Preliminary Engineering Authorization allows the LGA to be reimbursed for costs related to preconstruction activities, or Preliminary Engineering (PE) — see Funding Authorization. That includes planning, environmental documentation, design, surveys, in short, everything except purchase of right of way, utility relocation, and construction – these activities have separate authorizations.

After full execution of a Project Agreement, NCDOT will request authorization of preliminary engineering funds, if this is an eligible phase of work. Generally, NCDOT will set up a portion of the total funding for preliminary engineering. PE Funding may be adjusted after the review and approval of a consultant contract. PE expenses should be monitored so that it stays within this range; additional funds may not be available.

**WORK PERFORMED BY NCDOT**

**IMPORTANT:** If any reviews are done by NCDOT, the cost will be charged against the project; therefore, it is important to factor those costs into an overall budget.

**PROCEDURE**

- NCDOT will submit the funding request to FHWA, along with a fully-executed Project Agreement.
- NCDOT will notify the LGA, *in writing*, when funding is authorized and expenses may be incurred.
- Funding Authorization may take as long as two (2) weeks.

**IMPORTANT:** Any costs incurred *before* preliminary engineering is authorized and written notification are *not* eligible for reimbursement.