**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. J F Α s Ν D М Α Μ J J ο U Е С

SCHEDULING: April to November, with Е Ρ U U Α Α Α temperatures above 40°F and dry conditions. Can Ν в R R Ν Υ be extended to all year around with dry and suitable temperatures.

## **RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT:**

- Heavy Duty Van Truck
- Heavy Duty Flatbed/Extra Heavy **Duty Compressor**
- Sandblaster/Hoses •
- Paint Sprayer
- Scaffolds
- 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-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

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.

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<b>RECOMMENDED PROCEDU</b>	RE:

- 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.