



NORTH CAROLINA

Department of Transportation



Bridge Program Update

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Overview

Funding Overview

Current Condition and Program Goals

Challenges to Continued Progress

Projected Condition and Goal Achievement

Delivery

Current Bridge Funding - Federal

TRUST FUND			
BRIDGE		INTERSTATE MAINTENANCE	STI
\$50M		\$100M (\$10M BRIDGE)	VARIES
\$25M OFF FEDERAL SYSTEM	\$25M UNRESTRICTED		
REPLACEMENT PRESERVATION		REPLACEMENT PRESERVATION	NEW OR REPLACEMENT BRIDGES IN CAPITAL PROGRAM

Current Bridge Funding - State

HIGHWAY FUND		
BRIDGE PROGRAM	GMR	BRIDGE PRESERVATION
\$280M	\$60-70M	\$80M FY17/18 \$85M FY18/19
IMPROVEMENTS TO DEFICIENT BRIDGES	BRIDGE MAINTENANCE	PRESERVATION REHABILITATION

15 Year Bridge Program Goals

2014	
State	% Deficient
Texas	0.9
Ohio	3.9
California	7.7
Illinois	7.9
Virginia	9.1
New York	10.4
S. Carolina	11.4
Missouri	14.3
N. Carolina	16.4
Pennsylvania	23.8

10% Deficient

Statewide
(13,561 Bridges)

