

Roadway: Design Exceptions & Variances

Agency Document Reviewed By ADOT Roadway Engineering Group

- Design Exception Procedures

Submit to ADOT LPA Section before November 3, 2023

Assessment Questions

Question	Y/N	Document, Page, Paragraph <i>(To be completed by CA)</i>	Check if changed since 2019 <i>(CA to complete)*</i>	Item of Concern <i>(SME use only)*</i>
What is your process on training Design Exception & Variance documentation, evaluation and approval requirements and process to staff when managing federally funded projects?				
Please provide the Agency's Design Exception & Variance procedure (procedure/s) that follows FHWA Design Exception procedures and requirements for review and approval.				
On Local - NHS Roadways:				
Do the Agency's procedures follow the FHWA Design Exception requirements & procedures?				
Do the Agency's procedures address documentation and requirements for addressing exceptions to the AASHTO Controlling Design Criteria?				
Do the procedures include submitting to and obtaining approval from the FHWA for design exceptions and obtaining required environmental clearances prior to federal authorization of funding?				
On Local Non - NHS Roadways:				
Do the Agency's procedures address processes and requirements for documenting design exceptions and variances on Non-NHS Roadways?				
For Agency Projects within ADOT Right-of-Way:				
Do the Agency's procedures follow FHWA and ADOT Design Exception & Variance procedures?				
Do the Agency's procedures address documentation and requirements for addressing exceptions and variances to the AASHTO Controlling Design				

Criteria and ADOT Roadway Design Guidelines?				
Do the procedures include submitting to and obtaining approval from ADOT and the FHWA for design exceptions or variances and obtaining a required environmental clearance prior to federal authorization of funding?				

See **Appendix B** for additional resources.

The Certification Acceptance Agency attests to the following (check the following applicable box):

<input type="checkbox"/>	No changes made since 2019
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***Item of Concern Documentation:**

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