

ENV-2 - Approve Notice of Intent

Description

This key decision is required to satisfy the legal requirement of publishing a Notice of Intent (NOI) to inform partners and the public of the commencement of the environmental review phase. This step does not involve collaboration with partners or public stakeholders and is not closely integrated with other phases of transportation decision making or other decision making processes.

There is information developed in prior key decisions that informs this step.

Purpose

Approve content of Notice of Intent for publication in the Federal Register.

Outcome

A published Notice of Intent.

Partner	Role Type	Description
MPO	No Role	No action required with regard to NEPA Notice of Intent.
FHWA/FTA	Decision Maker	Approves the notice of intent in accordance with federal requirements.
State DOT	Advisor	Ensures the NOI meets federal requirements.
Resource Agency	Observer	Observe issue of the Notice of Intent.
Public Transportation Operator(s)	Observer	Observe issue of the Notice of Intent.

Policy Questions

Questions are a way to elicit information and to validate that the information has been considered. The partners should discuss the listed questions to ensure a broad array of interests is considered at a key decision. Discussions arising from these questions support collaborative decision making.

Questions Partners Discuss

Questions about purpose and roles

- No specific questions

Questions about stakeholders, including modal and operational partners

- No specific questions

Questions about the transportation process supporting the decision

- Is the content of the NOI comprehensive and thorough enough to meet legal requirements?
- Is the NOI broad enough to encompass potential bicycle and pedestrian components?
- Is the NOI broad enough to encompass potential operations components?
- Is the NOI prepared in the format consistent with federal guidelines?

Questions about other phases

- No specific questions

Questions about non-transportation sectors/processes

- No specific questions

Stakeholder Inputs

'Questions to Gather Stakeholder Interests' allow staff to determine which stakeholders have interests at a key decision and to collect those interests for partner consideration. 'Questions to Incorporate Stakeholder Interests' ensure the interests of stakeholders are included in the decision. For more help with stakeholder collaboration visit the Stakeholder Portal

Questions to Gather Stakeholder Interests

- None

Questions to Incorporate Stakeholder Interests

- None

Data

The following is a list of data needed to support the key decision. Practitioners collect this information for decision makers to consider.

Supporting Data for the Key Decision		
From other phases of transportation decision making	Long Range Planning	Proposed project concept.
	Programming	No Specific Data.
	Corridor Planning	Proposed project concept
	Environmental Review	ENV-1: Description of the scope of the environmental review
From other sectors and processes	Land Use	No Specific Data.
	Transportation Conformity	No Specific Data.
	Natural Environment and Implementing Eco-Logical	No Specific Data.
	Capital Improvement	No Specific Data.
	Safety and Security	No Specific Data.
	Human Environment	No Specific Data.
	Economic Development	No Specific Data.
	Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Not applicable.
Freight	No Specific Data.	
From the transportation technical process supporting this key decision	Description of the public involvement plan.	
From stakeholder collaboration	No Specific Data.	
From public private partnership	No Specific Data.	

Links to Decisions

This table identifies how a key decision is connected to other key decisions. The linkages are a two-way transfer of information. Understanding and applying these linkages means that partners will recognize how a decision will impact other specific key decisions. Recognizing that the transportation processes are linked will: (1) encourage practitioners to produce information that can be used later and (2) remind them to look at information from previous key decisions.

linkages to other phases of transportation decision making

Key Decision	What is Linked?	Purpose of Linkage
None		

Examples

In-depth case studies of successful practices in collaborative decision making were used to develop the Decision Guide. Links in this table point to a specific paragraph or section of a case study that supports a key decision. It is not necessary to read through an entire case study to find the example; however, full versions are available in the Library.

PlanWorks Case Study Examples

- None

Other Examples

- None

Integrated Planning

Integrated Planning looks at the interaction between the transportation decision making process and other processes. Considering these inputs will ensure that important values and goals outside the transportation process are recognized and considered. For a full understanding of a specific process and how it influences transportation decisions, visit Applications.

Process	Integration Type	Integration Description
Land Use	None.	None.
Transportation Conformity	None.	None.
Natural Environment and Implementing Eco-Logical	None.	None.
Capital Improvement	None.	None.
Safety and Security	None.	None.
Human Environment	None.	None.
Economic Development	None.	None.
Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Freight	None.	None.
Bicycles and Pedestrians	None.	None.

Special Topics

This table provides an overview of the relationship between a key decision and individual special topics. A special topic may be an external process, a new regulation, or any emerging issue requiring collaboration. For a full understanding of a specific topic and how it influences transportation decisions, visit Applications.

Key Decision Relationship to Other Topics

Topic	Description
Public-Private Partnerships	Disseminate Information - Develop a NOI broad enough to allow P3 and communicate information about this potential to public stakeholders, private sector stakeholders, and partners.
	Data Transfer - Information about the potential P3 to inform all participants in the environmental review process.
Planning and Environment Linkages	Disseminate Information - Develop a NOI broad enough to allow operations solutions and communicate information about this potential to public stakeholders and partners.
	Data Transfer - None
Streamlining a Congestion Bottleneck Project	Notice of Intent is Approved
	Data Transfer - None