2%

Interstate

6%

Primary

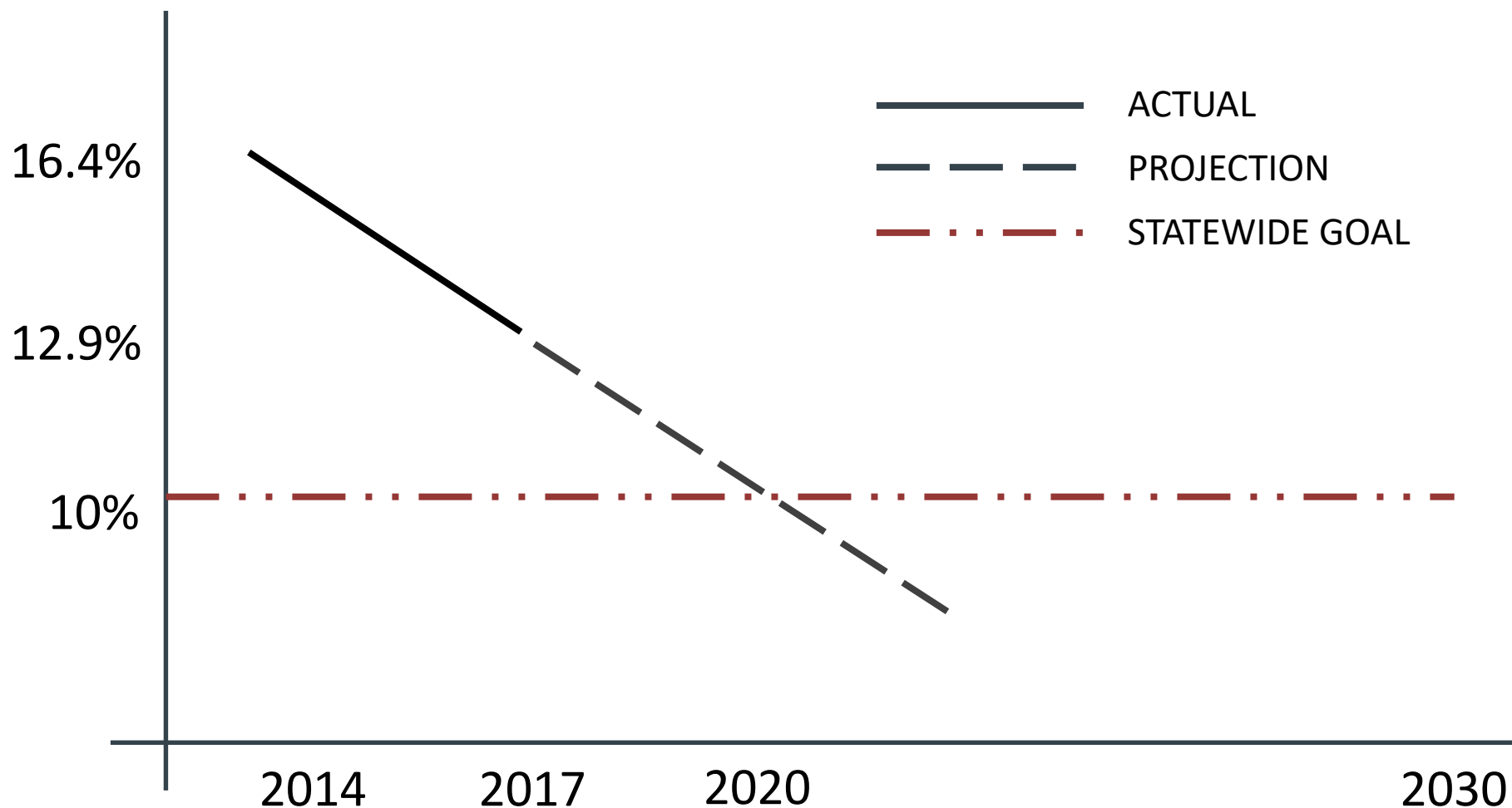
15%

Secondary

Progress Toward Statewide Goal

2014
16.4%
2,167
DEFICIENT
BRIDGES

CURRENT
12.9%
1,757
DEFICIENT
BRIDGES



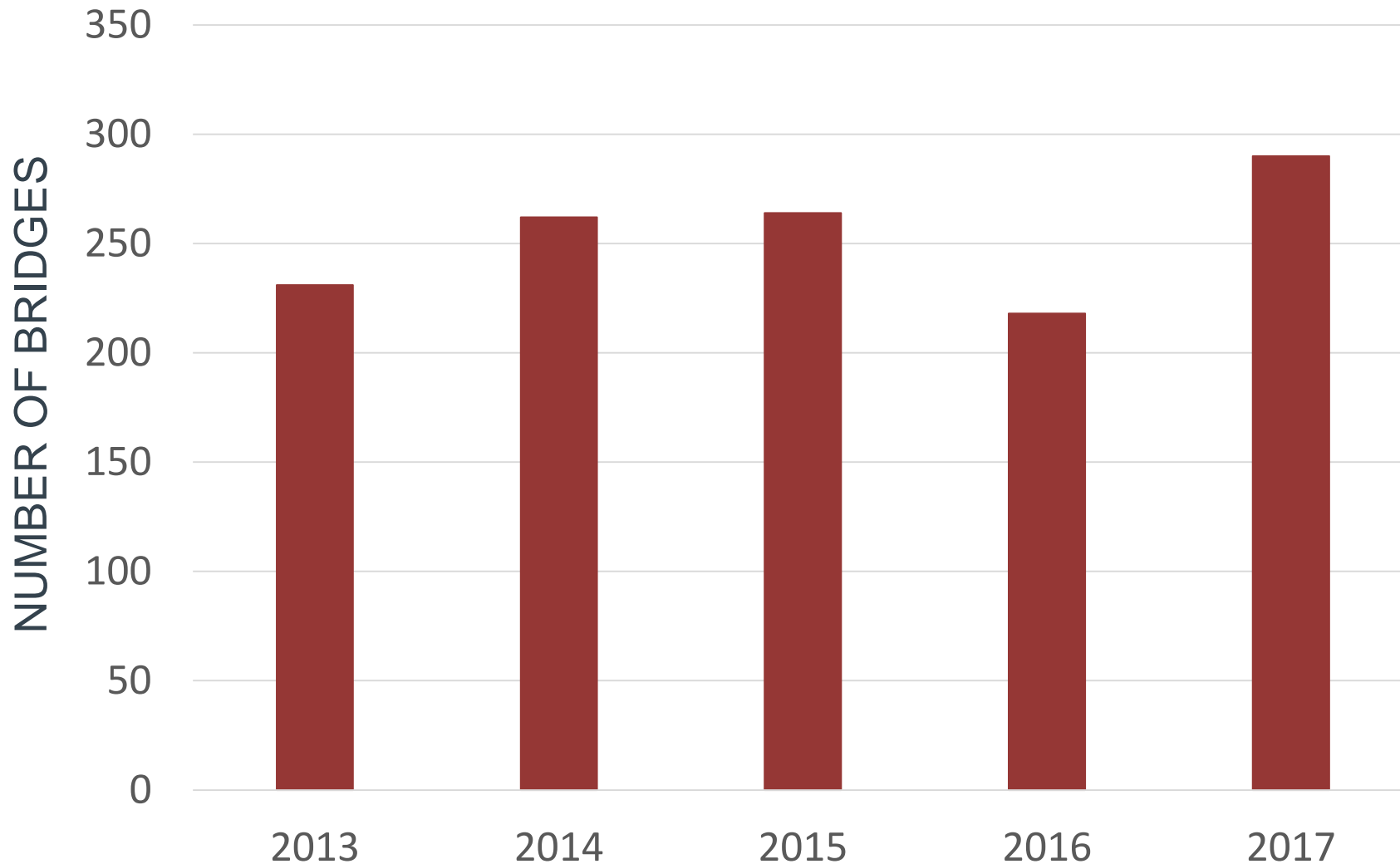
Progress Toward All Goals

GOALS			2014			CURRENT		
10% Deficient			16.4% Deficient			12.9% Deficient		
2%	6%	15%	4%	9%	21%	4%	9%	16%
