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Automating Environmental Screening

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After numerous starts and stops trying to implement Linking Planning and NEPA, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation committed to seeing it through. A team of Department personnel was assembled to interact internally and with the MPO's and RPO's to make it happen.

One objection dominated discussions, 'this will add to the workload and we have no one to do it.' Although the internal team disagreed with this assessment, the fear had to be overcome. The team overcame the concern by automating as much as possible.

This presentation will discuss PennDOT's Linking Planning and NEPA process with particular emphasis on the automation of environmental screening.