

Approval of Project Documents

MnDOT and FHWA Approvals for Project Documents

Federal Class	Document	Approval Required from:			
		District Engineer	MnDOT Chief Environmental Officer	MnDOT State Design Engineer	FHWA
Class II - Categorical Exclusions	Categorical Exclusion Determination (Programmatic)	X			Note a
	Categorical Exclusion Determination (Non-Programmatic)	X	X		X
Class III- Environmental Assessments	Environmental Assessment	X	X		Note b
	Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)		X		
	Finding of Fact and Conclusions / FONSI Request		X		
	Finding of No Significant Impact (issued by FHWA)				
Class I - Environmental Impact Statements	Scoping Document/Draft Scoping Decision Document	X	X		
	Scoping Decision Document	X	X		
	Draft or Final EIS	X	X		Note c
Class I, II or III	Design Memo – if Design Exception(s)	X		X	Note d
	4(f), Programmatic		X		Note e
	4(f), Draft Evaluation				
	4(f), Final Evaluation				Note e

NOTES:

- a** – No FHWA Approval (FHWA Approval Authority Delegated to MnDOT by agreement).
- b** – FHWA signature block on the document: Project Development Engineer, Federal Highway Administration
- c** – FHWA signature block on the document: [Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration](#)
- d** – If project is a Full Federal Oversight project, FHWA approval is required.
- e** – No FHWA signature on the document; send to FHWA Area Engineer for Approval by letter or form.