Design Exception Approval Matrix

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* 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 - Structural Capacity

SUPPLEMENTAL ELEMENTS

- CZ - Clear Zone