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Timeframe	Summer 2021	Fall 2021 – Spring 2022	Spring 2022 – Winter 2023	Winter 2023 - Spring 2024	Spring 2024 – Fall 2024	Fall 2024 – Spring 2025
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Study Step	Project Initiation	Problems to be Solved	Purpose and Need and Evaluation Criteria	Develop Alternatives	Evaluate, Refine, and Select Alternatives	Finalize Documentation
<b>Objectives</b>	Establish effective communications management protocols for a solid project foundation.	Identify problems to be solved based on updated data and public input.	Develop the Purpose and Need and evaluation criteria based on issues identified through data analysis and outreach.	Develop alternative concepts and review them for fundamental flaws and practicality.	Refine and further develop reasonable alternatives, arriving at a recommended alternative(s).	Develop final documentation that is easy to read, meets all requirements, and confirms DOT&PF, AMATS, and resource agency acceptance.
Activities	<ul> <li>Develop project management plan.</li> <li>Establish schedule.</li> <li>Prepare communications plan.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Collect existing information (maps, studies, and data).</li> <li>Develop baseline and forecasted traffic volumes.</li> <li>Identify environmental constraints.</li> <li>Identify safety needs, system performance standards, and facility deficiencies.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Develop Purpose and Need.</li> <li>Identify alternatives selection criteria based on: <ul> <li>DOT&amp;PF design criteria</li> <li>Environmental constraints</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Identify and develop alternatives.</li> <li>Prepare centerline and typical sections.</li> <li>Consider environmental and community factors.</li> <li>Collect baseline data and conduct traffic study work.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Refine and screen detailed alternatives.</li> <li>Conduct traffic modeling.</li> <li>Assess against screening criteria.</li> <li>Assess environmental impacts.</li> <li>Update cost estimates.</li> <li>Identify draft recommendations.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Refine recommended alternative(s).</li> <li>Identify construction phasing plan.</li> <li>Prepare financial analysis.</li> <li>Write Draft PEL Study Report.</li> <li>Host public review period.</li> <li>Finalize PEL study report.</li> </ul>
Community Engagement	Create Website Form Committees	Advisory Committee Meetings Kick-off     Small Group Meetings     Advisory Committee Meetings       Public Meeting #1 Input on transportation problems to be solved     Public Meeting Input on Purpose and solicit altern	Posts     Meetings     Environmental Setting Repo       g #2     Public Meeting       and Need     Input to iden	ent, Listening Posts Mail Group Meetings Small Group Meetings withing #3 Public Meeting #4	dvisory mmittee eetings Small Group Meetings Stakeholder Workshop Public Meeting #5 Review evaluation results and provide input on draft recommendations	e Stokeholder Committee Workshop Advisory Committee Meetings Draft PEL Study Report