

# **Exhibit 6.3: Historic Bridges and Tunnels Screened Undertakings and Activities**

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Attachment 2: Classes of Screened Undertakings of the 106 PA<sup>1</sup>, and for state-owned cultural resources Attachment 2: Screened Projects and Activities of the 5024 MOU<sup>2</sup> identifies undertakings, projects and activities that typically have no potential to affect historic properties. Screened undertakings allow Caltrans Professionally Qualified Staff (PQS) to determine that certain individual undertakings may be exempt from further review or consultation under the 106 PA or the 5024 MOU. However, additional Section 106 review or PRC 5024 review will be required if the Caltrans PQS determines that the undertaking has potential to affect other historic properties, as described in Attachment 2 of the 106 PA/5024 MOU.

This list below was developed to clarify routine maintenance-type activities listed in Attachment 2 of the 106 PA/5024 MOU specific to bridges and tunnels that Caltrans considers have no potential to affect the character-defining features or historic fabric of historic bridges and tunnels.

Common bridge design terms, definitions, and sources of further information on historic bridges and tunnels in California can be found on the Caltrans Historic Bridge Inventory website. Definitions are drawn from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO); design, construction, and maintenance standards from Caltrans and/or the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); the National Park Service (NPS); and the California Office of Historic Preservation.

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<sup>1</sup> First Amended Programmatic Agreement Among the Federal Highway Administration, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the California State Historic Preservation Officer, and the California Department of Transportation Regarding Compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act as it Pertains to the Administration of the Federal-Aid Highway Program in California, effective January 1, 2014.

<sup>2</sup> 2015 Memorandum of Understanding between the California Department of Transportation and the California State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding Compliance with Public Resources Code Section 5024 and Governor's Executive Order W-26-92, addended 2019.

## **Bridge Activities That Do Not Need Environmental Review**

This list was developed to clarify routine maintenance activities specific to bridges and tunnels, and their approaches, that fit under one or more classes of undertakings in Attachment 2 of the 106 PA/5024 MOU. The following maintenance activities that occur on bridges and their approaches do not need to be reviewed for compliance under Section 106, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), PRC 5024, or Governor's Order W-26-92.

- Snow removal
- Removal of debris, vegetation, and obstructions (weeds, brush, and overhanging limbs, garbage)
- Nondestructive sign maintenance (washing or cleaning), including commemorative bridge sign
- Tightening of loose fittings, fasteners, bolts, hardware, or connections
- Application of lubrication to bearings, moving parts, or other machinery
- Cleaning, flushing, and unplugging drainage system including drains and conduit
- Cleaning interior surfaces of tunnels

The other screened undertakings in the Attachment 2 of the 106 PA/5024 MOU have the potential to affect historic bridges and tunnels and require review for compliance under Section 106, CEQA, PRC 5024, or Governor's Order W-26-92. See Exhibit 6.4 for guidance on processing other types of undertakings that occur on historic bridges and tunnels.