



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 5517.021 Work not requiring competitive bidding.

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(A)(1) The director of transportation may proceed without competitive bidding by employing labor, purchasing materials, and furnishing equipment to do any of the following work:

(a) Replace any single span bridge in its substantial entirety or widen any single span bridge, including necessary modifications to accommodate widening the existing substructure and wing walls. The director shall proceed under division (A)(1)(a) of this section only if the deck area of the new or widened bridge does not exceed seven hundred square feet as measured around the outside perimeter of the deck.

(b) Replace the bearings, beams, and deck of any bridge on that bridge's existing foundation if the deck area of the rehabilitated structure does not exceed eight hundred square feet;

(c) Construct or replace any single cell or multi-cell culvert whose total waterway opening does not exceed fifty-two square feet;

(d) Pave or patch an asphalt surface if the operation does not exceed one hundred twenty tons of asphalt per lane-mile of roadway length, except that the department shall not perform a continuous resurfacing operation under this section if the cost of the work exceeds the amount established in division (B)(1)(a) of section 5517.02 of the Revised Code, as adjusted;

(e) Chip seal or fog seal an asphalt surface if both of the following apply:

(i) The operation does not exceed twenty-eight feet in width, excluding turn lanes.

(ii) Chip seal or fog seal operations statewide are not more than two hundred cumulative centerline miles of asphalt surface per year.

(2) Work performed in accordance with division (A)(1) of this section may include approach



roadway work, extending not more than one hundred fifty feet as measured from the back side of the bridge abutment wall or outside edge of the culvert, as applicable. The length of an approach guardrail shall be in accordance with department of transportation design requirements and shall not be included in the approach work size limitation.

(B) The requirements of section 117.16 of the Revised Code shall not apply to work described in division (A) of this section and the work shall be exempt from audit for force account purposes except to determine compliance with the applicable size or tonnage restrictions.