

**STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
1409 Coliseum Boulevard
Montgomery, Alabama 36610**

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CE)

Project Identification

Project Number:	[Click here to enter the Project Number. If assigned, use a Federal-Aid project number (e.g. STPNU-1234(100), CMAQ-2500(123), etcetera), otherwise use the state (e.g. ST-001-010-100) or county (e.g. JCP 36-02-07) project number.]		
	Preliminary Engineering (PE #)	Right-of-Way (ROW) #	Construction #
Federal:	Click here to enter the federal project number for PE.	Click here to enter the federal project number for ROW.	Click here to enter the federal project number for construction.
CPMS:	Click here to enter the CPMS project number for PE.	Click here to enter the CPMS project number for ROW.	Click here to enter the CPMS project number for construction.
City/Town/County:	[Click here. Enter the name of the City/Town and County(s) where the project is located.]		
Organization:	Click here to select or write-in the city, town, county, or agency responsible for preparing the CE.		
Project Name:	Click here to enter the name of the proposed project from CPMS.		

Project Area Description

Click here and describe the area surrounding the proposed project location and topography. The project area information should indicate if the area is (rural/suburban/urban), terrain (gently sloped – flat or rolling, steeply sloped – hilly or mountainous, rocky), and any water bodies or large drainage features present. The goal is to identify anything likely to effect (increase or decrease) the project's footprint and environmental impacts. Also include the type of roadway classification (local road, minor arterial, interstate), route name with general roadway direction (SR-21 West, North of CR-52, I-65 South), immediate location within the county and/or city (West Talladega County, Downtown Birmingham), and any adjacent existing and/or future projects, if applicable.

Project Purpose & Need (P&N)

Click here. Using one to two sentences, identify and describe the transportation problem or other issue which exists that the proposed project is intended to correct. Focusing on one P&N is preferable. Multiple P&Ns may be identified, but this requires that the proposed alternatives be shown to meet each P&N.

DO NOT INCLUDE ANY INFORMATION DESCRIBING THE PROPOSED PROJECT.

Example: The CR-100 bridge over the Blue River is functionally obsolete due to narrow lanes and lack of shoulders on a facility with heavy truck traffic. (DO NOT SAY THE BRIDGE NEEDS TO BE REPLACED.)

In the next paragraph, expand on the description of the transportation problem if needed to fully describe/detail the problem and provide quantitative or qualitative data to confirm that the problem exists.

Attach and reference studies (e.g. traffic), if needed, to fully explain the problem.

Proposed Project Description

Click here and describe the proposed project. Explain how the proposed project will solve the problem (P&N). Include quantitative or qualitative data.

For congestion-related projects, LOS or time delay data should be provided for each alternative. Data may need to be provided for each project section and intersection for current, future no-build and build conditions.

Attach and reference figures or exhibits showing the proposed project.

Example: Propose replacement of the functionally obsolete bridge with a new bridge on existing alignment meeting current design standards with two 12-foot lanes and 10-foot shoulders.

Logical Termini:

Click here and enter proposed project's limits and/or termini. For a linear project, like a roadway or sidewalk, this should be the limits of the proposed project.

Explain why the termini are appropriate. This must relate back to the P&N. Per 23 CFR 771.111(f), any action evaluated under NEPA must: (1) Connect logical termini and be of sufficient length to address environmental matters on a broad scope; (2) Have independent utility or independent significance, i.e., be usable and be a reasonable expenditure even if no additional transportation improvements in the area are made; and (3) Not restrict consideration of alternatives for other reasonably foreseeable transportation improvements.

Example: The proposed new location bridge project will tie back into the existing roadway alignment as soon as is reasonable (within 1000' to the north and 800' to the south) while meeting AASHTO design standards for the roadway.

If the new bridge is not going to be built immediately adjacent to the existing bridge or have longer than normal approach work, than an explanation of why should be included. This may expand the environmental study limits for the proposed project.

Proposed Project Description

Capacity:

Click here and either describe the proposed project's capacity changes or indicate NA.

Does the proposed project result in the capacity expansion of a roadway by the addition of through lanes? Does the proposed project result in the capacity reductions of a roadway by the removal of through lanes? Explain how this capacity change meets the P&N.

