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CAMPO
CAPITAL AREA METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Transportation Policy Board Meeting

October 2, 2023

ITEM 1: CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM



ITEM 2: PUBLIC COMMENTS



ITEM 3: EXECUTIVE SESSION



ITEM 4: REPORT FROM THE TAC CHAIR



**ITEM 5: PUBLIC HEARING AND
PRESENTATION ON AMENDMENTS TO
THE TIP AND RTP**





2023 Out-of-Cycle Amendment - Requested Amendments

MPO ID/CSJ	County	Sponsor	Project Name	Limits (From)	Limits (To)	Description	Phase	Fiscal Year	Cost (YOE)	Amendment Request
51-00207-01/ 0265-03-043	Bastrop	TxDOT	SH-71	Travis/Bastrop County Line	.065 Miles East of Tucker Hill Lane	Construct overpass and add 2-lane one-way eastbound and westbound frontage roads.	Construction	2024	\$35,280,000	Add Listing - Add new individually listed roadway project. Project was previously listed and approved in the 2019-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and subsequently deferred in May 2020. Project is included in the 2024 Unified Transportation Program (UTP). Amendment is contingent on pending statewide project acceleration program selection.
51-00207-00/ 0265-02-042	Travis	TxDOT	SH-71	.85 Miles West of Tucker Hill Lane	Travis/Bastrop County Line	Construct overpass and add 2-lane one-way eastbound and westbound frontage roads.	Construction	2024	\$20,720,000	Add Listing - Add new individually listed roadway project. Project was previously listed and approved in the 2019-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and subsequently deferred in May 2020. Project is included in the 2024 Unified Transportation Program (UTP). Amendment is contingent on pending statewide project acceleration program selection.
11-00010-00/ 0265-03-042	Bastrop	TxDOT	SH-71	At Pope Bend Road		Construct 4-lane overpass and add 2-lane eastbound and westbound frontage roads.	Construction	2024	\$49,280,000	Add Listing - Add new individually listed roadway project. Project was previously listed and approved in the 2019-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and subsequently deferred in May 2020. Project is included in the 2024 Unified Transportation Program (UTP). Amendment is contingent on pending statewide project acceleration program selection.
51-00189-11/ 0015-13-451	Travis	TxDOT/City of Austin	IH-35	At Woodland Avenue		Construct bike and pedestrian bridge (stitch).	Construction	2024	\$9,556,250	Add Listing - Add new individually listed roadway project. Local Funding Only. Associated with CSJ 0015-13-428 and overall CSJ 0015-13-388.
73-00093-00	Travis	CapMetro	Red Line Double- Tracking	Onion Street	East Timbes	Design, engineering, and construction of double tracks along the existing Red Line, second station platform at Plaza Saltillo, signalization, positive train control modifications, safer railroad crossings at five locations, construction of new active transportation infrastructure between Chicon and Pedernales, and the reconfiguration of 5th Street.	Engineering, Construction	2024	\$32,184,000	Add Listing - Add new individually listed transit project. Project was selected for funding through the RAISE discretionary grant.
73-00094-00	Hays	City of San Marcos	Bus Purchase	N/A	N/A	Revenue Rolling Stock for Texas State University	Capital	2024	\$12,343,784	Add Listing - Add new individually listed transit project. Project is a partnership between Texas State University and the City of San Marcos utilizing 5307 funding.
73-00087-00	Hays	City of San Marcos	Transit Service	N/A	N/A	City of San Marcos Public Transit Operations	Operating	2023	\$4,567,010	Adjust Funding - Funding adjustments related to rolling over funding from FY 2022 into current FY 2023. Increase FTA 5307 funding from \$1,390,671 to \$2,283,505. Increase Other funding from \$654,283 to \$1,995,145. Increase state funding from \$221,000 to \$288,360.



**ITEM 6: DISCUSSION AND TAKE
APPROPRIATE ACTION ON SEPTEMBER 11,
2023 MEETING MINUTES**





Recommendation

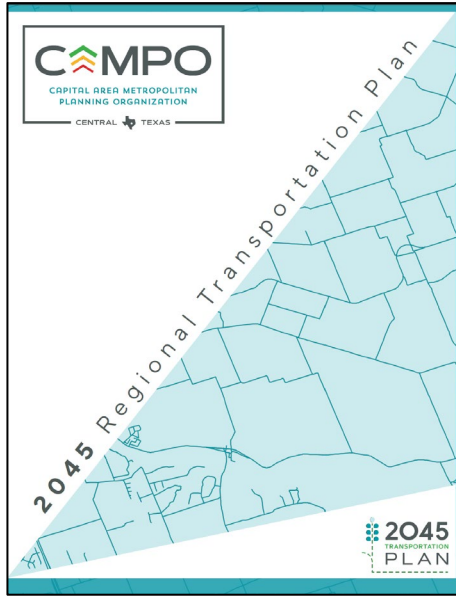


Staff recommends the TPB approve the September 11, 2023 meeting minutes.



