

# Foreword

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The *Washington State Bridge Inspection Manual* (WSBIM) is published jointly by the Bridge and Structures and the Local Programs offices of the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). This manual is the primary source of information and guidance for those who inspect bridges/tunnels subject to the National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS), the National Tunnel Inspection Standards (NTIS) and managed by state and local agencies within Washington State.

This publication is the official source for all information relevant to Washington State's compliance with the NBIS, the National Bridge Inventory, the NTIS, the National Tunnel Inventory, and the Washington State Bridge Inventory. It is also the official source of information for the inspection of bridges\* and selected structures on state right of way that are not subject to the NBIS, and for the recordkeeping requirements for these bridges and selected structures in the Washington State Bridge Inventory.

The WSBIM is managed by the Bridge Inspection Committee composed of individuals listed in this document. Suggestions for improvement and updating the manual are always welcome. All questions and comments regarding this manual will be reviewed by this committee and incorporated into subsequent revisions as appropriate.

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\*Bridge(s) is intended to mean all reportable structures which includes bridges, culverts and tunnels.

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