

- It is agreed that to maintain program flexibility, and in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 109(q), safety improvements for preventative maintenance projects can be deferred and included in future projects in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). It is expected that safety improvements would be programmed within 2 years of the preventative maintenance project. However, extensions beyond the two years can be made with the approval of FHWA. Roadside hardware upgrades will be implemented in accordance with [Appendix I](#) in this manual.*
- Projects shall have an appropriate environmental document to satisfy the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), generally a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) prepared by the VDOT District Environmental Unit.

Examples of eligible activities under Category 1:

- Corrosion protection activities (Area wide program)
- Highway sign face cleaning (Area wide program)
- Any corrective, restorative or rehabilitative/reconstruction of highway pavement, which extends the service life of pavement for 5 – 15 years
- Milling and replacement of pavement materials
- Addition of a layer or layers of paving materials. (<2.0”)
- Replacing surface treatment materials with plant mix asphalt
- Concrete joint sealing
- Diamond grinding of concrete surface
- Thin concrete overlay
- Crack sealing of mainline asphalt pavement or shoulders
- Applying surface treatments to mainline asphalt pavement or shoulders (example: chip seals, slurry seals, latex/micro-surfacing, thin friction course, etc)
- Thin hot mix asphalt overlay (<2.0”)
- Grouting, mud jacking and under sealing
- Retro fitting of dowel bars
- Shoulder pulling and wedging for pavement edge drop-off mitigation

Eligible bridge related activities under Category 1:

- Seal or replace leaking joints, reconstruction of joint areas during joint replacement or elimination of deck joints.
- Deck overlays. (Thin bonded overlays, rigid overlays, and asphalt overlays with waterproof membranes).
- Spot and zone painting/coating of structural steel to include bearings for pre-stressed concrete members.

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