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CERTIFIED AGENCY

Chapter 14

Bridge Selection, Scoping and Design

This chapter details bridge project development requirements for any local agency operating as a certified local agency and is applicable to all federal-aid projects on Non-NHS (National Highway System) routes.



A. BRIDGE SELECTION PROCESS

As described in Section B of this *LAG Manual*, Chapter 14, Non-Certified Agency Bridge Selection, Design and Scoping, local agencies and ODOT have developed a process for selecting and prioritizing bridges for funding with Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funds. Candidates for the program are normally accepted every two years coinciding with the [Statewide Transportation Improvement Program](#) (STIP) cycle.

Local agencies submit their proposed bridge projects to ODOT. Under the direction of the Local Agency Bridge Selection Review Committee (LABSC), ODOT evaluates the candidate bridge projects before the proposed bridge replacement projects in the small bridge category are prioritized with a technical ranking system. Proposed bridge rehabilitation project in the small bridge category and all bridges in the large bridge category are evaluated individually without use the technical ranking system. After the technical review, ODOT will program the candidate bridge projects, in priority order, and to the limits of available funding, they may be placed in the STIP.

B. CERTIFIED AGENCY BRIDGE PROJECT DELIVERY

Once a certified local agency's bridge project has been placed in the STIP, the certified local agency must adhere to the local agency's Master Certification Agreement. Unless otherwise agreed upon, the bridge project development requirements of Chapter 14, Non-Certified Agency Bridge Selection, Design and Scoping in the Non-Certified Section of this *LAG Manual*, must be met.

As noted in Chapter 16, “Certified Agency Construction and Contract Administration” of the Certified Section of this *LAG Manual*, certified local agencies shall submit to ODOT all as-built bridge drawings, pile records, foundation reports, and hydraulics reports, for all [National Bridge Inventory](#) structures (Bridges with an opening along the centerline of the roadway of more than 20 feet).