



# National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

## Safety Recommendation

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**Date:** June 10, 2013

**In reply refer to:** M-13-09

The Honorable Victor M. Mendez  
Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration  
Washington, DC 20590

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On May 14, 2013, the NTSB adopted its report concerning the January 26, 2012, allision of the cargo vessel *Delta Mariner* with Eggner's Ferry Bridge on the Tennessee River near Aurora, Kentucky.<sup>1</sup> Additional information about this accident and the resulting recommendations may be found in the report of the investigation, which can be accessed at our website, <http://www.nts.gov>, under report number NTSB/MAR-13/02.

As a result of this investigation, the NTSB issued five new recommendations: two to the US Coast Guard; two to Foss Maritime Company, owner of the *Delta Mariner*; and the following recommendation to the Federal Highway Administration:

M-13-09:

Alert state department of transportation bridge maintenance divisions to the circumstances of this allision and their responsibility to maintain bridge navigation lighting in accordance with US Coast Guard regulations.

This safety recommendation is derived from the NTSB's investigation and is consistent with the evidence we found and the analysis we performed. Chairman HERSMAN, Vice Chairman HART, and Members SUMWALT, ROSEKIND, and WEENER concurred in this recommendation.

The NTSB is vitally interested in this recommendation because it is designed to prevent accidents and save lives. We would appreciate receiving a response from you within 90 days detailing the actions you have taken or intend to take to implement it. When replying, please refer to the safety recommendation by number. We encourage you to submit your response electronically to [correspondence@nts.gov](mailto:correspondence@nts.gov). If it exceeds 10 megabytes, including attachments,

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<sup>1</sup> Allision of the Cargo Vessel M/V Delta Mariner with Eggner's Ferry Bridge, Tennessee River near Aurora, Kentucky, January 26, 2013, NTSB/MAR-13/02 (Washington, DC: National Transportation Safety Board, 2013).

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Chairman