

## INFORMATION REQUIRED TO INITIATE NEPA for LINEAR 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).

**Note: We only need the information below for the Locally Preferred Alternative. If there are other alternatives being considered, we only need a map and a brief description of the other alternatives.**

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 route with a clear map showing existing stations and proposed stations	<i>What is the route and where would new stations be placed? KML/KMZ map files work well.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Photos of proposed station locations and that show what is to the north, east, south, and west of the station locations	<i>Are there possible environmental areas of concern at the site or in its surroundings?</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> A beginning address for the route so that FTA staff can “electronically drive” the route via an online map app (or KML/KMZ files)	<i>What are the characteristics of the built/natural environment along the route?</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Photos of any parks or public land along the route	<i>Any non-historic 4(f) concerns (parks, refuges)?</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Drawings/renderings of proposed stations and station locations	<i>Will the proposed stations cause viewshed issues?</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Description of any project construction. Be specific for each action of the project	<i>Will all work be within the existing ROW? Will there be any road widening? Any parking removed? Acquisitions?</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Total length of project	<i>Number of miles.</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>

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