## MAINTENANCE PLANNING GUIDELINES

2006

**ACTIVITY:** Sweeping (R31B)

MAJOR & MINOR

**ACTION:** Sweep & Flush Pavements, Shoulders, & Bridges (Lane Mile)

**DEFINITION:** The time and expenses incurred to sweep and flush roadways and bridges except for sweeping and flushing after snow fall.

**PURPOSE:** To keep small debris from entering enclosed drainage structures, eliminate hazardous conditions, and to improve the appearance of the roadway.

**SCHEDULING:** All bridges should be cleaned each Spring, as needed, when temperature is above freezing.



## **RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT:**

- Power Broom and/or Flusher Truck
- Traffic Control Equipment; reference (See EPG 616.23 Traffic Control for Field Operations)

## **RECOMMENDED PROCEDURE:**

- 1. Fill sweeper and/or flusher with water and check broom filler for condition and adjustment.
- 2. Instruct operators on the planned routing and where to dump the accumulated debris.
- 3. Operation must move with the traffic.
- 4. If flushing and sweeping in the same operation, the flusher should proceed ahead of the sweeper.

## **RECOMMENDED MATERIAL:**

Water

**SAFETY:** Extreme caution should be taken when operating equipment. Refer to the Safety Policies, Rules & Regulations – Employee Handbook.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

REFERENCES: N/A



(1) Bridge Surface Prior to Sweeping



(2) Sweeping Operation



(3) Sweeping Operation



(4) Sweeping Operation



(5) Sweeping Operation



(6) Sweeping Operation



(7) Bridge Flume Drain



(8) Water Tank to Flush Bridge



(9) Bridge Drain Prior to Flushing



(10) Bridge Drain being Flushed



(11) Cleaned Bridge Drain