Highlights of the “Procedural Guidance”

- Results of transportation planning process “inform” the NEPA process.
- Format of planning products for inclusion in the NEPA process/documents.
- Level-of-detail of transportation planning products for use in the NEPA process.
- Involvement of Federal, Tribal, State, and local environmental, regulatory, and resource agencies in transportation planning.
- Procedures for using decisions or analyses from the transportation planning process in the NEPA process.
- FHWA/FTA considerations in reviewing planning products for acceptance in project development/NEPA.
Highlights of the “Substantive Guidance”

- General Issues to be Considered:
  - Factors for considering transportation planning products to be relied upon in NEPA.

- Purpose and Need:
  - Transportation planning’s role in shaping purpose and need statements.

- Alternatives:
  - Evaluation and elimination of alternatives during the transportation planning process.

- Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences:
  - Types of planning process products and information that are useful in a project-level NEPA analysis and document.

- Environmental Mitigation:
  - Support from planning-level efforts for advanced mitigation, banking, and priorities for environmental mitigation investments.
Highlights of “Administrative Issues”

- Eligibility of FHWA/FTA funds for environmental studies in transportation planning.
- Staffing or organizational arrangements to support the acceptance of transportation planning products in the NEPA process.
- Use of environmental, regulatory, and resource agency liaisons and partnership agreements.
- Available training opportunities on the transportation planning and NEPA processes.