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February 17, 2026

Tricia Wisner
Asst. Director – City of North Port
1100 N Chamberlain Blvd
North Port, Florida 34286

Reference: Significant Deficiency Notification
District 1 Local Government Owned Bridge Inspection Program
Bridge ID: 175049 S Sumter Blvd Over Cocoplum Waterway

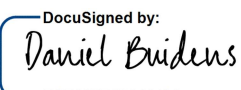
Dear Ms. Wisner:

As part of the referenced bridge inspection program, the following significant deficiencies were noted:

- Bearing issues: Bearings 1-1 through 1-4 and 1-9 at Abutment 1 are walking out. The bearings are 10in. long x 6in. wide.
- 2022 inspection noted as 2in. loss of bearing
- 2024 inspection noted Bearings 1-2 and 1-3 up to 2-3/4in. loss of bearing.
- 2026 inspection identified five bearings with loss of bearing measuring up to 3-1/4in., with most of the remaining bearings right at the edge.

Although this condition does not warrant a Prompt Corrective Action notification at this time, it is a condition that warrants notification in advance of receiving the inspection report so repairs can be made as soon as possible. Please notify me in writing of the action taken and the date the action was completed. Help us protect your federal funds and reduce your potential legal liability by expediting this requested response. Should any questions arise, please contact me at email address Daniel.Buidens@dot.state.fl.us or at phone number (813) 612-3373.

Sincerely,

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Photo 1: Elevation

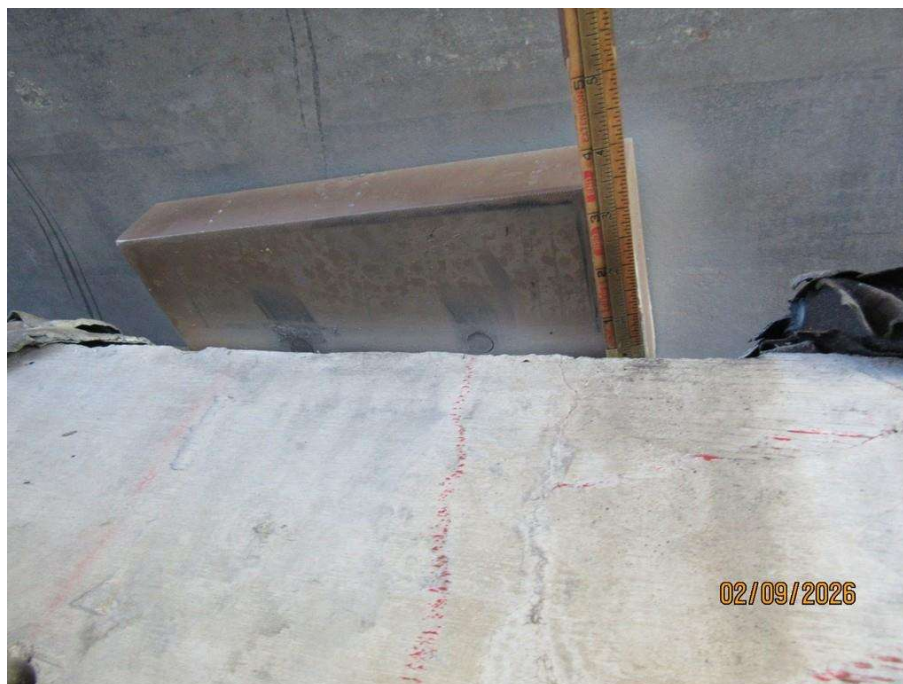


Photo 2: Typical bearing walking out.

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Photo 3: Abutment 1 bearings walking out.



Photo 4: Bearing 1-9 walking out.

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Photo 5: Bearing 1-9 walking out.