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District/County _____ Highway _____ CSJ _____
Contractor _____ Submittal Date _____ Reviewed by _____

Historic-age Resource Survey Reports (HRSR) for non-archeological historic resources and the relevant sections of NEPA documents will be reviewed for compliance with the following checklist in addition to the Texas Historical Commission reporting standards and the Archeology and Preservation: Secretary of the Interior’s Standards and Guidelines. These standards of submission (SOS) operate in concurrence with all other Tx-DOT ENV SOSs and do not supersede requirements set for by those SOSs. Reports with all Yes responses will be automatically accepted. One or more No response may result in acceptance pending specified revisions or clarifications or in rejection depending on the nature of the issue. Reviewer comments are required if No.

Determinations of Effect

	A. Format Criteria	ENV-HIST Comments
1	<input type="checkbox"/> Findings for effect must be integrated into survey findings in addition to being incorporated into the NEPA document/HRSR.	
	B. Identification Criteria	ENV-HIST Comments
2	<input type="checkbox"/> The NEPA document/HRSR identifies and justifies the presence of historic properties in the APE appropriate to the project scope according to the PA-TU. <input type="checkbox"/> Each historic property discussion shall thoroughly describe all character defining elements that qualify it for inclusion in the NRHP.	
3	<input type="checkbox"/> Generally, historic properties subject to indirect effects shall be documented at the reconnaissance survey level at a minimum. Those subject to direct effects shall be documented at the intensive level at a minimum.	
4	<input type="checkbox"/> The NEPA document /HRSR characterizes potential effects and provides appropriate supplemental visual documentation for all historic properties in accordance with 36 CFR 60 and 36 CFR 800.9, including introduction of visual, atmospheric or audible elements that diminish the integrity of the historic property’s character defining features.	

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C. Documentation Criteria	ENV-HIST Comments
<p>5 <input type="checkbox"/> The NEPA document/HRSR includes photographic documentation for each historic-age resource sufficient in number and perspective to satisfy ENV documentation requirements. Photographs must be 3.5" x 5" color representations printed on matte finish photographic paper or 3.5" x 5" color representations printed on matte white, premium or photo quality laser or inkjet paper. Photographs must be original prints or electronic presentations of at least 1200 x 1600 pixel resolution quality:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> must include a single oblique view that incorporates both the primary façade and a side elevation at a minimum for each primary and auxiliary resource and landscape feature associated with a property recommended NRHP-eligible by the reconnaissance survey, with the subject filling the frame. <input type="checkbox"/> must be well focused and clearly depict architectural and other details relevant to an evaluation of the resource's character-defining features <input type="checkbox"/> documents the historic property's relationship to the proposed road project. <input type="checkbox"/> must be attached to separately labeled pages that clearly identify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> project name <input type="checkbox"/> project ID number <input type="checkbox"/> address or UTM of resource <input type="checkbox"/> direction of the photograph <input type="checkbox"/> style and/or form of the resource (style and form must accurately describe the resource) <input type="checkbox"/> NRHP criteria eligibility <input type="checkbox"/> resource integrity issues <input type="checkbox"/> any limitations when photographing the resource (style and form must accurately describe the resource) <input type="checkbox"/> Additional photographs are required if the historic integrity of the resource is compromised by architectural alterations including, but not limited to: replacement of historic doors and windows, attachment of synthetic siding, loss of ornamental detailing or unsympathetic additions. <input type="checkbox"/> Additional photographs of the inter-relationship of resources are required if historic outbuildings or 	

