

**South Dakota Department of Transportation**  
**Categorical Exclusion Checklist**  
***CE1 for Ground Disturbing Activities within previously disturbed ROW***

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Project:  PCN:  Env. Initiation Date:

County:  CE Action: CE1(c) EPC:

Project Location and Description:

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**Purpose & Need** check all that apply

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1. *Replacing/repairing existing underground utilities and replacement and relocation of existing utility poles between the sidewalk and roadway*
2. *Construction, reconstruction, or restoration of bicycle and pedestrian lanes, paths, and facilities*
3. *In kind repairs to walls (including noise walls)*
4. *In kind replacement or maintenance of landscaping*
5. *Installation or like kind replacement of non-decorative fencing*
6. *New or renewal of pavement markings, rumble strips and stripes, signs, impact attenuators, median glare screens, roadway delineators, breakaway devices, and reflective object markers*
7. *Repair, replacement, or installation of lighting, traffic and pedestrian signals, in ground traffic sensors, or other similar devices*
8. *Emergency Repairs declared by the State Governor or President of the United States (23 USC 125)*
9. *Improvements to existing rest areas and truck weigh stations unless included on the "Final List of Nationally and Exceptionally Significant Features of the Federal Interstate Highway System"*
10. *Replacement of sidewalks and curbs to satisfy the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) when there are no alternations to adjacent structures or facades*
11. *Repair, replacement, or installation of railroad warning devices and track and rail bed maintenance*
12. *Deployment of electronics, photonics, communications, or information processing equipment to improve safety or enhance security or passenger convenience*

13. *Reconstruction, restoration, and resurfacing activities within existing operational right-of-way*
14. *Pothole filling, crack sealing, joint repair, pavement milling or grooving, and surface treatments*
15. *Roadway, roadside, and drainage system maintenance activities necessary to preserve existing infrastructure and maintain roadway safety, drainage conveyance, and storm water treatment*
16. *Highway safety or traffic operation improvement undertakings involving drainage system elements, including but not limited to converting existing drop inlets to traversable designs; installation, replacement, and extensions of pipes and pipe end sections as long as such work is not within a stream; installation, replacement, modification of safety barriers, and removal of fixed objects such as utility poles, non-breakaway signs, and modern pipe headwalls within the roadway ROW*
17. *Repair, replacement or resetting of existing guardrail with replacement of existing wood or weathering steel guardrail being replaced consistent with the existing materials*
18. *All work within interchanges or medians of divided highways unless the median has not been previously disturbed by construction*
19. *All work between a highway and the adjacent frontage road, unless the area has not been previously disturbed by construction*
20. *Replacement or repair of curb and gutter and sidewalks (exclusive of ADA projects) when there are no alterations to adjacent structures or facades*
21. *Rehabilitation, reconstruction or refurbishing of existing at-grade railroad crossings*
22. *Emergency structural repairs to maintain the structural integrity of bridges*
23. *Maintenance of bridges and culverts including bridge repairs, deck replacement or repairs, overlays, railing repair, painting, and berm repairs*

## **CE1 Review**

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True False

1. This is an ER project required to perform emergency repairs to restore essential traffic, minimize the extent of damage, or protect the remaining facilities?

*If TRUE, inform resource agencies and FHWA as soon as possible of activities to be performed and potential for environmental impacts. Schedule environmental review and mitigation activities as soon as practical. Skip questions 2-10. Work may be certified as a CE1.*

True False N/A

Except as noted in the exception section below, a FALSE to any of the following questions will require a CE2 or higher NEPA document.

2. All work activities are associated with the existing transportation facility.
3. All work activities are within the previously disturbed right-of-way.
4. Except for maintenance activities, no work will be located adjacent to or within a historic property.
- 5.\* There are no work activities other than those checked under 'Purpose and Need' above.
- 6.\* All earth work associated with reconstruction, restoration, and resurfacing be limited to 10 feet beyond the outside edge of the existing shoulder?
7. Excluding fencing, signing, and similar work activities, all disturbance will be limited to the depth of previously placed fill material.
8. Any work involving waters of the U.S. will be permitted under a USACE Nationwide Permit.
9. Pipe and box culvert activities will be limited to maintenance of the existing in-place structures.
10. Tree removal will be limited to trees less than 3 inches in diameter.
11. The project is free of significant public controversy. *When questionable, coordinate with FHWA prior to proceeding.*

### Exceptions

\* Exception to 5 and 6: Work may be approved as a CE1 for isolated areas of disturbance beyond 10 feet of the existing shoulder when required to reestablish the original ditch grade(s) or relocate existing guardrail end terminals and the Environmental Scientist determines the work will not impact wetlands, cultural resources, or T&E Species. The verification process used with findings must be documented below. On rare circumstances, FHWA may be contacted to approve other activities. Attach additional support documents if necessary.

### STIP Approval *Project must be in current STIP prior to approval*

Current STIP: \_\_\_\_\_

### Project Certification and Approval for Environment

The SDDOT reviewed this project in accordance with the Programmatic Agreement between FHWA and SDDOT Regarding the Processing of Actions Classified as Categorical Exclusions for Federal-Aid Highway Projects. The project meets the criteria of a Categorical Exclusion under 23 CFR 771.117(c) and does not exceed the threshold criteria of a CE1.

All support documents that substantiate the above information will be maintained by the SDDOT in the project records.

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Date