county, the local maintaining authority ~~that has responsibility for the maintenance~~ of the bridge is responsible for the maintenance of the signs or barriers.

SECTION 7. Trans 212.11(1) and (3) are amended to read:

TRANS 212.11(1) Bridges for which the department has inspection responsibility shall be reported for maintenance purposes ~~each year~~ for the year in which they were inspected. The department personnel responsible for these bridge inspections shall submit the inspection reports for updating the statewide bridge file to the appropriate department official or officials by ~~February 1~~ January 15 of ~~each~~ the appropriate year.

(3)(a) Each county highway commissioner shall report the results of all non-state maintained bridge inspections in his or her county to the appropriate department official or officials.

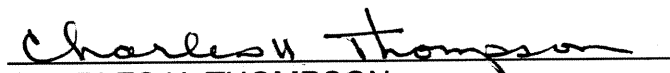
(b) Paper Reports reports for all local bridges that are not a department responsibility shall be submitted to the department by ~~February 1~~ January 15 of each odd year except as noted in par. (c).

(c) Electronic reports in a form acceptable to the department may be submitted to the department by February 1 of each odd year in lieu of par. (b).

(END OF RULE TEXT)

Effective Date. This rule shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register as provided in s. 227.22(2), Stats.

Signed at Madison, Wisconsin, this 23 day of February, 1999.


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