

Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Studies (NEPA)

Anticipated Process and Schedule

FIELD INVESTIGATIONS

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF **INTENT TO PREPARE EIS**

- Issue Intent to Enter Letters
- **Agricultural Operation** Interviews
- Wetland/Stream **Delineations**
- Traffic Counts

PEL STUDY

RECOMMENDATIONS

INTO PE AND NEPA

STUDIES

- Plant/Wildlife Species Survey
- **Historic Resource** Surveys
- Waste Site Investigations
- Ambient Noise Monitoring

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PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING DESIGN

- **Detailed Traffic** Modeling
- **Engineering Design** Layout for Roadway, Bridge/Culverts,Storm water, Retaining Walls, Interchanges
- Design adjustments to avoid and minimize environmental features

PREPARE DRAFT **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT** (DEIS) / SECTION 4(f)

Document:

- Purpose and Need
- Alternatives Considered
- Environmental Setting
- Environmental Effects
- Public and Agency Involvement
- Recommended **Preferred Alternative**
- Section 4(f) Evaluation
- Mitigation

EFFECT ASSESSMENT

MITIGATION CONCEPTS

- Noise Study
- Air Quality Study
- Historic Effects Determination
- Community Effect Assessment
- Assess Environmental **Effects**
- Section 4(f) Potential Use

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 Identify mitigation concepts

PUBLISH DEIS / SECTION 4(f)

PUBLIC HEARING

- Public Notice of DEIS Availability
- Hold Public Hearing
- Address Public and **Agency Comments**

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL **IMPACT STATEMENT** (FEIS) / SECTION 4(f)

RECORD OF DECISION

- Prepare FEIS / Record of Decision (ROD) which includes **Selected Alternative**
- Circulate FEIS / ROD
- FHWA Signs ROD for Environmental Clearance

FINAL ENGINEERING **DESIGN OF SELECTED** ALTERNATIVE

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We are here

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Public and Agency Engagement



PUBLIC MEETING:

Build Alternative alignments and updated traffic and environmental data information



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PUBLIC MEETING:

Revised Build Alternative alignments and recommended preferred alternative, environmental and traffic effects



PUBLIC HEARING:

Comment on the Draft EIS and official recommended preferred alternative



