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South Carolina DOT's Project Screening Tool an Effective Utility to Streamline the Project Planning Process

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South Carolina DOT wanted to devise a way to streamline the project planning process. They needed a more efficient way to present project planning information and gather inputs from agencies. The Project Screening Tool (PST) was designed to meet that end. The Project Screening Tool (PST) web site makes information available about proposed transportation project that are in the early stages of planning. The PST tool provides a means to input and update information about transportation projects and gather comments and supporting documentation from agencies about the effect that a project would have on resources. At the early stages of planning, the information provided by agencies helps identify the affects of the proposed project on natural and human resources. The intent during the screening process is that agencies provide specific information to identify key project issues early in the planning process. The awareness of potential project effect to important environmental, cultural and community resources can result in modification of project proposals or removal of projects from consideration, ultimately resulting in time and cost savings to the SCDOT project planning process.