### TTP Bridge Update

**NTICC** Meeting

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#### Topics to be Discussed

- TTP Bridge Program Funds under the BIL
- Eligible Use of Funds under the BIL
- Bridge Applications Funded to Date
- 2021 Poor Condition TTP Bridges
- Q&As for the TTP Bridge Program under the BIL
- 23 CFR 661 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) Update
- Other Items

# TTP Bridge Program Funds - BIL

- Tribal Transportation Facility Bridges (TTP Bridges)
  - Eliminated 3% Set-aside from TTP
  - Bridge Formula Program (BFP) 3% Set-aside
    - \$165M/year (General Fund)
  - Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Set-aside
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•	FY22	\$16M	(Highway Trust Fund)
•	FY23	\$18M	(Highway Trust Fund)
•	FY24	\$20M	(Highway Trust Fund)
•	FY25	\$22M	(Highway Trust Fund)
•	FY26	\$24M	(Highway Trust Fund)

 Please submit your bridge applications! Coordinate with the BIA Regions or FHWA TCs!

### Eligible Use of TTP Bridge Funds – BIL

- Funds made available to carry out this subsection shall be used--
- (A) to carry out any planning, design, engineering, preconstruction, construction, and inspection of **new** or replacement tribal transportation facility bridges;
- (B) to replace, rehabilitate, seismically retrofit, paint, apply calcium magnesium acetate, sodium acetate/formate, or other environmentally acceptable, minimally corrosive anti-icing and deicing composition; or
- (C) to implement any countermeasure for tribal transportation facility bridges classified as in poor condition, having a low load capacity, or needing geometric improvements, including multiple-pipe culverts.

### **Bridge Applications Funded to Date**

- BIA owned bridges 20 applications at \$22.5M
- Tribally owned bridges 9 applications at \$11.9M
- Non-BIA/Non-Tribally owned bridges 20 applications at \$7.1M
- Total of 49 applications funded at \$41.5M
- FHWA Tribes 25 applications funded at \$32.3M
- BIA Tribes 24 applications funded at \$9.2M
- BFP Funds obligated/expended to date -\$41.5M
- Funds available in FY22 \$165M (BFP);
   \$20M (BIP); \$14.6M (BIP)
- BFP Funds remaining to date \$123.5M
- Please submit bridge applications!!

### 2021 TTP Bridges in Poor Condition

#### 2021 NBI Data

Owner Code	Total Number of TTP Bridges	TTP Bridges in Poor Condition	•
BIA - 62	1,016	87	\$120,000,000
Tribal - 61	120	24	\$45,000,000
County - 2	4,239	628	\$290,000,000
State - 1	1,886	77	\$120,000,000
City/Municipal - 4	350	38	\$55,000,000
TOTAL	7,611	854	\$630,000,000

- Did BIL make any changes to the TTP Bridge Program?
- Yes. BIL modified 23 U.S.C. 202(d) to update outdated terminology and broaden eligibility with respect to **new** bridges. Also, BIL eliminated the 3 percent set aside from the TTP (23 U.S.C. 202) and, instead, sets aside funding for the TTP Bridge Program from other authorized or appropriated programs.
  - Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) Bridge Program Questions and Answers
     (Q&As) | FHWA (dot.gov)

What are the periods of availability for the obligation and expenditure of the available funds?

For BFP Funds (\$165M) and BIP Funds (\$20M):

	Period of Availability for		
Fiscal Year	Obligation and Expenditure	Expenditure	
2022	Lapse on September 30, 2025	Cancel on September 30, 2030	
2023	Lapse on September 30, 2026	Cancel on September 30, 2031	
2024	Lapse on September 30, 2027	Cancel on September 30, 2032	
2025	Lapse on September 30, 2028	Cancel on September 30, 2033	
2026	Lapse on September 30, 2029	Cancel on September 30, 2034	

- What kinds of bridges are eligible for this funding?
- For bridge replacement or rehabilitation:
- (a) have an opening of 20 feet or more;
- (b) be classified as a Tribal transportation facility;
- (c) be classified as in poor condition, have low load capacity, or need geometric improvements; and
- (d) be recorded in the National Bridge Inventory (NBI) maintained by the FHWA.
- For new bridge construction:
- (a) classified as a Tribal transportation facility;
- (b) a public bridge with opening of 20 feet or more; and
- (c) recorded in the NBI after project completion.

