

**Policy:** 6120-6- Off-System Bridge Steel

**Section:** Bridges - Maintenance

**Office/Department:** 4Bridge and Structural Design

**Reports To:** 4Div Director Preconstruction

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The Department has traditionally furnished used bridge steel to counties that have the capability of building their own bridges. In our letter to the county authorizing them to pick up the steel, we always give instructions concerning span lengths, steel spacing, deck materials, etc. for the proper construction of the bridge. Upon inspection, we have found that these instructions have not always been followed and this has resulted in a bridge that will not safely carry the intended loads.

In the future, our letter authorizing the counties to pick up steel will ask them to notify the Area Engineer when they begin construction so that he can periodically inspect the bridge for compliance with our instructions. When the bridge is complete, the Area Engineer should perform a final inspection and notify the Bridge Maintenance Office at (404) 651-8520 that the bridge is complete in accordance with the specified criteria.

## References:

None.

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