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## Manual Notice 2017-1

**From:** Gregg A. Freeby, P.E., Director, Bridge Division

**Manual:** *Historic Bridge Manual*

**Effective Date:** August 01, 2017

### Purpose

This manual contains procedures to facilitate moving historic bridge projects through the project development process.

### Contents

This revision constitutes a re-write of this manual that includes reorganization, updates, and additional information. Updates include changes to NEPA review responsibilities and other updates to be consistent with current legislation. New information has been added regarding the Five Year Rule, hazardous materials agreements, and the Need and Purpose Statement. The manual is organized as follows:

- ◆ Chapter 1—Overview.
- ◆ Chapter 2—Regulations and Funding. Guidance on federal and state statutes and funding for historic bridge projects.
- ◆ Chapter 3—Procedures and Sequence. Steps for developing a historic bridge project.
- ◆ Chapter 4—Agreements. Guidance on obtaining and executing funding agreements.

### Supersedes

This revision supersedes version 2014-1.

### Contact

For more information about any portion of this manual, please contact the TxDOT Bridge Division.

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## **Manual Notice 2014-1**

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**Effective Date:** March 12, 2014

### **Purpose**

This manual contains procedures to facilitate moving historic bridge projects through the project development process.

### **Contents**

This revision constitutes a re-write of this manual and it is organized as follows:

- ◆ Chapter 1—About this Manual.
- ◆ Chapter 2—Working with Historic Bridges. Overview of historic bridge terminology and legislation, and programs and mechanisms available to help fund historic bridge preservation, types of historic bridges, and preservation options.
- ◆ Chapter 3—Procedures and Sequence—Steps for developing a historic bridge project.
- ◆ Chapter 4—Developing the Agreement. Overview of the Adaptive Use Proposal and agreement development and responsibilities.

### **Supercedes**

This revision supercedes version 2006-1.

### **Contact**

For more information about any portion of this manual, please contact the TxDOT Bridge Division.

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## **Manual Notice 2010-1**

**From:** David P. Hohmann, P.E., Director, Bridge Division

**Manual:** *Historic Bridge Manual*

**Effective Date:** June 01, 2010

### **Purpose**

This manual provides guidance on required coordination activities, funding restrictions, and reuse options to be considered when preserving historic bridges in the course of bridge replacement and rehabilitation projects.

### **Changes**

This revision changes the traffic volume stratification of the minimum criteria in Chapter 2, Section 4, **Minimum Criteria to Support Continued Use by Vehicular Traffic Off the State Highway System**, to comply with the traffic volume stratification prescribed by recent AASHTO guidelines for very low volume local roads (2001) and for historic bridge rehabilitation (2008).

The revised manual supersedes prior versions of the manual and replaces the manual that was effective as of April 1, 2006.

### **Contact**

For more information about the contents of this manual, please contact the TxDOT Bridge Division at 512-416-2278.

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## **Manual Notice 2006-1**

**From:** William R. Cox, P.E., Director, Bridge Division

**Manual:** Historic Bridge Manual

**Effective Date:** April 01, 2006

### **Purpose**

This manual provides guidance on required coordination activities, funding restrictions, and reuse options to be considered when preserving historic bridges in the course of bridge replacement and rehabilitation projects.

### **Changes**

This revision updates the name of the federally funded Bridge Program and adds an index to the manual.

### **Contact**

For more information about the contents of this manual, contact the TxDOT Bridge Division.

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## **Manual Notice 2005-1**

*To:* Districts, Divisions and Offices  
*From:* William R. Cox, P.E., Director, Bridge Division  
*Manual:* *Historic Bridge Manual*  
*Effective Date:* January 1, 2005

### **Purpose**

This manual provides guidance on required coordination activities, funding restrictions, and reuse options to be considered when preserving historic bridges in the course of bridge replacement and rehabilitation projects. This revision updates information about Unified Transportation Program funding categories and authorization levels, adds information about the Historic Bridge Preservation Program, and corrects minor editorial errors.

### **Instructions**

Revisions are distributed online only. This 2005-1 version supersedes the 2001-1 version.

### **Contents**

The manual contains four chapters – Introduction, Working with Historic Bridges, Agreements, and Recommended Procedures and Sequence.

### **Contact**

For more information regarding any chapter or section in this manual, please contact the Project Development Section of the Bridge Division.

## **Manual Notice 2001-1**

*To:* Districts, Divisions and Offices

*From:* Kirby W. Pickett, P.E.  
Deputy Executive Director

*Manual:* *Historic Bridge Manual*

*Effective Date:* October 1, 2001

### **Purpose**

This manual provides guidance on required coordination activities, funding restrictions and reuse options to be considered when preserving historic bridges in the course of bridge replacement and rehabilitation projects.

### **Instructions**

This manual is new and does not have any existing formal documents.

### **Contents**

The manual contains four chapters – Introduction, Working with Historic Bridges, Agreements, and Recommended Procedures and Sequence.

### **Contact**

For more information regarding any chapter or section in this manual, please contact the Project Development Section of the Bridge Division.