# Preparing to Meet FTA State of Good Repair Requirements

Developing a General Program to Support Asset Inventory Management and Provide Decision Support Tools

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## **Key Requirements of 49 CFR 625**

#### **Managing State of Good Repair**

- 1. FTA published Transit Asset Management Final Rule July 26, 2016
- 2. Effective October 1, 2016 Full implementation over 2 years
- 3. Establishes a National Transit Asset Management (TAM) System
- 4. A Transit Asset Management System is "a strategic and systematic process of operating, maintaining, and improving public transportation capital assets effectively through the life cycle of such assets."









## Implementing a TAM Program

#### **National Transit Asset Management System Elements**

- 1. The definition of state of good repair
- 2. Performance measures for capital assets
- 3. Performance targets for improving the condition of capital assets
- 4. A requirement to develop and carry out a TAM plan
- 5. Requirement to report condition of assets
- 6. Analytical processes and decision support tools









## Developing an Inventory and Decision Support Program

#### **History of Development (Decision Support Program)**

- 1. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant for development
- 2. December 2011: Proposal to Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
- 3. February 2012: Project Implementation Plan approved
- 4. March 2012: Development began
- 5. August 2013: Development completion









## **Development Goals**

#### **Key Features**

- 1. Standard formats for data
- 2. Web Based
- 3. Search and ranking
- 4. Log changes to data
- 5. Customizable and expandable
- 6. Security features









## **System Features**

#### **Core Functions**

- 1. Asset Inventory Management (all assets)
- 2. Condition Assessment
- 3. Work Order Management

Examples of asset inventory and assessment for track and bridges follows. Program is expandable to cover any asset category or class....









## **Asset Inventory-General**

#### **Asset Inventory Goals**

- 1. Centralize information
- 2. Organize documents and media
- 3. Monitor asset condition
- 4. Integrate with Google Earth and System Maps





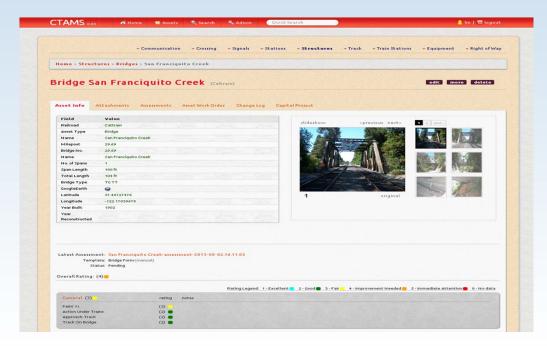




## **Bridge Inventory**

#### **Key Features**

- 1. General information
- 2. Support documents
- 3. Asset Rating
- 4. Photo gallery







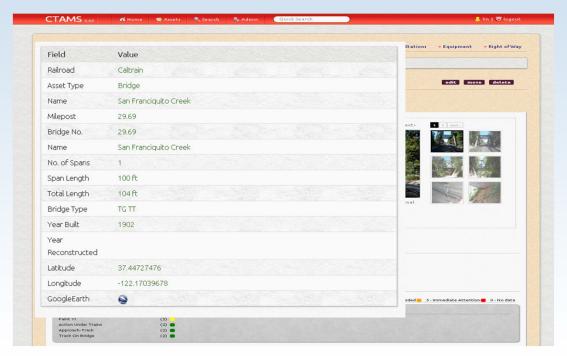




## Bridge Inventory, continued

#### **General Information**

- 1. Asset Description
- 2. Type
- 3. Year Built
- 4. Location
- 5. Key Dimensions







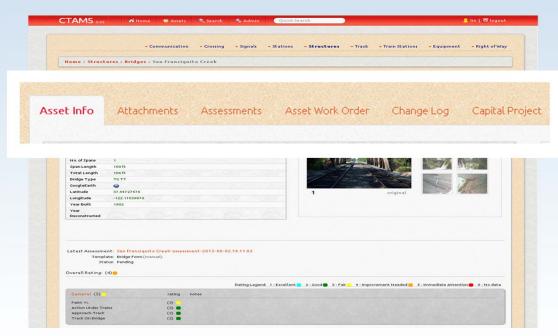




## Bridge Inventory, continued

#### **Support Documents**

- 1. Asset Information
- 2. Attachments
- 3. Assessments
- 4. Work Orders
- 5. Change Log
- 6. Capital Projects







