

# [EXTERNAL] Request for consultation - NLEB Incidental Take Statements

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Ms. Nordstrom,

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in coordination with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), requests reinitiation of formal consultation, on the February 5, 2018, Programmatic Biological Opinion (PBO) for Transportation Projects in the Range of the Indiana bat and Northern Long-eared bat. Specifically, we request Incidental Take Statements for those projects that have completed formal consultation under the PBO but have not completed construction.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services field offices coordinated with FHWA, FRA and FTA to identify those projects in need of Incidental Take Statements. The need for Incidental Take Statements for the Northern Long-eared bat (NLEB) is in response to the November 30, 2022, final rule reclassifying the NLEB as endangered. The reclassification ended the applicability of the 4(d) rule for the NLEB that exempted many transportation activities from the prohibitions of Section 9 of the ESA.

If you have any questions please contact Dan Buford at [Daniel.Buford@dot.gov](mailto:Daniel.Buford@dot.gov).

Thank you,

Emily Biondi

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Ms. Nordstrom,

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in coordination with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), requests reinitiation of formal consultation to amend the February 5, 2018, Programmatic Biological Opinion (PBO) for Transportation Projects in the Range of the Indiana bat and Northern Long-eared bat. We are requesting this amendment of the PBO for use on future Section 7 consultations of transportation projects.

This is our second request to reinitiate consultation on the FHWA/FRA/FTA PBO. The first request was to obtain Incidental Take Statements for projects that had already completed formal consultation under the PBO, but have not completed construction. The November 30, 2022, final rule reclassifying the Northern Long-eared bat as endangered established the need to reinitiate consultation and amend the FHWA/FRA/FTA PBO.

If you have any questions please contact Dan Buford at [Daniel.Buford@dot.gov](mailto:Daniel.Buford@dot.gov).

Thank you,

Emily Biondi