Attach and reference any supporting documentation.

Access Management:

Click here. Either describe the project's temporary and/or permanent access changes or indicate NA. Describe any changes in traffic disruptions or changes in traffic patterns.

Does the proposed project result in the construction of temporary access or the temporary closure of an existing road, bridge, or ramps? Does the proposed project result in permanent changes in access control that would affect traffic patterns or property access?

Attach and reference any supporting documentation.

Bicycle & Pedestrian Accommodations:

Click here. Explain how bicycle and pedestrian transportation facilities were considered, where appropriate, with new construction and reconstruction transportation facilities, except where bicycle and pedestrian use are not permitted. (23 USC 217(g)(1)). State, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), City and other planning documents should be reviewed to determine if bicycle or pedestrian facilities are planned for the proposed project's area.

Attach and reference any supporting documentation.

Actions meeting the criteria for a CE per 23 CFR 771.117(d)

Choose a CE category.

Type NA unless the option above is "None of the Above", then provide additional information as to why this should be classified as a CE. Why is this like things on the list? Which category does this project most closely resemble?

Alternatives Analysis

Click here. Either provide an alternatives discussion or indicate NA. CE DOCUMENTS TYPICALLY WILL NOT HAVE MULTIPLE ALTERNATIVES, BEYOND THE BUILD AND NO-BUILD ALTERNATIVES. However, more complicated CEs and CEs that don't fall into the identified d-list categories, may require consideration of alternatives. The range of alternatives to be studied should be discussed in the project kick-off meeting.

Alternatives Analysis

If multiple alternatives are being carried through the CE, then the longer written format for the CE should be used.

If multiple alternatives are considered, but only one build alternative is carried through the CE, then explain how and why the “reasonable” alternative was selected for detailed study. Explain briefly why alternatives were eliminated from detailed study. The discussion of eliminated alternatives should include a sentence, if appropriate, indicating that “Other alternatives were considered but were determined not to be reasonable and therefore were not carried through the environmental document.” This section should make it clear for each alternative why it is being dropped or carried forward through the environmental document.

The no-build alternative is always carried through the environmental document. The no-build alternative is retained as a baseline with which to compare other alternatives.

A matrix should be considered to help illustrate the impacts associated with the preliminary alternatives.

Matrix Example (If Needed) Environmental Impacts	No-Build Alternative	Alternative I (2- lane roadway with intersection improvements)	Alternative II (3- lane roadway)	Alternative III (5- lane roadway)
Potential Hazardous Material Sites.	0	1	2	0
Historic Standing Structures	0	0	0	1
Archaeological Sites	0	1	0	0
Residential Relocations	0	5	3	1
Business Relocations	0	1	2	1
Wetland Impacts (acres)	0	20	18	10
Stream Impacts (LF)	0	65	25	105
Noise Impact Sites	2	2	0	4
Level of Service (const. completion year)	E	C	B	A
Level of Service (const. year + 20)	F	D	B	B
Hazardous Materials Remediation Cost	\$0	\$10,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$5,000.00
Construction Cost	\$0	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,005,000.00	\$1,025,000.00
Utility Cost	\$0	\$100,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$65,000.00
Right-of-Way Cost	\$0	\$250,000.00	\$165,000.00	\$129,000.00
Total Cost	\$0	\$1,360,000.00	\$1,250,000.00	\$1,224,000.00

Planning

Compatible with Comprehensive Plans & Zone Regulations:

Click here. Indicate which Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) includes the proposed project with approval date. Attach and reference page from the TIP.

Example: Proposed project is included in ALDOT's FY 2020-2022 State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) approved May 24, 2019, see Attachment A.

Project-Level Conformity:

A project-level conformity determination demonstrates that:

- 1) This project is included in the currently conforming transportation plan, as indicated above.
- 2) This project will not cause any localized exceedance of the NAAQS as determined by a project-specific hot-spot analysis, if needed.
 - a. CO & PM10: Alabama is in attainment, so hot-spot analyses are not needed.
 - b. PM2.5: Alabama is in attainment for the annual standard, so a hot-spot analysis for the annual standard is not needed. Alabama is in maintenance for the 24-hour standard, so Item 18 below will indicate if a hot-spot analysis is needed.

