

A **Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL)** study is a method of planning used to identify transportation issues, along with environmental concerns, within a corridor. The goal is to take the information from the PEL study and carry it forward into the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. A NEPA study is a federally-mandated report of the environmental effects a Federal Aid transportation project will have. Several stakeholders and the public are involved in a collaborative process that includes stakeholder group meetings, newsletters, a website, and public meetings. Data is gathered about how the project will impact the natural, social, cultural, and community resources in the area.

