Chapter 100  Purpose and Overview

The Environmental Manual M 31-11 and the WSDOT Environmental webpages 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.

Exhibit 100-1 identifies the major planning, engineering, and environmental activities associated with each phase of the project delivery.

This manual and the supporting webpages 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 Local Agency Guidelines M 36-63.

This manual and supporting WSDOT webpages 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.
Chapter 200 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 Contract AD, Bid, and Award

Chapter 700 Maintenance and Operations
   - Inspection and monitoring for long-term environmental compliance.

Chapter 800 Property Management
   - Accommodating utilities and surplus property evaluation.

Exhibit 100-1 WSDOT Transportation Decision-Making Process and Environmental Manual Organization

- Project Development and Permitting
- Preliminary Engineering
- Tracking Environmental Commitments