Federal Aid Projects – National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process

Agency identifies Project's Purpose and Need → Feasibility Study → Concept Report → EE - Environmental Evaluation

**Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI) Decision**

Categorical Exclusion (Cat. X) Decision
- C-List
- Programmatic D
- D-List

Plan Specification and Estimate (PS&E) Re-Evaluation

**No Significant Impacts**

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Consultation and/or Public Meeting(s)

Unsure*

EE - Environmental Evaluation

**No**

Plan Specification and Estimate (PS&E) Re-Evaluation

**Yes**

Letter of Project Initiation (LOPI)

Notice Of Intent (NOI)

Scoping

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Public Hearing

Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Public Availability

Record of Decision (ROD)

Plan Specification and Estimate (PS&E) Re-Evaluation

*Unsure means, for example:*
- the degree of public controversy is unknown; or
- that 23 CFR 771.115 identifies the project as an action that normally requires an EIS but the EE indicates no significant impacts; or
- that the EE indicates the need for extensive mitigation; or
- that alternative actions should be considered

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