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BACKGROUND

A new Highway Act known as the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st century (TEA-21) was signed into law by the President on June 9, 1998. The new law encompassed various changes and this bulletin will address specific changes on stewardship of federal-aid projects.

EXISTING PROCEDURE

All non-Interstate new and reconstruction projects exceeding $1 million on the National Highway System (NHS) are under Certification Acceptance (CA) and therefore not exempt from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Title 23 oversight.

NEW PROCEDURE

Under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st century (TEA-21), and stipulated on Section 1601 of said new law, all non-Interstate new and reconstruction projects over $1 million on the NHS are now exempt from FHWA Title 23 oversight. This means that final inspection of completed CA projects by FHWA after June 8, 1998, is no longer necessary and submission of final inspection forms (FHWA-1446C) is not required. FHWA oversight for new and reconstruction projects on the Interstate system remains unchanged.