

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION CHECK LIST

FOR 23 CFR 771.117(c) ACTIONS
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Revised July 2015

WisDOT Design and Construction IDs 6210-00-03 (Design) 6210-01-60 (Culverts) 6210-00-73 (Roadway)		Federal Project IDs (if available)	Legal Description (Township, Range, Section) Township 18 North Range 13 East Sections 16, 17, 21, 28 and 33	County Waushara
Project Name Ripon – Auroraville			Project Termini/ Location Green Lake County Line – STH 21	
Name of Route or Facility to be Improved STH 49		Facility Classification Minor Arterial	Improvement Type Resurfacing	
Estimated Project Cost in Year of Expenditure \$ (include R/W Cost) \$1,435,000 (FY2019)			Funding Source(s) (check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Local	
23 CFR 771.117(c) Project Type Number and Text (c)(23)(i) Federally funded projects that cost less than \$5 million				
Section 4(f) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> De Minimis <input type="checkbox"/> Bikeway/ Walkway <input type="checkbox"/> Minor Park/ Rec <input type="checkbox"/> Minor Historic <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Bridge <input type="checkbox"/> Net Benefit <input type="checkbox"/> Exception				
Right of Way Acquisition 0.00 Total Acres Fee Simple Acres Permanent Easement Acres Temporary Easement Acres				
Number of Buildings Acquired <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Vacant Buildings Occupied Buildings				
Name of Individual/ Firm Preparing this Form Elizabeth Reis/DAAR Engineering, Inc.			CE Preparation Date 07/16/2018	Environmental Process Start Date 05/16/2018

WisDOT Region Environmental Coordinator or Local Program Management Consultant

I certify that I meet the requirements for staff who review and recommend approval of Categorical Exclusion (CE) actions, specified in the FHWA – WisDOT CE Agreement. I further certify that I have reviewed this document, and agree with the determination that the proposed project and resultant impacts meet the definition of a CE as described in 23 CFR 771.117(a) & (b), and will not result in significant environmental impacts. I recommend this CE for approval.

(Signature)

Jon Motquin

(Print Name)

(Date)

WisDOT Region, Central Office, or Local Program Project Manager

I certify that I am familiar with this proposed project and its impacts and that the information contained in this document is accurate and can be relied upon for documentation decisions. I further certify that the mitigation measures and commitments proposed herein will be incorporated into the project plans and contract documents. I approve this CE.

(Signature)

Daniel Holloway

(Print Name)

(Date)

A determination that this project satisfies the criteria for an FHWA (c)-listed Categorical Exclusion (CE) does not relieve the applicant of the requirement to comply with other laws and regulations including, but not limited to, Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and Section 4(f) of the US Department of Transportation Act. Coordination to comply with these other laws may require FHWA involvement. Furthermore, designation of this project as a (c)-listed CE does not relieve the requirement for WisDOT to coordinate with WDNR under the Cooperative Agreement. Any correspondence or documentation used to comply with Federal, State, or Local laws or regulations should be maintained in the project file and provided with this checklist upon request.

BASIC SHEET – ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS

Attach a copy of this page to the design study report and the PSE submittal package.

Environmental Factor	Commitment (If none, include 'No special or supplemental commitments required.')
General Economics	Design Project Manager will include a Special Provision into contract documents to ensure access will be maintained for through traffic and emergency traffic at all times. The construction project engineer will assure fulfillment of these requirements during construction.
Business	No special or supplemental commitments required.
Agriculture	No special or supplemental commitments required
Community or Residential	No special or supplemental commitments required.
Indirect Effects	No special or supplemental commitments required
Cumulative Effects	No special or supplemental commitments required
Environmental Justice	No special or supplemental commitments required
Historic Resources	No special or supplemental commitments required
Archaeological/Burial Sites	<p>Multiple Archaeological Sites adjacent or near the project limits. Region must notify WisDOT's Cultural Resources Team (CRT) when the project is within one (1) year of construction. CRT will petition the Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS) for authorization to work within the boundaries of a burial site under State Statute 157.50. Design Project Manager will include a Special Provision into the contract documents to address the cultural sites on the project. Special Provision will include:</p> <p>A qualified archeologist will need to be on site if grading is to occur past the existing ditch. Site(s) shall not be used for borrow or waste disposal, and the site area not currently capped by asphalt/concrete should not be used for the staging of personnel, equipment, and/or supplies.</p>
Tribal Coordination/Consultation	No special or supplemental commitments required
Section 4(f) and 6(f) or Other Unique Areas	No special or supplemental commitments required
Aesthetics	No special or supplemental commitments required
Wetlands	Design Project Manager will assure wetland locations are clearly noted in the project plans. Minor wetland impacts are anticipated at all culvert locations. Impacts will be avoided to the maximum extent practical, as culverts will be replaced in kind. The construction project engineer will assure fulfillment of these requirements during construction. Proposed wetland impacts are permanent riprap pads at the culvert apron endwall locations.
Rivers, Streams and Floodplains	Design Project Manager will include a Special Provision into contract documents to ensure work on the culvert at STA 66+55 must be completed after June 15 and prior to March 1 to protect developing fish eggs and substrate for aquatic organisms. The construction project engineer will assure fulfillment of these requirements during construction.
Lakes or other Open Water	No special or supplemental commitments required

Groundwater, Wells and Springs	No special or supplemental commitments required
Upland Wildlife and Habitat	No special or supplemental commitments required
Coastal Zones	No special or supplemental commitments required
Threatened and Endangered Species	<p>Design Project Manager will include a Special Provision into contract documents to ensure that all reptiles are appropriately removed from the construction areas. Blanding's Turtle. Any/all reptiles found within the active work zone shall be relocated outside the active work zone in the direction of travel, which includes areas where equipment and/or materials are staged and/or stored. There were no suitable habitats noted for the Karner Blue Butterfly in the area.</p> <p>Design Project Manager will include a Special Provision into contract documents to ensure that all equipment shall be decontaminated for removal and spread of invasive species. See the Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter 40 Wisconsin invasive species rule. The construction project engineer will assure fulfillment of these requirements during construction.</p>
Air Quality	No special or supplemental commitments required