

Milestones Tied to T&E Clearance

NEPA classification approval dependent on:

- Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act*
- Section 4(f) / Section 6(f)*
- Section 7 Endangered Species Act (T&E)
- Noise for anticipated CE2 level document

Request for R/W Acquisition Authority AFTER
NEPA Classification Approval

USACE 404 permit authorization dependent on:

- Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act
- Section 7 Endangered Species Act (T&E)

*separate training available for this topic

- T&E clearance is needed for finalizing NEPA classification approval, R/W acquisition (easements, too), and any 404 Permit authorization. Start submitting details for T&E at the beginning of a project, shortly after awarding the Engineering Services Contract-ideally during early design (preliminary phase)
- The initiation of NEPA starts with the submittal of an RER, and several categories are cleared within the first 1-3 months of initiation (farmland, floodplain, storm water, FEMA/SEMA, socio-economic, haz waste, noise, and 4(f)/6(f))- usually the easier categories.
- The project is then waiting for plans development, T&E, wetlands/404, 106, and NEPA classification approval. Although timelines are improving, we are still not seeing initiation of T&E submittal until just before A-date schedule, sometimes 6 months to over 1 yr after NEPA initiation (starting the RER). Considering these milestones, you can see how not getting the T&E clearance approved can delay other parts of the project.

****PLEASE PUT FED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT ID ON EVERY AGENCY DOCUMENT****

e.g., Sponsor/consultant Project Prefix and Project number BRO-B057(017) should be on: ●106 letter to SHPO ●official 4(f)/6(f) documentation ●ALL T&E documents (IPaC & MDC description, Letter with T&E assessments, Plans) ●USACE 404 permit applications

--Regulatory agencies do communicate with each other and with MoDOT about these projects. The Project Number is critical to avoid duplicating efforts and delays projects.