

When do we consult?

- ODOT consults on **federal-aid projects when the project could affect historic properties of tribal religious or cultural significance.**
 - Projects could include ground disturbance, new construction in undeveloped areas, introduction of visible, audible, or atmospheric changes, and transfer in ownership.
- The timing of consultation is dependent on the Tribe's preference but generally occurs when ODOT consults with the State Historic Preservation Office on the project's effects.

How do we consult?

- For FHWA/ODOT, project-level consultation begins with our **EnviroNet** environmental documentation system.
- Each Tribe has a system profile that they can customize based on their preference (geographical area, types of sites, and points in the PDP and Section 106 process).
- **Once notified, Tribes are provided 30 days to review and comment, per 36 CFR 800.**
- Consultation is not just for projects. FHWA and ODOT consult with tribes throughout the year regarding our program and host an annual Tribal Nations Conference with the Ohio History Connection.

What does this mean for your project?

- Most of ODOT's LPA-sponsored projects will not be of concern to the Tribes. However, they have the right to make comments on any federal-aid project.
- EnviroNet has the 30-day review period built into the system.
- **The Environmental Document cannot be approved before that 30-day review period has expired.**
- Therefore, it is **important to be proactive and make sure your project schedule includes time to accommodate this review period.**