4-Step Process for Determining Bridge Use by Bats:

1. Identify the type of bridge(s) or culvert(s) located in the project area (is the bridge concrete box beam, steel truss, wood truss, size of culvert opening and length, etc.)
2. Identify the construction activity that is proposed to occur on the bridge or culvert (deck rehab, full replacement, superstructure rehab, pier armoring, etc).
3. Examine bridges and culverts located in the project area to document bat use, evidence of use, and structure characteristics to determine their potential as roosting habitat following the guidelines included in Bridge/Structure Assessment Guidance of the Programmatic Biological Opinion for Transportation Projects in the Range of the Indiana Bat and Northern Long-Eared Bat (USFWS 2018). Inspection should take place during active season (April 1- October 14)
4. Fill out a Bats on Bridges data sheet to keep record of the inspection.