

## ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING:

- o An environmental clearance means the project has been reviewed under all applicable environmental requirements and is “cleared” for construction.
- o For federal-aid projects, environmental clearance is generally associated with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).
- o Environmental Planning within ADOT consists of Environmental Planners, Air Quality experts, Noise Technical Experts, Archaeologists, Biologists, Hazardous Materials Specialists and Water Resources.

## RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW) GROUP

- o ROW acquisition is a time consuming process. Plan accordingly.
- o Without a NEPA clearance, ROW cannot initiate negotiations for property acquisitions or submit to government agencies to begin their submittal process.
- o Eminent Domain – Government can take private property and convert it into public use with compensation.

## UTILITY AND RAILROAD (URR) ENGINEERING

- o URR is responsible for clearing the ROW of utility conflicts in advance of highway construction projects.
- o A URR clearance is required prior to any project advertisement.
- o Utilities are electric power, gas/oil lines, telecom/cable TV, water, sanitary sewer, reclaimed water and the railroad. The railroad is considered a utility.

## CONSTRUCTION/ROLE OF ADOT DISTRICT:

- ADOT’S ROLE
  - o Project Administration/Oversight
  - o Provide inspection staff
  - o Manage project budget
- LPA’S ROLE
  - o Delegation of authority to ADOT personnel
  - o LPA liaisons to project
  - o Involvement in project meetings
  - o Additional spending concurrence
  - o LPA internal coordination
  - o Public Outreach
- ELIGIBLE vs. NON-ELIGIBLE ITEMS
  - o Non-eligible items of work need to be paid by LPA
- HARD BID PROJECT
  - o same as Competitive Bid Project