

CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE

One Stop Source of Environmental Information for Transportation Professionals

The AASHTO Center for Environmental Excellence, commonly known as “The Center”, offers a wide range of products and services to assist transportation agencies and their partners in achieving environmental excellence in the delivery of programs and projects. The Center’s Technical Working Group oversees The Center’s work providing technical assistance, partnership-building, training, resources, and more. The group is comprised of representatives from AASHTO committees and councils, federal, metropolitan planning, and other local agencies.

The work of The Center focuses on the following transportation disciplines:

- Planning
- Design
- Maintenance Operations
- Project Development
- Construction
- Public Transit

A RESOURCE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL TOPICS

The Center’s website is a comprehensive resource with over 20 different environmental topics. These topics include: **Active Transportation, Air Quality, Cultural Resources, the NEPA Process**, and many more. Other resources on the website cover technical assistance, training, information exchange, partnership building opportunities, as well as quick and easy access to a variety of environmental tools.

You can subscribe to weekly customized email updates from The Center’s website. In addition, you can also sign up to receive quarterly emails highlighting The Center’s projects, initiatives, and more, at environment.transportation.org.

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CENTER PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Website: The one-stop source of environmental information for transportation professionals, with programs that cover a range of over 20 different environmental topics.

Peer Exchange: These in-person events facilitate interdisciplinary discussion among state DOT practitioners on relevant environmental issues and challenges.

Communities of Practice: These groups of invited transportation practitioners meet regularly by phone or webinar to discuss emerging environmental topics and share best practices and lessons learned. The engagements are facilitated by senior technical experts and key findings are documented and shared on The Center's website.

Practitioner's Handbooks: These handbooks include practical advice on environmental issues that arise through the lifecycle of the transportation project or program and cover a wide range of topics, from NEPA Assignment to air quality conformity.

Webinars: The Center organizes and hosts webinars on a variety of topics ranging from resilience to environmental justice. The

webinars are recorded and posted to The Center's website.

Databases:

- **The Transportation and Environmental Research Ideas (TERI):** database tracks research ideas for The Center's environmental topics. The Center coordinates with the AASHTO Committee on Environment & Sustainability Research Task Force to review the research problem statements and submit those selected to the National Cooperative Highway Research Program.
- **Programmatic Agreement Library (PAL):** The PAL database contains executed programmatic agreements between state DOTs and environmental partners.
- **Case Law Updates on the Environment (CLUE):** CLUE is a storehouse for tracking and sharing case law updates on the environment. It provides a timely, organized, and comprehensive list of case law summaries for policy makers and practitioners. The database primarily includes recent court decisions involving challenges to environmental reviews and permits for highway and transit projects.

VISIT US:

For more information on environmental topics, technical assistance, partnership-building, or training, visit The Center for Environmental Excellence website at: **environment.transportation.org**.