**ITEM 7: DISCUSSION AND TAKE
APPROPRIATE ACTION ON
AMENDMENTS TO THE TIP AND RTP**





Amendment Process

The TIP and RTP are amended on a regular basis to ensure that the most up-to-date information is approved by the Transportation Policy Board.

Sponsors may submit a request for an amendment at any time using the online application which is then processed according to the amendment policies either through a regular amendment cycle, administratively, or as an out-of-cycle amendment.

The nature of the request is determined upon review of the submission and additional coordination with the project sponsors as needed.

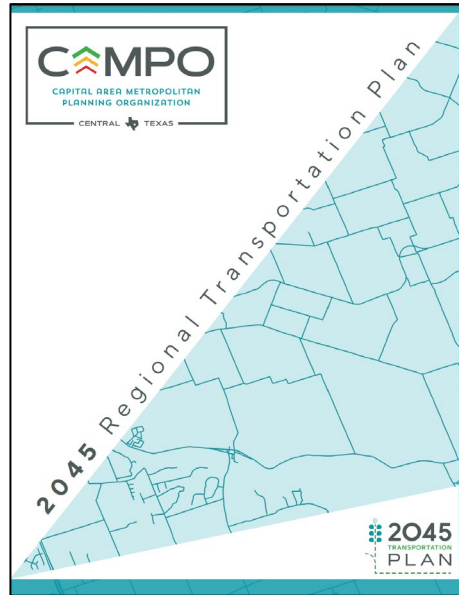
Transportation Improvement Program

2023-2026





Out-of-Cycle Amendments



Any requested non-administrative amendments that require immediate action outside of the regular amendment cycles are considered out-of-cycle amendments.

These amendments are subject to the process outlined in the Quick Action Option detailed in the Public Participation Plan (PPP) and final approval by the Transportation Policy Board.

The Quick Action Option requires 75% of the Transportation Policy Board members present to waive participation methods outlined in the PPP.

Transportation Improvement Program

2023-2026





Recommendation



Staff recommends the TPB approve the Quick Action Option process and the requested amendments as provided in Resolution 2023-10-7.



**ITEM 8: DISCUSSION AND TAKE
APPROPRIATE ACTION ON AMENDMENT #1
TO THE FY24-25 UPWP**





Recommendation



Staff recommends the TPB approve the requested UPWP amendment as provided in Resolution 2023-10-8.

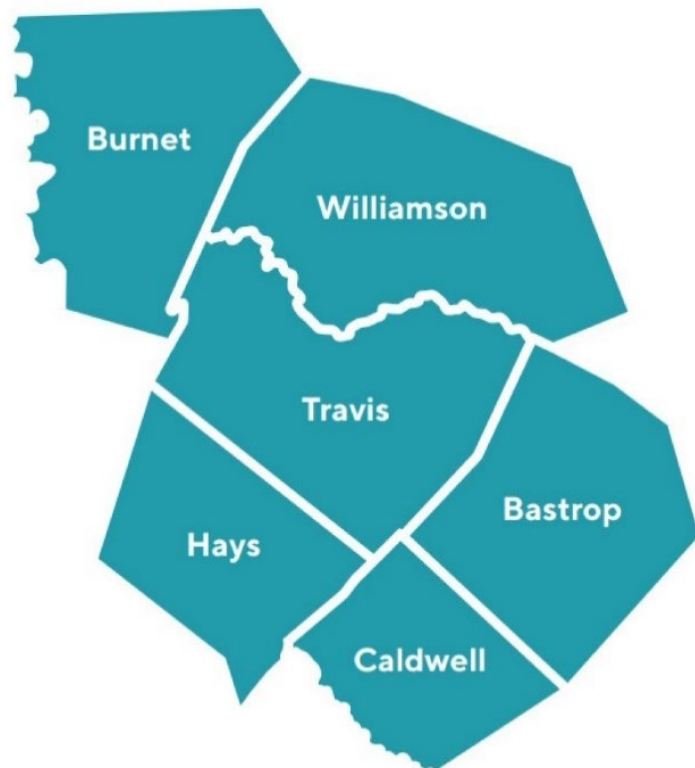


ITEM 9: DISCUSSION ON PROJECT FUNDING ACTIVITIES





Funding Activities



CAMPO is undergoing several important interrelated activities related to project funding that will be brought to the Transportation Policy Board for consideration early next year.