Interstate	Primary	Secondary	Interstate	Primary	Secondary	Interstate	Primary	Secondary

Challenges Going Forward

- Annual number of bridges becoming deficient
- Number of maintenance items being identified
- High value bridge inventory

Bridges Becoming Deficient



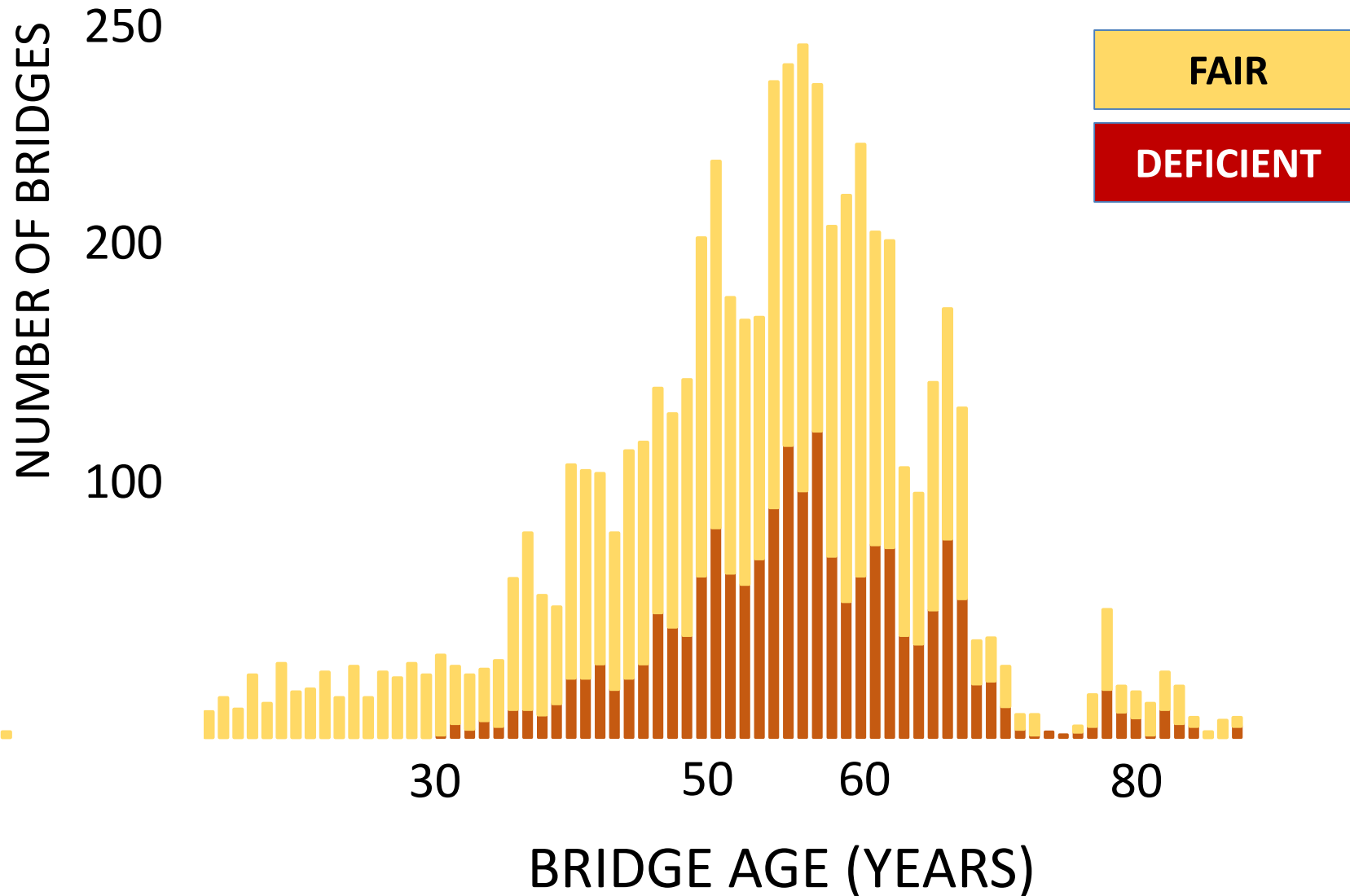
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BRIDGES
PER YEAR