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<p>significant landscape features are associated with the property.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Additional photographs are required to show the inter-relationship of resources to the project area. <input type="checkbox"/> Additional photographs of the inter-relationship of resources are required if modern development impacts the historic integrity of the landscape. <input type="checkbox"/> Additional photographs are required to document the resource's setting, including the presence or absence of character-defining features in a proposed zone of taking subject to Section 4(f) regulations. 	
<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The NEPA document/HRSR includes maps based on aerial photos of the study area detailing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The APE, existing ROW and proposed new ROW, boundary(ies) and resources of Section 4(f) property(ies) with major street names, and other directional landmarks clearly indicated on the map. <input type="checkbox"/> Locations for each historic property's resource labeled with appropriate ID numbers running as consecutively as possible from left to right. <input type="checkbox"/> Site maps detailing the inter-relationship of resources such as outbuildings and landscape features associated with a property recommended NRHP-eligible property. Outbuildings and landscape features should be reported as subsets of the main ID number for a property, for example, a residence and associated garage could be labeled Resource Nos. 100a and 100b. The site map may label resources on an individual aerial or inset of an overall aerial. <input type="checkbox"/> Legal parcel boundaries. 	
<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The NEPA document/HRSR has appropriate graphics including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> historic photographs and illustrations <input type="checkbox"/> aerials and plat maps that amplify the arguments presented for effects analysis. <input type="checkbox"/> designated proposed ROW limits, edge of pavement and other roadway features in relationship to historic property. <input type="checkbox"/> justification of boundaries of a historic property for NRHP guidelines with resources. 	

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<p>D. Evaluation Criteria</p>	<p>ENV-HIST Comments</p>
<p>8 <input type="checkbox"/> The NEPA document/HRSR explicitly evaluates each resource’s contributing or noncontributing status as a component of the historic property. This shall include a discussion of all seven aspects of integrity.</p>	
<p>E. Effects Criteria (requires coordination with ENV staff/technical expert)</p>	<p>ENV-HIST Comments</p>
<p>9 <input type="checkbox"/> The NEPA document/HRSR shall characterize direct impacts to the historic property, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> permanent acquisition of land from a historic property’s tract by purchase <input type="checkbox"/> permanent or temporary use of land from a historic property by easement <input type="checkbox"/> relocation of features of the historic property (such as buildings, outbuildings, objects, fencing, landscaping elements) <input type="checkbox"/> demolition of features of the historic property (as above) <input type="checkbox"/> documentation of any feature of a historic property (such as awnings, signs, canopies attached to historic buildings) that lies within TxDOT ROW and must be removed to comply with unobstructed ROW regulations or may be subject to accidental impact during construction <input type="checkbox"/> development of appropriate EPIC language to protect property during construction 	
<p>10 <input type="checkbox"/> The NEPA document/HRSR shall characterize indirect impacts to the historic property, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> changes in setting, feeling or association brought about by relocation of pavement edge within TxDOT ROW <input type="checkbox"/> changes in the utility of a property by rendering it inaccessible, unusable or unsalable (for example, dividing a farm into non-productive components or precluding commercial usage of a property by eliminating parking) <input type="checkbox"/> changes in the functionality of a property wrought by impacting its character-defining features through constructive use (for example, introducing substantive increases of noise to a cemetery or other place of reflection and respite) 	

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	<input type="checkbox"/> discussion of such impacts shall rely on the standards used in determining environmental impacts through NEPA process	
11	<input type="checkbox"/> The NEPA document/HRSR shall characterize foreseeable cumulative impacts to the historic property by discussing the following points. Discussion of such impacts shall rely on the standards used in determining environmental impacts through NEPA process, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> changes in the long term economic viability that could impact its preservation <input type="checkbox"/> long-term impacts through ongoing development of transportation undertakings that could compromise the historic property in particular or the property type as a whole (such as change of hydraulics or ongoing loss of historic bridges) <input type="checkbox"/> Development plans in the immediate area (for example, reviewing filed plats) 	
12	<input type="checkbox"/> The NEPA document/HRSR shall characterize all impacts to the historic property for purposes of providing alternatives analyses required by Section 4(f) regulations and supply supporting graphic documentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Defining zones of impact and characterizing potential to avoid or minimize harm to character defining elements. 	
F. Approval		
13	<input type="checkbox"/> The NEPA document/HRSR contains no factual errors affecting the finding(s), satisfactory completion of field work, or acceptance of the report by Texas Historical Commission or other consulting parties and is therefore approved for acceptance.	
14	Additional Comments: 	