

The Study Process and Public Involvement

STUDY PHASES



Scoping Period:

The public and interested stakeholders were invited to public meetings to learn about the study, ask questions and provide input on potential alternatives and identify the issues or concerns to consider in the study.

Scoping comments were considered in development of initial range of alternatives



Formulation of Alternatives and Technical Analysis:

Technical experts identified and evaluated solutions to the problem, developed conceptual designs, determined rough cost estimates and benefits of each alternative, and began to identify environmental and social impacts of these alternatives.

At this phase, the alternatives must meet the engineering goals of the Study and be technically and economically feasible



Interim Report Completed:

The technical studies and alternatives evaluated to date were compiled into an Interim Report.

We Are Here



Public Review and Comment on Interim Report:

Virtual public information sessions will summarize the study and alternatives; staff available to answer questions.



Complete Draft Feasibility Report & EIS:

Technical studies are compiled into a Draft Feasibility Report and all impacts disclosed in the EIS (Environmental Impact Statement). At this point, the team completes sufficient analysis to propose the "Tentatively Selected Plan" in the draft report.



Public Review and Comment on the Draft Report & EIS:

Comments will be considered in development of the recommended plan and final reports



Complete Final Reports:

Based on more detailed analysis and the consideration of public comments, the team refines the features of the TSP and presents a recommended plan in a Final Feasibility Report & EIS which is sent to the USACE Chief of Engineers.



Study Complete:

The Chief of Engineers endorses the recommended plan in a Chief's Report and the Corps signs a Record of Decision.

All reports are forwarded to Congress with additional details for authorization and funding.

Congressional authorization provides the approval to proceed with final design and other actions. Additional steps are necessary to move a recommendation into design and construction, including funding and the identification of an appropriate non-federal partner or partners.

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