

3. Surveys to identify significant bridges that meet or are approaching the 50 year threshold for NRHP consideration, will be completed at the discretion of the signatories of this agreement. New bridge research may be conducted on an individual, regional, and national basis. Efforts to identify patterns in history within the national context of transportation development will focus on bridge design trends within the last 50 years; e.g., technological breakthroughs (integral abutments); materials (composite decks); aesthetics (concrete forms and neo classical/postmodern detailing); context sensitive design (update on older styles, replication of arches and deck trusses, new covered bridges); and signature bridges (metro center and high level, cable stay variations). The scope, objectives, and format of any future studies will be established by the signatories, and will include provisions for public involvement in the identification process.