

The 8-Step Planning Process

* 1. Describe the transportation problem: Identify existing and future transportation problems, define study area, prepare a statement of Purpose and Need.

* 2. Identify alternatives to solving transportation problems: Prepare land suitability map, identify preliminary study corridors, conduct citizens informational workshop(s), select preliminary study corridors for detailed study in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

* 3. Prepare engineering studies: Conduct detailed field studies, prepare environmental analysis of detailed study alternatives.

4. Prepare Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

5. Conduct corridor design public hearing and/or citizens informational workshop(s) to present alternatives and solicit public input.

6. Review Comments from the public and federal, state, and local agencies on DEIS and alternatives. Select preferred alternative.

7. Update and refine studies for the preferred alternative. Prepare Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

8. Prepare Record of Decision (ROD). Conduct design public hearing for preferred alternative.

BEYOND

Following publication of the ROD, permits are acquired and final engineering design plans are prepared for the selected alternative after which , right of way acquisition, utility relocations, and construction of the roadway can proceed.