Center

Information Sharing

Training

Technical Assistance
CENTER WEB SITE
www.environment.transportation.org

- New updated and reorganized site
  - Improved search function
  - User feedback mechanism
  - Photo gallery
  - New sections on invasive species and environmental justice
Environmental Issues

- Air Quality
- Construction & Maintenance Practices
- Context Sensitive Solutions
- Endangered Species/Ecosystems
- Environmental Enhancements
- Environmental Justice
- Environmental Management Systems
- Historic Preservation/Cultural Resources
- Invasive Species
- Land Use/Smart Growth
- NEPA Process
- Project Delivery/Streamlining
- Secondary/Indirect & Cumulative Impacts
- Tribal Consultation
- Waste Recycling
- Water Quality/Wetlands

About The Center

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Center for Environmental Excellence has been developed in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration to promote environmental stewardship and to encourage innovative ways to streamline the transportation delivery process. The Center is designed to serve as a resource for transportation professionals seeking technical assistance, training, information exchange, partnership-building opportunities, and quick and easy access to environmental tools.

Learn More about The Center »

Technical Assistance Program

The AASHTO Center for Environmental Excellence Technical Assistance Program offers a team of highly qualified and experienced experts on-call and ready to assist transportation and environmental agency officials in improving environmental performance and program delivery. The team members individually or as a team supply strategic environmental analysis and focused environmental management technical advice through short-term assignments.

Learn More about the Technical Assistance Program »

Center Products & Programs

- 2006 National Competition for Best Practices in Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS)
- 2006 Context-Sensitive Solutions Competition
- 2004 Smart Growth Competition
- 2003 Best Practices in Environmental Stewardship Competition
- 2002 Smart Growth Competition
- DOT-Funded Positions Report
- Environmental Management Systems Products
TRAINING

- Practitioner’s Toolkit

- AASHTO/ACEC/FHWA effort to improve the quality of environmental documents

- Problem Solving Meetings
  - Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation Process
  - National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Process
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Experts available to assist states with environmental matters on either a project or system-wide level
- Environmental Managements Systems Technical Assistance Program
  - Pilot to assist states in the planning, development and implementation of an EMS
  - Technical assistance will be offered to all states after pilot phase
MAJOR INITIATIVES

Context Sensitive Solutions

- 2005 and 2006 Best Practices Competitions
- National AASHTO/FHWA Context Sensitive Solutions Peer Exchange
MAJOR INITIATIVES
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Environmental Stewardship Practices in Construction and Maintenance (NCHRP 25-25-04)

- Compilation of 7,000 environmental practices employed by DOTs
- New web format
- NCHRP project to produce a library of best practices
- Regular document updates
COMING ATTRACTIONS...

- Programmatic Agreements Library
  - Categorical Exclusions
  - Section 106
  - Endangered Species
  - Section 4 (f)

- Environmental Research Database
  - Organized, accessible digest of environmental research
AVAILABLE CENTER PRODUCTS

- A report on DOT funded positions at resource agencies
- The “Taking the High Road” report, which documents environmental and social contributions of America’s highway programs
- A “how-to” guide on developing and implementing programmatic agreements
- 2002 and 2004 Best Practices in Smart Growth Competition Reports
- 2003 Best Practices in Environmental Stewardship Competition Report
- EMS Implementation Guides and Workshop Presentations
- Documentation from the 2005 and 2006 workshops, “Managing the NEPA Process for Complex Projects”
COMMENTS/INFORMATION

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