



OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

What is NEPA and the ODOT Decision Making Process?

NEPA is an acronym for the Federal Law called the National Environmental Policy Act, enacted in 1969. In order to use federal funds, a decision-making process that balances the social, economic, and environmental concerns must be conducted. Public Involvement and comments are part of the NEPA process. The Department will solicit comments from State, Federal, Tribal, and local agencies, and will continue to coordinate with them as necessary. Data will be collected on potential environmental issues such as noise, wetlands, cultural resources, historic resources, parks, displacements of homes or businesses, etc., to evaluate potential impacts of the proposed improvements. Economic impacts such as construction costs, estimated right-of-way, and utility cost data will also be evaluated. This information is utilized to make sound decisions in transportation improvements.

Examples of items considered during Project Development

- Biological & Water Resources
- Archeological & Historic Properties
- Hazardous Waste/Leaking Underground Storage Sites
- Noise Analysis

Project Constraints

- Streams & Wetlands
- Floodplain
- Prime Farmland
- Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) Easements
- Tribal Properties
- Potential Residential & Business Relocations

