

Federal Highway Administration

SHRP2: Transportation Liaison Program

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Liaison Program: Assistance to Affected State and Federal Agencies

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SHRP2 C19 Solutions

C19: Expediting Project Delivery

C19 Solutions are strategies for addressing or avoiding common constraints to speed delivery of transportation planning and environmental review projects.

National Liaisons: Programmatic Approaches

National liaisons in six agencies help develop programmatic approaches to accelerate project delivery.



Liaison Program Overview

Liaisons Funded through States and Other Public Entities

Under the authority of 23 U.S. C. 139(j), “Assistance to State and Federal Agencies,” Federal-aid funds may be used for positions in State and Federal agencies and tribes for their work that directly and meaningfully contributes to expediting and improving permitting and environmental review processes.

National Liaisons

FHWA Office of Project development and Environmental Review funds liaison positions in the headquarters offices of six resource and regulatory agencies.



Liaisons in the Field

Transportation Agencies may fund a wide range of liaisons in:

- A liaison in a field office of one of the agencies mentioned in the last slide
- State Historic Preservation Offices
- Land managing agencies
- Tribes
- Any State, Federal, or tribal agency that has a permitting or other approval action that meaningfully contributes to expediting and improving the environmental review process

FHWA Current Efforts for Field Liaisons

- Liaison Guidebook and Companion Agreement Outline



National Liaisons

FHWA Current National Liaison Agreements

- Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) – Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act – MaryAnn Naber
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) – Clean Water Act section 404 and Rivers and Harbors Act section 10 – currently vacant
- U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) – Rivers and Harbors Act and General Bridge Act – Zach Schulman
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) – Clean Water Act (stormwater) – currently vacant
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) – Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Migratory Bird Treaty Act – Catherine Liller
- NOAA, National Marine Fisheries (NMFS) – Endangered Species Act and Magnuson-Stevens Act – Michelle Lennox



National Liaisons'

Highlights of Recent Efforts

Highlights of Recent and Ongoing Efforts Between FHWA and National Liaisons

- ACHP – Working on a wide range of efforts to improve efficiencies in the 106 process
- USACE – Co-lead on Redbook, which covers ways to integrate NEPA and permitting
- USCG – Traveling to DOTs and FHWA Divisions across the country to promote the MOU and MOA on early coordination in bridge permitting
- USEPA – Webinars with FHWA on greening infrastructure and low impact development
- USFWS – Bat programmatic and draft MOU on migratory birds
- NMFS – Working FHWA on multiple programmatic approaches to ESA and Essential Fish Habitat



Thank you

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