

East Corridor EIS Process

- 1 Scoping** – Issues and concerns were solicited from various agencies, the community, and others. Scoping activities included door-to-door questionnaire, block meetings, neighborhood meetings, business meetings, and corridor meetings.
- 2 Purpose and Need** – Using the input from scoping, data gathering, and technical analysis, a purpose and need statement was developed. It served as the basis for the alternative development, screening, and environmental evaluation.
- 3 Evaluation Criteria** – Working with the community, agencies, and other stakeholders, criteria were developed to compare the numerous alternatives that were considered.
- 4 Alternative Development**– A full range of alternatives, including previous and current proposals and new ideas from the community and stakeholders were developed for consideration.
- 5 Alternative Screening** – Once the full range of alternatives was developed, the alternatives were screened using the previously established criteria to eliminate those that were not reasonable and would not meet the purpose and need.
- 6 Draft EIS (DEIS) Evaluation** – The Preferred Alternative and the No-Action Alternative were fully evaluated in the DEIS. The DEIS was an official document issued during the process and includes a detailed analysis of the social, environmental, and economic impacts of the alternatives and design options.
- 7 Formal Public Comment on DEIS** – With the release of the DEIS, the public and agencies had an opportunity to review and comment on the DEIS. Public hearings were held to present the information and encourage formal comments.
- 8 Final EIS (FEIS)** – Additional analysis was conducted to address public and agency comments on the DEIS and to further define the FEIS Preferred Alternative and appropriate mitigation measures.
- 9 Formal Public Comment on FEIS** – With the release of the FEIS, the public and agencies have an opportunity to review and comment on the FEIS. The public hearings are being held to present the information and to receive comments.
- 10 Record of Decision (ROD)** – After receiving public and agency comments and providing responses, it is expected that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will issue a ROD formalizing the official decision on the Preferred Alternative. The project is then allowed to begin the right of way acquisition process, complete final design, and go into construction.