Impact Summary – Human Environment

YES NO

- 1 Right-of-Way (ROW):** Does the proposed project require the acquisition of permanent ROW and/or temporary construction easements (TCEs)?

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Click here. If "No", indicate NA.

If "Yes", then list the number of additional acres of ROW and/or TCEs needed. Attach and reference supporting documentation. Recommend including a good quality graphic that shows the existing ROW limits and the proposed ROW limits with the difference either highlighted or easily distinguishable.

- 1A Relocations:** Does the proposed project involve acquisitions that result in displacements of residences or businesses? Does the proposed project involve acquisitions that result in the displacement of non-profit organizations (NPOs) or community facilities?

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- ☐ Residences ☐ Businesses ☐ NPOs or Community Facilities
☐ Partial Impacts to Properties (signs, out-buildings, pools, parking lots, etcetera)
☐ Other: Click here to enter text.

Click here to enter NA or provide additional details on relocations. If relocations occur, attach and reference ROW forms.

1B Prime & Unique Farmlands: Is the ROW to be acquired protected "farmland" under the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA), 7 CFR 658?

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Click here. If no, provide reference to an attached clearance letter by the US Department of Agriculture.

If "Yes", CONSULT WITH FHWA.

2 Community Cohesion: Does the proposed project divide neighborhoods or separate a community from community facilities or services?

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Click here. If "No", either indicate NA if no division is possible or if division is possible explain why the proposed project will not cause a division.

If "Yes", explain how community cohesion is impacted. Impacts generally occur when a new location road divides a community resulting in a new barrier within the community. However, it can also be the result of widening an existing resulting in reduced access within the community. This is particularly an issue in low-income areas or other communities where pedestrians or bicyclists are common. Temporary impacts associated with construction should also be considered. Attach and reference supporting documents.

3 Visual or Aesthetic Impact: Indicate if the proposed project has a notable visual/aesthetic impact.

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Click here. Describe the visual/aesthetic impact of the proposed project. Indicate the magnitude of the visual impact and if there is any evidence that it is viewed positive, negative and/or neutral by the public. Describe any proposed mitigation. Projects on new location (not minor location shifts), adding two (2) or more through lanes to existing facilities and/or adding new bridges likely have visual/aesthetic impacts. Attach and reference any supporting documentation.

4 Environmental Justice (EJ) & Title VI: Is there a potential EJ or Title VI issue? Consider using EPA's EJ Screening Tool ([EJScreen](#)) to determine if an EJ population is in the project study area.

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Click here. If "No", explain why EJ/Title VI is not a potential issue. Are there potential EJ/Title VI populations in the project area? Are those populations not potentially impacted by the proposed project? All possible impacts should be considered. If the answer is obvious and easily explained an EJ analysis may not be necessary.

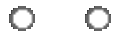
If "Yes", explain why EJ/Title VI are potential issues. EJ analysis is required.

Preliminary EJ Analysis: The methodology used to conduct an Environmental Justice analysis is in accordance with US DOT Order 5610.2(a) and FHWA's Order 6640.23A. The methodology has several steps that need to be followed along with a series of questions.

- Step 1: Determine if an EJ population exists in the project study area. If no EJ population is present, the analysis is done.
 - o Question 1: Does an EJ population exist in the project study area?
 - o Question 2: If so, where is the EJ population? The area and the boundaries of the EJ population should be defined.

- Step 2: Determine whether project impacts associated with the identified EJ populations are disproportionately high and adverse.
 - o Question 1: What are the project impacts on the EJ populations? The EJ populations may need to be consulted to answer this question. If there are no impacts on the EJ population, the analysis is done.
 - o Question 2: Which impacts are adverse, and which are beneficial? The EJ populations will need to be consulted to answer this question.
 - o Question 3: Are the adverse impacts disproportionate on the EJ population? Are the impacts predominately borne by an EJ population? Are the impacts appreciably more severe or greater in magnitude on the EJ population than on the non-EJ population?
- CONSULT WITH FHWA ON COMPLETING A FULL EJ ANALYSIS IF IT APPEARS THERE MAY BE DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACTS ON THE EJ POPULATION.

