What is a Planning & Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study?

The Planning & Environmental Linkages (PEL) process considers environmental, community, and economic goals early on while planning future projects.

This process is outlined by the Federal Highway Administration and weighs:

- Transportation issues & priorities
- Environmental resources & concerns
- Stakeholder & public concerns



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COLLECT

Collect information about the transportation system, local communities, and environment.

UTILIZE

Utilize information to develop a range of potential transportation solutions called "alternatives."

REFINE

Screen alternatives
against certain factors
such as safety,
environmental impacts,
and future development
and planning.

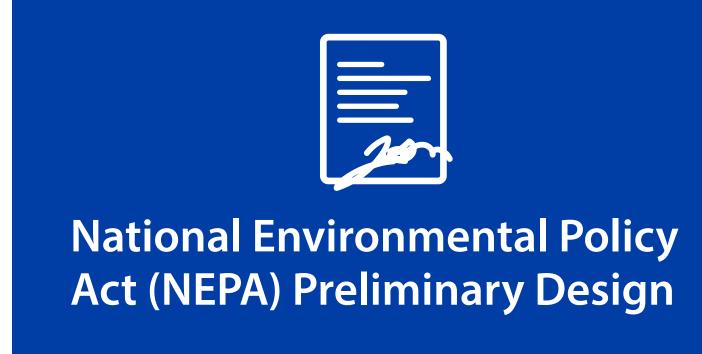
CATEGORIZE

Categorize alternatives into potential short-, mid-, and long-term transportation improvement projects in the study area.

DEVELOP

Develop a plan for funding and delivering projects.







Final Design



Construction

^{*}NEPA requires agencies to assess environmental effects of proposed actions prior to making decisions.