Caltrans NEPA Assignment Fact Sheet

Time Savings and Approvals

Number of Environmental Approvals under NEPA Assignment[1]

23 USC 326 CEs	23 USC 327 CEs	Draft EAs	FONSIs	Draft EISs	Final EISs	RODs	*Total*
9,058	132	163	142	19	12	11	*9,537*

Data: July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2015 for Capital and Local Assistance programs.

Median Times Savings for Caltrans Environmental Approvals and Coordination Completed under NEPA Assignment Program

NEPA Environmental Approval Processing Milestones	***Pre-NEPA Assignment Program Median Duration[2] in Months (# of approvals)***	***NEPA Assignment Program Median Duration in Months (# of approvals)***	***Median Time Savings Realized in Months***
Begin Environmental Studies to Draft Environmental Assessment	*42.3 (31)*	*31.6 (163)*	*10.6*
Begin Environmental Studies to Finding of No Significant Impact Approval	*54.1 (31)*	*43.3 (142)*	*10.9*
Notice of Intent to Draft Environmental Impact Statement	*69.9 (8)*	*47.0 (19)*	*22.9*
Notice of Intent to Final Environmental Impact Statement	*193.9 (5)*	*63.1 (12)*	*130.8*
Begin Coordination with USFWS/NMFS to Completion of FESA Section 7	*11.0 (25)*	*6.1 (107)*	*4.9*

Data: July 1, 2007 through March 31, 2015 for Capital and Local Assistance programs.

Program Highlights

- California and Texas are the only two states that have assumed NEPA responsibility.
- California is the only state in the 23 USC 327 MOU renewal process since it is the only state that participated in the Surface Transportation Project Delivery Pilot Program (July 1, 2007 – September 30, 2012).
- Under the Project Delivery Pilot Program, Caltrans successfully completed five years of FHWA audits and reporting, and is now the only state in the monitoring phase of NEPA Assignment.
- Caltrans has saved significant time in reviewing and approving its NEPA documents since undertaking NEPA Assignment. A median time savings of 10.6 months has been achieved in approving draft EAs; 10.9 months for final EAs (FONSIs); 22.9 months for DEISs; and 130.8 months for FEISs.
- Caltrans works closely with its partners – local agencies, consultants, and FHWA – in delivering on the Congressional mandate to accelerate project delivery of its projects.

[1] The number of Draft EA, Draft EIS, FONSI, Final EIS documents and RODs includes only projects under which the environmental studies phase was initiated after NEPA Assignment began.
[2] Median duration was calculated using a sample "baseline" set of projects reviewed and approved prior to initiation of NEPA Assignment.