



# STUDY PROCESS / NEXT STEPS / MISCONCEPTIONS



## 113 US 113 North / South Study

### Where Are We In The Process

1. Transportation Planning - Completed
2. Study Scoping - Completed
3. Purpose and Need - Completed
4. Alternatives Development - Underway
  - Conceptual Alternatives - Completed-Presented at June 2004 Public Workshops
  - Preliminary Alternatives - Completed-Presented at November 2004 Public Workshops
  - Recommendation of Preliminary Alternatives to be Retained for detailed study - Present at Spring / Summer 2005 Public Workshops
5. Detailed Alternatives Analysis and Draft Environmental Document
6. Identification of Preferred Alternative and Conceptual Mitigation Plan
7. Final Environmental Document
8. Record of Decision
9. Project Design and Final Minimization and Mitigation Coordination
10. Final Permit Decision
11. Project Implementation and Monitoring

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### Next Steps

- Through Community Input, Engineering & Environmental Studies and Consultation with the Environmental Resource Agencies, the Project Team anticipates the following:
- Project Team Evaluates Comments on Preliminary Alternatives from Public, Working Groups and Environmental Resource Agencies. November, 2004
  - Project Team develops recommendations for Preliminary Alternatives to be retained for detailed analysis. December, 2004
  - Project Team presents recommendations to Environmental Resource Agencies on Alternatives to be retained for detailed analysis. January, 2005
  - Project Team and Working Groups develop recommendations on Alternatives to be retained for detailed analysis. February, 2005
  - Project Team presents recommendations on Alternatives to be retained for detailed analysis at Public Workshops. Spring, 2005
  - DeIDOT determines Alternatives to be retained for detailed analysis. Spring, 2005
  - Project Team advises Environmental Resource Agencies, Working Groups and Public of the Alternatives to be retained for detailed analysis. Spring, 2005
  - Project Team conducts detailed analysis of retained alternatives. Summer, 2005  
Fall, 2005
  - Project Team presents update / results to date of detailed analysis to Public, Working Groups and Environmental Resource Agencies. Fall, 2005

### Study Misconceptions

- *DeIDOT has already made up its mind to go with "On-alignment" alternative*  
**NO** - however, to comply with environmental requirements, which is essential to obtain federal funds and permits, "On-alignment" must be evaluated to determine whether the impacts are significant enough to warrant "Off-alignment" alternatives.
- *DeIDOT is trying to do this on the cheap*  
**NO** - while cost will be a factor in the evaluation of alternatives, it will be only one of many factors to be considered.
- *DeIDOT is intending to turn US 113 into a fully controlled access highway, similar to SR1 from I-95 to Dover*  
**NO** - the study goal is to create a limited access roadway - not a fully controlled access highway- See Display Panel ⑧ for additional information.
- *The outcome of this project is already a done deal*  
**NO** - the study outcome is unknown at this time. That decision will be made in the future. We are only at the mid-point of the study. There is no easy answer, no silver bullet. Given the diversity throughout the US 113 Corridor, a different solution may be required for each diverse area. Decisions will be complex and difficult. However, to do nothing, to not plan for the future will eventually be even more painful.