

*\*Attach the NDOT-530 for an LPA project, NDOT-73 for a State project, and an aerial location map of the project which includes project start and end points.*

Date this form was completed:	Control Number:	Project No.:
Project Name:		

LPA Project       State Project

Local Public Agency or NDOT district and county where project is located:

Answer the following questions: <i>(See Instructions)</i>	Yes	No
1. Would the project construct a new roadway on a new location?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a. If yes, would the new roadway have 4 or more lanes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Would the project create a new access controlled freeway facility?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Would the project include a new interchange?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Is it likely the project would disturb any ground outside the existing paved roadway surface?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Is it likely the project would add capacity <i>(adding thru lanes to a road, fly-by lane, passing lane, auxiliary or turn lane that is &gt; or = 1 mile in length)</i> to an existing roadway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is it likely the project would close a road, bridge, or access for more than 3 consecutive days?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Is it likely the project would disturb natural ground <i>(soil)</i> below or beyond existing fill material?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Is it likely the project would require the acquisition of right-of-way <i>(ROW)</i> , including permanent easements and/or temporary construction easements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a. If yes, is it likely more than 4 acres per linear mile of ROW or easements would be needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. If yes, is it likely farmland would be purchased?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Is it likely the project would require homes, businesses, or farms to be relocated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Is it likely the project would change access control rights to an existing roadway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Is there known public opposition or controversy related to this project or is it anticipated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Is additional outreach proposed beyond the program hearing/meeting?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Are there any Section 4(f) properties <i>(including: publicly owned parkland, trail, wildlife refuge, or known historic properties)</i> present along or within 0.25 mile of the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a. If yes, is it likely the project would impact a Section 4(f) property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Based on past experiences or to your knowledge, is the project adjacent to structures that are 50 years old or older, or are there any known historic structures in the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Would the project affect an eligible historic bridge?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Based on past experiences or to the best of your knowledge, are there any State or Federally listed Threatened or Endangered Species or critical habitat within the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Would the project cross state lines?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Would the project fit a (c) or (d) listed project category as described in 23 CFR 771.117? If "No", coordination with FHWA is required as the project is not assigned under 23 USC 326.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Would the project occur within a federal or tribal land?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

19. Are any of the following water bodies located within the project limits? <i>(Check all that apply)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Creek or stream channel <input type="checkbox"/> Lake <input type="checkbox"/> River <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage ditch <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
a. If any water bodies are in the project limits, then how often is water present in them? <input type="checkbox"/> Always present <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes present <input type="checkbox"/> Rarely present <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
b. Is it likely the project would impact any of the following? <i>(Check all that apply)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Creek or stream channel <input type="checkbox"/> Lake <input type="checkbox"/> River <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage ditch <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
20. Do any of the following statements describe areas within the project limits? <i>(Check all that apply)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> There is standing water in the project area. <input type="checkbox"/> There are areas that hold water longer after it rains and/or do not drain well. <input type="checkbox"/> There are areas that appear to be soggy or swampy. <input type="checkbox"/> There are known wetlands in the project area. <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland plants are located in the project area <i>(e.g., cattails, reed-canary grass)</i> . <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands Reserve Program acres are present.
a. If any boxes were checked in 20 above, is it likely any of those areas would be impacted by project construction? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
21. To your knowledge, do any of the following exist within or adjacent to the project limits? <i>(Check all that apply)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Above or below ground storage tanks <input type="checkbox"/> Past chemical spills or releases <input type="checkbox"/> Operational and/or closed dump or landfill <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial or commercial areas <input type="checkbox"/> None known
22. Does the project appear to satisfy logical termini and independent utility per 771.111(f)(1-3) criteria, which will be verified in final environmental documentation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
23. An aerial location map is attached to this form, which shows the project location and contains enough detail for someone from the public to find the project site. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Please add any additional comments to support the information in this form. <i>(*Include any public involvement that has occurred.)</i>

**Document Preparer's Signature (Qualified NEPA Specialist):**

*I certify the information in this form accurately reflects what I know about this project at this time.*

(Print Name)	(Signature)	(Date)
NDOT NEPA Specialist		
(Organization and Title)		
(Phone – include Area Code)	(Email)	

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**Environmental Justice/Title VI/LEP**

**NDOT Civil Rights Coordinator completes the following:**

Does the study area contain high concentrations of low-income or minority populations when compared to the area surrounding the study area and/or the city/county as a whole?  Yes  No

Does 5% or greater, or 1,000 persons or greater, or the affected population primarily speak a language other than English and also speak English "less than very well"?  Yes  No

If yes to any of the questions above, please describe what kind of analysis is recommended for the project based on the project scope and project description.

NDOT Civil  
Rights Coord.

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(Print Name) (Signature and Title) (Date)

NDOT Civil Rights Coordinator Comments: (Early Guidance for the Project Proponent)

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**Noise and Air Study**

**NDOT Noise & Air PQS Staff completes the following:**

Is a noise analysis warranted\* (Type I Project)?  Yes  No

Is an air analysis warranted?  Yes  No

MSAT Analysis Level (Check one)  1  2  3

If yes, please identify the type(s) of analysis required.

\* Note to Project Sponsor: If the vertical or horizontal alignment is changed, or if the design capacity is modified after NDOT-53 approval, reconsult with the NDOT Noise and Air PQS.

NDOT Noise  
& Air PQS

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(Print Name) (Signature and Title) (Date)

NDOT Noise and Air PQS Comments: (Early Guidance for the Project Proponent)

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**Public Involvement**

**Public Involvement Unit completes the following:**

Based on the information contained within and attached to this Form, and the characteristics of the project scope, location and/or community, is a project-specific Public Involvement Plan required? If not, please provide discussion below.  Yes  No

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(Print Name) (Signature and Title) Pub. Inv. (Date)

Public Involvement Comments: (Early Guidance for the Project Proponent)

**NDOTNEPA Specialist or Environmental Project Manager Recommendation on Probable Class of NEPA Action:**

NDOT has reviewed this form and recommends the following Probable Class of NEPA Action for this project:

- (a) - Categorical Exclusion (potential level 1 or 2)
- (b) - Categorical Exclusion (potential Level 3/  
excess land disposal)
- (c) - Non-Assignable Categorical Exclusion
- (d) - Environmental Assessment
- (e) - Environmental Impact Statement

*(Print Name)*  
NDOT Comments

*(Signature and Title)*

*(Date)*