

Appendix A

Screened Undertakings Not Requiring TN-SHPO Review

Projects limited to activities listed in Appendix A require internal review by Qualified Staff to determine whether a project including the listed activities meets all the terms and conditions in Appendix A and that no circumstances exist that would call for additional review. All activities listed in Appendix A are being performed within existing, previously disturbed right-of-way. Should the project activities fall outside existing, previously disturbed right-of-way, the project will be processed in the “Other Undertaking” category. If no such circumstances exist, Qualified Staff will document the finding of No Historic Properties Affected and that the project does not require any further review, will document the project file as appropriate, and provide an annual list of projects to the TN-SHPO, ACHP, and FHWA. Refer to Section VII.B of the Programmatic Agreement.

1. Modernization of a highway by resurfacing, restoration, rehabilitation, reconstruction, or preventative maintenance of pavement. Historic highways (National Register listed, those determined to be NR eligible by consensus, or those that have the potential for NR eligibility) are excluded from Appendix A and will be coordinated with the TN SHPO.
2. General highway maintenance and repair, including filling potholes, crack sealing, joint grinding, milling, and resurfacing using materials like those that are being replaced or repaired.
3. Extension of acceleration/deceleration lanes on a controlled access highway.
4. Pavement marking including striping, lane designations, and raised markings.
5. Pavement or installation of depressed curbs at existing driveways.
6. Conversion of existing paved medians to turning lanes.
7. Channelizing divisional refuge islands without increasing total pavement width.
8. Modification of existing access control in divided highways including but not limited to highway patrol cut-throughs and turn-arounds. Repair, replacement, or upgrading of signals, signs, and other traffic control devices in the same location and using materials like those that are being replaced or repaired.
9. Construction of turning and auxiliary lanes (e.g., truck climbing, acceleration and deceleration lanes) and shoulder widening.
10. Installation of rumble strips on existing shoulders.
11. Construction of pavement test areas on an existing roadway.
12. Replacement or repair of existing curbs and gutters, sidewalks, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) ramps and other features, fences, driveways and installation, replacement, or repair of street furniture in the same location and using materials like those that are being replaced or repaired.
13. Installation, restoration, replacement, or upgrading of under-deck lighting.
14. Installation, restoration, replacement, or upgrading of lighting systems including conventional, high-mast, and offset lighting systems.
15. Installation of highway safety improvements including breakaway devices, shielding systems, reflective object markers, delineators, raised/snow plowable pavement markers and shoulder scoring.
16. Repair, replacement, or upgrade of existing highway safety hardware including guardrail, end terminals, attenuators, median barriers, cable barriers, and glare screens.

17. Installation of new cable barrier in the median of a divided highway.
18. Drainage structures that are less than or equal to twenty feet in length, are repaired or replaced in the same location and may include work to grade, drain, base, and pave the area immediately surrounding the small structure. Drainage structures that contribute to the National Register eligibility of a historic property or historic district are excluded from Appendix A and will be coordinated with the TN SHPO.
19. Improvements to existing TDOT-owned maintenance facilities that are less than 50 years old.
20. All work within interchanges, including realignment of on and off ramps, and within medians of divided highways.
21. Installation, repair, replacement, or upgrading of flashing signals or lights, traffic calming devices (lights, signs, and speed bumps), medians, crosswalks (including those constructed with pavers), or bicycle racks and lockers in the same location and using materials like those that are being replaced or repaired.
22. Erosion control measures requiring new excavation, such as sediment ponds.
23. Hazardous waste removal requiring excavation and disposal constituting a public hazard, and which requires immediate removal.
24. Repairs to bridges that are less than 50 years old, of a ubiquitous design, or that have been previously determined to be ineligible for listing in the National Register in consultation with the TN-SHPO. Repairs include but are not limited to bridge painting, cleaning, and replacement or repair of existing drainage system elements including plugging pipe, installation of stone riprap, rock-and-wire (gabion) mattress, concrete slabs in the waterways and other bridge scour counter-measures, milling and resurfacing of bridge decks, maintenance, deck patching, and replacement or repair of bridge joints, bridge railings, and guard rails, and seismic retrofitting a bridge in the same location and using materials similar to those that are being replaced or repaired.
25. Storm damage repairs, such as culvert cleaning or repair, shoulder reconstruction, or slide or debris removal.
26. Repair, replace, or upgrade the crossing surface between the railroad tracks and ten feet outside the railroad tracks.
27. Repair, replace, or upgrade existing Bungalow Boxes/Signal Control Boxes.
28. Repair, replace, reset, or upgrade of highway safety improvements including automatic flashing lights and gates, warning bells, and constant warning time track circuitry (train detection to activate lights and gates).
29. Repair, replace, reset or upgrade of electronic variable message signs, traffic sensors, closed circuit television cameras, and highway advisory radio systems including remote controlled flashing signs support structures.
30. Installation of ramp metering systems and computer links to monitor and control traffic volumes throughout the roadway system.
31. Installation and operation of Intelligent Transportation System elements such as cameras, weather stations, and traffic counters.
32. Vegetation control, including activities such as mowing, brush removal/trimming, and herbicidal spraying.
33. Replacement or repair, slip-lining, or extension of culverts and other drainage structures which do not extend beyond or deeper than previous construction limits in the same location and using materials like those that are being replaced or repaired.

34. Erosion control measures that are affixed to or that otherwise occur on an existing structure (e.g., bridge or overpass) or within the prism (roadway and slopes) of an existing roadway.
35. Above-ground hazardous waste removal and disposal constituting a public hazard, and which requires immediate removal.
36. Acquisition of scenic easements.
37. Inventory, control, or removal of outdoor advertising.
38. Bridge re-striping on four-lane roadways that include median cross-over lanes built to redirect traffic during construction but which are then removed after construction is completed.
39. At or above grade improvements to existing rest areas, park and ride lots, and truck weigh stations that are less than 50 years old.
40. Lease, licensing, or disposal of excess right-of-way that has been previously surveyed for architectural/historical within the last ten years and for archaeological resources within the last twenty years as part of an earlier TDOT Section 106 survey and where the results of that study found that the requested parcel(s) of excess right-of-way does not contain NRHP listed or eligible historic properties, or potentially eligible archaeological sites and the SHPO concurred with TDOT's findings.
41. Lease, licensing, or disposal of excess right-of-way that is within existing and previously disturbed right-of-way whether through road construction, private development, or changes in land use that render its potential for containing NRHP listed or eligible historic properties, or potentially eligible archaeological sites, moot.
42. Any Section 106 undertaking that would ordinarily be covered by the *Section 106 Exemption Regarding Effects to the Interstate Highway System, ACHP Program Comment to Exempt Consideration of Effects to Rail Properties within Rail Rights-of-Way, and/or ACHP Program Comment on Post-1945 Concrete and Steel Bridges.*