

Introduction to NEPA Webinar for TIFIA/RRIF TOD Loans

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[Transit-oriented development](#) (TOD) is a new category of projects eligible for assistance under the U.S. Department of Transportation's [TIFIA](#) and [RRIF](#) loan programs. The [Build America Bureau](#) (Bureau) and [Federal Transit Administration](#) (FTA) are committed to supporting project sponsors as they explore these financing opportunities and the [federal requirements](#) tied to financial assistance.

The Bureau and FTA hosted three informational webinars concerning **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)** and other environmental requirements for TIFIA and RRIF TOD projects in June/July 2024. The webinar content was [introductory](#) and intended for private developers, public agencies, and other stakeholders considering TIFIA or RRIF financing for a [TOD project](#)¹. All three webinars featured the same information and included a Question & Answer session. A recording of one of the webinars has been shared on the [Bureau's TOD webpage](#).

[National Environmental Policy Act](#) (42 U.S.C. § 4321, et seq; 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508; 23 CFR part 771, NEPA) and other environmental regulations require DOT to consider and document potential environmental impacts before carrying out a federal action (e.g., federal financial assistance, loan). For TOD projects seeking financing through TIFIA and RRIF loan programs administered by the Bureau, project developers are responsible for providing FTA and the Bureau with sufficient project information and related environmental documents for review to ensure compliance with NEPA and other environmental requirements.

For more information on NEPA please review the following:

- [FTA Environmental Standard Operating Procedures](#)
- [Guidance for Implementation of FTA's Categorical Exclusions](#)
- [Environmental Resources and Impact Areas](#)
- [USDOT Environmental Checklist](#)

For more information on the Bureau's TOD financing programs, please visit:
<https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/TOD>.

¹ Transit agencies seeking federal assistance for [transit](#) projects should consult their [FTA Regional Office](#) on the application of environmental and other federal requirements to transit projects.