

## MEMORANDUM

TO: ADOT Local Public Agency Section (LPA)

FROM: Paul O'Brien, PE; Environmental Planning Group Manager

CC: Urban Project Management, Statewide Project Management, ES Water Quality

DATE: March 5, 2014

RE: 404 Permit Reviews for LPA Projects

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Under 23 U.S.C. - Highways, Federal law allows ADOT to provide Federal-Aid Highway Program funds to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to expedite the processing of environmental documents for permit decisions for all Federal-Aid Highway Projects. ADOT, FHWA and the Corps have a Memorandum of Agreement that funds a position at the Corps to conduct these priority reviews. This position is reimbursed with Federal Funds from the ADOT Five-Year Construction Program. All Federal-Aid projects, including LPA projects, receive the benefit of expedited project reviews under one assigned program manager at the Corps.

For LPA projects administered by ADOT, all 404 permits related submittals should be made to the ADOT Environmental Planning Group (EPG) Planner for processing. An electronic copy of the transmittal should be submitted to the ADOT Project Manager.

For LPA Certification Acceptance (CA) projects the submittals should be sent directly to the Corps with an electronic copy of the transmittal submitted to the ADOT EPG Planner and the ADOT Project Manager. It is suggested that CA LPA Projects provide a courtesy review of 404 related materials to the ADOT EPG Planner prior to the submittal to the Corps.

Submittals to the Corps must follow the Pre-Construction Notification - Nationwide/Individual Permit Submittal Guidance outlined in the Clean Water Act 404/401 Guidance Manual located on the ADOT Environmental Services and Planning website under Environmental Guidance Documents.

All submittals to the Corps should be made to the following:

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