MAINTENANCE PLANNING GUIDELINES

2006

ACTIVITY: Bridge Maintenance (R321)

ACTION: Substructure Repairs

B. Spot Painting of Bearings &

Piling

MAJOR & MINOR

DEFINITION: The time and expenses incurred with maintaining bridges on the state highway system. Examples include handrail, curb, sidewalks and median, cathodic protection maintenance and super and sub structure repairs.

PURPOSE: To protect the bearings and piling from rusting.

SCHEDULING: April to November, with temperatures above 40°F and dry conditions. Can be extended to all year around with dry and suitable temperatures.

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RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT:

- Heavy Duty Van Truck
- Heavy Duty Flatbed/Extra Heavy Duty Compressor
- Sandblaster/Hoses
- Paint Sprayer
- Scaffolds
- 1½-in. H.D. Air Drill
- Traffic Control Equipment; (See EPG 616.23 Traffic Control for Field Operations)

RECOMMENDED MATERIAL:

- Blasting Sand or Abrasive
- Paint Products Available in Aerosol Cans
- Calcium Sulfonate Primer or Penetrating Sealer
- Gray or Green Calcium Sulfonate Topcoat

RECOMMENDED PROCEDURE:

- 1. Place traffic control devices as needed.
- 2. Hang scaffolds, if necessary.
- 3. Remove all paint scale, pack rust, and other surface rust by sandblasting, scraping, grinding, or wire brushing.
- 4. Prime exposed steel with rust resistant primer using paint sprayer or brush immediately following prep work.
- 5. When primer has dried, apply topcoat with paint sprayer or brush.
- 6. Clean area, equipment, and tools.
- 7. Remove traffic control devices.

SAFETY: Safety lines should be attached to the bridge, rather than the scaffold, in case of scaffold failure. Wear all appropriate PPE. Refer to the Safety Policies, Rules & Regulations – Employee Handbook.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS: Where lead based paint exists, take proper precautions to collect and properly dispose of debris.

REFERENCES: EPG 771.13 Sealing Abutment and Pier Caps.