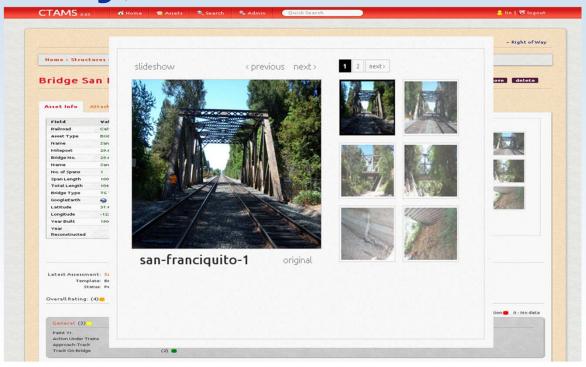




## Bridge Inventory, continued

#### **Photo Gallery**

- 1. General views
- 2. Detail views
- 3. Adjacent views
- 4. Slide show







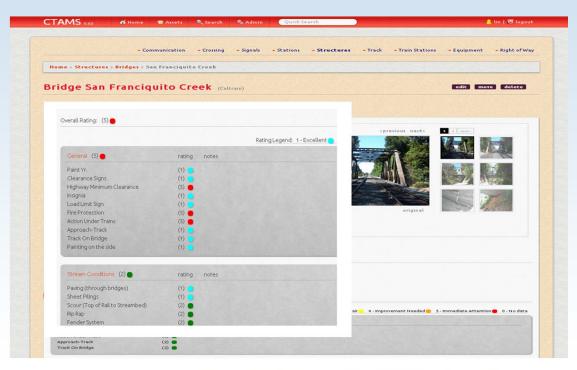




## Bridge Inventory, concluded

#### **Overall Rating**

- 1. Structure rating
- 2. Paint
- 3. Approach ratings
- 4. Sub-Asset ratings
- 5. Stream conditions











### **Condition Assessment Overview**

#### **Key Features**

- 1. Automated evaluation where possible
- 2. Electronic inspection forms for all assets
- 3. Online review and approval of inspections





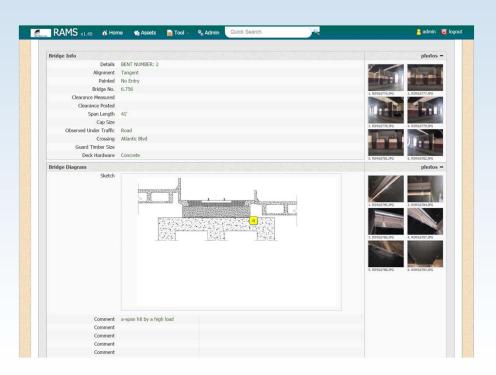




## **Bridge Assessment**

#### **Bridge Module Data**

- 1. Text and graphic data
- 2. Data entry via electronic tablet with forms
- 3. Online review and approval of inspections







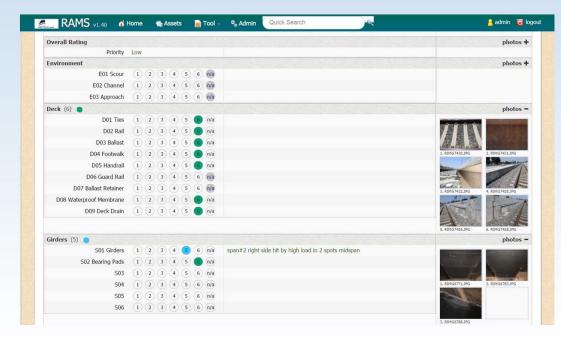




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#### **Bridge Rating**

- 1. Broken into Sub-Assets and components
- 2. Rating of 1 to 6 (based on FRA recommendation)
- 3. Lowest Rating of component is rating for bridge







