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**REVISED GUIDELINES ON THE MAINTENANCE OF NATIONAL  
ROADS AND BRIDGES**

To improve the maintenance service delivery to the public, the Regional Directors and District Engineers shall strengthen their maintenance unit to keep all national roads and bridges safe and convenient to the traveling public at all times. In this regard, the following policy and procedural guidelines as well as response times for rectifying defects/deficiencies are hereby prescribed:

**1. POLICY**

- 1.1 The District Engineers (DEs) shall be directly responsible for the efficient maintenance of all national roads and bridges within their jurisdiction.
- 1.2 The DEs shall be accountable for the proper expenditure of maintenance funds and in the management of all other resources intended for the repair and maintenance of each road and bridge in their area of concern.
- 1.3 The Regional Directors shall institute positive measures and closely monitor the performance of DEs to ensure success in the DPWH objective for better roads.
- 1.4 The practice of assigning Maintenance Area Engineers shall be discontinued. Instead, a Maintenance Point Person (MPP) shall be designated and be held accountable for the upkeep of an assigned stretch of the national road network.
- 1.5 Response times to rectify roadway defects/deficiencies are hereby prescribed.

**2. PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES**

- 2.1 The DE shall designate a Maintenance Point Person (MPP) who should be a permanent staff from the Maintenance Section and who shall conduct daily inspection on the road sections including bridges for the purpose of identifying and recording defects and deficiencies. The MPP shall be one