5 **Noise:** Does the proposed project have noise impacts, per 23 CFR 772 and ALDOT's Highway Traffic Noise Analysis and Abatement Policy and Guidance?



Is this a Type I project? Choose a response.

Type I Category: Select the category of the Type I project.

Are there noise receptors? Choose a response.

Click here. If "No", see examples below.

Example: The proposed project creates a physical alteration of the road but does not halve the distance between the traffic noise source and the closest receptors between the existing condition and the future build condition.

Example: Proposed project is a Type I project as it adds two through-traffic lanes to an existing road (be sure to specify why a project is Type I). There are no noise impacts. See attached Noise Study in Appendix #.

If "Yes", list the number of noise impacts for each Activity Category that occur on both the No-Build and Build Alternatives. Specify if the noise impacts are due to the Noise Abatement Criteria (NAC) or substantial noise increase. (Since ALDOT defined a substantial noise increase to be 15 dBA, it is unlikely a substantial noise increase will occur unless the project provides for a new location transportation facility.) Summarize if noise abatement is feasible and reasonable. If noise abatement measures are determined to be feasible and reasonable, CONSULT WITH FHWA. Reference the proposed project's noise study and attach to the CE.

Example: The No-Build Alternative results in 6 noise impacts to residential receptors. The Build Alternative results in 16 noise impacts to residential receptors. All noise impacts are due to exceedances of the Noise Abatement Criteria (NAC). Noise abatement was evaluated but determined not to be feasible (and/or reasonable). See appended Noise Study in Attachment #.

6 **Hazardous Materials (Hazmat):** Does the proposed project require clean-up of a hazardous material site?



Click here. Provide the number of hazmat sites present within or adjacent to the proposed project's ROW. Provide the number of sites for which no ROW is required and the number of sites for which ROW is required but hazmat clean-up is not needed. Attach and reference ALDOT's Materials & Test clearance letter and any additional supporting documentation.

If "Yes", also provide the number of hazmat sites where ROW is required and hazmat clean-up is needed, along with anticipated clean-up costs.

Impact Summary – Human Environment: Section 4(f) Related YES NO

- 7** ***Historic Properties (Structures, Archaeological Sites, Districts, etc.):*** Does the proposed project potentially have adverse effects to National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligible historic properties? Consider construction easements in addition to ROW. ○ ○

Choose the appropriate statement.

Click here. If "No", attach and reference a letter of concurrence from the Alabama Historic Commission's (AHC) State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). Cite the date of the SHPO's concurrence. NOTE: THE SHPO CONCURRENCE SHOULD BE LESS THAN 3 YEARS OLD.

If "Yes", list the historic properties adversely effected. Attach and reference the Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Cite the date the MOA was approved by FHWA. If needed to fully address historic properties in the area, attach and reference SHPO coordination.

Definitions: "Effect" mean alteration to the characteristic of a historic property qualifying it for inclusion in or eligibility for the NRHP. "Adverse effects" include physical destruction of or damage; alternation of a property (including restoration, rehabilitation, repair, maintenance, stabilization, hazardous material remediation and provisions for handicapped access); removal of the property from its historical location, change of character of the property's use ; introduction of visual , atmospheric or audible elements; neglect of a property; transfer, lease or sale of property out of Federal control without adequate and legally enforceable restriction; etcetera.

- 7A** ***Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP):*** Was coordination required with the ACHP? ○ ○

Impact Summary – Human Environment: Section 4(f) Related YES NO

Choose the appropriate statement.

Click here. If "No", indicated NA.

If "Yes", attach and reference response letter from ACHP indicating if they participated in the Section 106 Consultation and their receipt (or if not available, the submittal e-mail) of the Section 106 MOA.

Coordination with ACHP is handled by the FHWA Division at the request of ALDOT.

- 8 Tribal Coordination:** Has a federally recognized tribe indicated concerns about the proposed project? ○ ○

Click here. Indicate when tribal coordination occurred and if responses were received by the tribes. If the tribes provided substantive comments, responses to the tribes must be included. Attach and reference tribal coordination e-mails.

If the proposed project impacts previously undisturbed ground, tribal coordination is required. Tribal coordination is handled by the FHWA Division at the request of ALDOT.

