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IDENTIFICATION PHASE

SCOPING - Gather resources and input about the study area

PURPOSE & NEED - Define a clear statement of objectives and needs to be addressed by any potential solution (alternative)

- Purpose and need development drives the environmental study process and lays a foundation for the types of alternatives developed.
- UDOT will define a statement of goals and objectives that the study will address (purpose) and identify the existing and future conditions that need to be changed (need).

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ANALYSIS PHASE

ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT & ANALYSIS - Develop and evaluate potential solutions that address the Purpose and Need

- Using the best available data UDOT will develop alternatives that meet the Purpose and Need, including the “no-action solution,” for further analysis.
- Alternatives will be screened based on their potential high-level impacts and how they meet the Purpose and Need.
- Alternatives that pass the screening process will be evaluated in more detail for impacts to the natural and human environments.

ENVIRONMENTAL & COMMUNITY IMPACTS ANALYSIS - Evaluate alternatives to determine potential impacts to the natural and human environment

- This process will be done for the alternatives that pass screening.
- This part of the process includes technical experts conducting data analysis where the team will quantify the effects to the social, economic and natural environment.
- When data analysis is complete, the results are presented to the public for review as part of the Draft EIS.

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DRAFT EIS - Present results of alternative screening, detailed analysis of alternatives that pass through screening and identify the preferred alternative

- A preferred alternative and no-action solution are presented in the Draft EIS with the analysis of how and why the alternative was determined to be the preferred.

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APPROVAL PHASE

FINAL EIS - Consider and respond to comments on the Draft EIS

RECORD OF DECISION - Explain the final decision

The environmental review, consultation and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by UDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated January 17, 2017, and executed by FHWA and UDOT.