NEPA Assignment Course: Moving Forward with FDOT in the Driver’s Seat

Follow-up Webinars

2016
Follow up Webinar Training to Cover

1. Changes in the Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) Process
2. Data Management and Document Retention
3. Update on SWEPT
4. Self Assessment and Audit Process
Webinar Housekeeping

• Breaks
• Recordings and Materials
• Chat Box (Questions and Sign-in Sheet)
• The Learning Curve
Webinar Controls

Maximize/Minimize Webinar controls

Enter the names of other attendees & Questions
Today’s Agenda

• Overview of Changes to the ETDM Process
• Tracking, Filing, and Records Management
• StateWide Environmental Project Tracker (SWEPT) Overview
• OEM Self-Assessment Process and NEPA Assignment Audit 101 Training
NEPA Assignment

Course: Changes in the ETDM Process for Districts

Trainer: Pete McGilvray

10/17/2016

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws described in this training are carried out by FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated [INSERT DATE], executed by FHWA and FDOT.
Poll Question

How much experience do you have with the ETDM Process?
Topics
- Overview
- Pre-Screening
- Planning Screens
- Programming Screens
- ACE in ETDM
- Advancing to PD&E
What is **ETDM?**

**Efficient Transportation Decision Making**

- **Feasibility**
- Avoidance, minimization and mitigation opportunities
- Focus issues
- Information to advance to PD&E
- Issue resolution during planning
ETDM Process for Districts

Expectations

Efficient Transportation Decision Making...While Protecting Florida's Environment

Office of Environmental Management
FDOT

ETDM Manual

Efficient Transportation Decision Making

Office of Environmental Management
FDOT

Monograph on Understanding World Department of Transportation

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ETDM Process

Planning Screen

1. Comprehensive Planning
   - Land Use
   - Mobility
   - Environment
     - Natural
     - Physical
     - Cultural
     - Human

2. Development of Cost-Feasible Plans
   - SIS Projects
   - Other state or federal funded projects
   - Unscreened Qualifying Projects in an Adopted Plan

3. ETAT Review and Coordination

4. Cost-Feasible Transportation Plans
   - MPO LRTP
   - SIS Plan

5. ETDM Issue Resolution Process

6. Planning Screen Summary Report

7. Unscreened Qualifying Projects

8. Potential Dispute

Programming Screen

1. ETAT Review and Coordination

2. Cost-Feasible Transportation Plans

3. Qualifying Priority Projects

4. Federal Consistency Determination

5. Preliminary Programming Screen Summary Report

6. ETDM Issue Resolution Process

7. ETDM Issue Resolution Required?

8. Candidate for in Work Program?

9. Determine Class of Action

10. Ready to Recommend Class of Action?

11. Advance Technical Studies

12. Initiate PD&E Study

13. Develop Scope

14. YES

15. Publish Final Programming Screen Summary Report

16. NO

17. YES

18. TO Project Development & Environment Phase (PD&E)

Environmental Technical Advisory Team (ETAT) Coordination

ETDM Manual

PD&E Manual
Planning to inform NEPA

Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) process

• Planning and Programming Screening Events
  ▪ Early agency involvement
  ▪ Define Purpose and Need
  ▪ Develop project scope
  ▪ Determine Class of Action
  ▪ Information available to the public

• Alternative Corridor Evaluation (ACE) process
  ▪ Corridor review and elimination prior to PD&E
Overview of Environmental Review Process

ETDM Screening; Scope of Services Finalized; Advance Notification; Class of Action evaluation

Project Initiation

Technical Studies

District Review of Technical Studies

Prepare Draft Environmental Document

District Quality Control Certification prior to submittal to OEM

OEM and Legal Document Review

District Updates Draft Environmental Document

OEM and Legal Review and Approval

Public Hearing

District Updates Final Document

OEM and Legal Review of Final Document

District Certifies Final Document

OEM Approves Final Document; Location and Design Concept Acceptance

Additional Steps for FONSI/ROD (Publication and Limitation of Claims)

Final Legal Sufficiency Completed for EISs and Individual Section 4(f)

LEGEND

- District
- OEM
OEM’s New Role in ETDM Process

**Review and adopt planning products for use during NEPA**
- Project Purpose and Need
- Alternative Corridor Evaluation (ACE) Methodology Memorandum (MM) and Alternative Corridor Evaluation Report (ACER)
- Other Methodology documents
- Elimination of unreasonable alternatives

