

This appendix provides a conceptual-level evaluation of the potential environmental impacts for the major projects (involving road/bridge construction) of the preferred alternative. Part 3 of the ODOT project prospectus has been completed for the projects that would widen road surfaces (C-2, C-3 [Sections 1, 2, and 3], S-4, S-7, S-11, and US 20/BUS20/OR 299 Refinement Study). ODOT uses a project prospectus to describe proposed projects and to serve as the supporting documentation for FHWA authorization of federal funds. Part 3 of the project prospectus serves as the environmental classification for the project. ODOT uses Part 3 of the project prospectus for an initial assessment of the applicable NEPA classification: Class 1, Environmental Impact Statement (known to likely have significant environmental impact); Class 2, Categorical Exclusion (known to likely have no significant environmental impact); or Class 3, Environmental Assessment (unknown to likely have significant environmental impact).

The Part 3 documentation in this appendix includes compilation of project information, including a preliminary evaluation of environmental impacts. Evaluations are based on general knowledge about the project's environment, field investigation (wetlands, biology, cultural/historic), and review of published information. Because many of the items and activities listed in the Part 3 arise during the course of project development, and because the projects were evaluated at a conceptual-level, the information provided in this appendix should be updated as the project extent and scope is refined.