

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA)

Goals of the NEPA Process:

Federal actions should reflect concern for, and responsibility choices that:

- Preserve communities and the natural environment
- Avoid or address disproportionate impacts to minority and low-income populations;
- Are coordinated with other Federal reviews and approvals, and state, local and tribal government actions;
- Federal transportation and environmental reviews are carried out in a timely fashion;
- Decisions are made through a collaborative process involving Federal, state and local governments and agencies, interest groups, businesses and individuals; and
- Public funds are used to achieve the maximum benefit from the financial investment.

The NEPA process must be consistent with laws, regulations, executive orders, and amendments such as:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1980
- Americans With Disabilities Act
- Executive Order 12898, Environmental Justice
- Clean Air Act and Amendments
- Farmland Protection Policy Act
- Resources Conservation and Recovery Act
- Comprehensive Environmental Resource, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980
- Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986
- Executive Order 13166 on Limited English Proficiency
- Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- National Flood Insurance Act
- National Historic Preservation Act of 1966
- Solid Waste Disposal Act
- Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act
- Archaeological Resources Protection Act
- Federal Water Pollution Act
- Wild and Scenic Rivers Act
- Environmental Protection Agency and Federal Highway Administration regulations and policies
- Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899
- Executive Order 13112 on Invasive Species and the Executive Memorandum on Beneficial Landscaping

In order to meet the goals of the NEPA process and comply with laws, regulations and policies, projects need to be carried out in such a way that they:

1. **Avoid** adverse (negative) impacts.
2. Where adverse impacts cannot be avoided, they should be **minimized**.
3. Unavoidable adverse impacts should be **mitigated**.
4. Environmental **enhancements** should be developed as appropriate.
5. Mitigation and enhancement measures are eligible for Federal funding.

“Avoid, Minimize, Mitigate, Enhance”



ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS/NEPA

- Will Discusses the Social, Economic And Environmental Effects of the Proposed Alternatives
- EA Topics:
 - Project History
 - Alternative Development
 - Land Use Impacts
 - Farmland Impacts
 - Social Impacts (including Title VI and Environmental Justice)
 - Relocation Impacts
 - Economic Impacts
 - Joint Development
 - Considerations Relating to Pedestrian and Bicyclists
 - Air Quality Impacts
 - Noise Impacts
 - Water Quality Impacts
 - Water Body Modification and Wildlife Impacts
 - Threatened and Endangered Species
 - Historic and Archaeological Preservation
 - Parklands [Section 4(f) and 6(f)]
 - Hazardous Waste and Brownfield Sites
 - Visual and Aesthetic Impacts
 - Energy
 - Construction Impacts
 - Relationship of Local Short-Term Uses vs. Long-Term Productivity
 - Irreversible and Irretrievable Commitment of Resources
 - Public and Agency Involvement



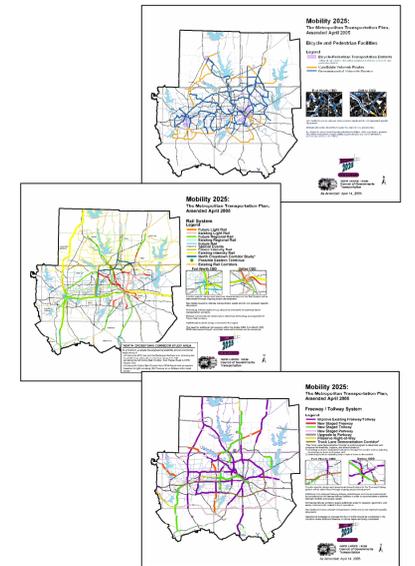
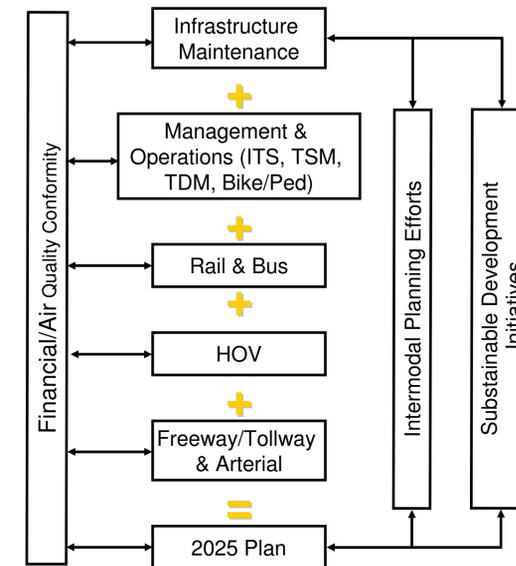
THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS



We are Here in the Process

Step 1 & 2 include:

- The Transportation Needs of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area are Identifying through the Development of a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
 - MTP is required for the region to receive federal transportation funding
 - MTP is financially-constrained
 - Effort is led by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)
 - Local governments, transit agencies, tolling authorities & TxDOT are involved in the process



For more information, go to:
<http://www.nctcog.org/trans/mtp/>

Step 3 Elements (where we are today) include:

- Development of Alternatives
- Travel Demand Studies & Analysis
- Environmental Studies & Documentation
- Public Involvement
- Agency Involvement
- Preliminary Engineering