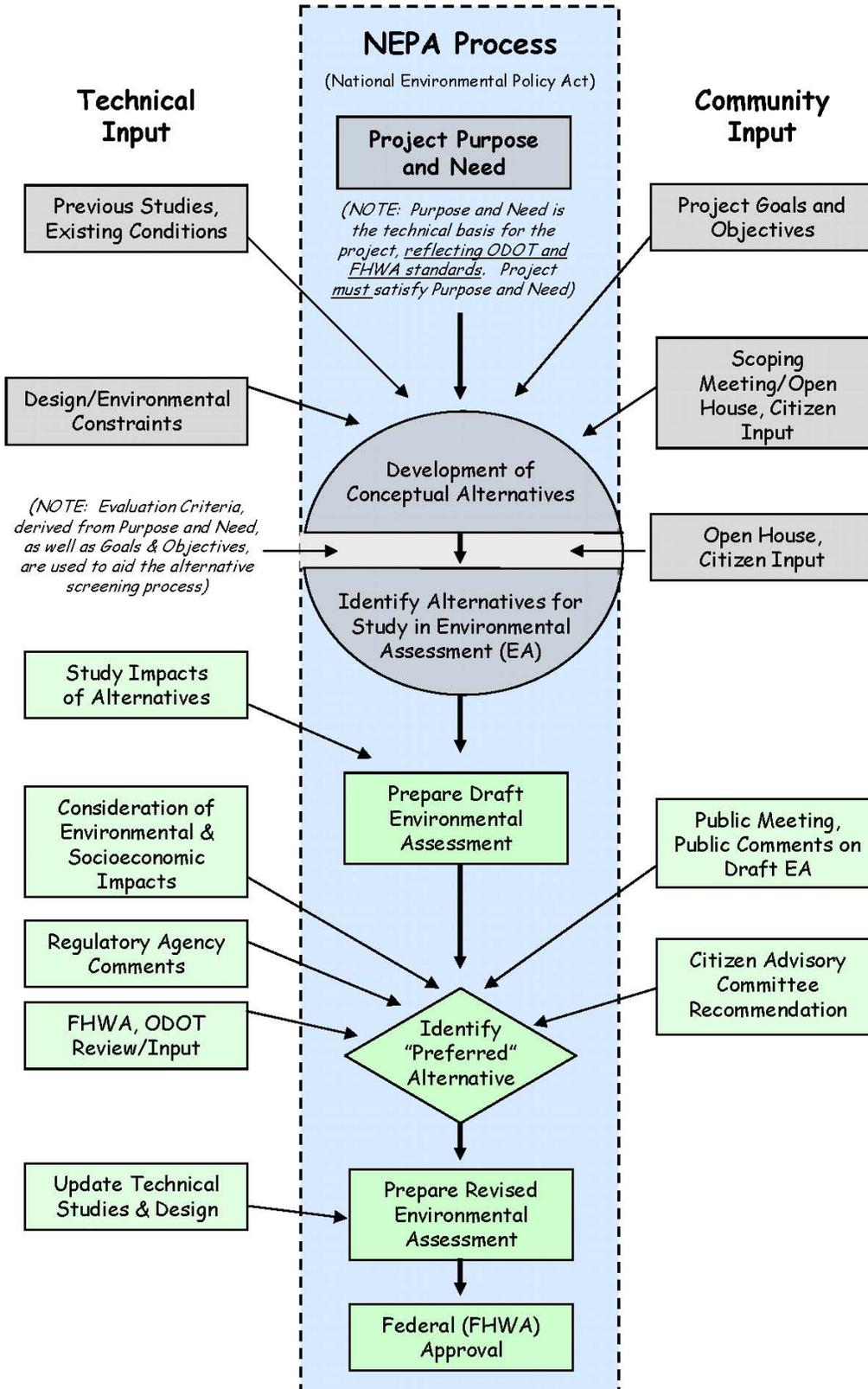


# Overview of Highway 199 Expressway Upgrade Environmental Assessment Process



**Project Team Roles**

**Project Development Team (PDT):** The PDT is the decision-making body for the project. The PDT is comprised of 16 members, nine of them voting members. The voting members are: three ODOT representatives, one City of Grants Pass representative, one Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce representative, one Josephine County representative, one Oregon State Police representative, one freight/trucking representative, and one citizen. Project decisions must consider multiple factors, are based on a consensus vote, and are subject to approval by the FHWA.

**Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC):** The CAC advises the PDT. The 11 CAC members represent community interests such as small and large businesses, residential areas, pedestrian and bicycle advocates, senior citizens, Community College, environment, safety, land use, and private development.

**Technical Team (TT):** The TT is comprised of scientists and engineers who perform analyses and impact studies for the Environmental Assessment process. Studies must be performed for several subject areas, including traffic, land use, hazardous materials, socioeconomic, noise, historic properties, and biological resources.

**Federal Highway Admin. (FHWA):** 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.