290

IN 2017

Fair & Poor Bridge Inventory

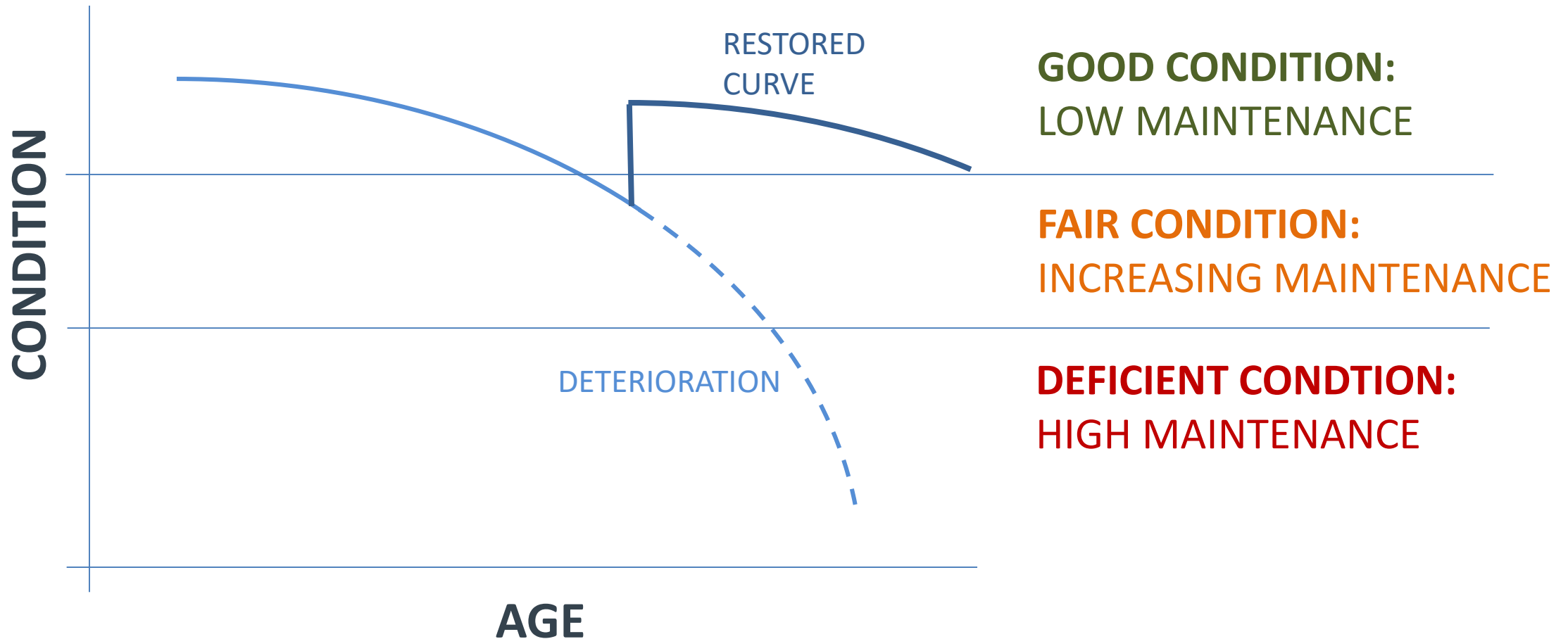


0-30 YEARS	
5,337 BRIDGES	
347	0
LOW \$ NEEDS	
30-50 YEARS	
3,073 BRIDGES	
1,083	387
INCREASING \$ NEEDS	
50+ YEARS	
5,147 BRIDGES	
2,305	1,370
HIGH \$ NEEDS	

