

PD-15: Historic, Archaeological and Cultural Preservation

1-3 points

Goal: Preserve, protect, or enhance cultural and historic assets, and/or feature National Scenic Byways Program (NSBP) historic, archaeological, or cultural intrinsic qualities in a roadway

Sustainability Linkage

Preserving historic, archaeological, and cultural resources supports the social principle by emphasizing significant features that are valued by the community and by providing educational facilities or visual and/or physical access where applicable.



Background and Scoring Requirements

Scoring Requirements

In order to achieve points for this criterion, one of the following prerequisites must apply as noted in Scoring Requirement PD-15.1:

Prerequisite PD-15.1P

0 points. Listed in US National Register of Historic Places

Any part of the project or resource within the project boundaries is listed in the United States National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)¹ or has been determined eligible for the National Register by a State, Local, or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

OR

Prerequisite PD-15.2P

0 points. Along America's Byways[®] or Equivalent

Any portion of the project is along one of America's Byways[®] (National Scenic Byway or All-American Road)², a State Scenic Byway, an Indian Tribe Scenic Byway, or other route that was designated or officially recognized as such because of its significant *historic, cultural, and/or archaeological* features.

OR

Prerequisite PD-15.3P

0 points. Historic and/or Cultural Significance to Community

Any part of the project or resource within the project boundaries is recognized by the community as having *historic, cultural, and/or archaeological* significance to the community.

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Requirement PD-15.1

1-3 points. Avoid or Minimize Impacts to Historic, Archeological or Cultural Qualities or Enhance Features

Points shall be achieved per table PD-15.1.A. Points are **not** cumulative; rather the highest point value earned should be used.

TABLE PD-15.1.A. POINTS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR HISTORIC, ARCHAEOLOGICAL, AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION

Requirement	Points	Method
PD-15.1a	1	Minimize Impacts. Show that an effort has been made to minimize “adverse effects” to the features from Prerequisite PD-15.1P or PD-15.2P , as described in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).
PD-15.1b	2	Avoid Impacts. Show that measures have been taken to specifically avoid impacts to the features from Prerequisite PD-15.1P or PD-15.2P . Or show that impacts to the features were minimized and that the remaining impacts were deemed not adverse.
PD-15.1c	3	Enhance features. Protect, preserve, and/or enhance historic, archaeological, or cultural resources identified in Prerequisite PD-15.1P or PD-15.2P . This could be done through the installation of informational or interpretive facilities (e.g., viewpoint, kiosk, sign, or other installation for visitors detailing historic, archaeological, or cultural significance), where appropriate, to explain the resources or direct roadway users to the site, or through other activities.
PD-15.1d	1	Avoid Impacts. Show that measures have been taken to specifically avoid impacts to the features from Prerequisite PD-15.3P .

Resources

The following resources are referenced in this criterion and consolidated here:

1. NCHRP, United States National Register of Historic Places, <http://www.nps.gov/nr/>
2. FHWA, America’s Byways®, www.byways.org

Scoring Sources

The project is considered to have met this criterion if the requirements above can be reasonably substantiated through the existence of one or more of the following documentation sources (or equal where not available):

1. Documentation of the eligibility of the resource or location for the United States NRHP.
2. Documentation from associated organization(s), indicating what recognition of a tribal or other appropriate interests were or will be represented.
3. Description of project features and policies that minimize adverse effects according to Section 106 of NHPA.
4. Description of activities to avoid or improvements to enhance features.