Example: The Phase I Cultural Resources Assessment and SHPO concurrence were sent to the tribes by e-mail December 1, 2013, see attached. No responses were received as of Feb 1, 2014.

Or

Example: The Phase I Cultural Resources Assessment and SHPO concurrence were sent to the tribes by e-mail December 1, 2013. Several tribes requested additional information or expressed concerns. Additional information was sent to the tribe and a conference call held to resolve all issues. Copies of all coordination and meeting minutes are attached.

- 9 Parks & Recreation Areas:** Does the proposed project require the "use" of land from "publicly-owned parks and/or recreation areas", see Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 303)? ○ ○

Click here. If "No", either indicate that no "parks and/or recreation areas" are in the proposed project's vicinity or list the nearby "parks and/or recreation areas". If the nearby "parks and/or recreation areas" are not Section 4(f) resources, explain what disqualifies them from Section 4(f) status. If Section 4(f) "parks and/or recreation areas" are nearby, indicate the approximate distance between the proposed project and the refuges. Attach and reference a map showing the proximity of the "parks and/or recreation areas" to the proposed project. Depending on the proximity of the proposed project to the "parks and/or recreation areas", "constructive use" may need to be discussed.

If "Yes", indicate "parks and/or recreation areas" that are "used". CONSULT WITH FHWA.

Impact Summary – Human Environment: Section 4(f) Related YES NO

- 9A Section 6(f):** Does the proposed project require the acquisition of lands under the protection of Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation (LWCF) Act of 1965 or other unique areas or special lands that were acquired in fee or easement with public-use money and have deed restrictions or covenants on the property? ○ ○

Click here. If "No", attach and reference clearance with the Alabama Department of Economic & Community Affairs (ADECA) on LWCF property. Verify properties impacted by the project do not include deed restrictions or covenants.

If "Yes", consult with FHWA. Attach and reference coordination with ADECA on LWCF property or describe properties with deed restrictions, covenants, etcetera.

- 10 Wildlife & Waterfowl Refuges:** Does the proposed project require the "use" of land from "publicly-owned wildlife and/or waterfowl refuges", see Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 303)? ○ ○

Click here. If "No", either indicate that no "wildlife and/or waterfowl refuges" are in the proposed project's vicinity or list the nearby refuges. If nearby refuges are not Section 4(f) resources, explain what disqualifies them from Section 4(f) status. If Section 4(f) refuges are nearby, indicate the approximate distance between the proposed project and the refuges. Attach and reference a map showing the proximity of the refuges to the proposed project. Depending on the proximity of the proposed project to the refuges, "constructive use" may need to be discussed.

If "Yes", indicate the refuges that are "used". CONSULT WITH FHWA.

- 11 Section 4(f):** Does the proposed project require the use of properties protected by Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 303)? ○ ○

Indicate the type of "use": Choose the type of Section 4(f) use.

Indicate the type of Section 4(f) Determination: Choose the type of Section 4(f) determination.

Click here. If "No", indicate NA.

If "Yes", attach and reference Section 4(f) documentation. CONSULT WITH FWHA.

Impact Summary – Natural Resources: Water YES NO

- 12 Water Quality:** Does the proposed project potentially impact waters listed on the 303(d) report for the State of Alabama? Review the following websites: [EPA's Clean Water Act Section 303\(d\)](#) and [ADEM's 303\(d\) Information and Map](#) ○ ○

Impact Summary – Natural Resources: Water

YES NO

Choose the appropriate statement.

Click here. Describe any water quality concerns beyond the normal erosion and/or siltation issues during construction. If applicable, indicate the 303(d) waters the project may impact, the pollutants for which the waters are listed and what, if any, TMDLs have been developed.

Describe any mitigation measures beyond ALDOT's standard Best Management Practices (BMPs) that are anticipated. Attach and reference any supporting documentation.

- 13 Wetlands & Streams:** Does the proposed project result in the loss of waters of the US, either wetlands and/or stream beds?

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Click here. If "No", indicate that no wetlands or streams are in the proposed project's vicinity.

If "Yes", list the quantity of wetlands and stream bed impacts. Attach and reference the 404 Finding.

Example: Impacts: approximately 0.6 acres of forested wetlands; approximately 60 linear feet from a perennial stream. See the attached Section 404 Finding.

