



Project Steering Committee  
April 14, 2015

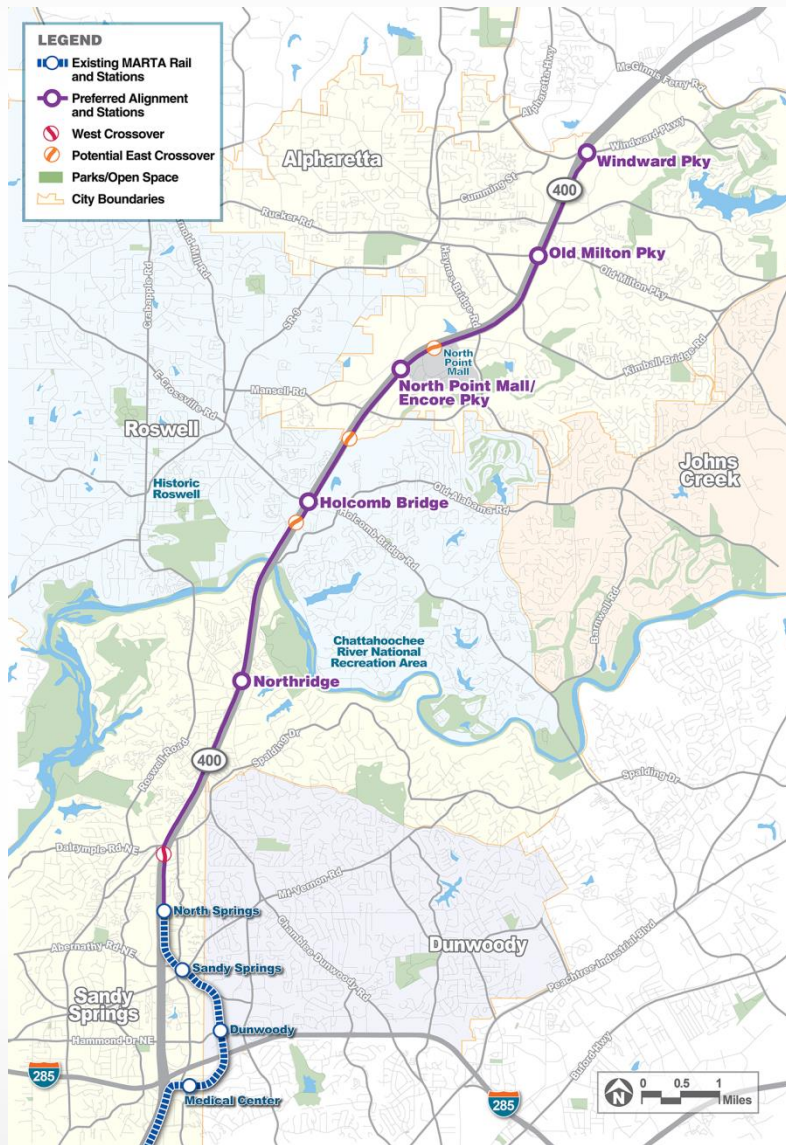


# Agenda

- Project Background and Schedule
- Agency Coordination
- Project Need and Purpose
- Alternatives Under Consideration
- Resources
- Stakeholder and Public Involvement
- Next Steps



