

ERIKA D. HENSON, J.D., M.S.E.L.

Atlanta, Georgia | 404-670-5834 | erika@erika-henson.org

INFRASTRUCTURE & PROJECT LEADERSHIP SUMMARY

Infrastructure specialist and environmental compliance leader with experience guiding complex transportation, utility, and broadband projects from early scoping through design, regulatory review, mitigation, and delivery. Leads cross-agency, cross-disciplinary coordination with federal, state, Tribal, local, and military partners; translates regulatory requirements into practical project decisions; and brings international environmental-law experience and Spanish-language capability to stakeholder-centered infrastructure work.

CORE STRENGTHS

Infrastructure project delivery	Broadband & utility coordination	Cross-agency stakeholder engagement
Regulatory compliance & risk management	Consultant, schedule & budget oversight	Transportation planning & construction review
Oracle Primavera P6	ProjectWise	ArcGIS & digital plan review

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT), Office of Environmental Services

Environmental Transportation Specialist IV | Historian / History Lead • Atlanta, Georgia • 2022–Present

- Lead the cultural-resources and environmental-compliance component of more than 80 federally and state-funded transportation and infrastructure projects, coordinating work from scoping through design, mitigation, and project letting.
- Led statewide broadband compliance across 75+ Georgia counties, coordinating with transportation agencies in Tennessee and Florida to keep deployment moving through complex road, bridge, maintenance, and utility environments.
- Served as the bridge between project teams, engineers, agencies, consultants, and stakeholders—turning complex requirements into practical, on-schedule decisions that support safe infrastructure delivery.
- Build and sustain interagency coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Department of Defense and Army installations, Federal Highway Administration, State Historic Preservation Office, Tribal partners, and local governments to resolve review issues and maintain project momentum.
- Coordinate technical review and consultation with federal, state, Tribal, local, and community stakeholders; reconcile project, regulatory, schedule, and stewardship needs in complex infrastructure settings.
- Prepare consultant scopes, labor estimates, and budgets; oversee deliverables and schedules; manage records in ProjectWise and monitor project milestones in Oracle Primavera P6.
- Review roadway, bridge, utility, and construction plans and participate in scoping, constructability, and avoidance-and-minimization meetings to identify practical design solutions.

SELECTED PROJECT LEADERSHIP

Statewide Broadband Installation — Led the compliance strategy for broadband deployment across 75+ counties, aligning multistate agency partners, transportation work, utility interfaces, and stakeholder requirements.

I-285 / I-20 Interchange Improvements — Served as cultural-resources lead on a major transportation improvement project, coordinating interdisciplinary review and agency consultation.

Hahira Historic Districts — Managed infrastructure compliance affecting three National Register-listed historic districts, balancing preservation, engineering, construction, schedule, and stakeholder needs.

EDUCATION, INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE & LANGUAGE

Juris Doctor (J.D.) and Master of Studies in Environmental Law (M.S.E.L.), Vermont Law School — international and comparative environmental-law studies; United Nations Environment Programme semester-in-practice in Nairobi and United Nations Economic Commission for Africa internship in Addis Ababa.

Bachelor of Arts, Mass Communication, Loyola University New Orleans — minor in Spanish / Latin American language and culture.

Spanish — proficient working knowledge.