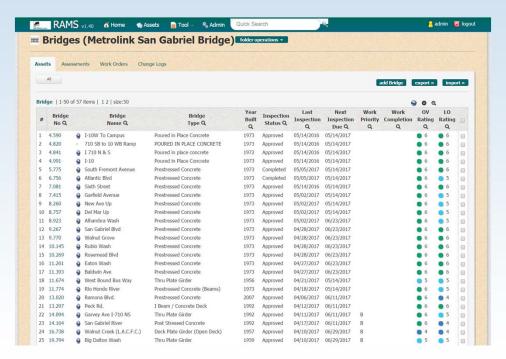




## Bridge Assessment, concluded

#### **Bridge Roll-up**

- Ratings roll up to overview page
- 2. Sort or filter by all columns
- 3. Links back to all data







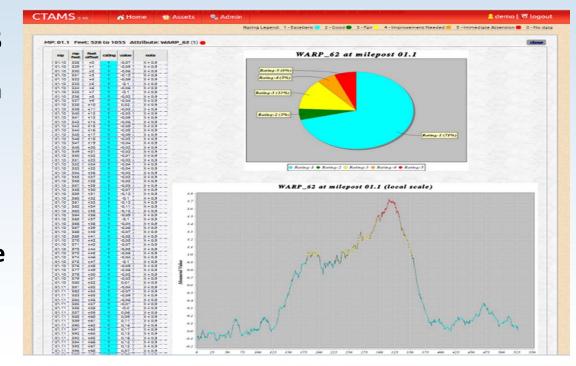




### **Track Assessment**

#### **Geometry Channels**

- 1. Segmented by 1/10 m
- 2. Detailed data by foot of track
- 3. Breakdown of rating by foot over 1/10 mile
- 4. Graph by 1/10 mile
- 5. Five point rating scale





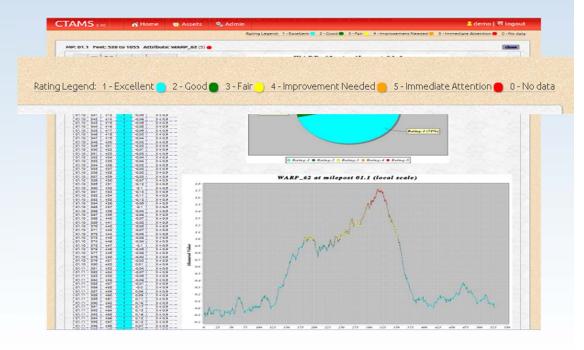






#### **Rating Legend**

- 1. Excellent
- 2. Good
- 3. Fair
- 4. Improvement needed
- 5. Immediate attention
- 6. No data





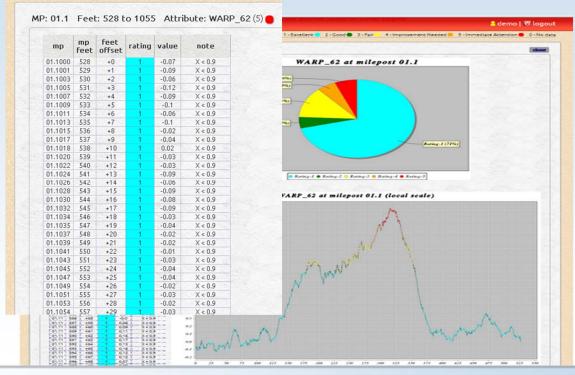






#### **Tabular Data**

- 1. Channel
- 2. Milepost
- 3. Chainage
- 4. MP + feet
- 5. Rating
- 6. Measured value



