

*Texas Department of Transportation
Environmental Affairs Division*

Standards of Uniformity for Projects Without Federal Highway Involvement

A Guide to Projects without FHWA Involvement

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Project Coordination Request. This Standard of Uniformity (SOUs) applies to non-FHWA funded projects coordinated under regulations established in the [Antiquities Code of Texas](#). The purpose of this SOU is to facilitate communication between TxDOT ENV staff historians and the project sponsor to determine the scope of activities required to successfully complete state regulatory requirements governing non-archeological historic resources.

Local- or state-funded projects routinely require federal permits or licenses (such as USACE nationwide permits for impacts to jurisdictional waters). Even if a project does not involve FHWA/FTA funding, such federally permitted projects would require compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act in addition to the [Antiquities Code of Texas](#); they necessitate a different level of effort to identify, document, and evaluate historic properties. This SOU is not applicable in such circumstances.

SOUs developed for projects with FHWA involvement are available on the [Environmental Resources section of TxDOT's external web site](#). Guidance on the appropriate coordination process (and which supplemental SOUs are required) will uniformly be based on the information required by the under this SOU.

Section 1 includes information that is, at a minimum, required to properly facilitate the review process. Please submit all relevant documentation at one time.

<p>SECTION 1: Information required to process historic resources coordination and consultation</p> <p><i>[To be completed and submitted with all appropriate documentation attached by project sponsor. Quality Control must be performed by project sponsor if completed by a consultant]</i></p>	<p>Comments*</p>
<p>1 Project sponsor provided:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Active CSJ (or equivalent if the project is not a construction project) or other identifier</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project has been entered into ETS</p>	
<p>2 Project sponsor indicated the targeted:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ENV clearance date</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Anticipated letting date</p>	
<p>3 Project sponsor provided:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> "historic-age" date (let date minus 45 years)</p>	
<p>4 Project sponsor identified:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> proposed additional ROW (estimated in acres)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> any easements (estimated in acres)</p>	
<p>5 Project sponsor provided aerial map(s) or equivalent of the project area. Map includes:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> current ROW</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> proposed ROW</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Area of Potential Effects (APE)</p>	

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<p><input type="checkbox"/> known historic resources</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> major streets names</p>	
<p>6 As determined in consultation with ENV HIST, the project sponsor provided:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the project description</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> preliminary plans showing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> the existing ROW boundaries <input type="checkbox"/> proposed right of way boundaries <input type="checkbox"/> property parcel boundaries <input type="checkbox"/> temporary easements <input type="checkbox"/> permanent easements 	
<p>7 Project sponsor provided:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> typical roadway sections</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> proposed roadway sections</p>	
<p>8 Project sponsor provided:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> results of the Texas Historic Sites Atlas search, identifying NHL, NRHP, RTHL and OTHM resources located within one-quarter mile of the project area. <i>Markers to be relocated must be identified.</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The results of the search are listed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> in table format <input type="checkbox"/> on aerial map(s) or equivalent 	
<p>9 For Bridge Projects <u>or projects with historic-age bridges in the project area</u>, the project sponsor provided:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the Bridge Inventory Number</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> reported results of Historic Bridge Inventory Search (available from ENV HIST)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The results of the search are listed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> in table format <input type="checkbox"/> ALL bridges are identified on aerial map(s) or equivalent 	
<p>10 The project sponsor consulted with ENV HIST to determine:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> if rest area(s) have been evaluated for inclusion in the NRHP.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The results of the search are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> listed in table format 	

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	<p><input type="checkbox"/> sites are identified on aerial or topo maps</p>	
11	<p>Project sponsor provided:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> representative photographs of the project area, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> adjacent buildings <input type="checkbox"/> road features <input type="checkbox"/> areas of construction 	
12	<p>Project sponsor provided:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> proof of no federal monies/permits and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> proof of consultation/compliance with the Texas Antiquities Act for non-archaeological resources (Letter from the THC Architecture department) <p>Or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> proof of federal monies/permits and</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> proof of consultation/compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA for non-archaeological resources (Letter from the THC Architecture department)</p>	
13	<p>Project sponsor provided:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Active CSJ (or equivalent if the project is not a construction project) or other identifier.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project has been entered into ETS</p>	
<p>ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:</p>		

*A project sponsor's response and/or comments should reflect known data about the project and identify any data limits that would prevent the project sponsor from providing the requested information. (Attach pages as necessary)

PROJECT SPONSOR CERTIFICATION	
I reviewed all submitted documents for quality control and assessment. Project Sponsor Name: _____ Date: _____	
SECTION 2: ENV HIST DETERMINATIONS	Yes
ADDITIONAL ACTIONS REQUIRED BY THE PROJECT SPONSOR. SOU TO BE RESUBMITTED WITH REQUESTED INFORMATION	
1 Project information is insufficient to determine whether the project sponsor completed consultation with the agency(ies) with jurisdiction and meet all legal requirements under applicable state and/or federal laws.	<input type="checkbox"/>
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	

** All work must meet appropriate Standards of Uniformity. Please consult with ENV HIST if Project sponsor requires assistance with contract scoping.

SECTION 3: ENV HIST CERTIFICATION
[TO BE FILLED OUT BY ENV HIST STAFF. TO BE INCLUDED WITH PROJECT SPONSOR'S ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT]
ENV HIST staff determined that the project information is sufficient to record appropriate compliance actions on HIST screen in ETS.
ENV HIST Reviewer Name: _____ Date: _____