- Deferred Project Refunding Process
- Project Tracking
- Future Funding Opportunities





Deferred Project Refunding Process

CAMPO, in coordination with TxDOT, is working with sponsors of the remaining deferred STBG projects to conduct a full project readiness assessment to develop a refunding and scheduling recommendation for the TPB.

Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)

Scheduling and Refunding of Remaining Deferred STBG Projects



CSJ	Sponsor	Project Name	Original Award
0914-04-314	City of Austin	West Rundberg Lane	\$8,800,000
0914-05-194	City of Austin	Lakeline Blvd	\$11,540,000
0914-04-326	Travis County	Pearce Lane	\$22,000,000
0914-04-316	Travis County	Braker Lane North	\$11,737,000





Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)

Scheduling and Refunding of Remaining Deferred STBG Projects

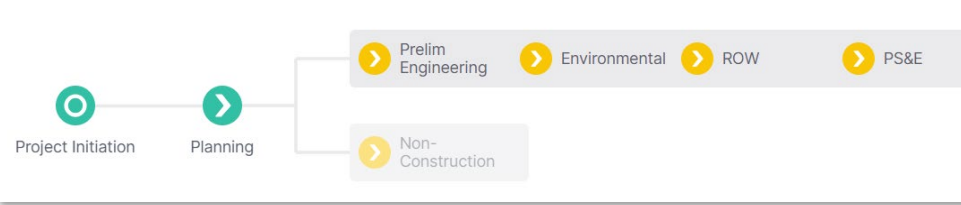


Milestone	Date
Initial Refunding Process Meeting	July 13, 2023
Information Packet (Draft)	July 18, 2023
Refunding Process Check- In	August 10, 2023
Information Packet (Final) – Application Folder	August 11, 2023
Project Materials Due	September 1, 2023
Technical Review	September – October
Individual Project Team Meetings	October – November
Recommendation Development	October – November
Technical Advisory Committee – Information	December 18, 2023
Transportation Policy Board – Information	January 8, 2024
Technical Advisory Committee – Recommendation	January 22 , 2023
Transportation Policy Board – Action	February 12, 2024
2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program	May 13, 2024





Project Tracking – Program Preview



Prelim Engineering Cancel

Details History

Details

Description: N/A Phase Status: **In Progress**

Type: Require Approval: No

Phase: No


Please include any significant changes since the last update or any additional updates here:

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Checklist

Item	Completed By	Completed Date	Status
+ Preliminary Engineering and Design ⓘ	James Gledhill	Actual 10/08/2023	Complete
+ Phase Confirmation			<input type="checkbox"/>

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Campo TIP Dashboard



This interactive dashboard summarizes the progress of Campo projects in myProjects. Click the chart labels and slicers to filter.
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Active Projects by Sponsor Agency

City of Austin	18
CAMPO	10
TxDOT	10
Hays County	7
City of Cedar Park	5

Active Projects by Approved Phase

Construction	53
Study	8
Other	7
Preliminary Engineering, Construction	7
Preliminary Engineering	4

Projects by Phase

AFA Prepared and Executed	3
FPAA Executed	3
Planning	2
Preliminary Engineering and Design	1
Project Implementation	1

