

Expedited Planning and Environmental Review of Highway Projects

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State DOTs and other transportation agencies are in need of tools and practices to collaborate with other agencies when undertaking highway capacity projects. This webinar identifies, describes, and evaluates effective tools and techniques for practitioners and decision makers to expedite the planning and environmental review of transportation projects.

Tools and practices to collaborate on highway projects can be found on the website, Transportation for Communities -- Advancing Projects through Partnerships (TCAPP) www.transportationforcommunities.com, which is currently in its beta test phase. TRB's second Strategic Highway Research Program expects to release a report about the project in 2011.

The TCAPP website provides a "Collaboration Assessment" tool that pinpoints areas where the individual process or team dynamics are not supportive of collaboration and provides some strategies to address those issues. Projects can be delayed or expedited in every phase of delivery, and the TCAPP website provides information that can be used to understand and implement specific strategies for expediting project delivery. This effort was specifically directed to evaluate the earlier phases of project delivery that lead up to final design and construction. Nearly all of the strategies described are implemented during the planning, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and/or permitting phases.

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