- What are the application processes for submitting a bridge application?
- Any time during the fiscal year, a Tribe may prepare and submit to the BIA Region or FHWA Tribal Coordinator (TC) an application package to request TTP Bridge Program funding. The BIA Region or FHWA TC will assist the Tribe in preparing the application package, review the Tribe's submittal and resolve any issues with the Tribe.
- For Tribes with FHWA Program Agreements, the FHWA TC will submit the completed bridge application package directly to the TTP Bridge Program Manager at the FHWA/Office of Tribal Transportation (OTT) for review of the application.

 For Tribes working directly with the BIA, the BIA Region will submit the completed bridge application package to the BIA Bridge Program Manager for review. Upon review and resolution of any issues with the bridge application, BIA will submit the completed bridge application package directly to the TTP Bridge Program Manager at OTT for further processing and consideration.

What does a complete application package for preliminary engineering (PE) consist of and how does the proposed project receive funding?

A complete application package for PE consists of:

- (a) the TTP Bridge Program certification checklist;
- (b) an FHWA approved TTP Tribal Transportation Improvement Program;
- (c) a description of the project scope of work;
- (d) detailed cost estimate for PE;
- (e) NBI data sheet (n/a for new bridge); and
- (f) an acknowledgment by the Tribe of the project specific funding requirements and that any excess funds will be returned to FHWA for further distribution.

Funding for the approved eligible projects on the bridge application queues will be made available to the Tribes, under an FHWA/Tribal agreement, or the Secretary of the Interior upon availability of program funding at FHWA.

For non-Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)/non-Tribal TTP bridge projects funded under the TTP Bridge Program, the application package must also include a Tribal resolution supporting the project.

These requirements are provided for in 23 CFR 661.25.

What does a complete application package for construction consist of and how does the proposed project receive funding?