Forecast Date By Stage

1 Portfolios **121** Projects

1 Sponsors **3** AFA Approved

\$522,072,468 Award Amount

\$105,843,099.56 Obligation Amount

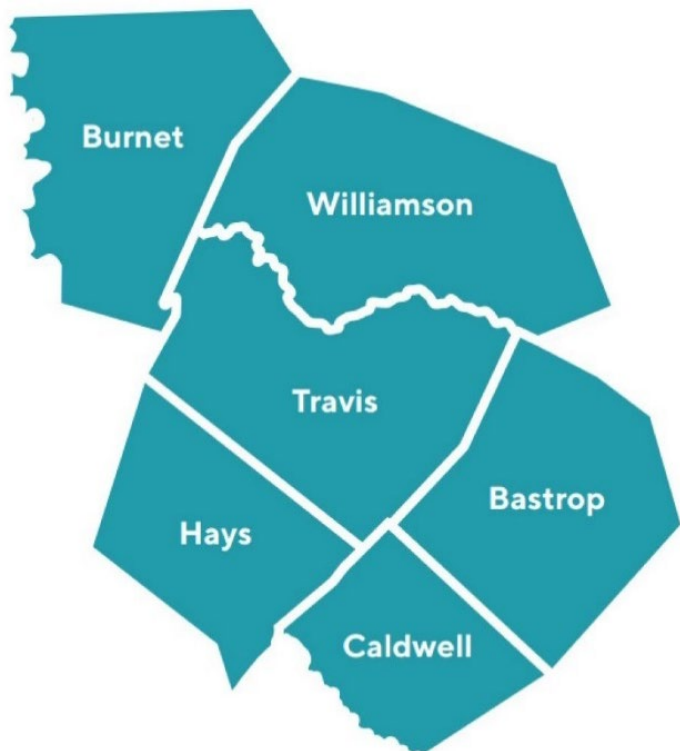
\$4,172,207,316.6 TDot Obligation

Project	Program	MPO ID	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor	Manager	Award Amount	Description
Bus Capital-IH 35 Corridor Service	Project Tracking	99-388516			Steven Herrera		
Freight Rail Bypass Study	Project Tracking	99-500783			Not Set		
I-35 Operational Improvements in Hays County	Project Tracking	99-962787			Roxana Ene		
I-35 Operational Improvements in Travis County	Project Tracking	99-848121			Roxana Ene		
I-35 Operational Improvements in Williamson County	Project Tracking	99-926441			Roxana Ene		
Intermodal Transit Facility Pedestrian and	Project Tracking	99-752403			Gerald Pohlmeier		





Future Funding Opportunities



CAMPO is preparing to initiate a project call in the upcoming calendar year to schedule projects for future funding availability. This funding opportunity will be impacted by the several outstanding factors including:

- The refunding of the deferred projects
- Currently funded projects not demonstrating progress
- Availability of ready projects
- Potential funding availability from other sources
- Statewide administrative code changes

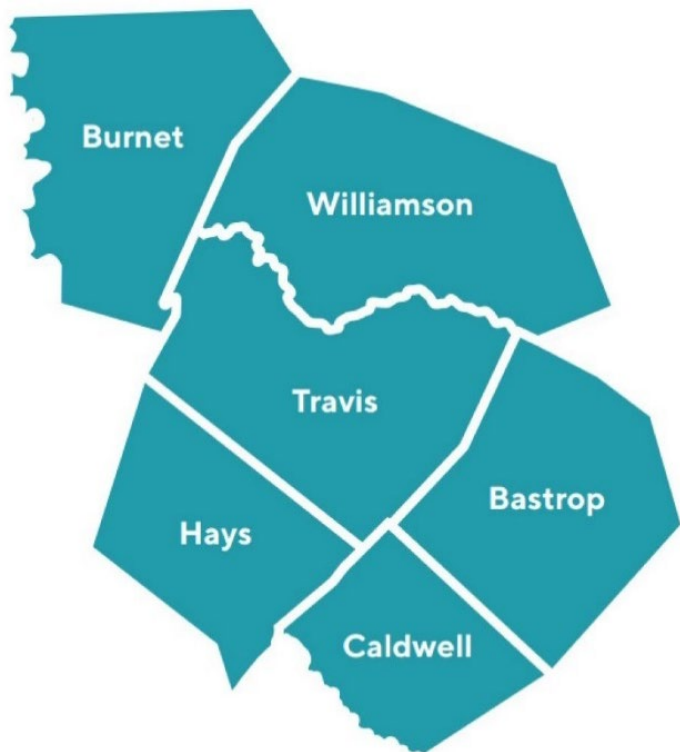


**ITEM 10: DISCUSSION ON CATEGORY 7
FEDERAL FUNDS UTILIZATION**





Category 7 (STBG) Funding Utilization



TxDOT is proposing revisions to the Texas Administrative Code regarding utilization rates to help optimize the use of federal funds by MPOs.

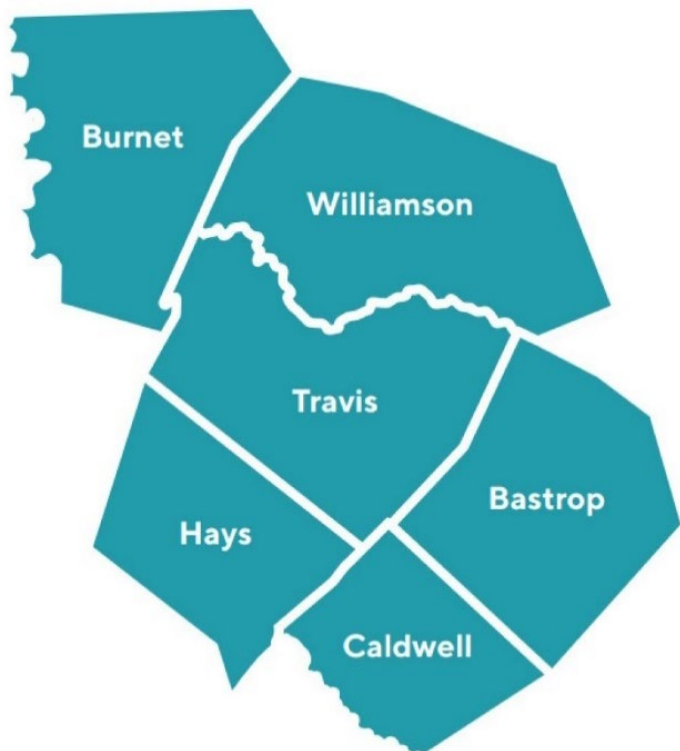
These changes include an annual review of Category 5 (CMAQ) and Category 7 (STBG) carryover and incentives to encourage utilization and increased funding flexibility.

