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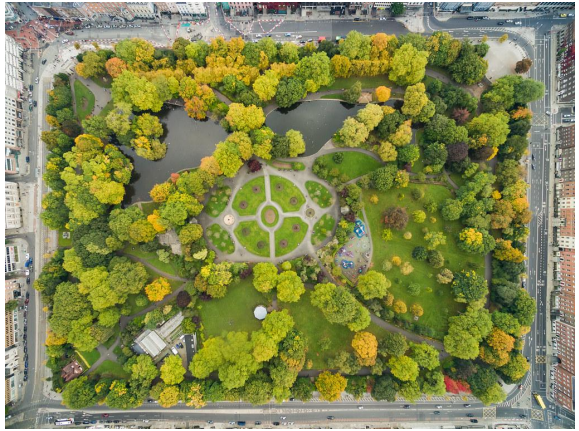

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Changes in Staffing

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- Programmatic Agreement
- Park Improvement
- NPS Guidebook

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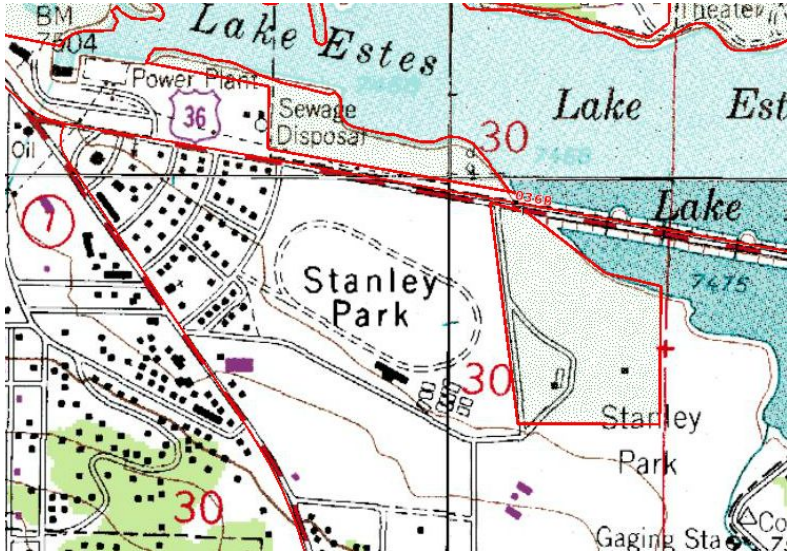
Mapping



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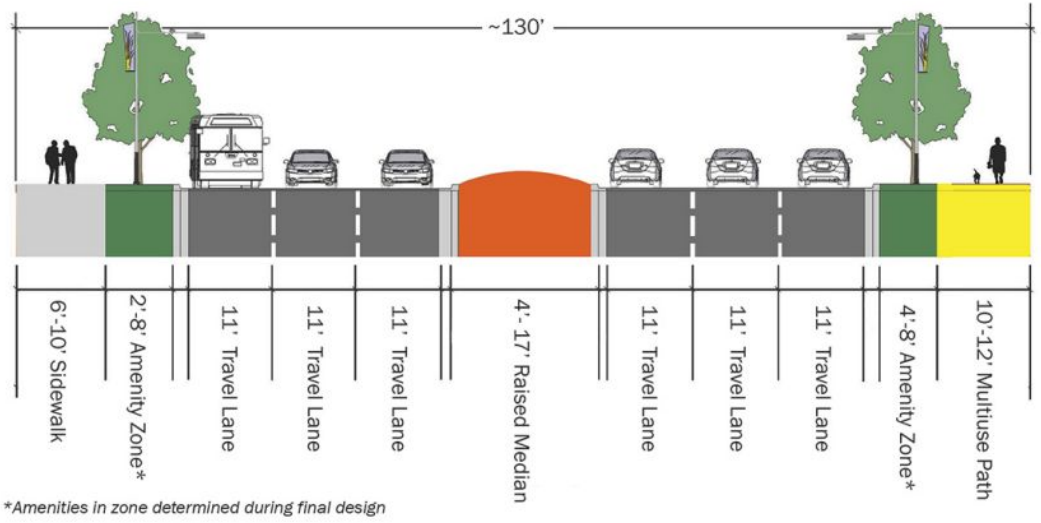

