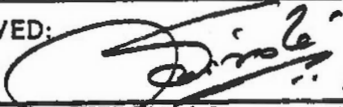


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Chapter 781 of the Laws of 1988 (Graber Bill) required the NYSDOT to establish a "Uniform Code of Bridge Inspection" by rule and regulation. This Code was published in the New York State Register on November 8, 1989.

Section 165.13(d) Maintenance Guidelines of this Code states "All certified designs and plans subject to this section shall contain desirable maintenance guidelines applicable to the bridge. Such guidelines shall be consistent with standards established by AASHTO, and this requirement may be satisfied by the bridge designer by reference to these standards. Designs and plans for very large or unique bridges and moveable bridges shall include special maintenance guidelines as is appropriate."

The Uniform Code of Bridge Inspection shall apply to all bridges which are publicly-owned, operated or maintained as defined in Section 230 of the Highway Law, which carry public highway traffic and shall not apply to bridges that exclusively carry railroad or subway tracks. This Code shall also apply to bridges which are owned, operated or maintained by railroads and carry public highway traffic over the railroad.

Section 230(3) of the Highway Law reads "Publicly-owned, operated or maintained" means a bridge that is owned, operated or maintained by any department, board, bureau, commission or agency of the state or its political subdivisions, public benefit corporation or by any public authority including the port authority of New York and New Jersey.

Effective immediately, all designs and plans shall include a statement indicating the maintenance guidelines for that bridge. In general, most designs and plans for typical bridges should provide reference to the current AASHTO "Manual For Bridge Maintenance" for maintenance guidelines.

Unusual or complex bridges, such as moveable bridges, long span bridges or bridges of unique structural configuration, require individual maintenance guidelines. These guidelines will be specifically established for that bridge in addition to those contained in the AASHTO manual.

It will be the bridge designer's responsibility to see that this maintenance guideline reference or note is contained in both the plans and the design and that any individual or special maintenance guidelines are developed, where needed, and included as part of the plans and design.