Revisions to Bridge Inspection Manual (May 2017)

The Department’s Bridge Inspection Manual has been revised to include new provisions for Priority Codes for Work. The new requirements are summarized below and are effective immediately. Additionally, bridge load rating information is being removed from the Bridge Inspection Manual and is replaced by the Bridge Load Rating Manual as indicated below.

Priority Codes for Work
Chapter 9, “Typical Maintenance Activities” of the Bridge inspection Manual has been modified with new priority codes for work. The pages affected are 9-4 to 9-7, which have been replaced in its entirety. This information shall be used for all Department activities and actions involving the safety inspection of bridges and other structures.

Bridge Load Rating
Bridge load rating information is being deleted from the Bridge Inspection Manual. This includes the following:

- Section “1.7 LOAD RATING” on page 1-5
- Section “3.3 LOAD RATING - QUALIFICATIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES” on pages 3-11 to page 3-12
- Chapter 7 – “Load Rating” on pages 7-i, 7-1 to 7-7
- “LOAD RATING PROCEDURE” on page 8-5

For all bridge load rating direction, refer to the Bridge Load Rating Manual issued by Engineering Bulletin No. EB-2016-4 on May 19, 2016.