

What is a PEL Study?

A PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGE (PEL) STUDY IS:

“ a collaborative and integrated approach to transportation decision-making that consider[s] benefits and impacts of proposed transportation system improvements to the environment, community, and economy during the transportation planning process. PEL uses the information, analysis, or products developed during planning to inform the environmental review process, including the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). ”

- FHWA PEL Questions and Answers, November 2016. <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/guidance/pel/pelqa2016.pdf>

THE PEL PROCESS:

- Facilitates seamless decision making between planning and project development
- Minimizes duplication of effort
- Promotes environmental stewardship
- Streamlines project delivery

