



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**Federal Railroad
Administration**

**Railroad Safety Advisory Committee
Task Statement:
Report on the Nation's Railroad Bridges**

Task No.: 08-01

Date initially presented to the RSAC: February 20, 2008

Purpose:

Report to the Federal Railroad Administrator on the current state of railroad bridge safety management, updating the findings and conclusions of the 1993 Summary Report of the FRA Railroad Bridge Safety Survey, including recommendations for further action.

Description:

- Review bridge safety management of the seven Class I freight railroads, Amtrak, the commuter railroads, and smaller freight railroads.
- Review FRA's Statement of Agency Policy on the Safety of Railroad Bridges (Appendix C, 49 CFR Part 213), and Safety Advisory 2007-03, to evaluate their currency and effectiveness and recommend revisions.
- Review and incorporate findings, as appropriate, of the Bridge Safety Task Force of the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association.
- Develop recommendations for FRA to best influence the adoption and implementation of effective industry practices to maintain the safety and preserve the serviceability of railroad bridges.

Issues requiring specific report:

The committee should consider, and specifically report on, issues presented in the description above.

Source: Federal Railroad Administration

Refer to/establish following working group: Railroad Bridge Working Group

Target Dates:

- By March 14, 2008: stakeholder organizations file expressions of interest and nominations for Working Group members and alternates.
- Periodic: report to the full Committee, at each scheduled Committee meeting, milestones for completion of objectives and progress toward completion.
- By November 3, 2008, Working Group to file final report.

Disposition: Accepted

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