

301 US 301 Project Development

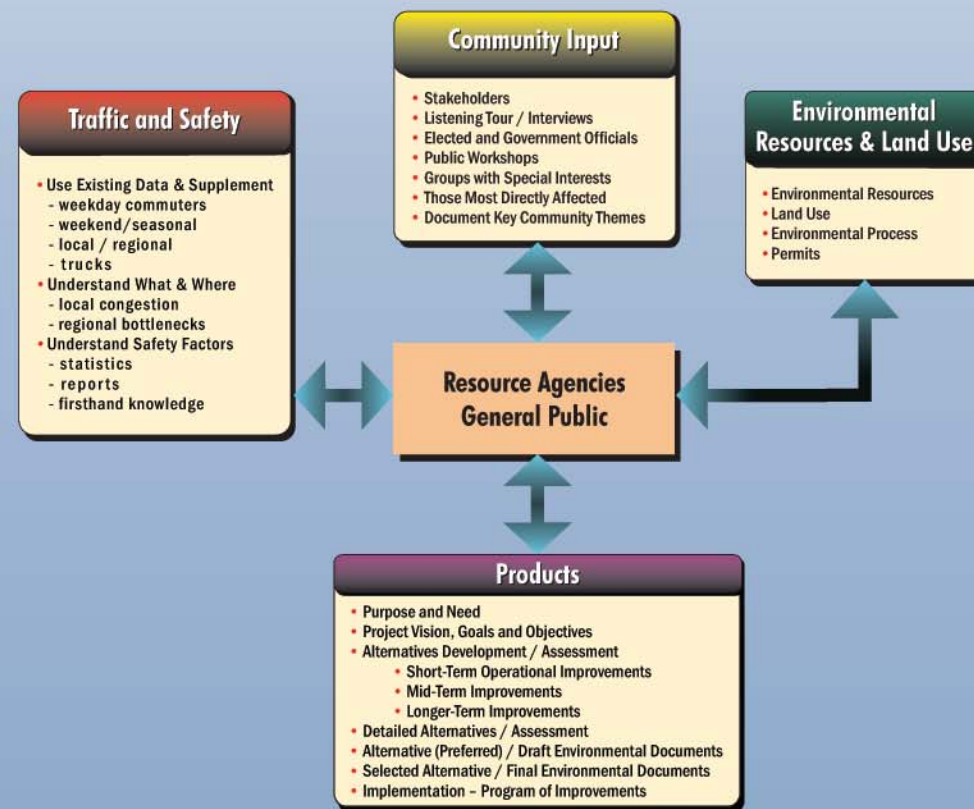


Environmental Resource and Regulatory Agencies

Transportation and Environmental Coordination Process

1. Transportation Planning - *Completed Major Investment Study (MIS)*
2. Scoping - *Underway*
3. Purpose and Need - *Draft Available for Comments*
4. Alternatives Development - *Underway*
5. Detailed Alternatives Analysis and Draft Environmental Document
6. Identification of Preferred Alternative/Conceptual Mitigation Plan
7. Final Environmental Document
8. Record of Decision
9. Project Design/Final Minimization and Mitigation Plan
10. Final Permit Decision
11. Project Implementation and Monitoring

Project Input and Products



Flow of Information



Project Development Schedule

The following project schedule is extremely aggressive. The Project Team is committed to meeting this schedule. Timely completion of the effort is critical. Alternative corridors that are available today to address project needs will become more costly, with significantly greater impacts, if the decision on this project is delayed. The transportation problems that exist today along US 301 will continue to get worse with the mixture of truck traffic and continued planned growth.



Feb - Jun '05	Develop Project Purpose and Need/Goals and Objectives, and Potential Range of Alternatives
Jun '05	Public Workshop #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present Project Purpose and Need/Goals and Objectives Present Potential Range of Alternatives/ Preliminary Assessment of Their Effects
Jul - Aug '05	Evaluate Range of Alternatives and Develop Recommendations for Alternatives Retained for Detailed Study
Sep '05	Public Workshop #2 (Sep 12 th and 13 th -tentative) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present Range of Alternatives and Assessment of Effects Suggest Alternatives Recommended for Detailed Evaluation and Alternatives Not Recommended for Further Consideration
Sep - Nov '05	Complete Detailed Evaluation of Alternatives and Develop Recommendations of Preferred Alternative
Nov '05	Public Workshop #3 (Nov 7 th and 8 th -tentative) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present Results of Detailed Evaluation of Alternatives Retained and Assessment of Their Effects Propose Preferred Alternative
Nov - Dec '05	Develop Recommendation for Selected Alternative
Jan '06	Public Workshop #4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present Selected Alternative
Jan - Mar '06	Complete environmental documentation and submit to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Apr '06	FHWA Approval of Selected Alternative (subject to availability of funding, provides authority to begin right-of-way acquisition, design and construction)

Consultation and coordination with the environmental resource agencies will be continuous throughout the project development effort.