**Advance Notification / Programming Screen**
- Officially invite and approve Cooperating and Participating Agencies

**Review and approve the Class of Action (COA) for the federal Environmental Document**
- Districts propose COA and provide supporting documentation as needed
- OEM coordinates with Districts, review and approve the final COA

**ETDM Issue Resolution process**

**Provide comments and recommendations regarding proposed transportation projects during the Planning and Programming Screening events**
During Transition (October 14\textsuperscript{th} - MOU Execution Date)

- No new screening events where FHWA would be the Lead Agency

- Discuss your project specifics with your Project Review Team
  - Where are you in the process?
  - What do you need to accomplish?
Project Review Teams

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

- D1: Katasha Cornwell* Thu-Huong Clark
- D2: Erika Thompson* Thu-Huong Clark
- D3: Shereen Yee Fong* Erika Thompson
- D4: Thu-Huong Clark * Katasha Cornwell
- D5: Shereen Yee Fong* Erika Thompson
- D6: TBD
- D7: Erika Thompson* Shereen Yee Fong
- FTE: Brittany Bianco **

**ENGINEERING**

- D1: Jenna Bowman
- D2: Martha Hodgson
- D3: Jenna Bowman
- D4: Michael Sykes
- D5: TBD
- D6: TBD
- D7: Martha Hodgson
- FTE: TBD

**NOTES:**
- * Primary Contact
- ** Permits & Additional District Support

- OEM Director
  - Ken Morefield

- Administrator Support to all Districts
  - Marjorie Kirby
  - Victor Muchuruza
  - Xavier Pagan

- Office of General Counsel
  - Kathleen Toolan
ETDM Process for Districts

Pre-Screening Review

Purpose and Need

Project Description

Preliminary Environmental Discussion

Only Change in how the Screenings are performed today, from a District perspective
Will not Comment During Screening Events as an ETAT Member
ETDM Approvals Transitioning to OEM

- Purpose and Need
- ACE MM and ACER
- Participating and Cooperating Agencies
- Eliminated Alternatives
- Class of Action
- Adoption of Planning Products

Prepare as normal - approvals are handled by OEM instead of FHWA
Poll Question

FHWA ETDM Approvals will now occur by OEM?
Lesson 2
Pre-screening coordination and review
ETDM Process
for Districts

Pre-screening Activities

- Identify Qualifying Projects
- Identify Federal Involvement
- Project Screening Release Schedule
- Develop Project Information

Planning Screen

Programming Screen
Districts Prepare a Project for Screening

• Identify qualifying projects from SWAT planning meeting

• Gather information
  ▪ Wind-shield surveys
  ▪ Preliminary public involvement
  ▪ EST data and map reviews
  ▪ Information from previous activities

• Prepare project information

• Enter information into EST

• Coordinate schedules with OEM and ETAT

• Complete QA/QC of information
Environmental Review Process and Federal Eligibility

* Determine State or FHWA Environmental Review Process

Indicate which environmental review process will be used:
- State Process
- FHWA Process

* Funding

FHWA Funding
- Expected: FHWA funds are expected to be on this project (includes any phase of project development or implementation).
- Not Expected: FHWA Federal funds are NOT expected to be used during any phase of project development or implementation.

Other Federal Funding
- Expected: Other sources of Federal Funds (i.e., FTA) are expected to be used on this project. Use of these funds does NOT require following the FHWA Environmental Review Process.
- Not Expected: No non-FHWA Federal funds are expected to be used during any phase of project development or implementation.

☐ State Funds Only (SFO): Flagging the project in the Work Program to indicate that Federal funds can never be used during any phase of project development or implementation. Only select this option if you have coordinated internally and the District management officially determines that this project should be flagged as "State Funds Only."
Agency Roles in PD&E

Lead Agencies

A lead agency, FDOT Office of Environmental Management, has already been assigned to this project. If you need to change the lead agency associated with the Class of Action and the new lead agency has not yet accepted the Purpose and Need, please:

1. Use the form below to select the new lead agency.
2. Have the new lead agency "Accept" the Purpose and Need (you may have to grant the agency an individual extension).
3. Please note that any prior Class of Action signatures will be removed once the lead agency is modified.