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Maps

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Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL)

- Program update
  - Still using the term ‘PEL’
- Study updates
  - Current: *SH 66, I-25 Central, I-25 South, 29 Road, SML (SH 12), Paths to Mesa Verde*
  - Upcoming: *SH 52, Santa Fe*

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PEL

- Training update
  - Completed one
  - Two to be scheduled

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PEL Tools

- PEL Decision Matrix
- Alternative Screening Tool
- Environmental Scoping Form
- Existing Conditions Template
- GSOW Template
- Traffic Analysis Tool
- Draft PEL Template Document?

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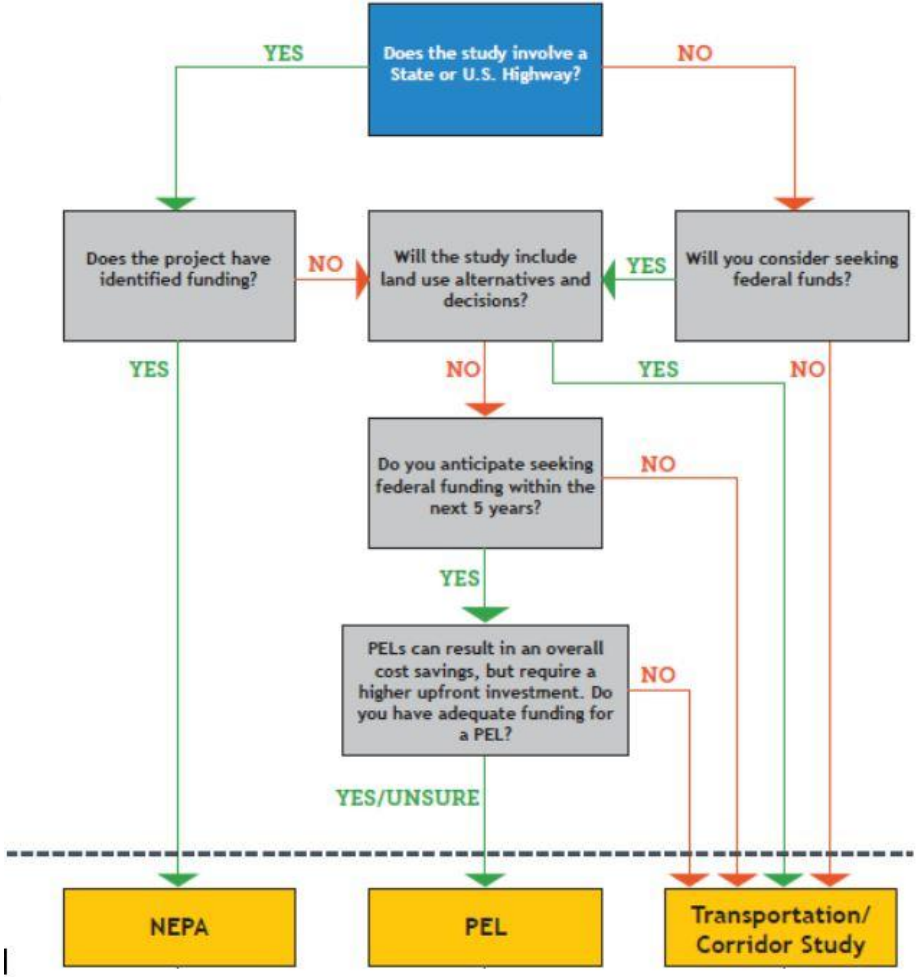
PEL Decision Matrix



