

No significant environmental impacts are expected from any of the specific components of the project. For the largest and most complex element of the project (SH-119 Main Street South – a 1.5 mile widening and realignment) CDOT has received concurrence from FHWA (written confirmation September 17, 2007) of its designation as a Categorical Exclusion under NEPA. CDOT and FHWA anticipate all project components to be Categorical Excluded from further NEPA actions. CDOT documents its environmental evaluation process for Categorical Exclusion, identifies clearance dates for particular resources evaluated, and lists needed permits for specific projects via its internal 128 form. Documentation concerning environmental clearance activities is maintained in CDOT Region 1 Environmental files.

Many of the individual elements of the Project have received environmental clearance, and permitting activities has begun. Resources that will be evaluated include but are not limited to historical (Section 106) resources, archeological resources, paleological resources, 4(f) and 6(f) properties, air quality and noise evaluations, evaluations to threatened and endangered species, wetlands, and the potential for encountering hazardous materials. For each resource, CDOT resource specialists are consulted regarding specific project activities. Numerous environmental approvals are being processed. These include:

- Colorado Department of Wildlife—Approval of SB-40 Certification (concerning work in North Clear Creek and Clear Creek).
- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment—Approval of Stormwater Construction Permit application.
- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment—Approval of Dewatering Permit application (by contractor after project contract award).
- Environmental Protection Agency—No formal permits required from the EPA are anticipated.
- FEMA—Approval of Letter of Map Revision to FEMA floodplain map.
- FHWA—Approval of environmental NEPA-required Categorical Exclusion clearance process and documentation.
- FHWA—Approval of 4(f) evaluation concerning one State of Colorado-owned property within the SH 119 Main Street South project component.
- FHWA—Approval of Wetlands Finding report.
- State Historic Preservation Office/Advisory Council on Historic Preservation—Section 106 consultation on potentially eligible mine claims and subsequent 4(f) evaluation. No problems are anticipated.
- US Army Corps of Engineers—Approval of 404 nationwide permit applications. It is anticipated that one nationwide permit for temporary construction impacts will be required for the Project, as part of the Wildlife Crossing component. Due to collaboration with EPA and CDPHE on the SH 119 Main Street South component, the Corps does not require a 404. The Letter of Concurrence was signed August 17, 2007.
- US Fish and Wildlife Service—No formal permits are anticipated.