**LPA Environmental RER T&E Guidance**

Note that this information should be made available to MoDOT Design Environmental Section at least 6 months ahead of Plan Submittal and Estimates (PS&E) date. For additional instructions for document submittal, see MoDOT T&E Program Guidance video.

1. Access the US Fish and Wildlife Service’s (USFWS) IPaC Online tool at <http://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/> to obtain the official list of species for your project.
2. Obtain a MO Department of Conservation (MDC) Online Missouri Natural Heritage Review Report at <https://naturalheritagereview.mdc.mo.gov/>. Information may also be obtained by submitting project description, boundaries, and Township/Range/Section directly to:

Environmental Review Coordinator

Resource Science Division

Missouri Department of Conservation

2901 West Truman Blvd.

Jefferson City, MO 65102

573-522-4115 ext 3182

NaturalHeritageReview@mdc.mo.gov

1. Provide the amount, location, and time of year for tree clearing, or indicate there will be no tree clearing for your project
2. If there will be tree clearing, photograph the trees so that bark characteristics such as peeling bark, damaged limbs, cavities, and dead sections are clearly illustrated.
3. If the project involves bridgework, photograph the undersides of bridges illustrating the presence/absence of any bird nests or unusual staining on the substructure or underside of the deck. Take note of 90-degree angles on the outside of the bridge, between girders, at pier caps, etc.
4. It is the responsibility of the LPA to make a written evaluation of their project impacts on each species listed from the IPaC List. LPA must also assess effects on an MDC listed species (state endangered or species or communities of conservation concern). If no effects are anticipated for a particular species, state your justification for that conclusion. For example: “This project does not involve any tree clearing so there will be no effects on summer roosting habitat for listed bat species” or “this project does no impact any aquatic habitats so there will be no effects on listed fish or mussel species”.
5. Submit the full project limits, easements, right-of-way, access, and ground disturbance information along with aerial photographs, plans, diagrams, etc. of full project limits and impacts.
6. The Environmental Section of MoDOT Design will maintain documentation of all official effects determinations for FHWA. If the project may affect federally threatened or endangered species, the Environmental Section will conduct Section 7 consultation with USFWS for clearance and relay results back to the LPA.