

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.

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

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 and Engineering

Environmental permitting, plans specifications, and commitment tracking.

Contract AD, Bid, and Award

Chapter 600-630

Construction

Contracting and construction management and inspection for environmental compliance.

Chapter 700

Maintenance and Operations

Inspection and monitoring for long-term environmental compliance.

Chapter 800

Property Management

Accommodating utilities and surplus property evaluation.

Project Development and Permitting

Preliminary Engineering

Tracking Environmental Commitments