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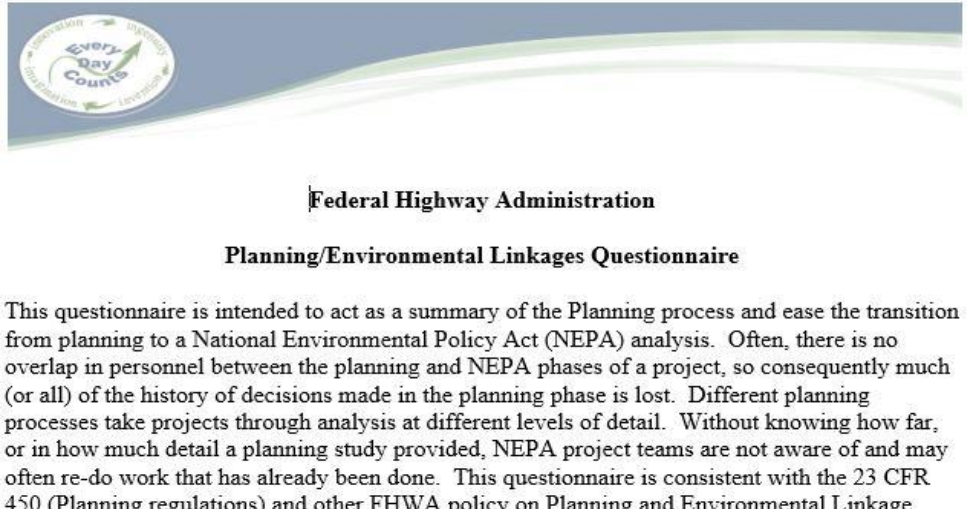
FHWA Update

- FHWA PEL Questionnaire Revision
  - Working Group to Review
- National Guidebook
  - By End of Year
- NHI Course
- Scoping Considerations Form



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Planning/Environmental Linkages Questionnaire

This questionnaire is intended to act as a summary of the Planning process and ease the transition from planning to a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis. Often, there is no overlap in personnel between the planning and NEPA phases of a project, so consequently much (or all) of the history of decisions made in the planning phase is lost. Different planning processes take projects through analysis at different levels of detail. Without knowing how far, or in how much detail a planning study provided, NEPA project teams are not aware of and may often re-do work that has already been done. This questionnaire is consistent with the 23 CFR 450 (Planning regulations) and other FHWA policy on Planning and Environmental Linkage

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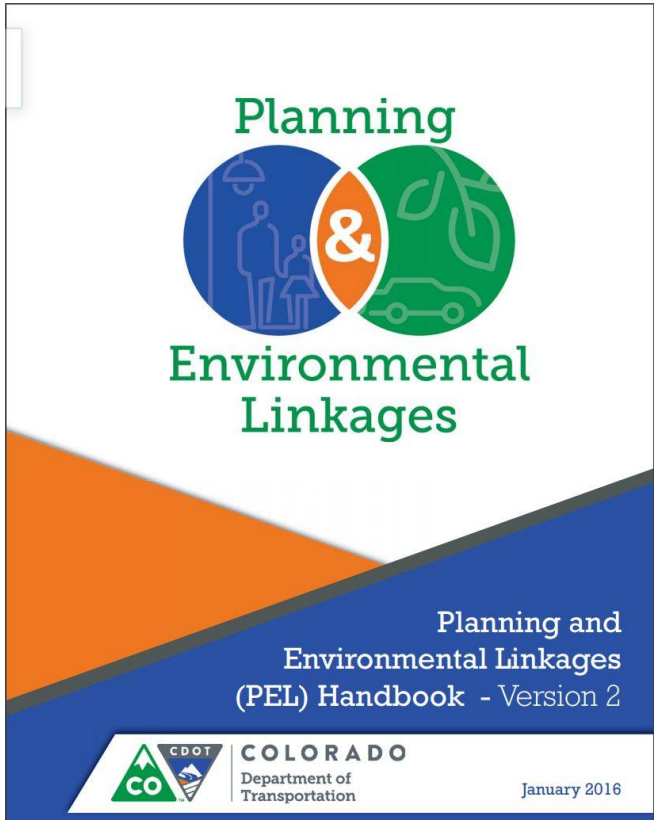

PEL Handbook Updated

- Version 3 - Mid 2020

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Questions/Discussion