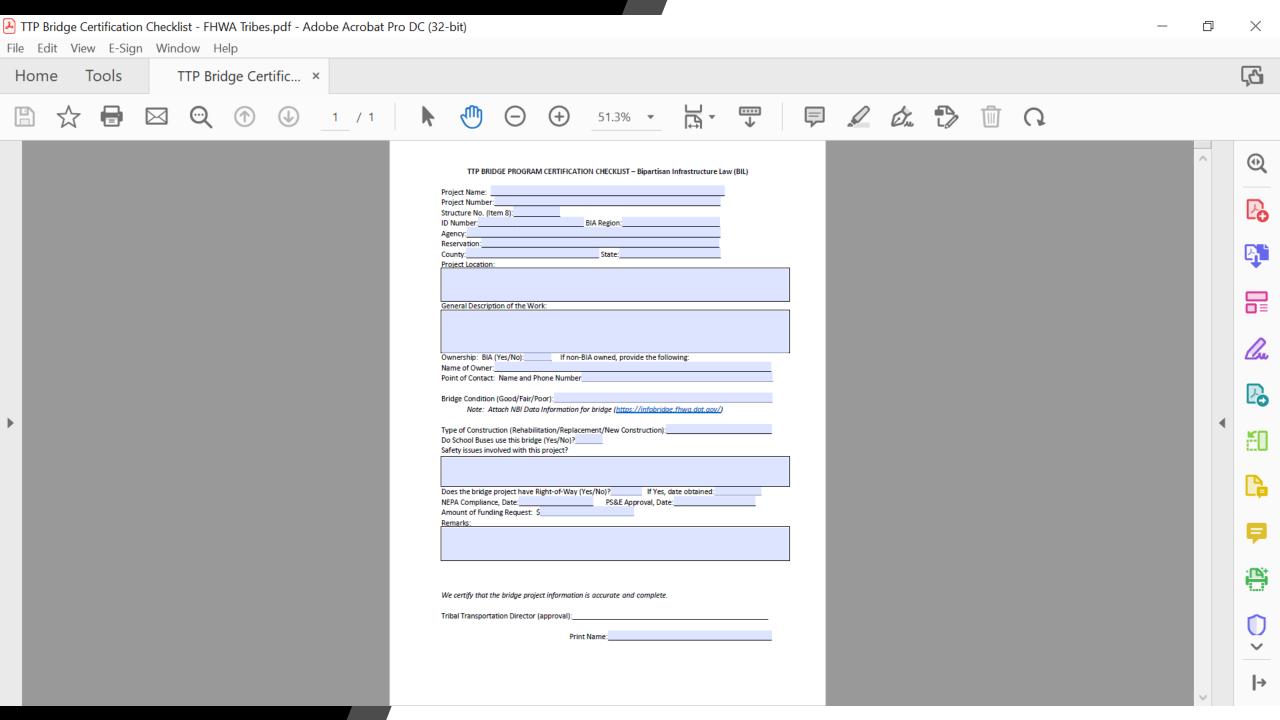
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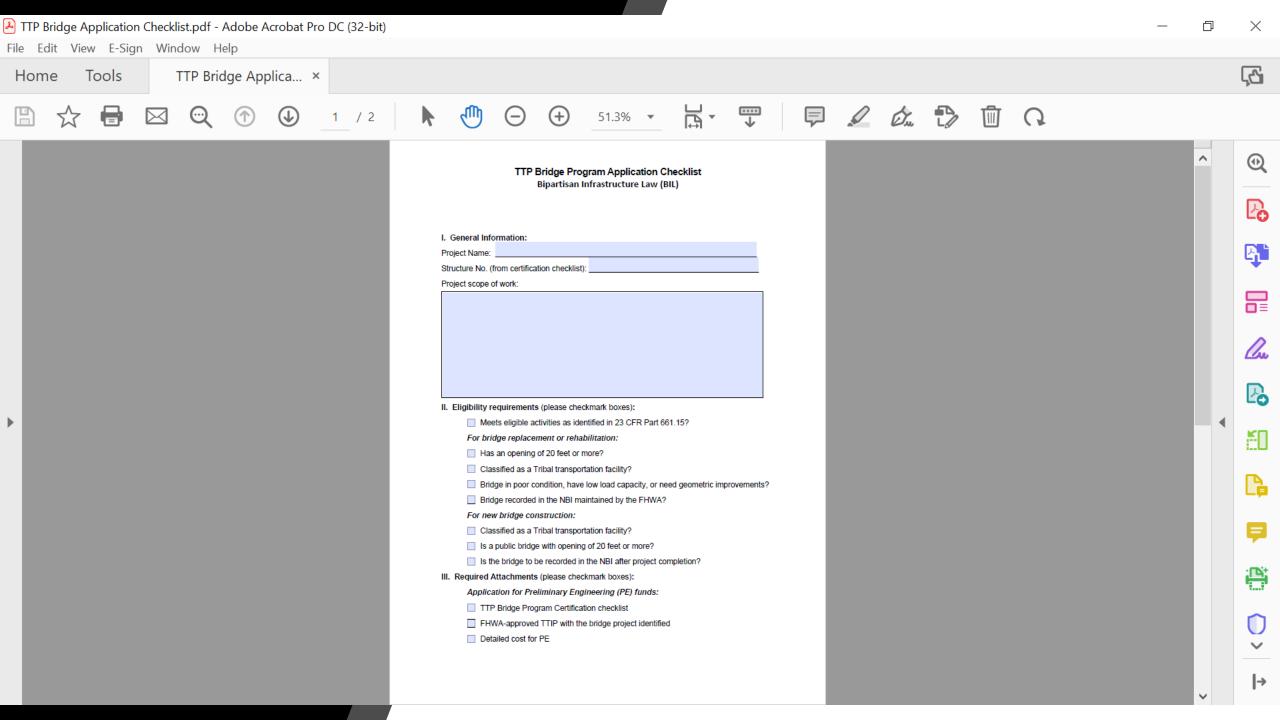
- (a) a copy of the approved plans, specifications, and estimate (PS&E);
- (b) the TTP Bridge Program certification checklist;
- (c) NBI data sheet (n/a for new bridge);
- (d) an FHWA approved TTP Tribal Transportation Improvement Program;
- (e) all environmental and archeological clearances and complete grants of public rights-of-way that must be acquired prior to submittal of the construction application package; and
- (f) an acknowledgment by the Tribe of the project specific funding requirements and that any excess funds will be returned to FHWA for further distribution.