- FDOT
- FTA **
- USCG
- Unknown

** Exempt agency. To remove an exemption use the Project Description tool.
This project has been approved for the federal environmental review process.

Sign and Submit

User Identity: Chris D. Sands, FDOT District 4
OEM Pre-Screening Review

- District works with OEM project coordinators about potential resource issues.

- District notifies OEM to begin pre-screening review

- OEM reviews project information, returning comments to the District within 14 days
**Update Project Status**

**#5371 I-75 PD&E Study From North of Kings Highway to River Road**

**District:** District 1  
**Phase:** Planning Screen  
**Contact Information:** Gwen G. Pipkin  
(863) 519-2375 x2375  
tester-gwen-pipkin-etdm-coordinator-primary-d1@devnull.fla-etat.org

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### Sign and Submit

**User Identity:** Stephanie Clemons @ FDOT District 1

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## Projects Needing Review

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OEM Pre-Screening Review

1. Become familiar with the project
2. Assess resource data and maps
3. Coordinate with OEM SMEs about potential resource issues
4. Provide comments to the Districts
Items OEM Reviews during Pre-Screening

• Project Description
• Purpose and Need
• Preliminary Environmental Discussion (PED)
Reviewing the Purpose and Need

The purpose should...

- Define the transportation problem - *NOT* give a solution
- Provide data to support the problem statement
- Set the stage to consider alternatives – *NOT* reverse engineer a solution
Reviewing the Purpose and Need (continued)

The explanation of the need for the project must...

• Provide the rationale for pursuing the action

• Consist of a factual, objective description of the specific transportation problem with a summary of the data and analysis

• Be justified by quantified data, for example:
  ▪ Vehicle miles of travel
  ▪ Travel speeds
  ▪ Time of day characteristics
  ▪ Current and projected levels of service
  ▪ Crash rates
  ▪ Roadway and structure deficiencies
### Reviewing the Purpose and Need (continued)

The following may be included to help explain the need for the project:

- Project Status
- Capacity
- System Linkage
- Transportation Demand
- Legislation
- Social Demands or Economic Development
- Modal Interrelationships
- Safety
- Roadway Deficiencies

**Limited to those elements that are applicable to the Project**
Common Purpose and Need Pitfalls

• Not understandable to the public
  “The LRTP calls for a Class A facility with peak hour LOS D or better.”
  “The V/C ratio is 1.1, indicating unstable flow.”
  “To provide needed throughput, BRT will need to operate at 15 minute headways.”

• Including everything but the kitchen sink

  Tip - Remember instructions: “if applicable”

• Discusses alternatives as solution
  “The purpose of this project is to build a six lane expressway on the current alignment of Main Street from Avenue A to Avenue D”
Reviewing the Purpose and Need (continued)

Helpful Hints Supporting Review

• Should be Concise
  ▪ **Purpose**: no more than one or two paragraphs
  ▪ **Need**: ideally, less than two pages

• Should Focus on Objectives
  ▪ **Purpose**: reflects the reason(s) the project is being considered
  ▪ **Need**: describes the problem(s) to be addressed by the project
Reviewing a PED

The PED must...

- Include the Environmental Fact Sheet in Advance Notification Packages
- Provide FDOT’s understanding of potential environmental issues
- Describes the anticipated level of project involvement with resources
- Communicate what FDOT knows relative to the specific:
  - Project
  - Alternative
  - Issue
Reviewing the PED (continued)

The PED should identify:

• Resources FDOT knows about and whether we might come in contact with them (or not)

• Coordination requirements

• Technical studies

• Anticipated permits
Reviewing the PED (continued)

The PED should...

• Share information, not indicate a finding

• Assess potential environmental effects and share intent to address or evaluate them as the project advances

• Communicate what is known

• Provide reviewing agencies with context to aid them in providing actionable comments

• Ask reviewing agencies to respond to FDOT’s impression
OEM Pre-screening Review

#15251 Test - Sprinahill Road

PED

Submit

- Approved to Screen
- Approved to Screen with Revisions as Noted
- Revise and Resubmit

User Identity: Super D. User @ FDOT District 3

Submit OEM Review
#5371 I-75 PD&E Study From North of Kings Highway to River Road

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### Sign and Submit

**User Identity**: Stephanie Clemons @ FDOT District 1

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Project Description

Comments:

View Project Description

Purpose and Need

Comments:

View Purpose and Need

PED

Comments:
No comments were submitted.

