

COMMON Acronyms for the Merger Process

{Section} 4(f) - of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966
{Section} 6(f) - of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966
{Section} 7 - of the Endangered Species Act of 1973
{Section} 10 - of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899
{Section} 106 - of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966
{Section} 303(d) - of the Clean Water Act of 1977
{Section} 401 - of the Clean Water Act of 1977
{Section} 404 - of the Clean Water Act of 1977
Title VI - of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964

A

AADT - Annual Average Daily Traffic
AASHTO - American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials
ACHP - Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
ADA - American with Disabilities Act
ADRA - Administrative Dispute Resolution Act
ADT - Average Daily Traffic
AECs - Areas of Environmental Concern
APE - Area of Potential Effect
AQI - Air Quality Index
AQNMP - Air Quality and Noise Management Plan
ARNI - Aquatic Resources of National Importance
AST - Above-ground Storage Tank

B

BA - Biological Assessment
BIA - Bureau of Indian Affairs
BMPs - Best Management Practices
BO - Biological Opinion

C

CAA - Clean Air Act
CAAA - Clean Air Act Amendments
CAMA - Coastal Area Management Act
CBD - Central Business District
CBRA - Coastal Barrier Resources Act
CCR - Community Characteristics Report
CE - Categorical Exclusion
CEQ - Council on Environmental Quality
CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation & Liability Act
CFR - Code of Federal Regulations
CIA - Community Impact Analysis
CIW - Citizens Information Workshop
CMP - Construction Management Plan
CMP - Corrugated Metal Pipe
CO - Carbon Monoxide

CTP - Comprehensive Transportation Planning
CU - Cataloguing Unit
CWA - Clean Water Act
CZMA - Coastal Zone Management Act

D

DAQ - Division of Air Quality
DCM - Division of Coastal Management
DCA - Division of Community Assistance
DEIS - Draft Environmental Impact Statement
DEO - Division Environmental Officer
DFR - Division of Forest Resources
DMF - Division of Marine Fisheries
DSAs - Detailed Study Alternatives
DWQ - Division of Water Quality

E

EA - Environmental Assessment
EEP - Ecosystem Enhancement Program
EFH - Essential Fish Habitat
EIS - Environmental Impact Statement
EJ - Environmental Justice
EMC - Environmental Management Commission
EO - Executive Order
ESA - Endangered Species Act
ESMP - Endangered Species Management Plan
ETDM - Efficient Transportation Decision-Making

F

FAA - Federal Aviation Administration
FEIS - Final Environmental Impact Statement
FEMA - Federal Emergency Management Agency
FERC - Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FHWA - Federal Highway Administration
FIP - Flood Insurance Program
FOIA - Freedom of Information Act
FONSI or FNSI - Finding of No Significant Impact
FPPA - Farmland Protection Policy Act
FRA - Federal Railroad Administration
FSC - Federal Species of Concern
FTA - Federal Transit Administration

G

GIS - Geographical Information Systems

H

HES - Human Environment Section

HNI - Highway Needs Inventory

HPO - Historic Preservation Office

HQW - High Quality Waters

HSCB - Hazardous Spill Catch Basin

HUC - Hydrologic Unit Code

I

IAG - Inter-Agency Agreement

ICA - Immediate Corrective Action

ICE - Indirect and Cumulative Effects [Assessment]

ICI - Indirect and Cumulative Impact [Analysis]

ILT - Inter-Agency Leadership Team

IP - Individual Permit

ISTEA - Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991

L

LEDPA - Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative

LEP - Limited English Proficiency

LOS - Level of Service

LRTP - Long-Range Transportation Plan

M

MA-NLAA - May Affect/Not Likely to Adversely Affect

MBTA - Migratory Bird Treaty Act

MIT - Merger Management Team

MPO - Metropolitan Planning Organization

MSATs - Mobile Source Air Toxics

MTT - Merger Training Team

N

NAC - Noise Abatement Criteria

NAGPRA - Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act

NCAC - North Carolina Administrative Code

NC-CREWS - North Carolina Coastal Region Evaluation of Wetland Significance

NCDOT - North Carolina Department of Transportation

NCDOC - North Carolina Department of Commerce

NCDCCR - North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources

NCDENR - North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

NCFS - North Carolina Forest Service

NCNHP - North Carolina Natural Heritage Program

NCTA - North Carolina Turnpike Authority
NEPA - National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
NES - Natural Environment Section
NHS - National Highway System
NHPA - National Historic Preservation Act
NMFS - National Marine Fisheries Service
NPDES - National Pollution Discharge Elimination System
NPS - National Park Service
NOAA - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOI - Notice of Intent
NOV - Notice of Violation
NO_x - Nitrogen Oxides
NO₂ - Nitrogen Dioxide
NR - National Register
NRCS - Natural Resources Conservation Service
NRTR - Natural Resources Technical Report
NSW - Nutrient Sensitive Waters
NWI - National Wetland Inventory

O

O₃ - Ozone
OBTF - Outer Banks Task Force
O/D - Origin/Destination Study
ORW - Outstanding Resource Waters
OSA - Office of State Archeology

P

PDEA - Project Development and Environmental Analysis (NCDOT Unit)
PN - Public Notice
P&N - Purpose and Need
PMii - Project Management Improvement Initiative
PSHs - Pre-formed Scour Holes

R

RCBC - Re-enforced Concrete Box Culvert
RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
ROD - Record of Decision
ROW - Right of Way
RPO - Rural Planning Organization
RTK - Right-to-Know

S

SAFETEA-LU - Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act - Legacy for Users of 2005
SASHTO - State Association of State and Highway Transportation Officials
SAVs - Submerged Aquatic Vegetation
SDEIS - Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement
SDWA - Safe Drinking Water Act of 1944

SEPA - State Environmental Policy Act
SFEIS - Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement
SHCs - Strategic Highway Corridors
SHPO - State Historic Preservation Officer
SIP - State Implementation Plan
SO₂ - Sulfur Dioxide
SPUI - Single Point Urban Interchange
STIP - State Transportation Improvement Program
STRAHNET - Strategic Highway Network

T

TEA-21 - Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century of 1998
TDM - Travel Demand Model
T&E - Threatened and Endangered (Species)
TIP - Transportation Improvement Plan
TMP - Traffic Management Plan
TVA - Tennessee Valley Authority

U

USACE or ACE - United States Army Corps of Engineers
USCG - United States Coast Guard
USDA - United States Department of Agricultural
USDOC - United States Department of Commerce
US DHS - United States Department of Homeland Security
US DHHS - United States Department of Health and Human Services
USDOI - United States Department of Interior
US DOJ - United States Department of Justice
USDOT - United States Department of Transportation
USEPA or EPA - United States Environmental Protection Agency
USFS - United States Forest Service
USFWS or FWS - United States Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS - United States Geological Service
UST - Underground Storage Tank

V

VPD - Vehicles Per Day

W

WRC - North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission