

Non-Interstate Pavement Modernization (3R) Pavement Replacement

Project and Program Delivery Manual
Chapter 3
Programming and Funding
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Intent

To replace non-Interstate pavements on the Primary Road System while reducing the overall age of the non-interstate Primary Road system. DOT District project candidates are evaluated annually for inclusion into the 5-year Pavement Modernization plan. For additional pavement asset management information, refer to the 2023-32 Transportation Asset Management Plan - [Final TAMP \(iowadot.gov\)](#).

Annual funding levels

This program is shown in the [Iowa Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#) as part of the Highway Program section.

Current funding for 3R Pavement Replacement projects is \$35M annually for a 5-year sliding planning window. Each year, pavement replacement projects for “year-5 in the program” are selected and programmed. Figure 1 illustrates years 1-4 are programmed with 3R pavement replacement projects, indicated by a red rectangle, and year 5 is programmed during that program development year. For example, during the FY 2028-2032 program development cycle, pavement replacement projects for 2032 will be programmed.

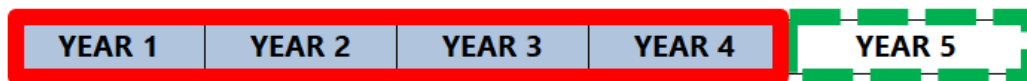


Figure 1. Pavement replacement projects are developed in Year 5 of the program, shown by a green dashed line

Other adjustments may be needed on a case-by-case basis. If project budgets exceed the development estimate used to program the project and that program year's pavement replacement amount exceeds \$35M, the additional cost will be paid for by the individual district's 3R rehabilitation. This approach avoids one project's budget affecting the state-wide 3R budget.

Note: The line item “Non-Interstate Pavement Modernization” is for the full 3R program category. This subprogram is an ‘off the top’ expense from this line item.

Deadlines & more information

Timeline

- Coordination between Pavement Management Team and Districts for advancing replacement projects schedule and evaluation of incoming Year 5 replacement projects (July – Sep)
- Project Management creates new 3R replacement projects (Aug – Sep)
- Districts submit project concepts by Oct 15
- Pavement Management Group finalizes pavement replacement projects by Nov 1

- Pavement Management Group submits final Pavement Replacement list to Project Management for review by Nov 15
- Project Management advances workflow status (Dec)
- Program Management prints final 3R Replacement Program list for review (Jan)

(Dates are 2 years in advance, ex – complete Fiscal Year 2029 concepts by October 15, 2026).

Project candidates compete statewide based on factors such as pavement need, pavement age, pavement condition, constructability, and cost effectiveness.

ADEs can view current and past projects in the OneDrive folder linked here: [3R Pavement Replacement](#). Others needing access may need to request permission.

Chronology of Changes to Manual Section:

3.3.1 Non-Interstate Pavement Modernization (3R) Pavement Replacement

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