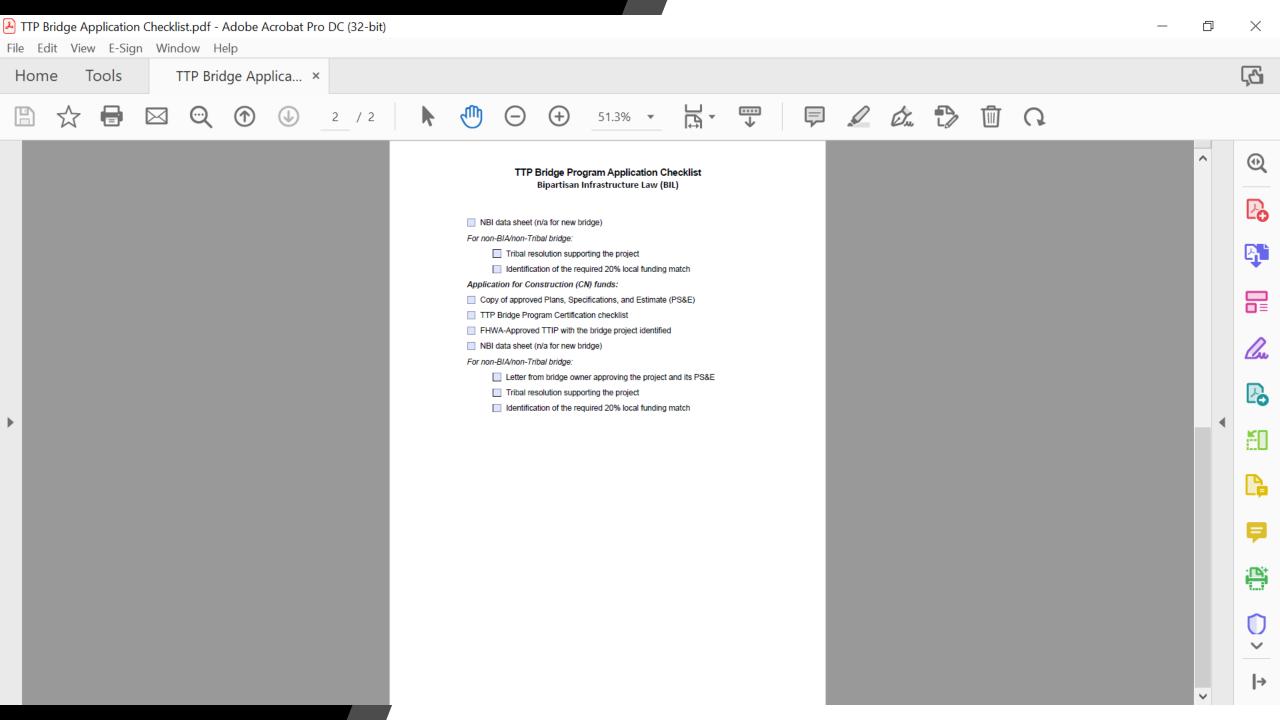
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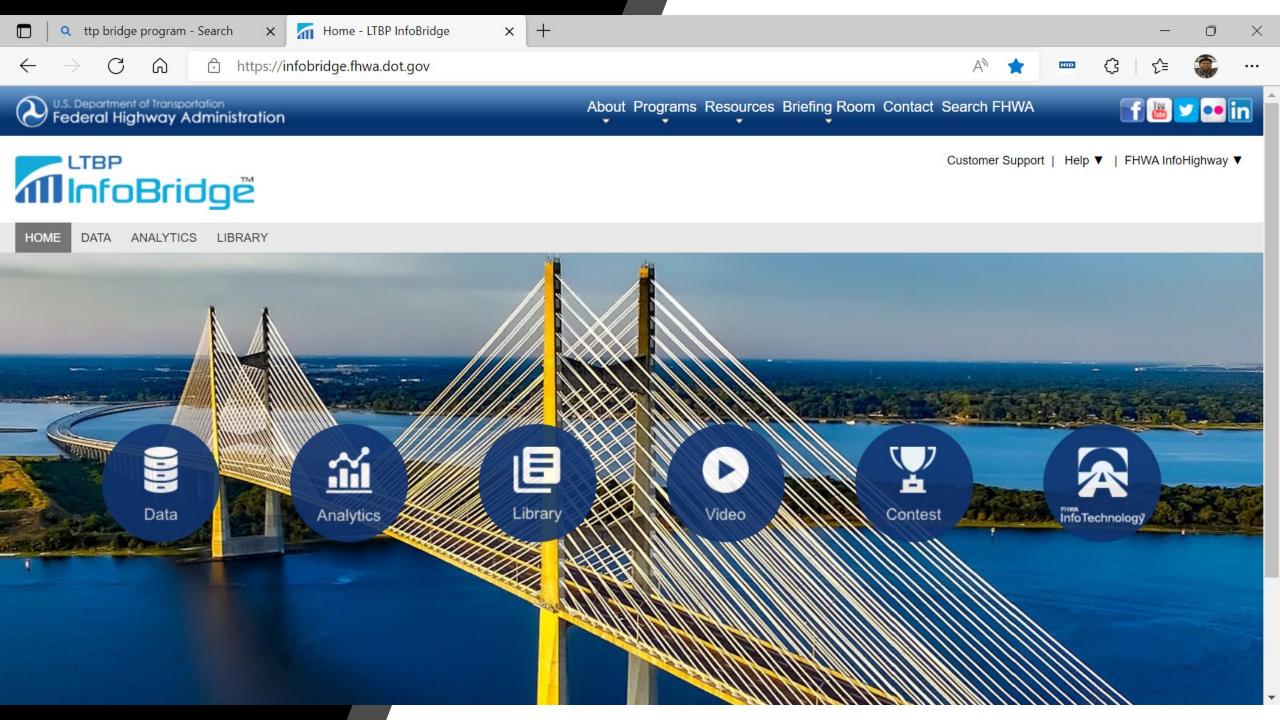
For non-BIA/non-Tribal TTP bridge projects funded under the TTP Bridge Program, the application package must also include a copy of a letter from the bridge's owner approving the project and its PS&E, and a Tribal resolution supporting the project.