This flexibility including a provision to redistribute Category 2 (Mobility) and Category 5 (CMAQ) should an MPO accrue a carryover amount over 200% of the annual apportionment without sufficient cause.





Category 7 (STBG) Funding Utilization



Over the 4-year period (2024-2027), CAMPO has a 99.2% utilization rate for federal funding and would not be negatively affected by this rule change in the near and mid-term future.

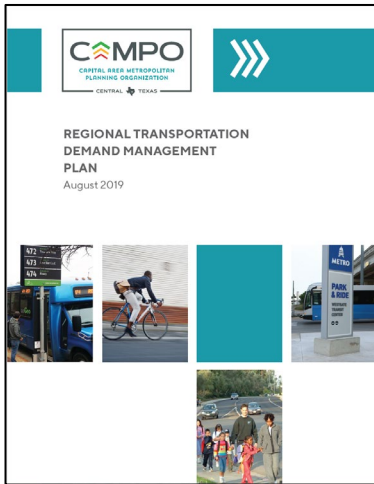
These changes provide additional flexibility for TxDOT and MPOs regarding funding distribution.

This change also emphasizes the importance of project readiness and could potentially represent additional funding resources for regional projects that are developed appropriately and to the extent necessary.



ITEM 11: DISCUSSION ON REGIONAL TDM PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION





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Schoolpool
Essential Worker Outreach
Congested Corridors
Construction Mitigation
Guaranteed Ride Home
Park and Ride Campaign
Large-Event Carpools

Regional TDM Program Timeline	
Date	Milestone
September 9, 2019	TPB adopts Regional TDM Plan, awards CAMPO staff \$498,720
March 9, 2020	TPB allocates 124,680 TDCs to CAMPO staff
March 8, 2021	CAMPO selects UrbanTrans to implement Regional TDM Program
September 13, 2021	TPB forms TAC TDM Subcommittee
October 5, 2021	TDM Subcommittee holds its first meeting
October 2021 – October 2022	Gather data, input, and form strategies
March 2023	TDM Subcommittee and TAC recommend strategies to implement Regional TDM Program
May 8, 2023	TPB awards \$4,000,000 CRP and 1,000,000 TDCs to CAMPO staff
August 2023	BASIS Pflugerville implements Schoolpool





- Schoolpool
- Essential Worker Outreach
- Congested Corridors
- Construction Mitigation
- Guaranteed Ride Home
- Park and Ride Campaign
- Large-Event Carpools



Regional TDM Program Timeline (Cont.)	
Date	Milestone
October 2023	Amend existing Advanced Funding Agreement with TxDOT
November 2023	Initiate procurement process
January 2024	Select consultant to fully implement Regional TDM Program

Roles and Responsibilities

- Subcommittee** - Provide direction of program implementation
- Consultant** - Conduct program implementation of strategies
- CAMPO Staff** - Manages consultant and subcommittee facilitation



**ITEM 12: PRESENTATION ON NEPA IN
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT**



Environmental Clearance in Project Development

October 2, 2023



Environmental Clearance

- What is it?
- Why do we need it?
- How to we get it?
- Considerations



WHAT IS IT?



What is it?

- Formal approval by a government or regulatory authority to undertake a project or activity.



WHAT IS IT?



Regulatory Hierarchy

- Law: United States Code (U.S.C.)
- Regulations: Code of Federal Regulations (CRF)
- FHWA Policy
- FHWA Formal Guidance
- TxDOT Guidance





Environmental Requirements

- Overarching environmental law
 - **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 1969**
- Requires the federal government to consider the environment in major federal actions



WHAT IS IT?



