

The Bridge Roadshow

Collaboration between GDOT and Local Governments to Maintain, Repair, and Build Bridges





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What is a Bridge Structure?

- A structure erected over a depression or an obstruction such as water, highway or railway
- A structure must have a track or passageway from carrying traffic or other moving loads
- A structure must have an opening measured along the center of the roadway of more than 20 feet
- A structure can be multiple box culverts with extreme end openings greater than 20 feet along center of roadway
- A structure may also be series of pipes measuring greater than 20 feet where the clear distance between openings is less than half the smaller opening







Bridge Structures Defined











Bridge Inspection and Posting

- GDOT inspects all public bridges over 20 feet in length every 2 years
- ~14,900 bridge structures in Georgia
- ~7,900 locally-owned bridges
- ~1,400 posted bridges for restrictive weight limits (currently)
- Ideally, all bridge structures 20 feet or less should be inventoried and periodically inspected and is the responsibility of the county or city









Major Bridge Components

Deck, Superstructure and Substructure





Deck

Supports the vehicular vertical loads and distribute these loads to the superstructure

- Timber
- Steel grates
- Concrete
- Asphalt Overlay











Superstructure

Supports the deck and transfers the traffic load to the bridge substructure

- Box beams, cored slabs and T-beams
- PSC beams and steel beams
- Flat slab and channel/waffle slabs













Substructure

Transfer the loads from the superstructure into the ground

- Pile bents made of timber, steel h, PSC and metal shell piles
- Concrete bents on spread footing, pile footings and drilled shafts











Culverts and Multiple Pipes

Rigid and Flexible

- Openings measure greater than 20 feet along centerline of roadway
 - Corrugated Metal Pipes (CMP)
 - Concrete Pipes
 - Concrete Box Culverts
 - Bottomless Culverts















Clear distance between pipe openings must be less than or equal to half of the smaller pipe opening.





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