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BDE PROCEDURE MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: BDE Manual Revision – Chapter 27

DATE: September 20, 2019

Chapter 27 of the BDE Manual has been revised to clarify when removing or replacing existing sidewalks and ramps to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards will require the submittal of an Environmental Survey Request (ESR). Please see Chapter 27 of the BDE Manual on-line to view the revisions.

Background

As described in the Programmatic Agreement (PA) Among the Federal Highway Administration, the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation regarding Section 106 Implementation for Federal-Aid Transportation Projects in the State of Illinois, certain activities are considered exempt from Section 106 review as they will have no potential to affect historic properties, whether or not there may be historic properties in the area of the undertaking.

One of these exempt activities is the “removal and replacement of existing sidewalks and ADA ramps with in-kind materials.” To utilize this exemption and potentially expedite project delivery, the following revisions have been made:

- Section 27-1.02 has been revised to state that an ESR will be required for projects where existing sidewalks and ramps to ADA standards are being removed and replaced but in-kind material will not be used or the improvement is located partially or completely within a National Historic Landmark (NHL) as a NHL has special consideration as described in 36 CFR 800.10.
- Section 27-1.03 has been revised to update Cultural Resources Unit ESR procedures, includes a definition of in-kind materials, and updated some language in this section.



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