NEPA Assignment

- Transfer of FHWA's environmental responsibilities under environmental laws to TxDOT
 - Assignment of legal responsibility
 - Decision-making responsibility
- Improved program efficiencies and guidance





Locally-funded Projects

- NEPA does not apply
- Still required to consider other laws:
 - Water
 - Species
 - Cultural resources
 - Hazardous materials
 - Stormwater

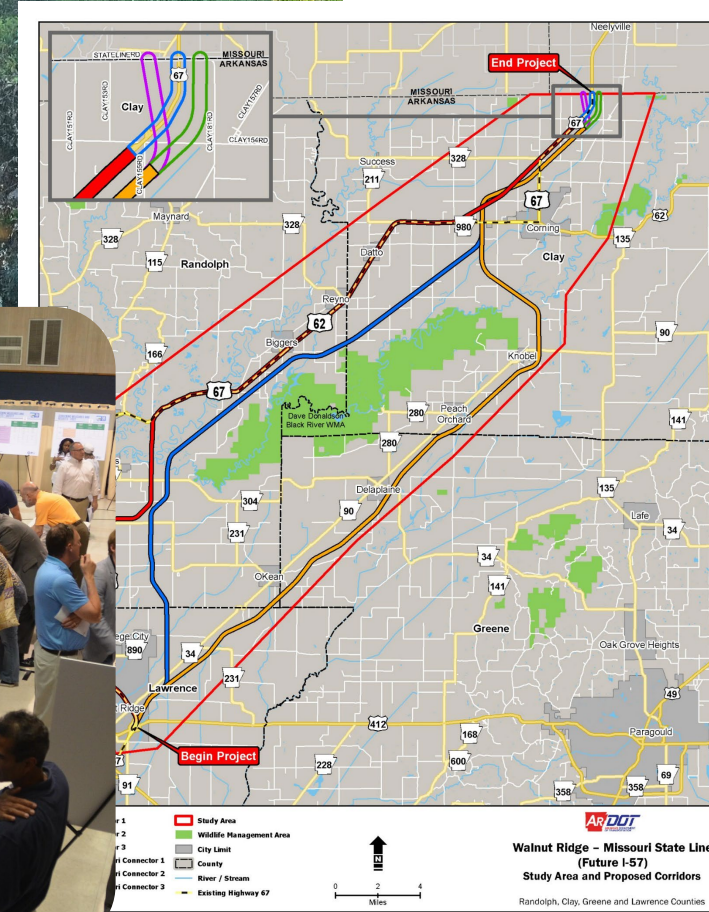


WHY DO WE NEED IT?



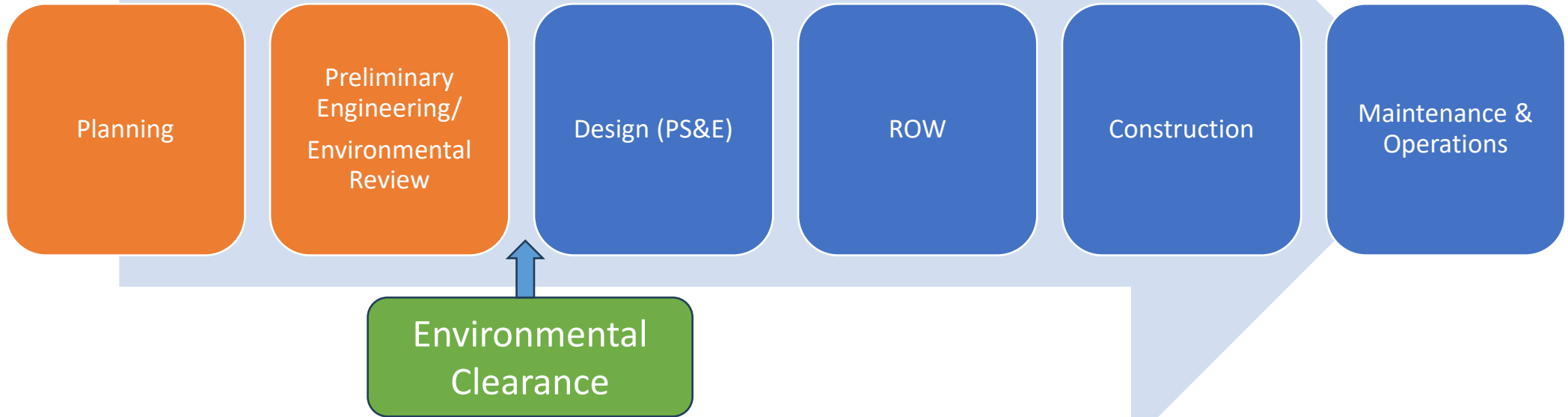
Why do we need it?

- Consider the environmental and human impacts of major actions
- Involve the public in decision-making
- Funding accountability





Project Development Process





How do we get environmental clearance?

