ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROJECTS
Required for all FHWA funded projects being submitted for completion of NEPA

All requests need to be submitted through the Local Government Project Manager

Local Government Project Manager will submit the request to Environmental Programs Division

If the information is complete and the project is in the first 3 years of the 5 Year CIRB Work Plan, the County will be provided a list of NEPA consultants on ODOT contract

Once a consultant is selected, a scope clarification meeting/call will be scheduled
LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEPA STUDY CHECKLIST - contd

- Section I – Project Information
- Section II – Existing facility. Be sure to include most current bridge inspection report
- Section III – Purpose & Need for the project – why the project is needed (not what is proposed)
- Section IV – Proposed work
- Section V – Type of detour
- Section VI - Location map should be of good quality, have County Roads labeled, North arrow, County, JP Number. Include USGS map of the study area – this is to identify any jurisdictional blue lines. Include study footprint or plans. Important for study footprint to have a good scale.
Section VII – Identify relocations (requires relocation plan) and federal or tribal properties (requires signed permission letters).

Section VIII – Need signed property owner notification letters or signed letter from Commissioner with a list of property owners notified. Capacity expansion or projects on new alignments will need public meetings.

Section IX - Identify Section 4(f) properties (publicly owned parks, wildlife refuge, recreational areas) and Section 6(f) – properties with Land & Water Funds (requires replacement in kind)
Local Government NEPA Study Checklist - cont'd

- Section X – Historic Bridges (Scott will cover this later)
- Section XI – Traffic data needed for noise studies for projects on new alignment or capacity increase
- Section XII – XIV Applicable to mostly urban projects – Traffic analysis, Sidewalk Requirements
- For ALL projects R/W plans are required prior to completion of NEPA document
CIRB Funded NEPA

- ODOT will fund completion of NEPA through ODOT contracts for all FHWA funded projects in the first 3 years of the 5 Year Commission approved CIRB Work Plan.
- If a project has potential for formal consultation for species or has tribal or federal properties where NEPA or R/W acquisition is expected to take longer, projects in the next 2 years will be considered for early NEPA.
- All other projects, the County has option of hiring a NEPA consultant directly and paying for it themselves.
CIRB FUNDED NEPA - CONT'D

- A kickoff meeting with ODOT is mandatory before any work on the NEPA can be started by a County NEPA consultant.
- ODOT will provide the most current scope and timeline at the kickoff meeting.
- No saving in time by the County hiring a NEPA consultant directly.
The County may request permission to start right-of-way acquisition prior to completion of NEPA document if

- The project has no federal or tribal properties or Section 4(f) impacts
- All the field studies are complete

No ground disturbance for utilities or construction can occur until the NEPA document is approved.
ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES

- The consultation with US Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS) is completed by ODOT for all FHWA funded projects. This information is used for 404 permits also – makes your 404 permit process faster. Also there are streamlined programmatic consultation which applies only to FHWA funded projects.

- Formal consultation for endangered species will require extensive construction details from the Designer such as location of work roads and pads, method of demolition, construction, duration of construction, etc.