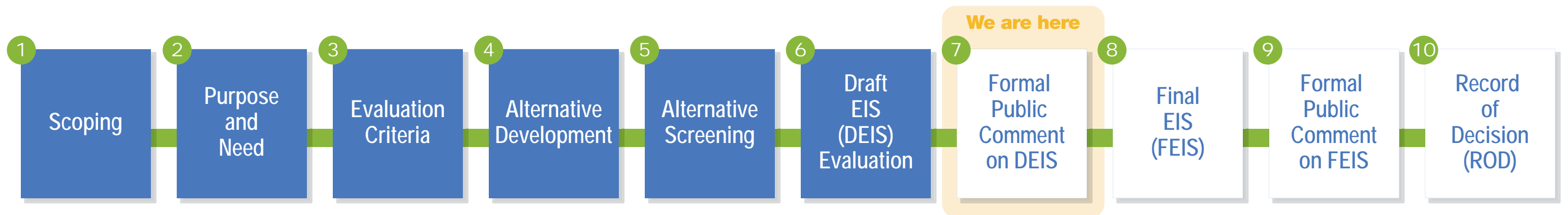


I-70 East EIS Process

- 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 or “master list” of alternatives, including previous and current proposals, and new ideas from the community and stakeholders were developed for consideration.
- 5 Alternative Screening** – Once the “master list” 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 alternatives that make it through the screening process are fully evaluated in the DEIS. The DEIS is an official document issued during the process and includes a detailed analysis of the social, environmental, and economic impacts of the alternatives.
- 7 Formal Public Comment on DEIS** – With the release of the DEIS, the public and agencies have an opportunity to review and comment on the DEIS. The public hearings are being held to present the information and encourage formal comments.
- 8 Final EIS (FEIS)** – After addressing the public and agency comments, additional analysis will be conducted to develop the FEIS. The first element of the FEIS will be to recommend a Preferred Alternative.
- 9 Formal Public Comment on FEIS** – Following the release of the FEIS, the public will have a chance to review and comment on the FEIS. A public hearing(s) will be held to present the information and encourage formal comments.
- 10 Record of Decision (ROD)** – After receiving public and agency comments and providing responses, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will issue a ROD formalizing the official decision on the Preferred Alternative.



Community Outreach – A continuous community outreach process has been integrated into every step of the project, to provide residents, businesses, the traveling public, and other interested parties with an opportunity to have meaningful participation in the process.