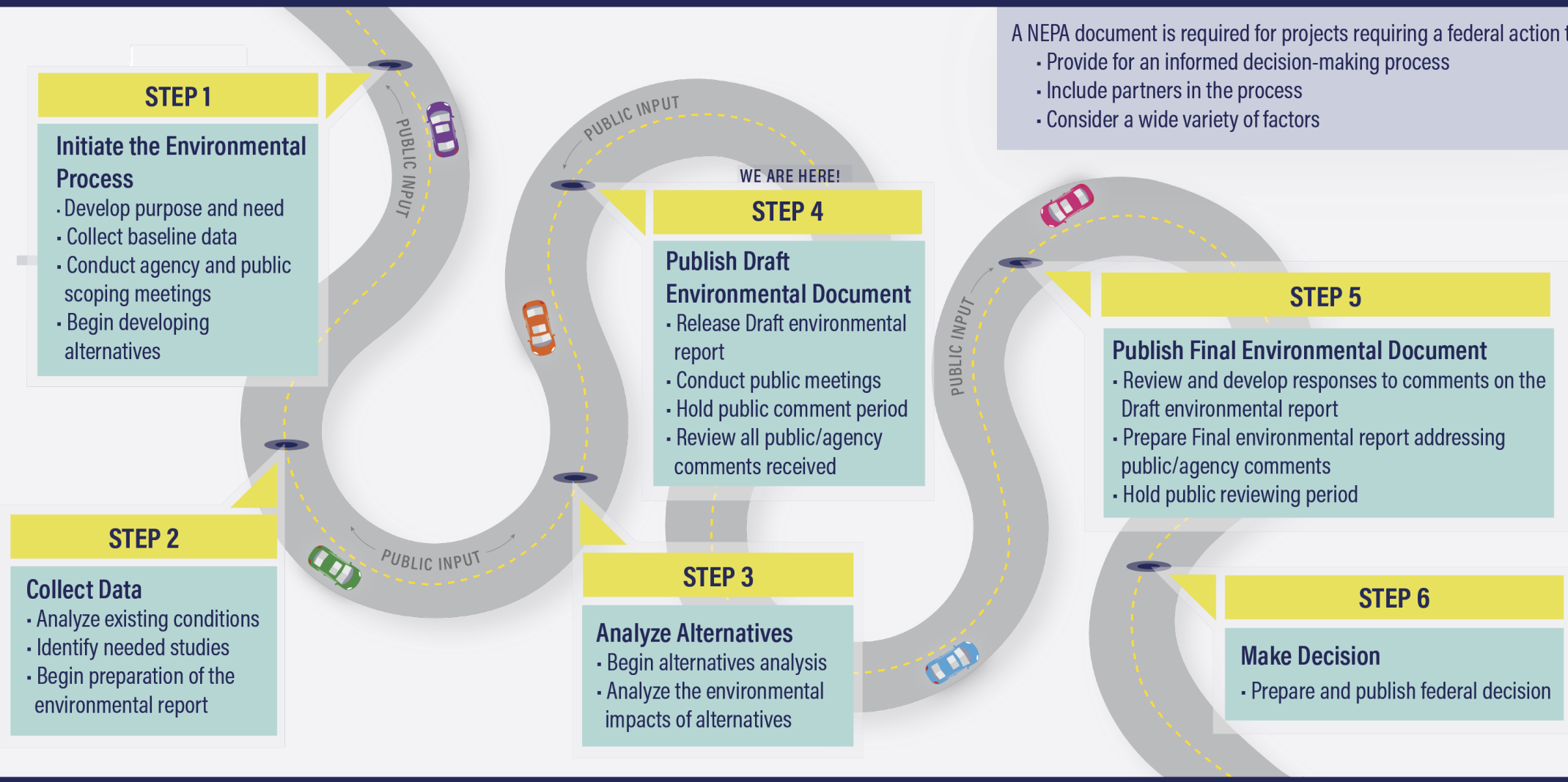
- Identify funding source
- Define the project
- Technical Analysis
- Determine the type of document
- Public Involvement
- Approval



National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

A NEPA document is required for projects requiring a federal action to:

- Provide for an informed decision-making process
- Include partners in the process
- Consider a wide variety of factors





Technical Studies and Reports

- Air Quality
- Archeological and Historic Sites
- Climate Change and Greenhouse Gases
- Community
- Economic
- Endangered and Threatened Species
- Environmental Justice and Title VI
- Farmland
- Hazardous Materials
- Land Use and Land Cover
- Migratory Birds
- Noise Quality
- Recreational Areas
- Relocations, including Homes, Businesses, and Tenants of all types
- Secondary and Cumulative Impacts
- Section 4(f) and 6(f) Properties
- Terrestrial and Aquatic Communities
- Visual
- Water Quality (NPDES, SWPPP, SPCC)
- Wetlands and Stream Impacts
- Wildlife Hazard





