

**GPTQ NEPA SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2011**

- 1- Stay tuned for a Revised Green Sheet.
 - a. This will be going 'live' over the course of the next couple months. Likely we'll have a total conversion deadline in Jan/Feb. 2012. There are still in the process of finalizing this.
 - b. The main changes include outlining each boundary, each special provision, plan notes, and permits. The intent is to be able to carry these environmental commitments out beyond PFPR, FFPR, and Let and be able to cross check at each stage. At any point, it should be easier for someone new to the project to pick up and clearly understand these commitments.
- 2- The 'Reader Friendly EA' that GDOT developed with input from the subcommittee is off to FHWA review/comment in the next week.
 - a. GDOT is supporting the summarizing of special studies in a clear concise manner to be understandable by John Doe from Anywhere, GA.
- 3- Stay tuned for new Migratory Bird direction.
 - a. This mostly pertains to the NEPA Document and Ecology. I presume it will be discussed further during the Ecology subcommittee meetings. The NEPA documentation will mirror the language and details in the Ecology reports.
- 4- New Noise Policy
 - a. Implementation has been going smoothly since July.
 - b. The biggest issue appears to be coordination time with the locals on potential permits for the vacant lands.
 - c. It was discussed to make sure to budget enough time to ensure responses by local jurisdictions not only for the initial study but also for Reevaluations.
- 5- Project Justifications
 - a. GDOT Planning is converting to a Project Justification to replace the Need and Purpose heretofore coordinated through Planning.
 - b. This should be a brief big picture overview that will be incorporated into the Concept Report.
 - c. I have a recent example from GDOT Planning if anyone would like.
 - d. We need to coordinate with our Planner to determine who is responsible for drafting the Project Justifications.
- 6- Indirect and Cumulative Impacts
 - a. The main issue here is ensuring disclosure of potential issues.
 - b. As NEPA planners, we need to ensure that the special studies do not have an ICI section that contradicts the NEPA conclusions.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss further. Also, please feel free to pass along to those who are not included and should be aware of this information.

Thanks,

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