How to Link each Bridge to the correct Funding Source

One field that has been recently added to CombIS is called Funding Category. This field allows us to properly track the bridge based on the relevant funding source for the inspection work being done on the bridge. You must code this item for each bridge, preferably when you initiate the bridge inspection report.

Note: You no longer need to type in the Federal and State job numbers for each bridge. This selection, combined with selecting the correct Work Specification (in the Project Assignment area of the Inspection Report Information form) will do this for you automatically.

Funding Category is located on SI&A Form 1. The second section down on the form is called Classification. Funding Category is located directly below Items 104 and 26 – the two items that typically control how the work is funded in a Federal project.

There are 2 categories of funding at present – Federal and State. Within each category are 2 or 3 choices. So first of all, determine if the work is federally or State funded.

If State funded (like all the County Minor bridge projects), we provide 2 choices.
- State (Primary Job Number)
- State (Uses Job Number 2)

Almost all state funded inspection projects will only have one job number. Therefore, pick the State (Primary Job Number) code.

If Federally Funded (like all NBIS inspection work), there are currently 3 choices. Please note that this could change in the future, but for now there are only 3. These are:
- Federal – NHPP
- Federal – STP OnSystem
- Federal – STP OffSystem

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You must pick the correct item for each bridge. Almost always, the funding category will be based on Items 104 and 26. If Item 104 indicates that it is a NHS bridge, pick: Federal – NHPP (NHPP stands for the National Highway Performance Program).

If the bridge is not a NHS bridge, then the next question is whether it is on or off of the Federal Aid System. We loosely refer to these as On or Off System bridges. If the value of Item 26 is either 01,02,06,07 (rural) or 11,12,14,16,17 (urban), and the bridge is not a NHS bridge, then it is Federal – STP OnSystem. Otherwise, it is Federal – STP OffSystem (STP stands for the Surface Transportation Program).

In the future, there are two reasons you might have to recode this item:

1. If the funding sources change, or you have to change either Items 26 or 104, then you have to recode this field to match.
2. If the funding for a particular inspection that would normally be Federal or State is changed for some reason, you have to reflect the change in this field.