

DOCUMENTING NEPA AND TRANSPORTATION DECISION MAKING

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Jefferson Hall, Pacific Room
Time: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Cost: Free!!
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DESCRIPTION

This course covers the application of the FHWA/National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) project development and decision making process, including the integration of social, environmental and economic factors for achieving decisions that are in the best overall public interest. The course examines the evolution of environmental policy by building on a framework of laws, regulations, policies, and guidance such as the NEPA, Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations, agency implementing regulations, and Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act.

This course also covers initiatives such as the merger of environmental and permitting requirements; public involvement; interagency coordination; project streamlining and flexibility; corridor preservation; FHWA's mitigation and enhancement policy, and the role of transportation in achieving sustainable development.

OBJECTIVES: Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

1. Manage the NEPA and the transportation decision making process to address social, economic, and environmental (SEE) concerns in solving transportation problems.
2. Foster shared transportation decision making beginning in the early project development phase (scoping) and continuing through completion of a project. This includes using collaborative and consensus building techniques when working with stakeholders to identify major project issues and develop strategies to address those issues.
3. Organize and write well-designed, consistent, and analytical environmental documents that help public officials make project decisions based on understanding of environmental consequences, and that promote actions that protect, restore, and enhance the environment.

TARGET AUDIENCE

FHWA, Hawaii DOT, Department of Public Works, OMPO and Environmental Consultants.