

## Design Exception Approval Matrix

Highway Corridor Priority	Applicable Controlling Criteria	Approval Level
1, 2 (NHS)	DS, LW, SW, SC, HC, MG, SSD, CS, SR, VC, CZ	Engineering Council *
3, 4, 5, 6	DS, LW, SW, SC, HC, MG, SSD, CS, SR, VC, CZ	Program **

\* Projects with a Preservation scope, including Pug Mill projects, shall be approved at the Program level. Projects with a rehabilitation scope can be approved at the Program level with consideration given to submitting Design Exceptions to the Engineering council for complex projects.

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### DESIGN ELEMENT MATRIX GLOSSARY

- DS - Design Speed
- LW - Lane Width
- SW - Shoulder Width
- HC - Horizontal Curve Radius
- SR - Superelevation Rate
- MG - Maximum Grade
- SSD - Stopping Sight Distance
- CS - Cross Slope
- VC - Vertical Clearance
- SC - Design Loading Structural Capacity

### SUPPLEMENTAL STANDARDS

- CZ - Clear Zone