

**8820.4020 NATURAL PRESERVATION ROUTE PROPOSALS.**

Subpart 1. **County board resolution.** The county board shall submit a formal request to the commissioner in the form of a resolution.

Subp. 2. **Required information.** The request must be accompanied by:

A. an index map that identifies the proposed natural preservation route by county state-aid highway number and termini;

B. a narrative describing the history of the route, any controversy surrounding it, the in-place cross section, the particular scenic, environmental, or historical characteristics considered desirable to preserve, and which designation category (type I, II, or III) of natural preservation route being requested;

C. photographs of the route;

D. a listing of parks, rivers, or other designated natural or historical resource areas that the highway corridor passes through or adjoins and that are considered desirable to preserve;

E. a description of any safety hazards existing along the route and a discussion of the accident record over the past five years;

F. a transportation plan that considers alternate routes, or traffic management plan for the area including compatibility with the existing roadway network, as well as the existing and projected ADT;

G. a description of the function of the route including the functional classification, the type of traffic using the route, and a discussion of seasonal variations and trip purposes;

H. a comparison of the current operating speed, the legal speed limit, and the rationale for the selection of the planned design speed;

I. a preliminary description of the planned design if construction or reconstruction is proposed, including a discussion of:

(1) what natural or historical elements might be affected by different construction alternatives;

(2) which safety features might be affected by different construction alternatives; and

(3) how any changes in the continuity of design will be mitigated;

J. preliminary cost estimates of the various alternatives considered;

K. environmental documentation that may have been completed, including public notices and public meetings that have occurred;

L. a description of existing and projected land uses, any zoning in effect, and compatibility with the natural preservation route characteristics; and

M. a description of any provisions to address bicycles, pedestrians, and equestrians.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 162.02; 162.021; 162.09*

**History:** *18 SR 32*

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