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SUBJECT: Modification Project Which Requires American Disability Act (ADA)
Component Upgrades

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The purpose of this policy is to address the definition of a modification project which, if designed and constructed, should include upgrades of all pedestrian facilities to current ADA standards. The lack of a formal definition has resulted in the inconsistent application of where ADA improvements should be included or if they are exempt within a project. An example is a maintenance project which is preventive in nature and is intended to extend the life a road or bridge wearing surface for an additional short period of time.

A modification project is defined as a transportation project with a scope of one or more of the following:

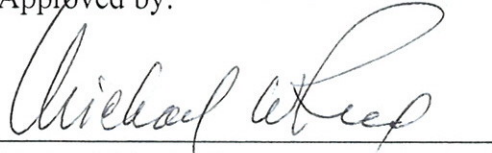
1. new, reconstructed, or widened pavement, shoulder, or bridge deck-surface;
2. surface-treatment thickness of greater than $\frac{3}{4}$ in. (20 mm) along a roadway, bikeway, or pedestrian facility;
3. full-width surface milling beyond profile milling;
4. at least 30% of the total pavement area requires full-depth patching;
5. bridge-deck overlay or deck replacement;

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- 6. new or replaced bridge railing; or
- 7. new curbs or sidewalks, or at least 30% of those existing require replacement.

Each modification project along a roadway with pedestrian facilities should have its ADA components upgraded to the current standards.

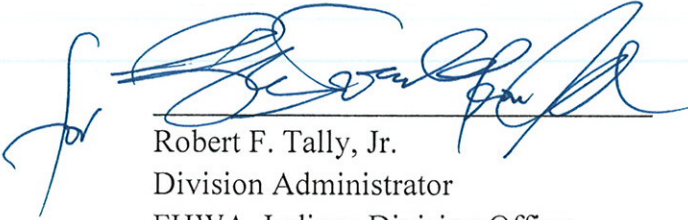
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