- 13A US Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) Permit:** Is an US ACE Section 404 permit needed?

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Type of Permit Required: Choose or write-in the Section 404 permit.

Click here to enter more information.

- 14 Waterways:** Does the proposed project require a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) bridge permit and/or a Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) permit?

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Impact Summary – Natural Resources: Water

YES NO

Click here. ALDOT's bridge bureau coordinates with the FHWA Division's bridge engineer to determine if the proposed project will need a USCG permit. If the proposed project will impact a commercially navigable water body, then a USCG permit will be needed. Attach and reference the coordination letter sent from the FHWA Division to ALDOT documenting this decision. If a USCG permit is not needed, then no further documentation is required. If a USCG permit is needed, attach and reference coordination documentation with the USCG.

If the proposed project will have impact within the 100-year floodplain of the Tennessee River or its tributaries, then a TVA permit will be needed. If a TVA permit is not needed, then the basis for that decision should be identified (e.g. proposed project not in a county in proximity to the Tennessee Valley, review of attached Tennessee Valley FIRM maps shows the proposed project outside of the 100-year floodplain, etc.). If a TVA permit is needed, attach and reference coordination documentation with the TVA.

If either permit is needed, then any needed mitigation should be identified and method for accomplishing the mitigation described.

- 15 Floodplain/Floodway:** Will the proposed project result in an increase of more than one (1) foot of surface water elevation in the base Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodplain (100-year flood)? Will the proposed project increase the risk of damage to property and loss of human life; or result in modification of a watercourse? Will the proposed project result in a longitudinal encroachment on a watercourse?

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Click here. Please review 23 CFR 650 for FHWA's concerns regarding floodplain impacts. BOTH FEMA AND NON-FEMA FLOODPLAINS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED.

If "No", should use one of the following examples.

- Proposed project contains no new or modified drainage structures and/or bridges over water or floodplains.
- Proposed project is anticipated to have potentially minor adverse impacts to floodplains. Attached are the Location Assessment Record for Location of Floodplain Encroachment forms.

If "Yes", consult with FHWA.

- 16 Wild and Scenic Rivers:** Does the proposed project require construction in, across, or nearby the Black Warrior River (Sipsey Fork) in Winston County?

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Choose the appropriate statement.

Click here. If the project is not in Winston County, indicate NA.

If the project is in Winston County, indicate how near the project is to the Sipsey Fork of the Black Warrior River. A map showing both the project and Black Warrior River (Sipsey Fork) and the distance between the two may be needed.

If the project is in, across, or nearby the Black Warrior River (Sipsey Fork), consult with FHWA.

Impact Summary – Natural Resources: Water

YES NO

- 17 Coastal Zone:** Is the proposed project in an area covered by the State's Coastal Zone Management Plan? (Applies to Baldwin & Mobile Counties only. The Alabama Coastal Area is shown on the Map – Alabama Coastal Area found on page 12 of the [Alabama Coastal Area Management Program IV.](#))

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Choose the appropriate statement.

Click here. If the project is not in Baldwin or Mobile Counties, indicate NA.

If the project is in Baldwin and/or Mobile Counties, indicate how near the project is to the area covered by the State's Coastal Zone Management Plan. A map showing both the project and the area covered by the State's Coastal Zone Management Plan and the distance between the two may be needed.

If the project is in the area covered by the State's Coastal Zone Management Plan, consult with FHWA.

Impact Summary – Natural Resources

YES NO

- 18 Particulate Matter (PM) 2.5:** Is the proposed project a project of air quality concern? (Applies only to the PM 2.5 maintenance area located in Jefferson and Shelby Counties and a small portion of Walker County. The PM 2.5 Maintenance Area is shown in Figure 1.1 of the [2023 Air Quality Conformity Determination Report](#) on page 1-4.)

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Choose the appropriate statement.

Click here. If the project is not in Jefferson, Shelby, or Walker County, indicate NA.

If the project is in Jefferson County, Shelby County and/or the Walker County PM 2.5 non-attainment area, indicate why the project category is "exempt" or "not of air quality concern" or attach the PM 2.5 Hot-spot Analysis if the project was "of air quality concern".