Keep Bridges from Becoming Deficient

MAXIMIZE
BRIDGE LIFE

LOWER
LIFETIME COSTS



Types of Maintenance Items

CRITICAL FINDINGS

1,080 IN 24 MONTHS*
ON 657 BRIDGES

SAFETY ISSUES,
SEVERE LOAD RESTRICTIONS,
BRIDGE CLOSURES

PRIORITY MAINTENANCE

37,000 IN 24 MONTHS*
ON 5,720 BRIDGES

LOAD RESTRICTIONS,
DEFECTS TO LIKELY CAUSE
PROBLEMS IN 2-4 YEARS

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

PREVENTATIVE AND CYCLICAL
MAINTENANCE

* EACH BRIDGE IS INSPECTED EVERY 2 YEARS

Maintenance Items: Critical Findings



SAFETY ISSUE OR SEVERE LOAD RESTRICTIONS

EXAMPLE:

CORROSION RESULTED IN HOLES THROUGH STEEL BEAMS

50% WEIGHT RESTRICTION

REDUCED FROM NO RESTRICTION TO 15 TONS

BRIDGE CREW SPENT **\$180,000** TO COMPLETE REPAIRS AND RESTORE LOAD CARRYING CAPACITY

MUST BE DONE

Priority Maintenance Items

EXAMPLE: POTHOLES ON I-40 BRIDGE

REPAIR SPALLS

\$25,000 EACH YEAR OR TWO

POOR/FAIR CONDITION
REMAINS

CONTINUED HIGH
MAINTENANCE

BP REPLACEMENT SOON

OVERLAY DECK

\$300,000 TO OVERLAY

GOOD CONDITION RESTORED

LOW MAINTENANCE

BP REPLACEMENT DEFERRED

(PREFERRED)

MUST BE DONE



Priority Maintenance Items

ISSUE: FINDING THAT COULD CAUSE SAFETY ISSUES AND/OR LOAD POSTINGS IN 2-4 YEARS

EXAMPLE BRIDGE: STEEL BEAM CORROSION



Span 3 Beam 6: [PM] at near half, active corrosion with section loss, at bottom flange [16ft x up to full width - loss<1/16in], at web [16ft x up to full height - avg rem 7/16in], at web stiffener [up to full height x full width - loss<1/16in]



Span 3 Beam 5: at near end, active corrosion with section loss, at bottom flange [6ft x full width - loss<1/16in], at web [6ft x up to full height - avg rem 5/8in], at web stiffener [full height x full width - loss<1/16in]

REPAIR WORST STEEL BEAMS

\$50,000 EVERY FEW YEARS

FAIR/POOR CONDITION REMAINS

CONTINUED HIGH MAINTENANCE

REPLACEMENT 15-20 YEARS

REPAIR ALL BEAMS AND PAINT

\$200,000 TO CONTRACT

GOOD CONDITION RESTORED

LOW MAINTENANCE

BP REPLACEMENT DEFERRED

(PREFERRED)