Documentation and Disclosure

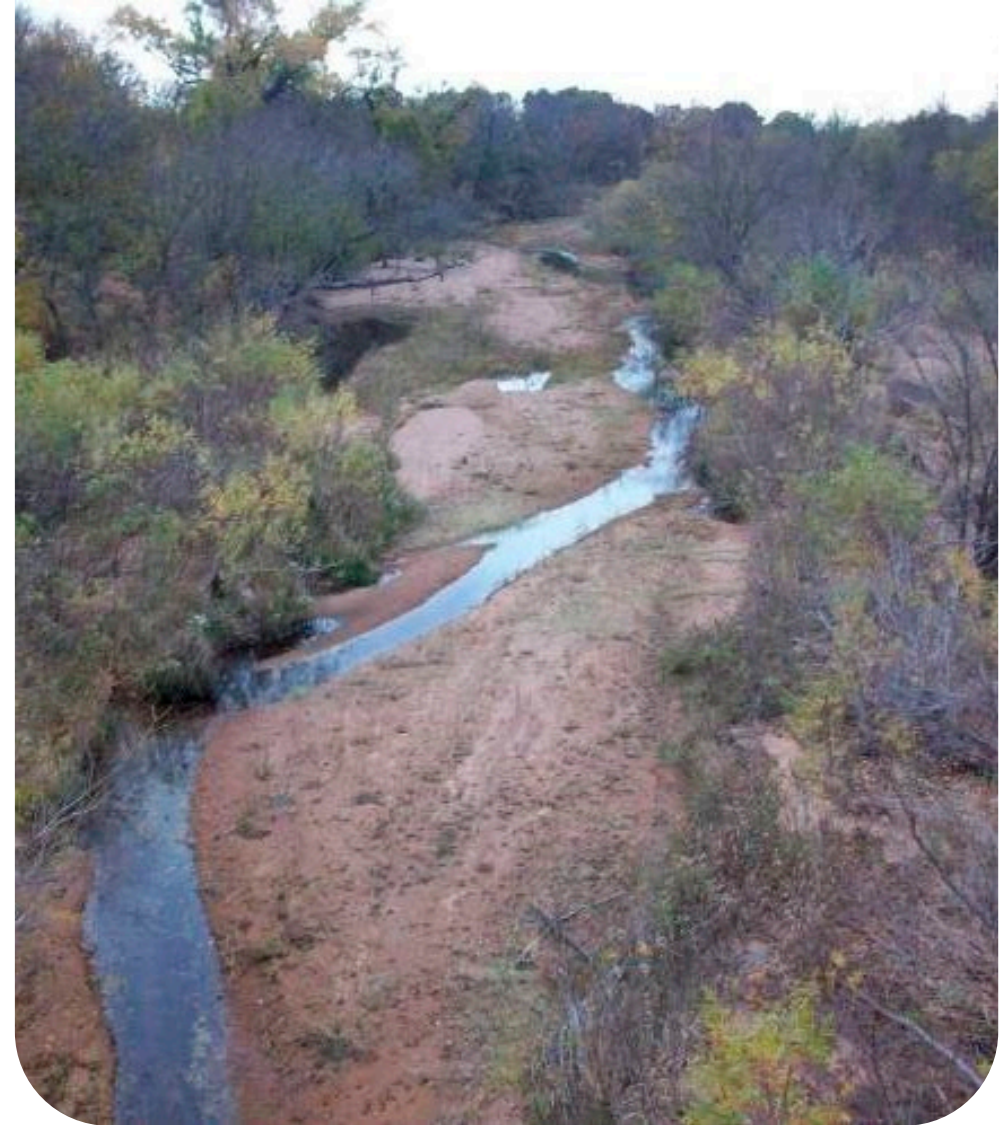
- Documentation is key
- Transparency
- Soliciting feedback from interested parties
- Providing information for decision-makers





Considerations

- Type of funding matters
- Communication and collaboration
- Avoid and minimize impacts
- Include environmental in planning



Thank you

**ITEM 13: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
ON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
ACTIVITIES**





Planning Activities



- 2024 Technical Advisory Committee Appointments
- 2024 Transportation Planning Activities Calendar



ITEM 14: ANNOUNCEMENTS





Announcements



- TAC → October 16, 2023
- TPB → November 13, 2023
- January 8, 2024 TPB meeting – officer elections



ADJOURNMENT