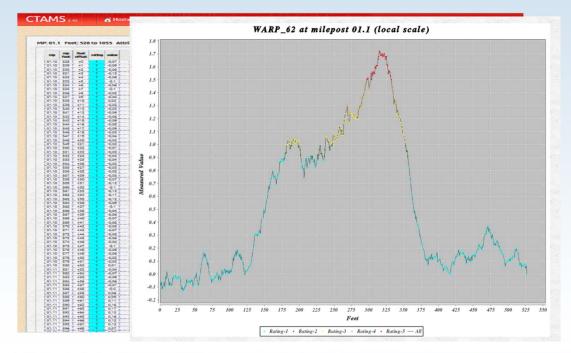






#### **Graph of Segment**

- 1. Graph detail by channel
- 2. Measured Value by foot over 1/10 mile segment
- 3. Rating based on measurement





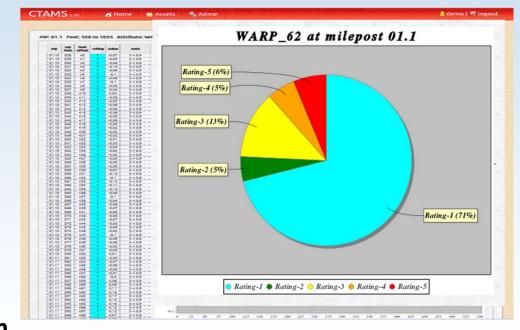






## Distribution within Segment

- 1. Smoothing function to eliminate outliers
- 2. Worst rating is rating for segment
- 3. Guide for spot maintenance or consideration for program











## Track Assessment, concluded

#### Location

- 1. Google Earth
- 2. Rating by segment
- 3. Rapid assessment potential work areas











## **Work Order Management**

#### **Key Features**

- 1. Create Work Orders
- 2. Track Progress
- 3. Review Work History





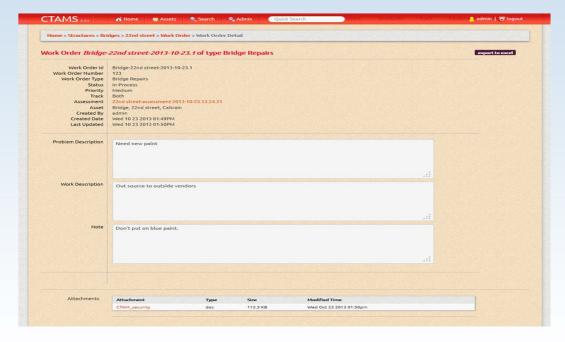




## Work Orders, continued

#### **Work Order Details**

- 1. Defect description
- 2. Description of work
- 3. Work order status











## Work Orders, concluded

#### **Work Order Status**

- 1. Asset Description
- 2. Work Order ID
- 3. Work Order Type
- 4. Latest Assessment
- 5. Date Created
- 6. Last update











## **Development Process**

#### **Iterative Development Process**

- 1. Discuss requirements with end users
- 2. Define features and functions
- 3. Preliminary design
- 4. Preliminary development
- 5. Review and test
- 6. Refine









## **General Approach**

#### **Write Specifications**

- 1. Review existing assessment process and data records
- 2. Define requirements
- 3. Evaluate technology available for measurement and assessment
- 4. Review applications

#### **Implementation**

- 1. Build on expandable framework
- 2. Implement specific features
- 3. Test and launch application
- 4. Migrate data









## **Implementation**

#### **Considerations**

- 1. Data migration format and transfer requirements
- 2. Training for transition from manual or other systems
- 3. Multiple data streams
- 4. Expansion of modules
- 5. Addition of features
- 6. System maintenance and improvement









#### **Lessons Learned**

#### What worked

- 1. Supervisors and engineers work closely with developer
- 2. Small, diverse, and stable core project team
- 3. Iterative development approach
- 4. Weekly working sessions with specific deliverables
- 5. Open to new ideas









## Lessons Learned, concluded

#### What could be better...

- 1. Less aggressive schedule coupled with phased development
- 2. Involvement of other departments for wider application
- 3. User interface design









## **Future Development**

#### **Key Features**

- 1. Cost tracking
- 2. Automated trending and forecasting
- 3. Life cycle analysis
- 4. Defect alerts
- 5. Module Expansion









## Questions?







