SOUTHWEST transitway

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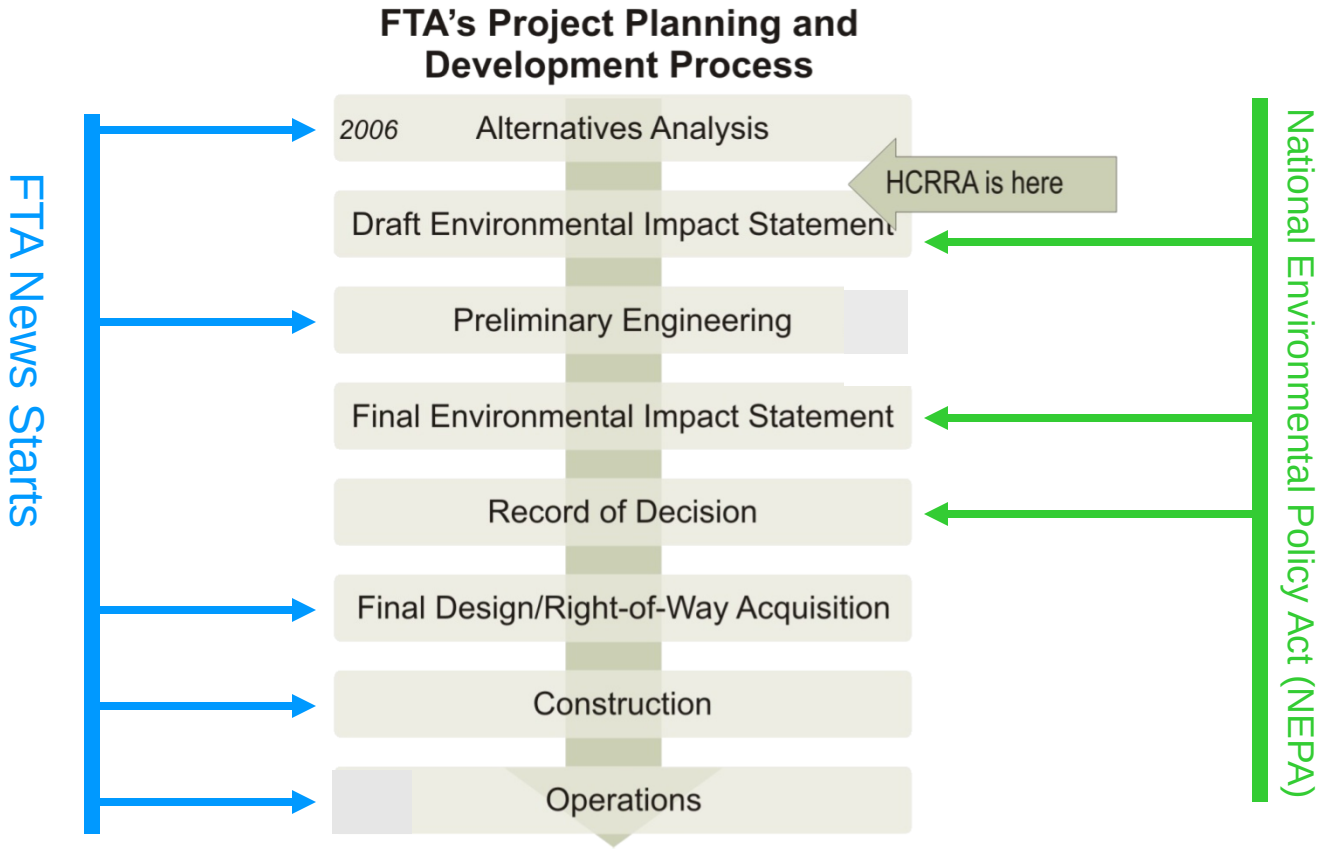
Project Development Process
FTA New Starts Projects



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NEPA

- Established National Policy
- Mandates consideration of Environmental Issues in Decision Making
- Encourages “productive and enjoyable harmony” between People and Environment
- Allows for Broad Participation in Decision Making

“Most important, NEPA documents must concentrate on issues that are truly significant to the action in question, rather than amassing needless detail” CEQ 1500.1(b)

Environmental Impact Statement

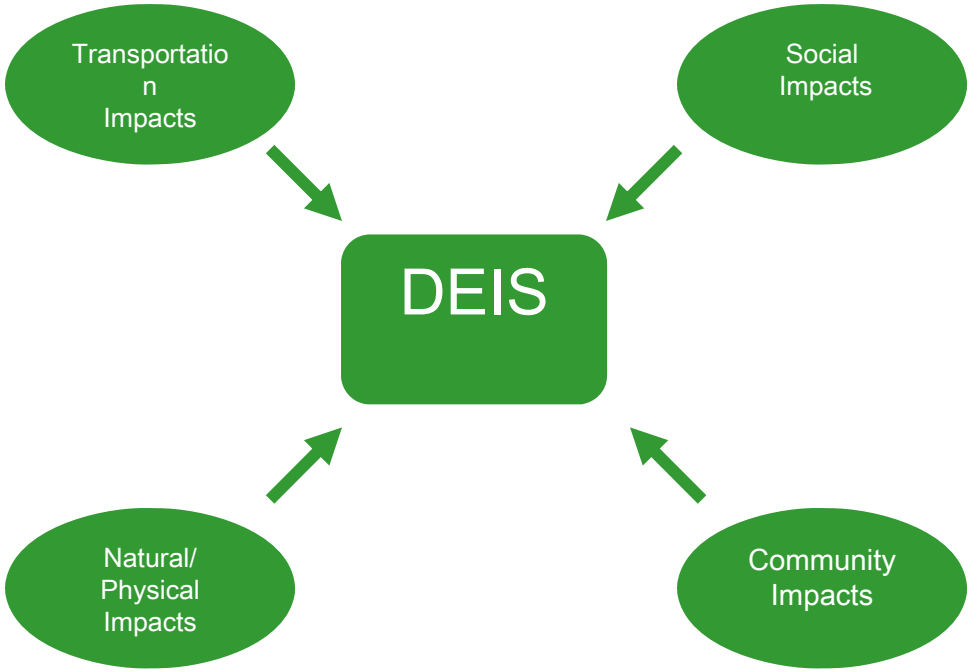
The purpose of the EIS is to conduct a full and open evaluation of environmental issues and alternatives, and to inform decision-makers and the public of reasonable alternatives that could avoid or minimize adverse impacts and enhance the quality of environment.

EIS = DEIS + FEIS

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

1. Issue a Notice of Intent (NOI)
2. Conduct Formal Scoping Process
3. Evaluate Alternatives
4. Circulate DEIS for Public and Agency Review

Evaluate Alternatives



Comment Period

Comment Period: October 12 through December 31, 2012

Comments may be submitted by email, mail, or in person at one of the public hearings:

Address to which written comments should be sent is:

Hennepin County
Housing, Community Works & Transit
701 Fourth Avenue South, Suite 400
Minneapolis, MN 55415
swcorridor@co.hennepin.mn.us

Next Steps After DEIS

Following the close of the DEIS comment period:

All comment transferred to Met Council and FTA, who will then provide responses to substantive comments during the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).