

Memorandum

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TO Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT)

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SUBJECT Standard Operating Procedures for Interstate Access Justification Reports on NDOT Projects

ATTACHED SOP for IAJs on NDOT Projects.docx

An Interstate Access Justification Report (IAJR) is prepared for applicable access change request to the Interstate System pursuant to Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations Part 624 (23 CFR 624), which prescribes requirements and procedures for State requests for, and FHWA consideration of, changes in access to the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways (Interstate System).

An IAJR is a technical report that documents the Safety, Operations, and Engineering (SO&E) aspects of a proposed change in access to the Interstate System and demonstrates that the proposal meets the provisions of 23 CFR 624. This document is prepared and submitted by NDOT when there is a request for a change in access to the Interstate System. An IAJR with a Safety, Operations, and Engineering determination is required before an access change is approved by FHWA.

NDOT Roadway Design and Traffic Engineering Divisions, in coordination with FHWA, have developed Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for Interstate Access Justification Reports on NDOT Projects. This SOP details the processes, requirements, and guidelines for how IAJRs are to be developed in the State of Nebraska.

The implementation date of this SOP shall be the date of this memorandum. All Interstate System access change requests and corresponding projects shall utilize these Standard Operating Procedures and follow the requirements therein. The SOP assumes there is a Programmatic Agreement with FHWA for NDOT to assume SO&E determination for select types of access change requests. FHWA retains all final approval authority for access changes. At the time of this Memorandum, the Agreement has not been executed, and until such time, FHWA retains SO&E determination for all access change requests.