SHOULD BE DONE

Routine Maintenance Items

PREVENTATIVE AND CYCLICAL MAINTENANCE



Expansion Joint : SPAN (3) FAR JOINT AT ABUTMENT (B) CRACKED AND LEAKING FULL LENGTH ONTO
CAP

EXAMPLE: LEAKING BRIDGE JOINTS

IF NOT ADDRESSED: SALTS AND DEBRIS LEAK ONTO
BEAMS AND SUPPORTS AND CAUSE DETERIORATION

EFFECT: LEADS TO PAINT FAILURE AND SECTION
LOSS OF STEEL BEAMS

SHOULD BE DONE

Challenge: High Value Bridges

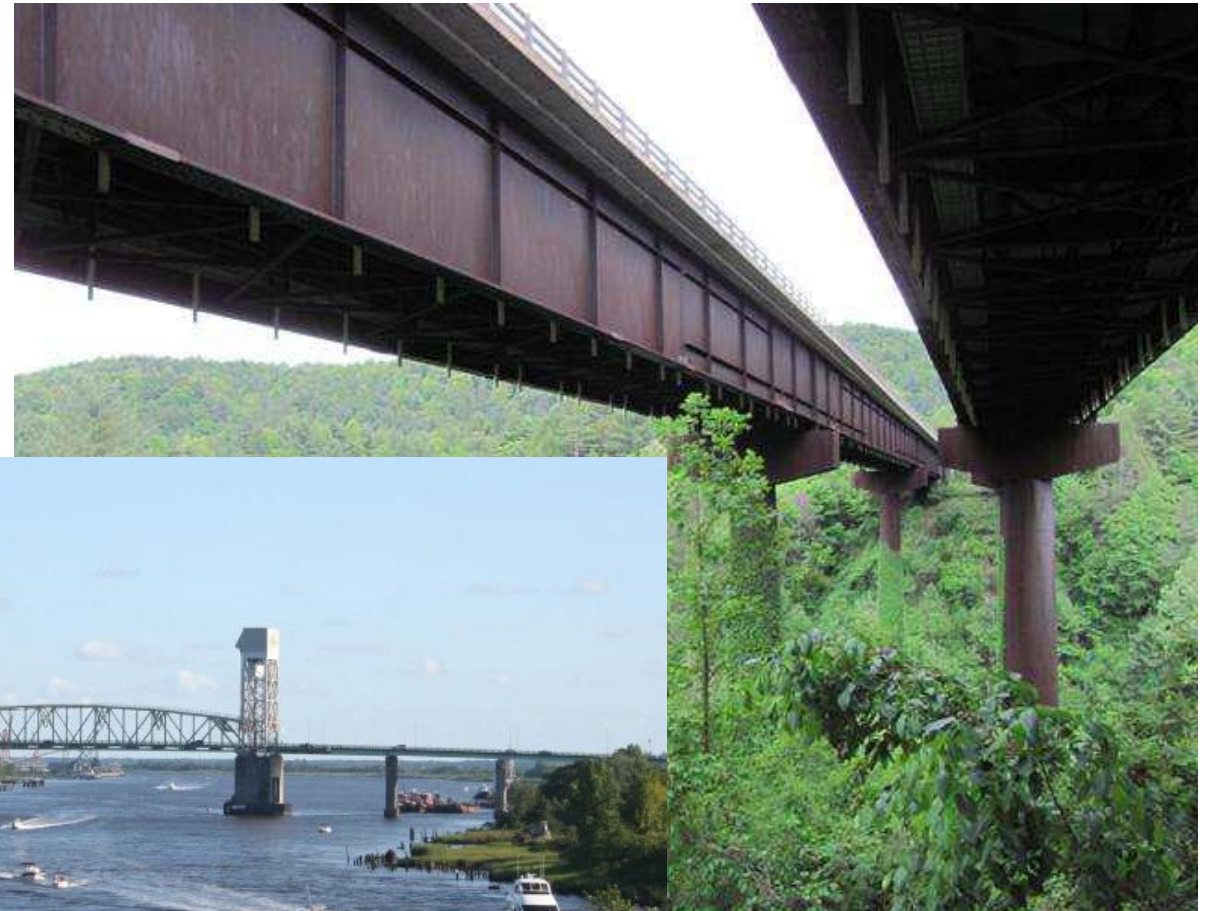
REPLACEMENT COSTS
BETWEEN **\$20M & \$439M**

