

INFORMATION REQUIRED TO INITIATE NEPA for Facility Projects

For FTA to determine the extent of environmental analysis required for a proposed project, we must have a clear idea of what it may do to the environment. This includes the **natural environment** (soil, water, air, flora/fauna) *and* the **human environment** (socioeconomics, land use, traffic, etc.). Additionally, FTA must determine whether any Federal funding is sought (now or in the future) for the proposal and if FTA is required to make a decision or approval (e.g., approval for incidental use of property).

INFORMATION REQUIRED	QUESTIONS ADDRESSED
<input type="checkbox"/> Sources of federal, state, and local funds and transit nexus	<i>Is the project a Federal Action eligible for FTA funding?</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Description of existing property with map showing Area of Potential Effect (APE)	<i>What are the Existing conditions?</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Street address or coordinates	<i>Are there possible environmental areas of concern at the site or in its surroundings?</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Photos of property	<i>What are the characteristics of the natural environment of the property?</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Photos of buildings on property	<i>Might any of the buildings be historic?</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Photos of surrounding buildings visible from property	<i>Are there any nearby buildings that may be historic?</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Description of complete project with site plan. Be specific for each action of the project	<i>What physical changes will be made to the existing site?</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> List of actions required upon existing property to achieve complete project (e.g., clear 5 acres of wooded land, demolish building, culvert and cover creek, etc.)	<i>Are there physical changes that are not obvious in the site plan? (e.g., excavation for a basement, fuel storage)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Logical termini, alignment, mode, and technology (if part of a linear project)	<i>Has thorough planning for the proposed project occurred? (3 out of 4 are typically enough to begin NEPA.)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> List of any public involvement done for the project, to date, if any	<i>Has the community affected by the project been informed? Is there any potential controversy?</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Provide height of existing and any proposed facilities	<i>How many stories and the height in feet for each existing and proposed facility?</i>

The more information FTA knows about a project, the more accurate we can be in assigning the most appropriate level of environmental analysis.