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To: District Engineers

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Re: Types of State-Funded MnDOT Projects Exempted from CRU Review

The MnDOT Cultural Resources Unit (CRU) has determined that the following state-funded work types have little potential to impact significant historic or archaeological resources. When these types of projects are <u>not federally funded</u> and are <u>outside tribal reservation boundaries</u>, we will no longer review them for compliance with Minnesota historic preservation statutes. Work types must meet the listed restrictions/conditions to be exempt from CRU review. If a state-funded project requires a permit from the Corps of Engineers, that agency has responsibility for reviewing impacts to these resources under federal regulations. This list supersedes previous communications from CRU regarding work types exempted from our review. Please feel free to contact me or Kristen Zschomler, CRU Supervisor, with any questions.

Type of Work	Restrictions/Conditions
Pavement resurfacing/repair/rehabilitation	No work outside shoulder PI; no new right of way or
(including milling; overlays; joint and crack	temporary easement required; no realignment
sealing; other surface sealing and treatments)	
Shoulder work (including grading, paving,	No shoulder widening; no ground disturbance beyond
repair)	shoulder; no new right of way or temporary easement required
Culvert replacement	No ground disturbance outside footprint of existing
	culvert; no new right of way or temporary easement required
Noise wall maintenance	No ground disturbance beyond 5 feet from base of wall;
	replacement of any elements must be in-kind; no
	change in wall dimensions
Bridge redecking/repairs (including chip	Non-historic bridges only; no ground disturbance
sealing)	
Bridge maintenance work	Non-historic bridges only; no ground disturbance
Guardrail replacement/repair (including end	Non-historic bridges only; in-place replacement only
treatment updates)	
Signage replacement/repair/refurbishment	In-kind and in-place replacement only
Lighting replacement/repair	In-kind and in-place replacement only
Signal replacement/repair	In-kind and in-place replacement only
Fence repair/replacement	In-kind and in-place replacement only
Pavement marking	None
Safety edging	None
Loop detector installation/replacement	None
Cable median barrier	None
installation/replacement/repair	
Culvert cleaning/repair (including relining)	None
Storm sewer pipe and basin cleaning	None
Aggregate, borrow, or disposal areas	MnDOT owned areas only

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