

TEMPORARY BRIDGE REQUEST

General Information

The Agency of Transportation maintains a limited inventory of temporary bridge material that may be used in case of catastrophic emergency. This limited inventory is primarily intended for emergency use on State Highways, but emergency requests from Towns and Municipalities will also be considered if sufficient inventory is available. As defined by the Agency of Transportation Temporary Bridge Policy, “*An emergency shall exist when a bridge is destroyed or rendered unusable, as result of a natural disaster or unusual event, and no other reasonable route is available to provide essential services to the affected area*”. The State will evaluate emergency requests from Towns and Municipalities based factors such as, but not limited to: access to emergency services, detour length, average daily traffic, proximity to schools and other essential services, span length of bridge requested, and length of time the bridge will be needed. The state will not accept any requests for a temporary bridge intended to be used on a private road.

Requesting a Temporary Bridge

1. Fill out the TEMPORARY BRIDGE REQUEST FORM, sign and date it, and return the completed form to your local Agency of Transportation District Maintenance Office. The Transportation District Maintenance Office will be the primary contact for all temporary bridge requests.
2. The District Maintenance Office will check the request for completeness, indicate whether they concur with the request, sign and date it, and forward the form to Agency of Transportation Operations HQ for final consideration.
3. Agency of Transportation Operations HQ will expedite review of the request and will inform the District Maintenance Office and whether the request for a temporary bridge has been approved or denied. The District Maintenance Office will then inform the Town or Municipality whether the request is approved or denied.

If the Request is Approved

If the request is approved, and prior to the temporary bridge being erected, a TEMPORARY BRIDGE RENTAL AGREEMENT will need to be executed between the Town and/or Municipality and the State. Details of the temporary bridge installation, maintenance, removal, and associated cost will be contained in the agreement. In general, the Town or Municipality requesting the temporary bridge can expect to pay for the actual cost of installation, maintenance and removal of the bridge. Additionally the Town or Municipality will be required to pay monthly rent based on bridge length and width, and will also be responsible to obtain any permits, right-of-way or utility relocations necessary for the installation, use and removal of the temporary bridge.

TEMPORARY BRIDGE REQUEST FORM

Existing Bridge Location:

Town _____

Town Highway No. _____

Town Bridge No. _____

1. Is the existing bridge currently closed to all traffic? YES () NO ()
2. Is the existing bridge currently load restricted? YES () NO () If load restricted, what is the maximum weight the existing bridge can carry? _____ tons
3. What is the reason for the existing bridge being closed or load restricted?
Deterioration? YES () NO ()
Damage from flood or other natural event? YES () NO ()
4. Is the existing bridge associated with a:
State TH Bridge and Culvert Project? YES () NO ()
FEMA Project? YES () NO ()
FHWA ER Project? YES () NO ()
5. Would closure of the existing bridge prevent emergency services from reaching any homes or businesses? YES () NO () If YES:
How many homes? _____
How many businesses? _____
6. Would closure of the existing bridge require a detour? YES () NO () If YES:
Maximum length of detour? _____

Type/Length of Temporary Bridge Requested:

Type: One lane _____ Two lane _____

Span Length: _____ feet

Load Capacity: HS20 _____ HS25 _____

Length of Time Temporary Bridge Requested For:

(Maximum deployment time is 48 months)

Length of request: _____ months

Town's Authorized Representative: _____
Signature Date

District concurrence with request: YES () NO ()

District Authorized Representative: _____
Signature Date