

# **PROTECTING AND PRESERVING THE ENVIRONMENT**



**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AT TxDOT**



# What is NEPA?

## Planning for the Environment

Before building roads, TxDOT follows federal laws, like the **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**.



Yellow Mud Turtle, photo by Rick Phillips, wildlife biologist

It gives state and federal agencies, cities, counties and you a chance to look at how projects impact the environment and plan ahead.

## Get Involved

### Attend a Meeting or Engage Online

Learn about a project and provide your comments on the design as well as any community, economic, historical and environmental impacts.

Scan the QR code in the lower right to access a list of hearings and meetings on projects that need your feedback.

### Project Tracker

Check the status of projects online. This interactive map shows how much projects cost and when you can expect them to be completed. Go to [www.TxDOT.gov](http://www.TxDOT.gov), keywords "Project Tracker."

### Talk to Your District or Area Engineer

Each TxDOT project has an Area Engineer that oversees the work. Find your Area Engineer at [www.TxDOT.gov](http://www.TxDOT.gov), keywords "Locate a District." Call, visit or email the area engineer with your input.



# The Road to Project Environmental Success

Under this federal law, TxDOT planners, engineers and environmental scientists thoroughly review if a road project:

- Disrupts the quality of air and water by increasing traffic.
- Creates higher noise levels.
- Puts endangered plants or animals at risk.
- Negatively impacts communities and their resources.
- Changes any historic buildings, structures or archeological sites.

## INFORM

Ways TxDOT might inform you of an upcoming project that is going through NEPA reviews:

- Newsletters
- Websites
- Newspapers
- Letters
- Project Tracker
- Social Media

## VOICE YOUR CONCERNS

Ways to give feedback on a project's environmental impacts:

- Open Houses
- Public Meetings
- Stakeholder Meetings
- Public Hearings
- Online
- Over the Phone
- Email

## COLLABORATE

Project success relies on your feedback: As part of the NEPA process, TxDOT might look at different plans or new programs and activities to address what is important to you.



## About Us

As part of our mission of connecting you with Texas, TxDOT engineers, planners and environmental scientists strive to balance the needs of the state and also protect, enhance and preserve the human and natural environment. The Environmental Affairs Division ensures projects comply with federal environmental laws while meeting the public's needs for safety and mobility.

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