



# Working together to plan for the future

Work Group: Environmental Review Workgroup (ERWG)  
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**Purpose:**

The Environmental Review Workgroup shares data, considers environmental and community values early in the long-range planning process, and identifies potential environmental mitigation strategies to help restore and maintain environmental functions affected by the long-range transportation plan. The goal of this environmental review is to create a seamless decision-making process that minimizes duplication of effort, promotes environmental stewardship, and reduces delays in project implementation.

**Tasks:**

1. Share most up-to-date, available regional data about the environment and natural resources.
2. Review and revise maps and analyses about transportation system improvement related effects on the environment and/or natural resources (i.e., environmental suitability analysis).
3. Identify potential environmental mitigation strategies for the long-range transportation plan.
4. Share information about the long-range transportation plan and comment opportunities with constituents; provide feedback to COMPASS.

**Deliverables, Schedule:**

1. Completed environmental suitability analysis by October 2017.
2. Completed report of environmental suitability analysis and potential mitigation strategies by May 2018.

**Membership:**

Membership in the ERWG will be drawn from: federal, state, and local environmental and resource agencies, and member agency staff with appropriate expertise.

Charter recommended by Executive Committee: July 11, 2017  
Date

Charter approved by COMPASS Board: August 28, 2017  
Date

Next planned review of charter by Executive Committee: June 2018

*All decisions and recommendations of COMPASS workgroups are reached through consensus and there are no quorum requirements for workgroups. All workgroup meetings are open to anyone interested in attending. Individuals interested in attending should contact the staff liaison to obtain the scheduled meeting dates and planned agendas.*