View PED
Poll Question

Which items will OEM be reviewing during a Pre-Screening review?
Lesson 3
ETDM Planning Screens
Planning Screen

Community Coordination

Comprehensive Planning
- Land Use
- Mobility
- Environment
  - Natural
  - Physical
  - Cultural
  - Human

Development of Cost-Feasible Plans
- SIS Projects
- Other state or federal funded projects
- Unscreened Qualifying Projects in an Adopted Plan

Planning Screen
ETAT Review and Coordination
Cost-Feasible Transportation Plans
- MPO LRTP
- SIS Plan

ETDM Issue Resolution Process

Potential Dispute?
YES
Programming Screen

Environmental Technical Advisory Team (ETAT)
Coordination

ETDM Process for Districts
District’s Tasks

• Send Planning Screen Notification

• Obtain understanding of Purpose and Need from OEM (when OEM lead or ACE project)

• Monitor ETAT comments

• Coordinate and prepare responses

• Coordinate with OEM on the Summary Report
OEM Reviewers’ Tasks During Planning Screen

- Receive Notification
- Indicate understanding of Purpose and Need
- Monitor ETAT comments
- Coordinate with District
- Provide technical assistance
- Become familiar with issues
Purpose and Need

Review Purpose & Need

Project: #15251 Test - Springhill Road
District: District 3 Phase: Planning Screen Contact Information: Stephanie A Clamons (850) 414-5334 stephanie_clemens@fdot.com

Purpose & Need


Enter Review Information

*Indicate whether the Purpose and Need is:  [ ] Understood  [ ] Not Understood

Purpose and Need Comments

Enter any comments you have regarding the Purpose and Need. Comments are required if you indicate the Purpose and Need is Not Understood.

Sign and Submit

By entering your password you are certifying that these comments represent the official review from your agency of the Purpose & Need.

User Identity: Stephanie A Clamons @ FDOT Office of Environmental Management
Password: **********

[Submit Review]
OEM and District Monitor ETAT Comments

US Fish and Wildlife Service selected a RED flag as the Degree of Effect on the Special Designations issue for the following project alternative.

**ETDM #: 14212**

**PROJECT NAME:** SR 29 Widening 1-4 Lanes

**FINANCIAL #:** 41494-1.2-2.0-01

**FEDERAL INVOLVEMENT:** Other Federal Permit, FHWA Funding

**ACE PROJECT:** N

**ALTERNATIVE:** 1

**MODES:** Roadway

**SIS:** Y

**DISTRICT:** 1

**COUNTY:** Collier

**PLANNING ORGANIZATION:** FDOT District 1

**SCREEN:** Programming Screen

**REVIEW START:** Wednesday, 12/23/2015

**REVIEW END:** Saturday, 2/6/2016

**ETDM COORDINATOR:** Gwen Peckin

(904) 519-3275, ext. 2375

gwen.peckin@dot.state.fl.us

**PROJECT MANAGER:** None assigned at this time

**LEAD AGENCY:** FHWA (proposed)

**CLASS OF ACTION (COA):** Not determined at this time

**DISPUTE TYPE:** Project has significant environmental cost

**ISSUE:** Special Designations

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US Environmental Protection Agency selected “Not Understood” on the Purpose and Need Statement for the following project.

**ETDM #: 14275**

**PROJECT NAME:** I-10 from 1-295 to I-95

**FINANCIAL #:** 213336-2.22-01

**FEDERAL INVOLVEMENT:** Other Federal Permit, FHWA Funding

**ACE PROJECT:** N

**ALTERNATIVES:** 1

**MODES:** Roadway

**SIS:** Y

**DISTRICT:** 2

**COUNTY:** Duval

**PLANNING ORGANIZATION:** FDOT District 2

**SCREEN:** Programming Screen

**REVIEW START:** Friday, 7/15/2016

**REVIEW END:** Monday, 8/29/2016

**ETDM COORDINATOR:** Terri Newman

(386) 961-7713, ext. 7713

terri.newman@dot.state.fl.us

**PROJECT MANAGER:** David J Tyler

(386) 961-7842
Lesson 4
ETDM Programming Screens
Districts’ Tasks after the Programming Screen review

