

Next Steps for TPB Environmental Consultation Process for 2010

Objective: Building from the November 2009 meeting of natural resource and transportation agencies in the National Capital Region, the TPB seeks to meet environmental consultation federal requirements by facilitating long-term relationships between environmental and transportation agencies, establish linked environmental and transportation planning objectives, and determine advance mitigation opportunities.

State DOTs and State Environmental Resource Agencies will:

1.	Plan state level annual meeting with environmental resource agencies, DOTs, and TPB staff to discuss areas for advanced mitigation and possibly establishing conservation and transportation objectives that could feed into regional planning processes.	June 2010
2.	Investigate the possibility of an MOU between DOTs and environmental resource agencies to establish linked planning objectives and advance mitigation opportunities	December 2010, with progress report in Spring 2010

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TPB Staff will:

3.	Coordinate meetings of a small core group of representatives from environmental and transportation agencies, twice a year <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Assist with timeline and work-plan for states/region b. Provide continuity and reminders to maintain process and hit milestones 	Spring and Fall 2010
4.	Research the possible environmental measures that could be added to the CLRP annual performance analysis	Spring 2010
5.	Look into hosting webinars/conference calls to provide more in-depth information on transportation planning for environmental agencies and conservation/mitigation for transportation agencies.	Ongoing
6.	Develop information on federal funding available for mitigation activities.	January 2010
7.	Continue to update natural resources/CLRP maps and further develop maps of potential mitigation areas and areas of avoidance (resource composite map)	Annual, next update Fall 2010

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