Examples of projects that are of air quality concern and require a PM hot-spot analysis:

- A project on a new highway or expressway that serves a significant volume of diesel truck traffic, such as facilities with greater than 125,000 AADT and 8% or more of such AADT is diesel truck traffic
- New exit ramps and other highway facility improvements to connect a highway or expressway to a major freight, bus, or intermodal terminal
- A major new bus or intermodal terminal that is a "regionally significant project" under 40 CFR 93.101 that involves a significant number of diesel buses or trucks

Impact Summary – Natural Resources

YES NO

- 19 Mobile Source Air Toxics (MSATs):** Does the proposed project have higher potential MSAT effect requiring a quantitative MSAT analysis? Updated Interim Guidance on Mobile Source Air Toxic Analysis in NEPA Documents is dated Oct 18, 2016 and can be found at: [MSAT Guidance](#).

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The FHWA developed a tiered approach with three categories for analyzing MSAT in NEPA documents. The proposed project falls into the following category: Choose a MSAT category.

Click here. If “No”, include here or attach and reference appropriate sample language from MSAT Guidance.

If “Yes”, consult with FHWA.

- 20 Endangered Species:** Does the proposed project require formal Section 7 Consultation with US Fish & Wildlife Service due to the proposed project's potential effects on federally listed or candidate species, and/or proposed or designated critical habitat?

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Click here. If “No”, indicate if any species or habitat is present and then either the applicable section of the USFWS MOA or date of USFWS concurrence with the proposed project. Endangered species are generally not present in urbanized areas, but aquatic species can occasionally be found. Normally the USFWS concurrence should be less than 3 years, but updated concurrence may be needed anytime a new species is known to have been listed.

If “Yes”, indicate species or habitat present. Attach and reference the Biological Opinion (BO).

Formal consultation with USFWS is handled by the FHWA Division at the request of ALDOT.

- 21 Wildlife Habitat & Vegetation:** Does the proposed project impact important wildlife habitat or vegetation?

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Click here. Indicate presence or absence of wildlife habitat and vegetation. Generally, not present in completely urbanized areas. Describe the wildlife habitat and vegetation and likely uses. If “No”, indicating habitat is not important, provide supporting information. If “Yes”, indicating habitat is important, discuss reasons for importance and mitigation strategies.

Impact Summary – Other

YES NO

- 22 Miscellaneous Impacts:** Does the proposed project have any unusual environmental impacts?

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Impact Summary – Other

YES NO

Click here. This section is for any miscellaneous impacts that do not readily fit in the other sections. If there are no other impacts, select the “No” button and indicate NA here. If there are other impacts select the “Yes” button and describe.

Examples of other impacts include:

- Indirect and Cumulative impacts (ICI)
- Greenhouse Gases (GHGs)

23 **Environmental Commitments:** Does the proposed project have environmental commitments?

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Click here. If “No”, indicate NA. If “Yes”, briefly list commitments. Attach and reference Environmental Commitments Letter.

Public Involvements

Early Coordination:

Click here. Describe early coordination efforts.

Example: The following documents are attached:

- Early Coordination letters sent {date};
- Number of letters received in response to early coordination;
- ALDOT responses (if appropriate) to comments on early coordination.

Public Involvement:

Click here. Briefly describe public involvement efforts including type of public involvement (e.g. telephone outreach, correspondence, meetings, etc.) with dates. Attach and reference public involvement summary for meetings along with substantive comments with responses from both the public and other agencies. RESPONSES MUST BE PROVIDED FOR ALL SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS.

Public Hearing:

Click here. Indicate if a hearing is planned and if not explain why a hearing is not needed.

Preparer's Certification

I hereby certify that I have read and understand Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Regulations for Environmental Impact and Related Procedures 23 CFR 771 and the instructions for preparation of this CE.

This document has been reviewed for compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. It has been prepared in compliance with the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provision of the National Environmental Policy Act 40 CFR 1500–1508, 23 CFR 771, FHWA Guidance for Preparing and Processing Environmental and Section 4(f) Documents Technical Advisory 6640.8A.

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The ALDOT has reviewed the proposed project for compliance with environmental laws and regulations. It is our determination that the proposed project will not, either individually or cumulatively, have any significant environmental impacts. This proposed project meets the criteria of a CE under 23 CFR 771.117.

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