

# NEPA Assignment

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has assumed the Federal Highway Administration's responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by ODOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 14, 2020, and executed by FHWA and ODOT.

Visit the NEPA Assignment webpage at:

<https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odot/programs/nepa-odot/nepa-assignment-documentation>



## What is NEPA Assignment?

Under NEPA Assignment, ODOT is responsible for all environmental decisions, regulations, and laws that require review, reevaluation, consultation, or other actions related to the approval of highway projects in Ohio.

Since ODOT was granted this responsibility by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), ODOT now acts as a federal agency from an environmental standpoint.

Environmental review will take less time to complete since documents will no longer be sent to FHWA for review and approval.

ODOT is now the contact for all environmental transportation issues in Ohio.

## Benefits of NEPA Assignment

Less taxpayer money will be spent per project due to a faster environmental review process.

Projects can begin construction sooner, meaning the public can benefit from transportation improvements sooner.

Lower inflation costs due to earlier construction dates.

Environmental coordination can be completed in less time without compromising compliance with federal and state laws.

The moneys saved annually can be rolled back into the transportation program in Ohio for more improvements.

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