



WHAT IS A CAT-EX?

A transportation-related Categorical Exclusion (Cat-Ex) is a specific level of documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NEPA compliance would be required if the project uses Federal funds.

A Cat-Ex can be used to show this compliance when the project does not individually or cumulatively have any significant environmental impacts.

The Cat-Ex will evaluate the project's potential for adverse environmental impacts and controversy, and will:

- describe the proposed action;
- describe the extent of potential social, economic, historical, and environmental impacts of the proposed action;
- identify measures to mitigate unavoidable impacts;
- address public and agency concerns; and
- include analysis conducted for other laws such as protection of historic properties, the Clean Air Act, wetland protection, etc.