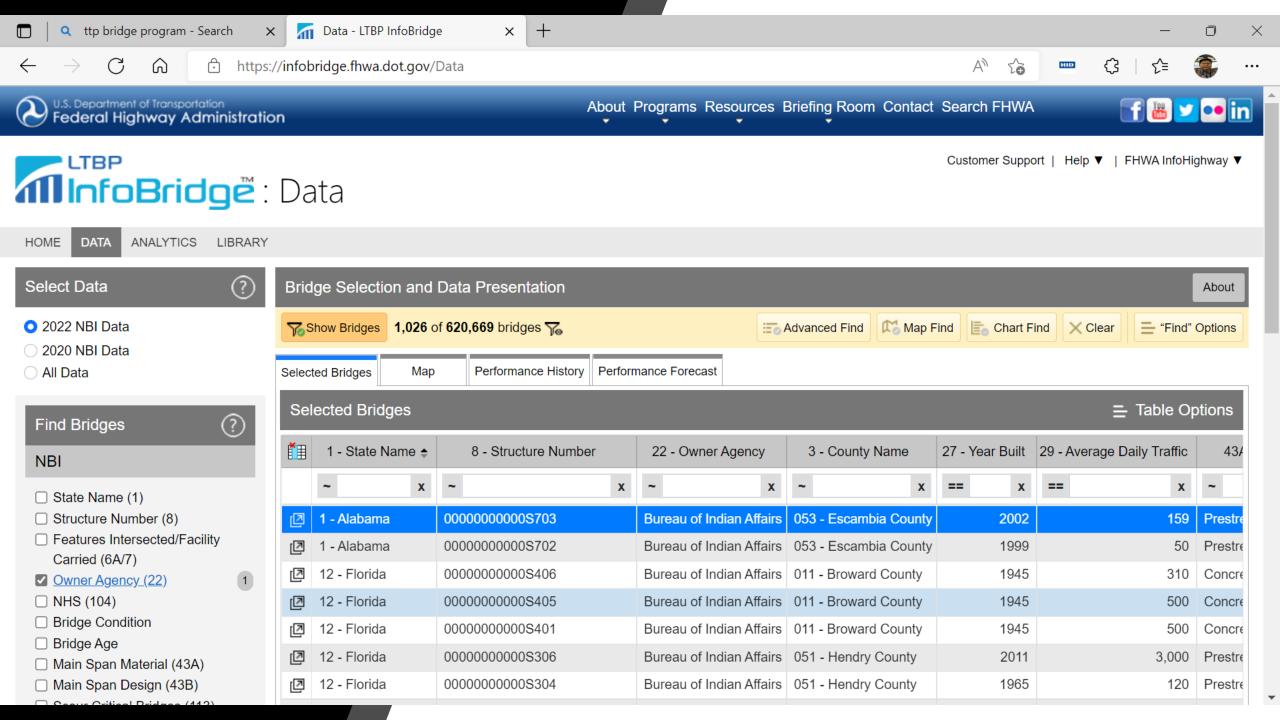
These requirements are provided for in 23 CFR 661.27.

