



Expediting Section 404 Permits: Results of Pilot Program and Future Program Funding

**US Army Corps of Engineers
and NCTCOG Agreement**

**Surface Transportation Technical Committee
March 25, 2011**

Program Success

Coordination

- Partner agencies have expressed a high level of satisfaction with the program
- All performance measures have “exceeded expectations” for the second year
- Total number of actions taken by USACE has increased

Permitting

- 29 permits issued out of 54 projects listed
- Withdrawal of unnecessary permits
- Reduction of time for permit decisions
- Developed Regional General Permit (RGP) to expedite 404 permits during the 408 permit process

Mitigation

- Reduction in mitigation requirements
- Cost Savings
- Reduction of impact to aquatic environment

404 and 408 Current Status

	404 PERMITS	408 PERMITS
TOTAL FUNDING	\$500,000 Local	\$4.0 M Federal \$1.0 M Local
TOTAL SPENT	\$500,000	\$0.0
CONSTRAINTS	Funds expended in June 2011	Current state law that prohibits use of federal funds
OPPORTUNITIES	Continuing program via local funding partnerships	Continue to work with legislative partners

Funding Status

PILOT PROGRAM FUNDING STATUS	Funding	\$	Remaining Funds	Remaining Projects	Agreement Terms
	RTC	\$500,000	\$0.0 as of June 2011	Approximately 25 projects would remain unpermitted	Expires Oct. 2011

FUTURE FUNDING PROPOSAL	Funding	\$	Projects	Agreement Terms
	Local Partnerships*	TBD	25 projects + Additions	Extend to 2014

*TxDOT, Transit Authorities, CDA Partners, Railroads, Local Governments

Upcoming Meeting:

April 5, 2011

1:30 pm

NCTCOG Transportation Council Room

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USACE Website

http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/pubdata/enviro/regulatory/WRDA_Section214.asp

Snapshot of Success

Project	Proposed Credits	Actual Credits	Credits Saved	Savings*
UPRR Expansion West of Tower 55	1	0	1	\$18,000- \$25,000
UPRR Davidson Yard Expansion	10	4.2	5.8	\$104,400- \$145,000
TxDOT SH 78 Spring Creek Pkwy. – SH 205	18.6	3	15.6	\$208,800- \$390,000
Chisholm Trail Parkway	8.2	15.5	+7.3	-\$131,400- \$182,500
Elm Fork Improvements	9.6	0	9.6	\$172,800- \$240,000
Pavaho Pump Station	.28	0	.28	\$5,040- \$7,000
Santa Fe Trestle Trail	1.75	0	1.75	\$31,500- \$43,750
Total	49.43	22.7	26.73	\$409,140- \$668,250

Return on Mitigation Credit Savings 15-88%

* In 2009 the cost for mitigation credits in the region ranged from \$18,000 to \$25, 000. The ranges shown give the lowest and highest possible cost for each credit.

Snapshot of Success

Total number of actions taken by USACE has increased.

Action Type	Before Agreement	Year 1	Year 2
Finalized Action	14	28	51
Actions & Sub Action	116	216	733
Coordinate External Agency	1	223	221
Site Visit	0	4	17
Applicant Information Request	4	163	96

Snapshot of Success

- Standing Wave – permit verification issued within four days of receiving a completed application for modifications in the project.
- Santa Fe Trestle Trail – coordination led to minor changes in the project that resulted in the issuance of an NWP, saving three months' processing time and 1.75 acres of mitigation.
- SH 114/DFW Connector – additional review of three projects was completed in eight days to keep project moving.
- An exact dollar amount on time savings cannot be established, on average 55 days were saved from the date the application was submitted to the date it was submitted.