The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Environmental Manual M 31-11 and the WSDOT Environmental web pages support WSDOT’s Environmental Policy Statement and our Stewardship Agreement with FHWA. It also provides guidance for compliance with state and federal environmental laws and regulations for all phases of project delivery.

Figure 100-1 identifies the major planning, engineering, and environmental activities associated with each phase of the project delivery. It shows where information can be found in this manual. Links to the WSDOT Environment Site Index web page are provided in the text as needed.

This manual and the supporting web pages apply to state owned and operated facilities. The intended users are WSDOT staff and consultants working on WSDOT projects. Local governments and transit agencies may also use this guidance in accordance with the WSDOT Local Agency Guidelines M 36-63.

This manual and supporting WSDOT web pages replace all previous editions. Updating guidance material is a continuous process due to the ever-changing nature of environmental laws and regulations. It is the user’s responsibility to use the most current information available.

Comments and suggestions for improving the manual are welcome. Contact the WSDOT Environmental Procedures Coordinator at 360-705-7493 or use the Feedback Form.
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Project Development and Permitting

Preliminary Engineering

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Transportation Planning
Identify and document environmental resources and mitigation opportunities.

Chapter 300
Scoping and Programming
Environmental review summaries and permitting, cost estimates, and STIP.

Chapter 400-490
Design and Environmental Review
Completing the environmental analysis for alternative selection during NEPA and SEPA.

Chapter 500-590
Permitting, Plans Specifications, and Engineering
Environmental permitting, plans specifications, and commitment tracking.

Chapter 600-630
Construction
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Chapter 700
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