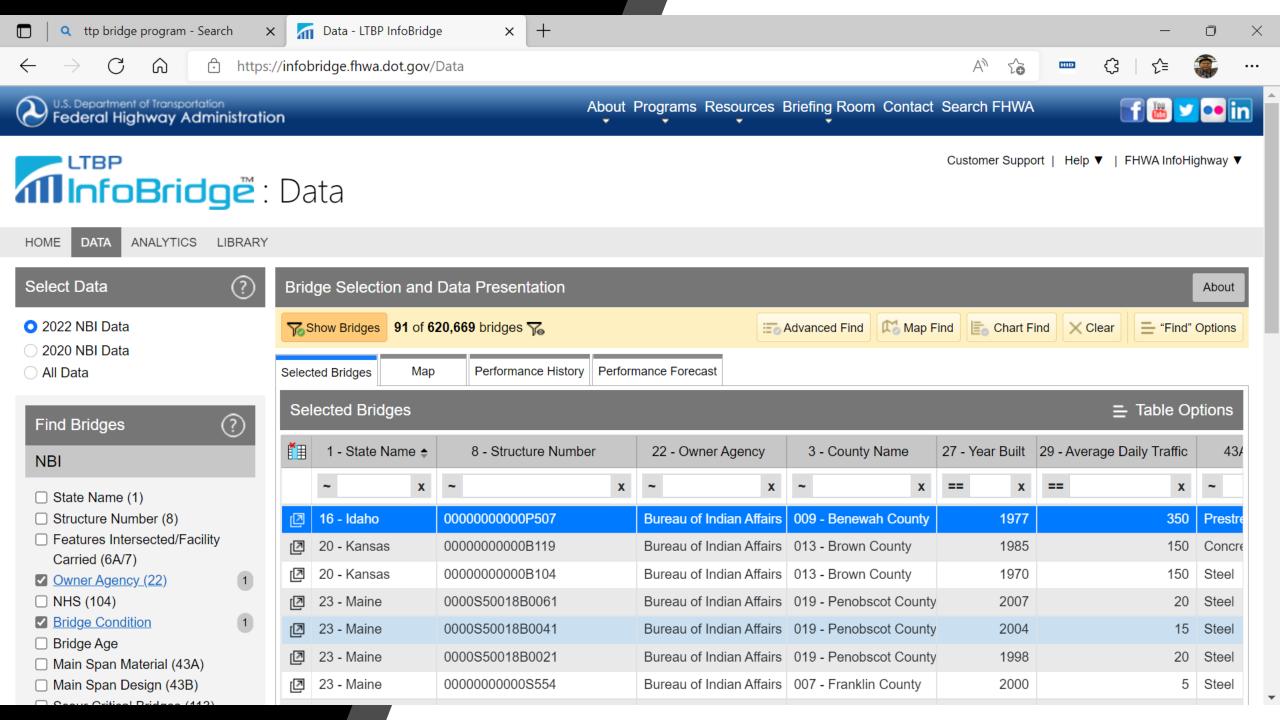


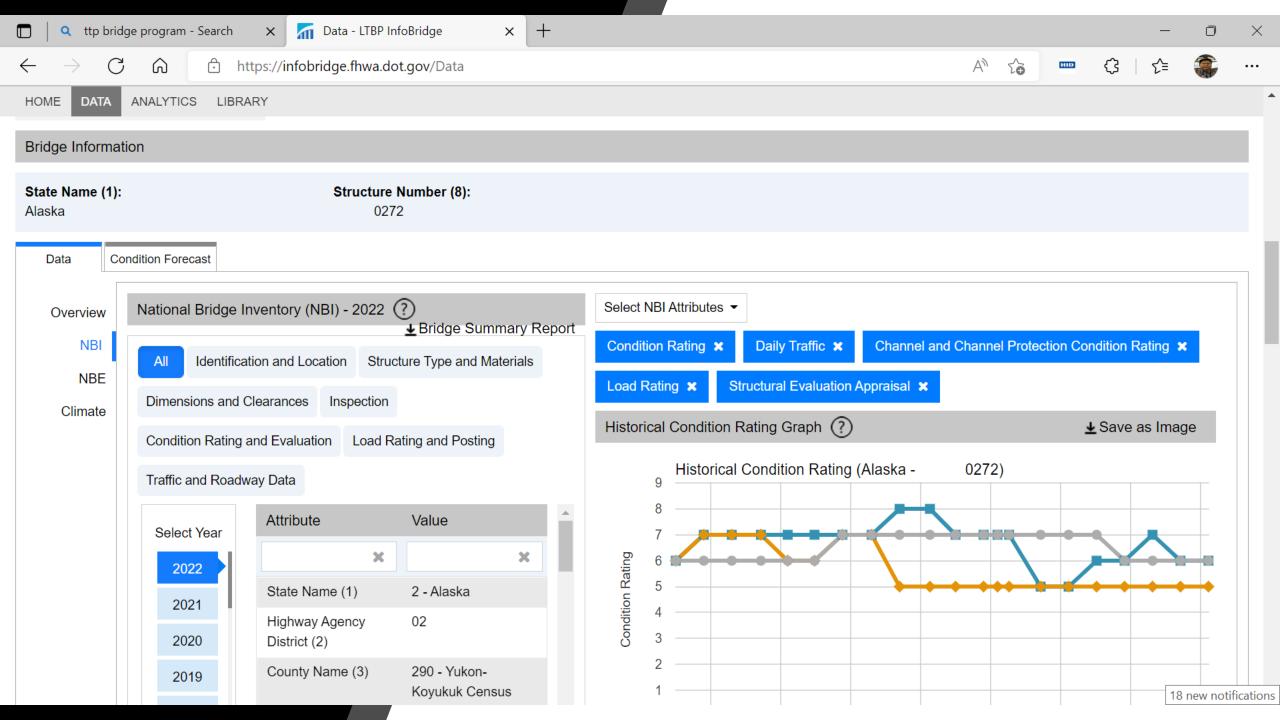


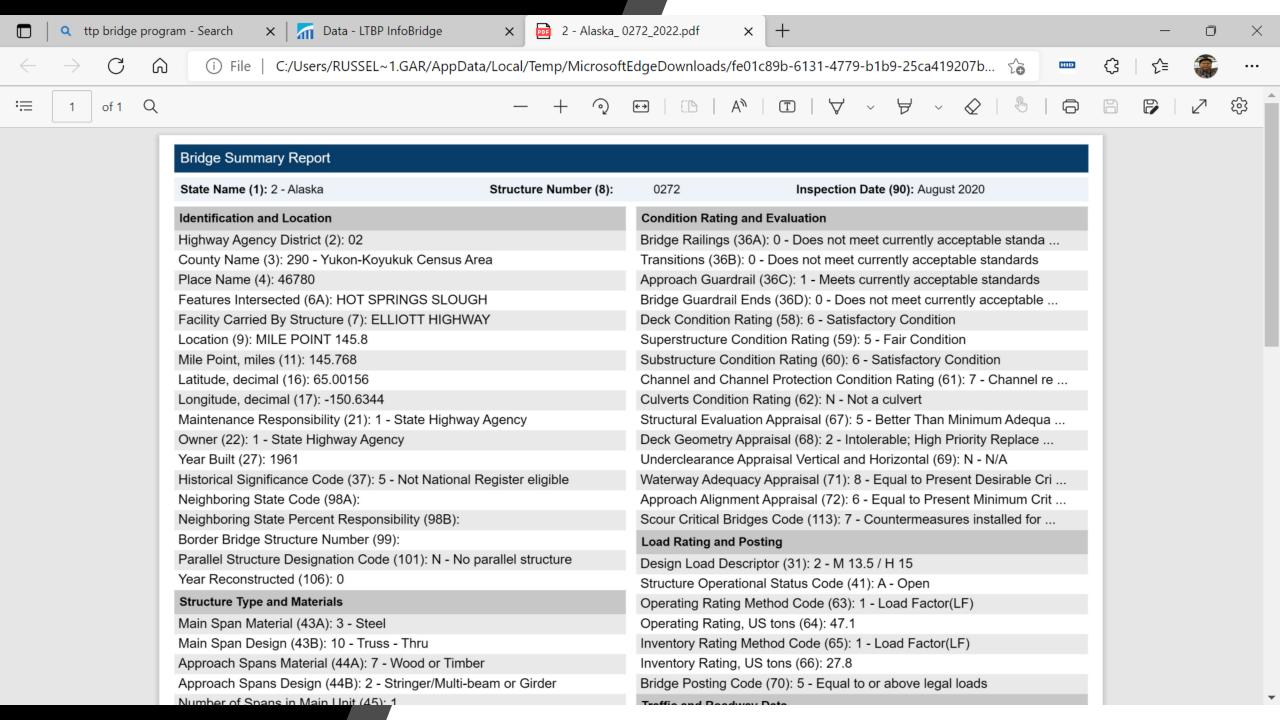












## 23 CFR 661 NPRM Update

- The draft NPRM was initially approved by FHWA
- The draft NPRM was updated to include the changes from the BIL
- The draft NPRM is back for review and approval by FHWA
- Planned Publication Date in the Federal Register: ???

#### Other Items

- Roll outs of the TTP Bridge Program under BIL:
  - ITCA Virtual Meeting, March 2022
  - AK Providers Virtual Meeting, April 2022
  - TTPCC Meeting in ABQ, May 2022
  - ITA Virtual Meeting, June 2022
  - USET Virtual Meeting, July 2022
  - TTPCC Meeting in ID, August 2022
  - NTICC Meeting, August 2022



Questions??