

Caltrans NEPA Assignment Fact Sheet

Approvals and Time Savings

Number of Environmental Approvals under NEPA Assignment¹

23 USC 326 CEs	23 USC 327 CEs	Draft EAs	FONSIs	Draft EISs	Final EISs	RODs	Total
16,066	233	347	317	25	21	18	17,027

Data: July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2023 for Capital and Local Assistance programs.

Median Times Savings for Caltrans Environmental Approvals and Section 7 Formal Consultation Processes Completed under NEPA Assignment Program

NEPA Environmental Approval Processing Milestones	Pre-NEPA Assignment Program Median Duration ² in Months (# of approvals)	NEPA Assignment Program Median Duration in Months (# of approvals)	Median Time Savings Realized in Months
Begin Environmental Studies to Draft Environmental Assessment Approval	42.3 (31)	30.5 (347)	11.8
Begin Environmental Studies to Finding of No Significant Impact Approval	54.1 (31)	38.9 (317)	15.2
Notice of Intent to Draft Environmental Impact Statement	69.9 (8)	41.9 (22)	28.0
Notice of Intent to Final Environmental Impact Statement Approval	193.9 (5)	69.9 (21)	124.0
Submittal of FESA Section 7 documentation to USFWS/NMFS to the Biological Opinion	11.0 (25)	6.0 (207)	5.0

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Program Highlights

- California, Texas, Florida, Ohio, Utah, Alaska, and Arizona have been assigned NEPA responsibilities under the 327 MOU with FHWA.
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- Combined MOUs are being used by Texas, Alaska, Ohio and Florida
- Caltrans has saved significant time in reviewing and approving its NEPA documents since undertaking NEPA Assignment. A median time savings of 11.8 months has been achieved in approving draft EAs; 15.2 months for final EAs (FONSIs); 28 months for DEISs; and 124.0 months for FEISs.
- Caltrans works closely with its partners – local agencies, consultants, and FHWA – in delivering on the Congressional mandate to accelerate project delivery of its projects.

¹ The number of Draft EA, Draft EIS, FONSI, Final EIS documents and RODs includes only projects under which the environmental studies phase was initiated after NEPA Assignment began.

² Median duration was calculated using a sample “baseline” set of projects reviewed and approved prior to initiation of NEPA Assignment.