Regulatory Communication and Permitting

- Commonalities between the regulatory agency and the DOT exist.
- The relationship between the regulator and the DOT is key to having a successful program.
  - Most of the DOTs visited had invited their regulators to attend the SCAN meeting.
  - EPA has reached out to DOTs.
  - Transportation website - www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/transportation
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DOT-funded positions or offering consultant resources at the regulatory agency may be a useful option.

- NCDOT funds positions to have dedicated staff that are knowledgeable in transportation stormwater and generally result in faster turn-around times for site plan reviews.
- MD SHA sometimes provides consultant resources to their regulatory agency.
- FHWA also supports a transportation liaison in the EPA’s Office of Water.
Stormwater needs to be integrated into all levels of the DOT’s structure.

- TxDOT is covered under a wide range of permits so coordination at the local DOT District is important.
- DDOT’s structure and the relationship with stakeholders could be turned into a watershed approach.
- NCDOT added “environmental sensitivity” into its mission statement.