

# ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) PROCESS

## Developing the Purpose & Need for the Environmental Study

- Why are we doing this study?  
What problem are we solving?

### Agency Scoping Meeting

- The project team will meet with various government agencies with jurisdiction to discuss the problems trying to be solved (need) and to solicit their input and ideas.



### Public Scoping Meeting

- This meeting is an opportunity for the public to learn about the environmental study process, provide input on the Purpose & Need, and share their ideas.
- Opportunity to provide feedback: 30-day comment period.



## Alternatives Screening

- The team will screen the remaining alternatives based on environmental impacts, economic factors, and public feedback

### Prepare Draft Plan-EIS

- The team prepares a draft document encompassing the entire process. This document will be available for public review.



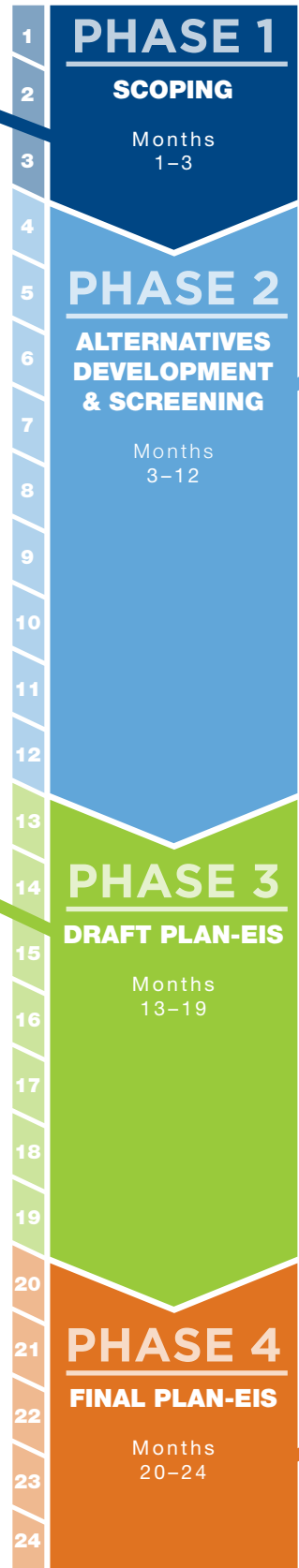
### Public Hearing

- The team will present details about the potential alternatives and results from the resources evaluation.
- Opportunity to provide feedback: 45-day comment period.



### Identify a Preferred Alternative

- Based on the screening process, the team will determine which of the possible alternatives makes the most sense to address the problem at hand.



**Public Meeting** 

**30-Day Comment Period** 

**45-Day Comment Period** 

## Developing Alternatives

- The team will develop a list of possible solutions, known as alternatives, to the "problem" identified in Phase 1.

### Initial Alternatives Screening

- Alternatives are preliminarily screened to see if they meet the purpose and need. Those that do will move forward for further study.

### Environmental Resource Identification

- Once the alternatives are narrowed down, the team will take a look at what impact (both positive and negative) each one could have on a variety of resources (wetlands, endangered species, economy etc.).



### Alternatives Public Meeting

- The team will present the alternatives studied to the public for feedback.
- Opportunity to provide feedback: 30-day comment period.



### Prepare Final Plan-EIS

- The team will review, incorporate, and respond to public comments and prepare the final Plan-EIS document.
- Final Plan-EIS will be available for review.
- Opportunity to provide feedback: 30-day comment period.
- Record of Decision (ROD): A decision will be made on whether or not to build the Preferred Alternative.



Schedule is subject to change.