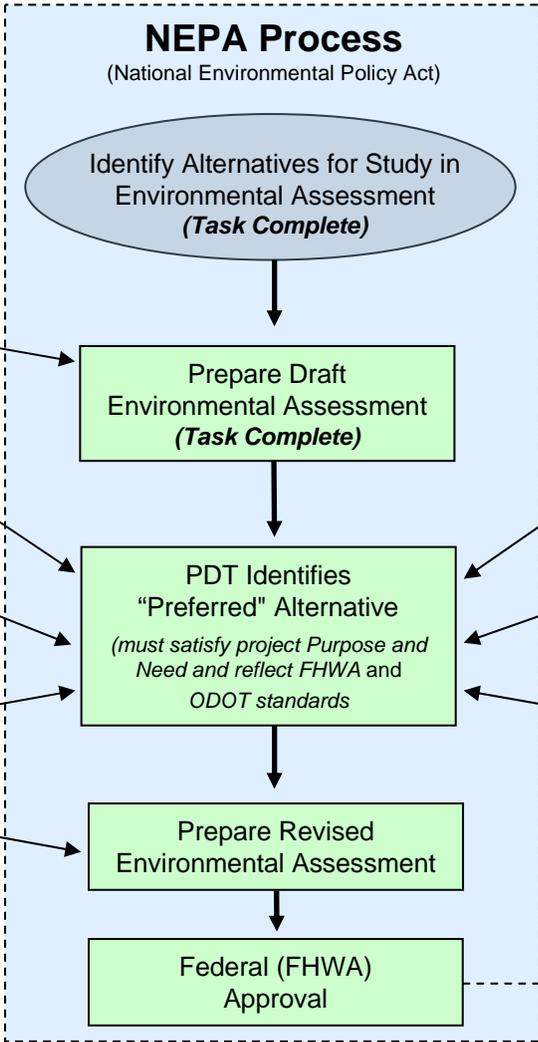


Key Steps in Downtown Brookings - Highway 101 Environmental Assessment Process



Technical Input

- Study Impacts of Alternatives
- Consideration of Environmental & Socioeconomic Impacts
- Regulatory Agency Comments
- FHWA, ODOT Review/Input
- Update Technical Studies & Design



Community Input

- Public Meeting/Comments on Draft Environmental Assessment
- Stakeholder Committee Recommendation
- Brookings City Council Recommendation



If project is approved by FHWA, funding would then need to be identified before a final design is completed and constructed

Project Teams Responsibilities

Stakeholder Committee (SC): Advises the PDT. The 13 SC members represent community interests such as businesses, emergency services, senior citizens, freight, land use, real estate, and urban renewal. All project-related recommendations from the SC to the PDT have thus far been unanimously accepted.



Project Development Team (PDT): Is the decision-making body for the project. The PDT is comprised of six ODOT and four City of Brookings representatives. Project decisions must consider multiple factors, are based on a consensus vote, and are subject to approval by FHWA.



Federal Highway Admin. (FHWA): Is the lead agency for the Environmental Assessment process, acting in an oversight capacity. FHWA must approve final project decisions. The NEPA process must be followed for proposed actions that will require federal funding, federal permits, or federal approvals.

ODOT/Consultant technical group supports the project teams with analyses and impact studies for the Environmental Assessment. Studies must be performed for several subject areas, (e.g., traffic, land use, hazardous materials, socioeconomics, noise, historic properties, and biological resources).