204 BRIDGES

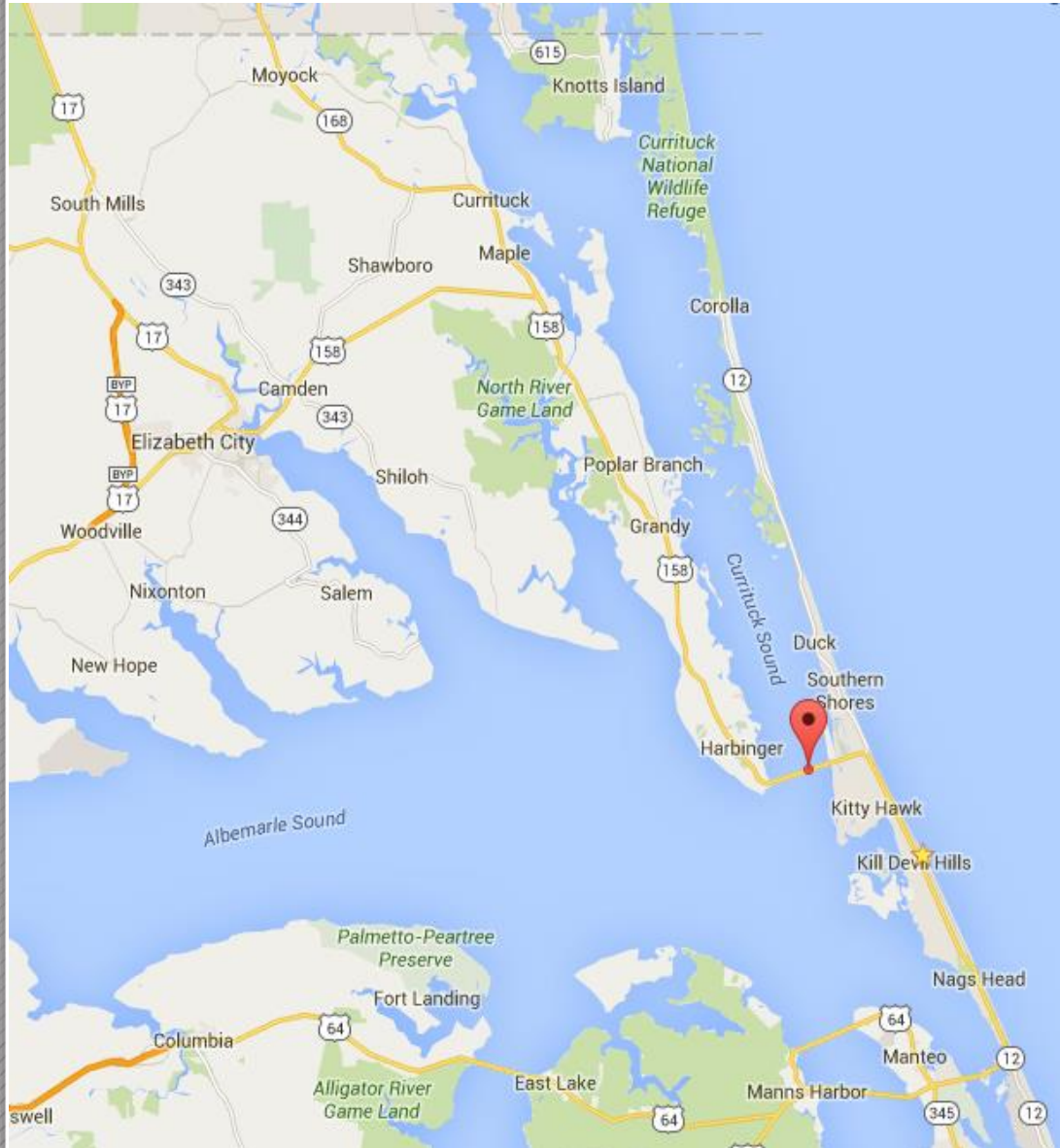
TOTAL REPLACEMENT COST:
\$9B

TOTAL PRESERVATION
NEEDS: **\$300M**

PROVIDE **KEY**
CONNECTIVITY IN OUR
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM



High Value Bridge: Case Study



WRIGHT MEMORIAL BRIDGE

EBL OF US 158 OVER THE CURRITUCK SOUND

**2.8 MILE LONG CONNECTER TO THE NORTHERN
OUTER BANKS**

AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC: 12,500

CURRENT CONDITION: DEFICIENT

High Value Bridge: Case Study

WRIGHT MEMORIAL BRIDGE

EBL BUILT 1966

ESTIMATED REPLACEMENT VALUE:
\$170M

PRESERVATION NEEDS:

