

**CITY OF LA VISTA
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT
OCTOBER 19, 2010 AGENDA**

Subject:	Type:	Submitted By:
NATIONAL BRIDGE INSPECTION STANDARDS ♦ RESOLUTION NEBRASKA BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS	ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	JOHN KOTTMANN CITY ENGINEER/ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS

A resolution has been prepared authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Roads regarding the National Bridge Inspection responsibilities.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Approval.

BACKGROUND

Counties and Municipalities are responsible for the inspection and evaluation of all bridges on streets and roadways within their respective jurisdictions in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards. The Nebraska Department of Roads has prepared the Nebraska Bridge Inspection Program Manual setting forth methods and procedures to enable local public bridge owners to comply with the National Bridge Inspection Standards. The Federal Highway Administration has requested the Nebraska Department of Roads to enter into an agreement with Counties and Municipalities to establish uniform bridge inspection and load rating guidelines in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.

The City Attorney has reviewed the agreement and requested some clarifying language be incorporated into the agreement. The City Engineer is working with the Nebraska Department of Roads to incorporate those clarifications.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA, ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, DEPARTMENT OF ROADS REGARDING THE NATIONAL BRIDGE INSPECTION STANDARDS RESPONSIBILITIES.

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is desirable to enter into an agreement with the State of Nebraska Department of Roads regarding the National Bridge Inspection Standards; and

WHEREAS, the NDOR has prepared a manual of standard methods and procedures to be followed by local public agencies for inspection and evaluation of all bridges on streets and roadways within their jurisdictions as required by the Federal Highway Administration; and

WHEREAS, the agreement which will allow NDOR to arrange for the inspection and load rating of all fracture critical bridges; and

WHEREAS, NDOR will also continue to coordinate the underwater inspection of bridges as necessary; and

WHEREAS, this resolution will be marked Exhibit "A" and a copy attached to each original agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of La Vista, Nebraska, do hereby authorize the Mayor to execute said agreement on behalf of the City of La Vista, and the City Clerk is authorized to attest said execution.

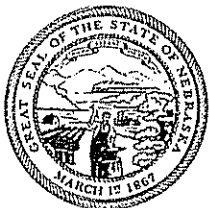
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2010

CITY OF LA VISTA

Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela A. Buethe, CMC
City Clerk



Dave Heineman
Governor

STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF ROADS

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September 20, 2010

Dear Nebraska Bridge Owner:

Re: National Bridge Inspection Standards Responsibilities, NDOR/Local Bridge Owner Agreements

We sincerely appreciate your hard work and cooperation on the progress made for the Nebraska Bridge Inspection Program to improve inspections, load ratings, hydraulic assessments and Plans of Action.

The Bridge Division Office Memo No. 100524 informed all Owners that NDOR would be formalizing an agreement between NDOR and each Local Bridge Owner regarding National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS) responsibilities.

The Bridge Owner's responsibilities remain as in the past, to inspect and load rate bridges in your jurisdiction. NDOR will arrange for the inspection and load rating of all fracture critical bridges. NDOR will also continue to coordinate the underwater inspection of bridges as necessary.

Please review the attached agreement between NDOR and your organization. The goal is to have all of these agreements in place no later than **October 29, 2010**. Please proceed with steps needed to have appropriate officials execute the agreement, then return two executed agreements to the Bridge Division Office. We will return one fully-executed copy for your files. If you have any questions, please call Steve Andersen at 402-479-4705.

Again, thank you for your time and cooperation on the Bridge Inspection Program.

Sincerely,

Mark Traynowicz
State Bridge Engineer

MT/brd-ltr

Enclosures: NDOR/Bridge Owner Agreement
Resolution

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Jim Wilkinson, Local Project Engineer
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File