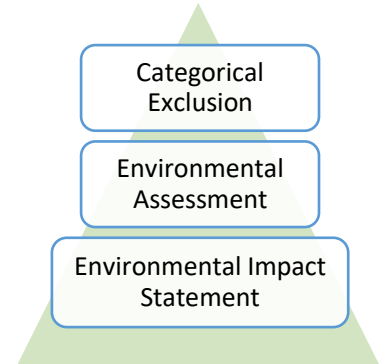


US 29 CAC Workshop #12
North, Central, and South CACs
Week of July 10, 2017

What is the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)?

- Procedural law that ensures federal agencies evaluate potential environmental effects prior to decision-making;
- Triggered by federal action, such as the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) TIGER Grant for the US 29 BRT Project;
- Three levels of documentation, chosen based on significance of environmental impacts.



How does NEPA apply to the US 29 BRT Project?

- Because project impacts are anticipated to be insignificant, the project qualifies for a “D-List” Categorical Exclusion (CE);
- A CE Worksheet is used to demonstrate that conditions for the CE are satisfied and significant impacts would not result;
- The CE Worksheet includes the project’s description, Purpose and Need, and analysis of potential impacts to a range of environmental resources.

CE Worksheet

- Air Quality
- Cultural/Historical
- Hazardous Materials
- Land Use
- Natural Resources
- Noise
- Socioeconomic
- Safety and Security
- Traffic

What US 29 BRT Project Coordination has occurred?

- MCDOT has coordinated regularly with FTA and other agency and public stakeholders throughout the simultaneous NEPA documentation / project design processes:
 - Public Open Houses
 - CAC Workshops
 - Agency Stakeholder Meetings
 - FTA Field Tour of US 29 Study Corridor

FTA approval of the US 29 BRT Project CE is expected in late July 2017.

