## state college area CONNECTOR

## **Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Studies Anticipated Process and Schedule**

PEL Study **Recommendations Into PE and NEPA Studies** 

> Field Investigations **Official Notice of Intent to Prepare EIS**

Preliminary Engineering Design

- Issue Intent to Enter Letters
- Agricultural Operation Interviews
- Wetland/Stream Delineations
- Traffic Counts
- Plant/Wildlife Species Survey
- Historic Resource Surveys
- Waste Site Investigations
- Ambient Noise Monitoring

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- Detailed Traffic Modeling
- Engineering Design Layout for Roadway, Bridge/Culverts, Storm water, Retaining Walls, Interchanges
- Design adjustments to avoid and minimize environmental features

WINTER 2023 / FALL 2024





**PUBLIC MEETING: Build Alternative corridor alignments and** updated traffic and environmental data information



Effect Assessment

Mitigation Concepts

**Prepare draft Environmental Impact** Statement (DEIS) / Section 4(f) / Section 404 Permit

- Noise Study
- Air Quality Study
- Historic Effects Determination
- Community Effect Assessment
- Assess Environmental Impacts
- Section 4(f) Potential Use
- Identify mitigation concepts

WINTER 2024 / SPRING 2025

## **Document:**

- Purpose and Need Alternatives Considered
- Environmental Setting
- Environmental Effects
- Public and Agency Involvement
- Recommended Preferred Alternative
- Section 4(f) Evaluation
- Mitigation
- Section 404 Permit

**SUMMER 2025 / FALL 2025** 

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**PUBLIC MEETING: Revised Build Alternative corridor alignments** and recommended preferred alternative, environmental and traffic effects



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Final Engineering **Design of Selected** Alternative

Publish DEIS / Section 4(f)

**Public Hearing** 

**Final Environmental Impact Statement** (FEIS) / Section 4(f)

**Record of Decision** 

• Public Notice of DEIS Availability

- Hold Public Hearing
- Address Public and Agency Comments

• Prepare FEIS / Record of Decision (ROD) which includes Selected Alternative

- Circulate FEIS / ROD
- FHWA Signs ROD for Environmental Clearance

**FALL 2025** 

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**PUBLIC HEARING: Comment on the Draft EIS and official** recommended preferred alternative