North Carolina

_____County

North Carolina Department of Transportation
and the City/Town of_____
Municipal Agreement
Inspection of Bridges on the Municipal Street System
F.A. Project BRZ-NBIS (22)

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into on the last date executed below, by and between the Department of Transportation, an agency of the State of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as the Department, and the City/Town of_____, a municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as the Municipality.

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, the National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS) requires that all structures defined as bridges located on public roads must be inspected on a cycle, not to exceed twenty-four (24) months.

WHEREAS, the Municipality has requested the Department or a Consultant retained by the Department to inspect and analyze all public bridges located on its Municipal Street System in compliance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards; and

WHEREAS, the Department and the Municipality are authorized to enter into an agreement for such work under the provisions of G.S. 136-18(12), G.S. 136-41.3, and G.S. 136-66.1; and,

WHEREAS, the Municipality has approved the herein above referenced inspections and analysis and the Municipality has agreed to participate in certain costs thereof in the manner and to the extent as hereinafter set out.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Department and the Municipality agree as follows:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT
All parties to this Agreement, including contractors, subcontractors, and subsequent workforces, associated with any work under the terms of this Agreement shall provide reports as required by the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) for this Project.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATE/FEDERAL POLICY
The Municipality, and/or its agent, including all contractors, subcontractors, or sub-recipients shall comply with all applicable Federal and State policies and procedures, as stated in this Agreement and in the Department's published guidelines and procedures.

1. The Department or a Consulting Engineering firm retained by the Department shall inspect, load rate, and prepare the necessary inspection reports for all National Bridge Inventory (NBI) bridges on the Municipal street system in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.

2. All work shall be done in compliance with the following documents.
   (A) National Bridge Inspection Standards (23 CFR, Chapter 1 Part 650).
   (B) AASHTO *Manual for Bridge Evaluation* (current edition) including all interim revisions.

(C) *Specifications for the National Bridge Inventory* (SNBI) (current edition) including all updates and revisions.

3. The Municipality shall furnish all data in the possession of the Municipality that can be released that will help the Department or its Consultant in the accomplishment of the work including but not limited to appropriate municipal maps showing the location of the bridges and plans for the bridges when available.

4. During the inspection process, some repairs may be discovered that require immediate attention or repair, or a regulatory sign may be missing, damaged, or incorrect. A Critical Finding Notice, Priority Maintenance Notice or Regulatory Sign Notice will be issued in these cases. It is required that the Municipality resolve or notify the Department of their plans to resolve Priority Maintenance Notices and Regulatory Sign Notices within thirty (30) days of issuance. Critical Findings require a response within ten (10) days of notice.

5. The Municipality shall designate a responsible Municipal official with whom the Department or its Consultant will coordinate the work.

6. It is understood by the parties hereto that the Federal Highway Administration, through the Department, is to participate in the costs of the work to the extent of eighty percent (80%) of actual costs, subject to compliance with all applicable federal policy and procedural rules and regulations. All costs not participated in by the Federal Highway Administration shall be borne by the Department.

7. It is the policy of the Department not to enter into any Agreement with another party that has been debarred by any government agency (Federal or State). The Municipality certifies, by signature of this Agreement, that neither it nor its agents or contractors are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by a Federal or State Department or Agency.

8. This Agreement shall have an effective term of ten (10) years beginning upon execution by all parties and ending on the same date ten (10) years later, subject to the following termination conditions:
   (A) At any time either party may cancel the Agreement with a thirty (30) day written notice to the opposite party. On behalf of the Municipality, this Agreement may be canceled by the City Manager and/or his designee.
   (B) Upon the effective date of the cancellation, neither party shall owe any obligations under this Agreement, except that all obligations performed under this Agreement, including but not limited to invoicing, record retention, and payment for work performed prior to the effective date of cancellation, shall remain in effect.

9. By Executive Order 24, issued by Governor Perdue, and N.C. G.S.§ 133-32, it is unlawful for any vendor or contractor (i.e. architect, bidder, contractor, construction manager, design professional, engineer, landlord, offeror, seller, subcontractor, supplier, or vendor), to make gifts or to give favors to any State employee of the Governor's Cabinet Agencies (i.e., Administration, Commerce, Correction, Crime Control and Public Safety, Cultural Resources, Environment and Natural Resources, Health and Human Services, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Revenue, Transportation, and the Office of the Governor).

10. AMENDMENT:

    If any Party desires to amend the Agreement, then the proposed amendment and the reasons for the proposed amendment shall be communicated in writing to the other Party. If the Parties agree to the proposed amendment, then the amendment shall be effected by entering a written amendment to the Agreement. An amendment that does not change the substantive or financial commitments of the Agreement may be executed by the Chief Engineer and the Municipality. Any other amendment to the

terms of this Agreement to be effective must be in the form of a written instrument properly authorized and executed by the governing boards of each Party to this Agreement. Any amendment to this Agreement to be effective must be in writing and signed by both Parties.

11. All Parties hereby respectively confirm that the individuals executing the Agreement are authorized to execute this Agreement and to bind the respective entities to the terms contained herein. All Parties confirm they have read this Agreement, conferred with counsel, and fully understand its contents.

12. All matters relating to this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of North Carolina, without regard to its choice of law provisions, and venue for any action relating to this Contract shall be Wake County Civil Superior Court or the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Western Division.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED that the approval of the work by the Department is subject to the conditions of this agreement, and that no expenditure of funds on the part of the Department will be made until the terms of this agreement have complied with on the part of the Municipality.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed, in duplicate, the day and year heretofore set out, on the part of the Department and the Municipality by authority duly given.

L.S. ATTEST:	TOWN/CITY OF_____
BY: _____	BY: _____
TITLE: _____	TITLE: _____
DATE: _____	DATE: _____

(SEAL)

This Agreement has been pre-audited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

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(FINANCE OFFICER)

Federal Tax Identification Number

_____

Remittance/Billing Address:

Town/City of _____

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"N.C.G.S. § 133-32 and Executive Order 24 prohibit the offer to, or acceptance by, any State Employee of any gift from anyone with a contract with the State, or from any person seeking to do business with the State. By execution of any response in this procurement, you attest, for your entire organization and its employees or agents, that you are not aware that any such gift has been offered, accepted, or promised by any employees of your organization."

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BY: _____

(CHIEF ENGINEER)

DATE: _____