

CHAPTER 25 - MAINTENANCE

25.1 GENERAL

25.1.1 In order to ensure that transportation facilities developed using Federal funds continue to operate safely with no loss of function during their lives, Federal law requires that they be properly maintained. When the project is on a Local Roadway System the Local Agency and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) each have responsibilities in this area: the Local Agency maintains the projects, and FHWA reviews the Local Agency's maintenance efforts.

25.1.2 To maintain means to perform normal maintenance operations for the preservation of the entire project, including roadway surface, shoulders, roadsides, structures, and such traffic control devices as are necessary for its safe and efficient use.

25.1.3 The Local Agency agrees in the Local Agency Program Agreement (Form No. 525-010-40) (*Section 13.14, reference Chapter 5*) of this manual to maintain the projects constructed. This is in accordance with Section 116, Title 23 U.S.C.

25.2 REVIEW OF MAINTENANCE

FHWA will conduct periodic reviews of the maintenance of Federally-funded projects constructed by Local Agencies. The District LAP Administrator will contact the Local Agency when the FHWA reports deficiencies in the maintenance of the local projects.

25.3 MAINTAINING INSPECTION OF BRIDGES

The FDOT inspects all bridges in the State of Florida both on-system and off-system. FDOT provides each local government with copies of their inspection reports. The local governments should maintain these reports to be responsive to Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) requests for bridge rehabilitation, replacement, or enhancement designations. When necessary from these inspections and subsequent load ratings, FDOT provides bridge posting information to the local agency owner. The owner must also provide and promptly install the appropriate signage, according to the MUTCD.