BRIDGE DECK OVERLAY
REPAIR OF BRIDGE JOINTS
EXTENSIVE CONCRETE REPAIRS
FOUNDATION REPAIRS

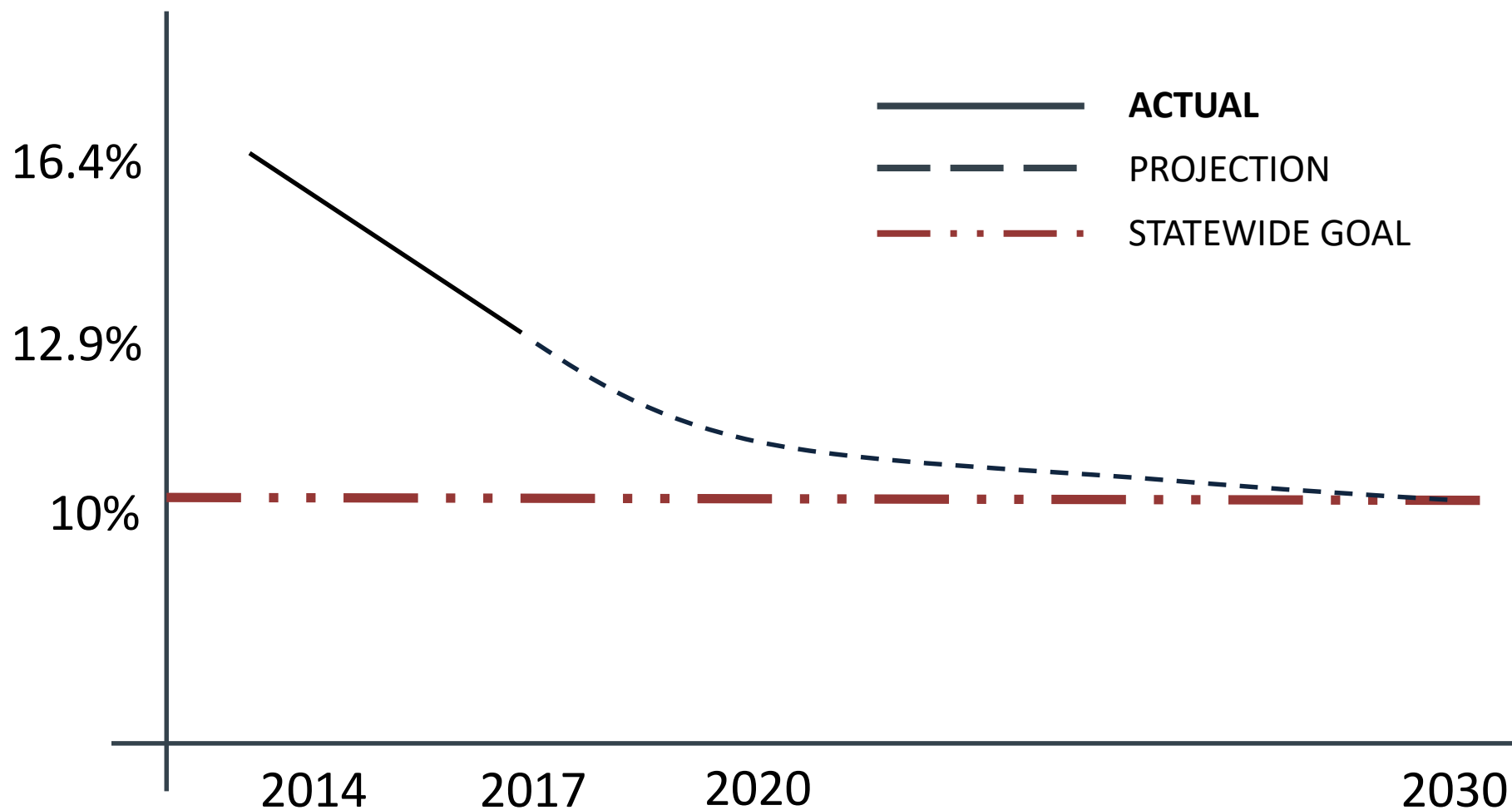
PROJECT COST: **\$21M**

RESTORED TO GOOD CONDITION

35 YEAR LIFE EXTENSION



Projection to Achieve Goals



VARIABLES
INTERSTATE AND PRIMARY SYSTEM GOALS
DEFICIENT BRIDGE RATE
UNADDRESSED MAINTENANCE
HIGH VALUE BRIDGES

Bridge Program Delivery

REPLACEMENTS

DESIGN BID BUILD

90% OF CONTRACTS

1-2 BRIDGES PER
CONTRACT

EXPRESS DESIGN
BUILD (EDB)

10% OF CONTRACTS

6-12 BRIDGES PER
CONTRACT

CHALLENGES AND/OR PROBLEMS

ROAD CLOSURES OFTEN NEEDED

REGIONAL IMPACTS, E.G., CONFLICTING DETOUR ROUTES

SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL IMPACTS

POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS

BETTER COORDINATION ACROSS DIVISIONS AND CENTRAL

DECREASE NUMBER OF BRIDGES IN EDB CONTRACTS (6-9 PER)

BUNDLE BRIDGES IN DESIGN BID BUILD CONTRACTS (2-4 PER)

FLEXIBLE START DATES WITH COMPRESSED ROAD CLOSURE TIME

INCENTIVES FOR EARLY COMPLETION

Summary

Bridge Funding

- Three programs – replace, preserve, maintain
- Preservation benefits
- Challenges to overcome
- Achieve statewide and system goals by 2030
- Periodically re-evaluate

Program Delivery

- Refine Contracting Methods