

February 1, 2017

The Honorable Paul Torkelson, Chair
House Transportation Finance Committee
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The Honorable Scott Newman, Chair
Senate Transportation Finance & Policy Committee
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The Honorable Linda Runbeck, Chair
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The Honorable Frank Hornstein, DFL Lead
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The Honorable Connie Bernardy, DFL Lead
House Transportation & Regional Governance
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RE: 2015-2016 Biennial Report on Bridge Inspection Quality Assurance

Dear Legislators:

I am pleased to provide the report on Bridge Inspection Quality Assurance. This report is required under [Minnesota Statute 165.03, Subdivision 8](#).

The report highlights three components of bridge inspection and quality assurance, which include the following:

- Bridge inspection quality assurance and quality control procedures and recent changes to any of those procedures
- Findings from the bridge inspection quality reviews during the past two years and any actions taken as a result of the reviews
- Results of Federal Highway Administration bridge compliance reviews and any actions taken in response to those review findings.

Improving quality is a continuous process in MnDOT's quest to create and maintain a safe, efficient and sustainable transportation system. In partnership with the Federal Highway Administration and county and municipal agencies, MnDOT seeks to provide the best available technology and training to bridge inspections staff throughout the state. Collectively, these practices help ensure the safety of Minnesota's transportation system.

Please contact me if you have questions about this report, or you may contact Ed Lutgen in the Bridge Office at edward.lutgen@state.mn.us or at 651 366-4507.

Sincerely,



Charles A. Zelle
Commissioner