

## Access Process for Physical Artifacts from Bridge 9340 (I35W Bridge in Minneapolis that collapsed on August 1, 2007)

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) has preserved the structural members of Bridge 9340. Some Bridge 9340 structural members are maintained under National Transportation Safety Board authority and are currently closed to outside review.

Other structural members have been released to Mn/DOT and are stored on State property in Afton, Minnesota, on the site referred to as the Afton Laydown Site (site).

Requests for viewing the structural members at the site may be directed to the Mn/DOT Metro District Construction Engineer (MDCE) at (651) 366-5104. The MDCE will coordinate all decisions about access to the site with Mn/DOT and/or other parties to the investigation.

Access to the Afton Laydown Site will be based on the following procedures:

Access will be provided:

- With a minimum of 5 days' notice.
- On weekdays only - Monday through Friday
- Between 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M.
- For a maximum of 6 individuals per visit

Access will not be provided

- On holidays
- When inclement/severe weather or snow and ice conditions exist. Schedules may be altered when weather conditions arise.

The MDCE will schedule all visits and place the schedule on Mn/DOT's internal GroupWise calendar, with GroupWise ID "Afton Laydown Site". The MDCE will designate an onsite host for each scheduled visit called a Site Director. The Site Director will be from Mn/DOT's Metro maintenance office. The MDCE will notify the Site Director via Groupwise email notification.

- All parties will meet at the Afton Laydown Site at the designated time and all visiting parties will complete a sign-in sheet.
- The Site Director will obtain and retain a copy of the completed sign-in sheet. The Site Director will provide the original sign-in sheet to the office of the Attorney General, and copies to the MDCE, Mn/DOT Bridge Office, and Data Practices Office.
- Each page of the sign in sheet shall state in bold lettering: **"Visitors are notified that they waive any right to seek damages from the State for any personal injury received while at this site. Safety shoes, hard hats and safety vests are required."**
- The Site Director will make the Salvage Log and Nomenclature Diagram available to visitors.
- Visitors may take pictures, videos, or make other forms of recording at the site.
- No destructive testing will be allowed. No testing of the material that may alter the shape, appearance or other characteristic of the material will be allowed without the

approval of the Bridge Office. The Site Director will record such approvals on the sign-in sheet.

- Unsafe climbing on structural members will not be allowed. The Site Director will supervise all activities to prevent unsafe conditions.
- The Site Director will not answer questions about the Bridge 9340 collapse or the materials at the site.
- The Site Director will seek the assistance of the State Patrol for any violations of these rules.
- The Site Director will be responsible for unlocking and locking the security gate before and after each visit.

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