**This template is intended to be used to develop Project Descriptions for Categorical Exclusion (CE) levels of environmental documentation. While not required by regulation, NDOT often prepares Project Descriptions to be used in conjunction with Purpose and Need Statements and Project Details as transportation projects are developed, including asset preservation and modernization projects.**

**The intent of the Project Description is to present the project location, describe the typical roadway section, and present a description of the work needed to address the need(s) presented in the Purpose & Need Document.**

***Instructions:*** *Green text represents, notes, guidance, or examples to aid with the completion of this document. The green text shall be deleted from the draft or final versions of this document. Black text represents standard statements used for particular types of work or situations. Adjust or remove standard statements or add statements as needed.*

**Project Description**

This project is ## miles in length and is located on County Road \_\_\_ in \_\_\_ County, starting 1.5 miles west of the northwest corporate limits of Inman and extending east to 0.3 miles west of the junction of US-20 and US-275. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 500 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement. (Please note that 500’ is the **minimum** and represents the extent of the Environmental Section’s review. Instances may require exceeding 500’. Example: Bridge only project that don’t result in reconstruction of the approach roadway. If 500’ doesn’t encompass the work on the structure, transition of AC overlay and/or guardrail work, the distance needs to be increased accordingly. Don’t forget to address why project is going beyond designated mile markers (not always for transition of pavement).

The following paragraph is an example of a location description of a bridge-only project: This bridge project is located in \_\_\_ County on county road \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 4.46 miles north of the N-5/US-136 Junction. This project includes the length of the bridge and 500 feet (500 feet is a minimum, see the note in the paragraph above for explanation) beyond both ends of the bridge.

Describe the typical. If multiple typical sections exist, provide a general description only. The existing roadway on this segment of County Road generally consists of two 12 foot wide asphalt lanes and 6 foot wide shoulders, of which 2 feet is paved with asphalt.

The improvements on this project consist of describe the work that is addressing the needs that were described in the Purpose & Need. For example, new paving, concrete repairs, curb & flume, culvert work, trench widening, removing and replacing pavement, milling and resurfacing the roadway and surfaced shoulders with asphalt, bridge repairs, bridge replacement…Modify as needed.

Grading beyond the hinge point will be required at spot locations. (Modify as needed using the Project Details Template.)

Grading will be required for the entire length of this project. (Modify as needed using the Project Details Template.)

The paragraph below addresses bridge-work. Add an individual paragraph per structure crossing a named channel. If numerous structures over unnamed channels with the same type of work is being done, one paragraph can be used to describe those bridges.

The bridge over name of channel or crossed feature (Structure Number S\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_) will be examples: replaced with a new bridge, replaced with a culvert, widened, rehabilitated, or repaired. A grade raise of the entire structure is/is not anticipated. Work will/will not be required in the waterway. The limits of pavement replacement will be determined by Roadway Design (Use this sentence if there will be a grade raise of the entire structure.). Guardrail will be replaced.

The statements below address the mobility of the travelling public. This includes vehicle, pedestrian, and/or trail traffic.

This project will be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices.

This project will not be constructed under traffic. Traffic will be detoured onto the state highway system. Work will/will not be required on the designated detour route. Work with the County Highway Superintendent to determine a detour route and if work is needed on the detour route.

This project will not be constructed under traffic. A detour will be provided. Work may be required on the designated detour route to make it acceptable for county traffic (This paragraph should ONLY be used when the detour will be designated on local roads and NOT on the state highway system.).

Additional property rights will/will not be required to build this project. This concerns right-of-way needed for the project, for work on any detours routes, and for possible wetland mitigation.

Access to adjacent properties will be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements. If this statement is not accurate for the entire project, elaborate on the restriction with an additional paragraph, an example is below.

*Instructions: Include this paragraph if there is an intersection or drive within 300 feet of a 2-lane bridge receiving repairs such as: deck repairs, removing and replacing or installing approaches with grade beam on pile, deck replacement, deck widening, updating bridge rail, replacing the entire structure or installing a new structure. This type of work is usually performed using one-way traffic over the bridge regulated by a temporary signal, this setup causes the disruption to nearby intersections and drives.*

Phasing requirements for Structure ### ##### (This will most likely be a bridge, but another example could be “the culvert replacement at will temporarily impact access to nearby intersections and drives. The Traffic Division has recommended temporarily closing the access to *insert name of local roadway/business*. Alternative access is available. Local traffic may be detoured onto local roads*.* Details will be determined at the construction meeting.