**Proposed Action with FHWA Nexus**

- Complete Environmental Review Summary Form (See EM Ch. 300)

**Significant Impact?**

- If YES:
  - Submit Environmental Assessment (EA) Initiation Letter to FHWA
  - Prepare EA
  - Significant Impact?
    - NO: Publish Final EA
    - YES: 30 Day Public Review
    - Issue SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS)***
  - FHWA issues NOI
  - 30 Day Public Review (Issue SEPA DNS**)
  - FHWA publishes Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)**
  - FHWA publishes Combined Final EIS/ROD
  - FHWA Publishes Final EIS
  - FHWA Publishes ROD

- If NO:
  - Complete ECS Form
  - If not SEPA exempt, then issue SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS)**
  - Complete Environmental Review Summary Form (See EM Ch. 300)
  - Prepare EA
  - Significant Impact?
    - NO:
      - FHWA Issues NOI
      - Prepare Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
      - Publish Draft EIS
      - 45 Day Public Review
      - Can the Final EIS and Record of Decision (ROD) be combined?****
      - Yes:
        - FHWA Publishes Combined Final EIS/ROD
      - No:
        - FHWA Publishes Final EIS
        - 30 Day Waiting Period
        - FHWA Publishes ROD
    - YES:
      - Pre-Notice of Intent (NOI) Activities
      - FHWA Issues NOI
      - Prepare Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
      - Publish Draft EIS
      - 45 Day Public Review
      - Can the Final EIS and Record of Decision (ROD) be combined?****
      - Yes:
        - FHWA Publishes Combined Final EIS/ROD
      - No:
        - FHWA Publishes Final EIS
        - 30 Day Waiting Period
        - FHWA Publishes ROD

**Agency Action**

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* If there are unusual circumstances, as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b), work with FHWA to determine the appropriate documentation.

** WAC 197-11-610(2) allows adoption of a documented CE (e.g., completed ECS Form) or a NEPA EA in support of a SEPA DNS. You do not need to prepare a SEPA checklist.

*** If the FONSI requires mitigation that results in changes to the project, then note the changes in the SEPA file.

**** See 23 USC 139(n)(2) for restrictions to combining the Final EIS and ROD. See this USDOT Guidance for additional considerations.

***** Notice of Statute of Limitations on Claims is standard practice for EAs and EISs. It is optional for CEs.