

NEPA –

What is it? And how does it work?

- The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
- Applies to federally funded actions
- Requires analysis of impacts to natural and cultural resources and the human environment
- Requires a transparent decision-making process with the public
- Analysis of impacts varies depending on project size, complexity and level of impact
 - Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) – for projects where it is known that the action will have a significant effect on the environment.
 - Environmental Assessment (EA) – for actions in which the significance of the environmental impact is not clearly established.
 - Categorical Exclusion (CE) – for actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the environment.

The Alton-Godfrey Transportation Study is being processed as an EIS.