

<b>OFFICE OF STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION</b>			S.O.P. NO. SA I-1-8
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Subject: S.O.P. LOCAL SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM			Distribution A, B, C, D, E
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The 1994 Regular Session of the Legislature passed House Bill 1302 establishing a Local System Bridge Replacement And Rehabilitation Program (LSBP) to be administered by the State Aid Engineer for the purpose of assisting counties and municipalities in the replacement and rehabilitation of certain bridges located on local road systems in the counties and in incorporated municipalities within the counties. The provisions of this House Bill and subsequent revisions are contained in Mississippi Code Sections 65-37-1 through 65-37-15.

1. ELIGIBILITY:

In order to be eligible for replacement or rehabilitation under this program a bridge must have a sufficiency rating of 50 or less as determined by the National Bridge Inspection Standards sufficiency rating and must be included on the latest annual official bridge inventory maintained by the Office of State Aid Road Construction, excluding bridges on the State Aid Road System, the municipal urban collector or higher classified streets or the rural major collector system. In order for a county to be eligible for the expenditure of LSBP funds, the Board of Supervisors of the county shall meet the following conditions:

- 1.1. On or before January 1 of each year submit to the State Aid Engineer a four (4) year plan of bridge replacement and rehabilitation as provided in the above referenced Code.
- 1.2. Employ a qualified engineer to perform all engineering services required for the project.
- 1.3. The county and municipalities shall agree to construct, at their own expense, the base and surface of all approaches constructed under LSBP projects.
- 1.4. The county and municipality shall be responsible, at their own expense, for the purchase of all rights-of-way and relocation or adjustment of utilities associated with the construction of LSBP projects.
- 1.5. When all bridges, in a county, having a sufficiency rating of fifty (50) or less are under contract for replacement or rehabilitation, then that county may expend it's LSBP funds for the maintenance and replacement of other drainage related structures and/or Local System Road Projects (LSRP) in accordance with designs and standards prescribed for such projects by the Office of State Aid Road Construction.

2. ADMINISTRATION:

The Local System Bridge Replacement And Rehabilitation Program will be administered by the Office of State Aid Road Construction in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the State Aid Engineer.