- Consult with OEM
- Identify potential technical studies and permit needs
- Develop the Preliminary Programming Screen Summary Report
- Review requests from ETAT for Participating and Cooperating Agencies and send recommendations to OEM
- Propose elimination of alternatives, if applicable, and send recommendations to OEM
- Send proposed COA to OEM when appropriate
- Publish Final Programming Screen Summary Report
OEM Approvals after Programming Screen

- Participating and Cooperating Agencies
- Eliminated Alternatives
- Class of Action
- Adoption of Planning Products
OEM Accept Purpose and Need During Programming Screen

**Purpose and Need**

Review Purpose & Need

- #15251 Test - Springhill Road
  - District: District 3
  - Phase: Programming Screen
  - Contact Information: Stephanie A. Clemens (850) 414-5334  stephane.clemens@xcom.com

**Purpose & Need**


**Enter Review Information**

- Indicate whether the Purpose and Need is: ○ Accepted  ○ Not Accepted

**Purpose and Need Comments**

Enter any comments you have regarding the Purpose and Need. Comments are required if you indicate the Purpose and Need is Not Understood.

**Sign and Submit**

By entering your password you are certifying that these comments represent the official review from your agency of the Purpose & Need.

- User Identity: Stephanie A. Clemens @ FDOT Office of Environmental Management
- Password: ********
- Submit Review
OEM and District Monitor ETAT Comments

US Fish and Wildlife Service selected a RED Flag as the Degree of Effect on the Special Designations issue for the following project alternative.

ETDM #: 14212
PROJECT NAME: SR 29 Widening 2-4 Lanes
FINANCIAL #: 434496:1-2-2-01
FEDERAL INVOLVEMENT: Other Federal Permit, FHWA Funding
ACE PROJECT: N
ALTERNATIVE: 1
MODES: Roadway
SIS: Y
DISTRICT: 1
COUNTY: Collier
PLANNING ORGANIZATION: FDOT District 1
SCREEN: Programming Screen
REVIEW START: Wednesday, 12/23/2015
REVIEW END: Saturday, 2/5/2016
ETDM COORDINATOR: Gwen Pipkin
(850) 519-2375, ext. 2375
gwen.pipkin@dot.state.fl.us
PROJECT MANAGER: None assigned at this time
LEAD AGENCY: FHWA (proposed)
CLASS OF ACTION (COA): Not determined at this time

DISPUTE TYPE: Project has significant environmental cost
ISSUE: Special Designations

US Environmental Protection Agency selected “Not Understood” on the Purpose and Need Statement for the following project.

ETDM #: 14275
PROJECT NAME: I-10 from I-295 to I-95
FINANCIAL #: 213326:2-22-01
FEDERAL INVOLVEMENT: Other Federal Permit, FHWA Funding
ACE PROJECT: N
ALTERNATIVES: 1
MODES: Roadway
SIS: Y
DISTRICT: 2
COUNTY: Dural
PLANNING ORGANIZATION: FDOT District 2
SCREEN: Programming Screen
REVIEW START: Friday, 7/15/2016
REVIEW END: Monday, 8/30/2016
ETDM COORDINATOR: Teri Newman
(386) 961-7713, ext. 7713
teri.newman@dot.state.fl.us
PROJECT MANAGER: David J Tyler
(386) 961-7842
## District Proposes Class of Action

### Propose Class of Action

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[Change Lead Agency]
The following Class of Action is ready for your review.

**ETDM #: 14273**

**PROJECT NAME:** I-95 (Ch. R-9) from J. Turner Butler Blvd. to Atlantic Blvd.

**FINANCIAL #:** 410250-2.22-01

**FEDERAL INVOLVEMENT:** Other Federal Permit, FHWA Funding

**ACE PROJECT:** N

**ALTERNATIVES:** 1

**MODES:** Roadway

**SIS:** Y

**DISTRICT:** 2

**COUNTY:** Duval

**PLANNING ORGANIZATION:** FDOT District 2

**SCREEN:** Programming Screen

**REVIEW START:** Tuesday, 5/31/2016

**REVIEW END:** Friday, 7/15/2016

**ETDM COORDINATOR:** Terri Newman

(386) 961-7713, ext. 7713

terri.newman@dot.state.fl.us

**PROJECT MANAGER:** Stephen Browning

(386) 961-3455

stephen.browning@dot.state.fl.us

**LEAD AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration

**CLASS OF ACTION (COA):** Type 2 Categorical Exclusion (Proposed)

**COA DATE PROPOSED:** Tuesday, 5/17/2016

**EXPLANATION:**

Please review the Class of Action by logging into the EST, searching for the project, and using Tools -> Review Project -> Review Class Of Action.
Lesson 5
ACE process in ETDM
The ACE process in ETDM

Planning

- Qualifying corridor examples:
  - New alignments
  - Major realignments
  - Major bypasses
  - Consultation with Lead Agency
- EST GIS results (SDR, SCE, standard EST analyses)
- Preliminary Environmental Discussion (FER)
- Lead Agency concurrence on the elimination of any unreasonable alternatives
- Apply methodology and use tools to refine corridor alternatives (Land Suitability Mapping, etc.)
- Lead Agency approval of ACER and concurrence on the elimination of any unreasonable alternative
- Create/Update Advance Notification package
- Lead Agency concurrence on the elimination of any unreasonable alternatives
- Lead Agency acceptance of Class of Action determination

ETDM Planning Screen

- Standard ETDM Planning Screen Summary Report (≤ 60 days)
- Methodology Memo (MM) review:
  - 30 days for agency review:
    - Local government (understood)
    - Agency partner (understood)
    - Lead Agency (concurs)
- Republish Preliminary Planning Screen Summary Report with ACE MM
- Refine and/or eliminate alternative corridor and attach Alternative Corridor Evaluation Report (ACER)
- 30-Day ETAT Review of ACER
- Final Planning Screen Summary Report with ACER
- ETDM Planning Program Screen
- Stakeholder review - 45 days (ETAT, Lead Agency, Public)

Programming

- Define initial alternative corridors (area, swath, general alternatives)
- Qualifying corridor examples:
  - New alignments
  - Major realignments
  - Major bypasses
  - Consultation with Lead Agency
  - Previously screened ACE projects
- EST GIS results (SDR, SCE, standard EST analyses)

ETDM Programming Screen

- Standard ETDM Programming Screen Summary Report (≤ 60 days)
- Methodology Memo (MM) review:
  - 30 days for agency review:
    - Local government (understood)
    - Agency partner (understood)
    - Lead Agency (concurs)
- Republish Preliminary Programming Screen Summary Report with ACE MM
- Refine and/or eliminate alternative corridors and attach Alternative Corridor Evaluation Report (ACER)
- 30-Day ETAT Review of ACER
- Final Programming Screen Summary Report with ACER
- ETDM Programming Program Screen
- Stakeholder review - 45 days (ETAT, Lead Agency, Public)

Project Development and Environment Process
OEM Approvals During ACE

ACE MM and ACER
Eliminated Alternatives
Elimination of Alternatives

• Use ACE process to comply with conditions of 23 U.S.C. § 168

• Cooperating agencies must concur with eliminations

• Lead agency (OEM) must approve
Lesson 6
Advancing to PD&E
### Information to support Scope Development

- Purpose and Need
- Class of Action
- Cooperating and Participating Agencies
- Identification/refinement of alternatives
- Preliminary Environmental Discussion (PED)
- Elimination of unreasonable alternatives
- Identification of anticipated technical studies and permits
- Summary of public comments, sociocultural effects evaluation, and identification of community desired features
- Identification of future coordination activities
- Recommendations for subsequent project phases
- Results of planning studies that may support the PD&E Study
Adopt Planning Products

• Information can be used within 5 years of publication

• Must follow conditions of 23 U.S.C. § 168

• May include planning products identified in 23 U.S.C. § 168

Source: 23 U.S.C. § 168
Handling Unresolved Issues

- Information from ETDM Issue Resolution Process advances to PD&E
- OEM and District continue to coordinate with ETAT members
- Technical studies may be developed to address issues
- The federal process is used for any remaining unresolved issues (23 U.S.C. § 139)
Summary of Changes

- OEM 14 day Pre-Screening Review
  - Project Description
  - Purpose and need
  - PEDs

- During Screening OEM indicates understanding or approval of purpose and need

- OEM Approvals
  - Cooperating and Participating Agencies
  - Eliminated Alternatives
  - COA
  - MM
  - ACER
  - Adoption of Planning Products
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