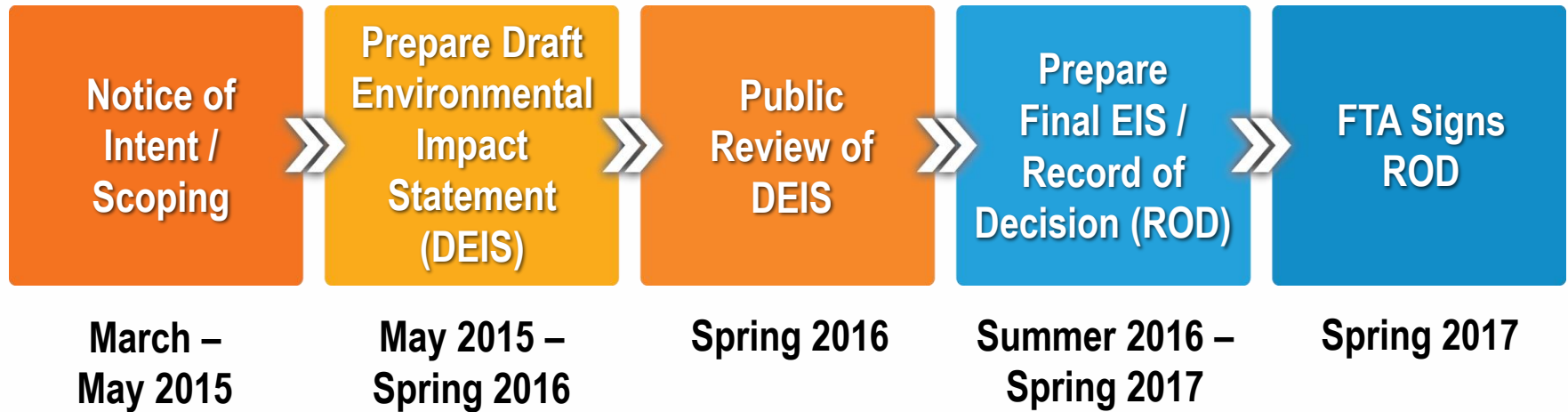
# Project Location and Background



- Study Initiated in 2011
- 12 miles along GA 400
- Locally Preferred Alternative:
  - Heavy Rail Extension
  - East-West-East Alignment
  - 5 stations
    - Northridge Rd
    - Holcomb Bridge Rd
    - Encore Pkwy
    - Old Milton Pkwy
    - Windward Pkwy

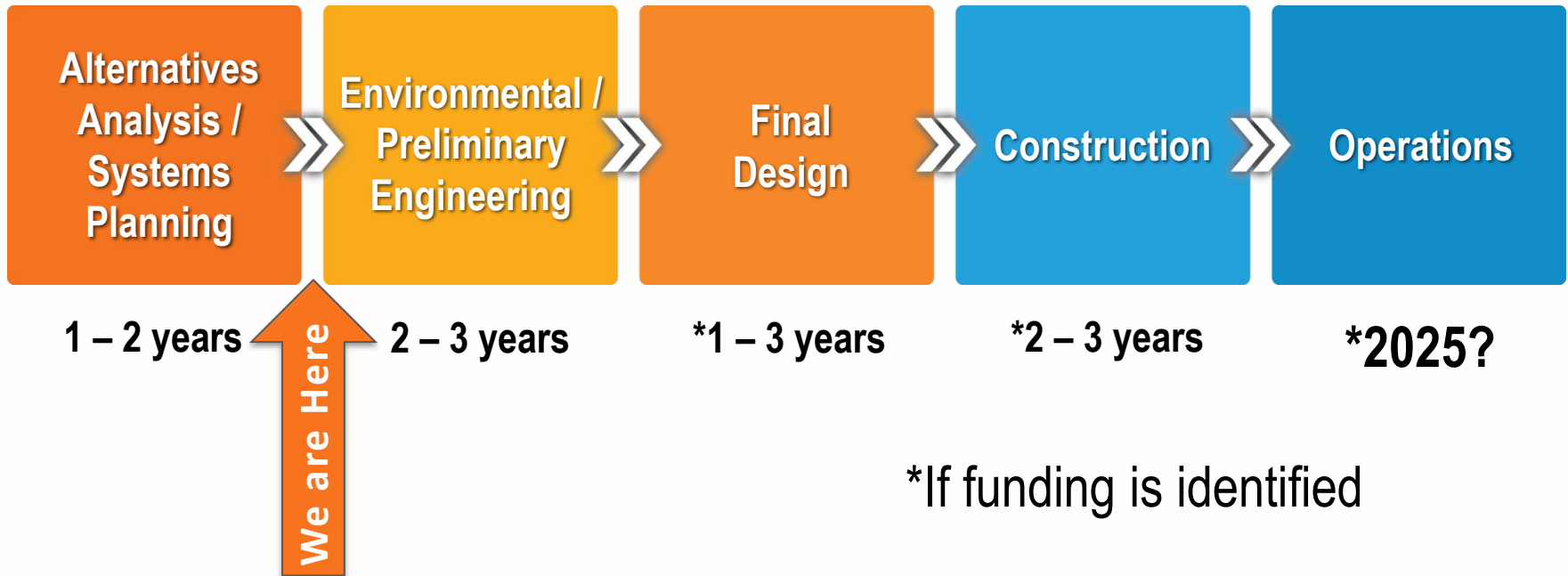


# Environmental Schedule




# Federal Project Development Process

Project Development: Typically 6 – 12 years



\*If funding is identified



# What is Scoping?

- Confirm the Need and Purpose
- Identify suitable alternatives
- Identify significant issues
- Eliminate issues not significant or already addressed as part of earlier studies

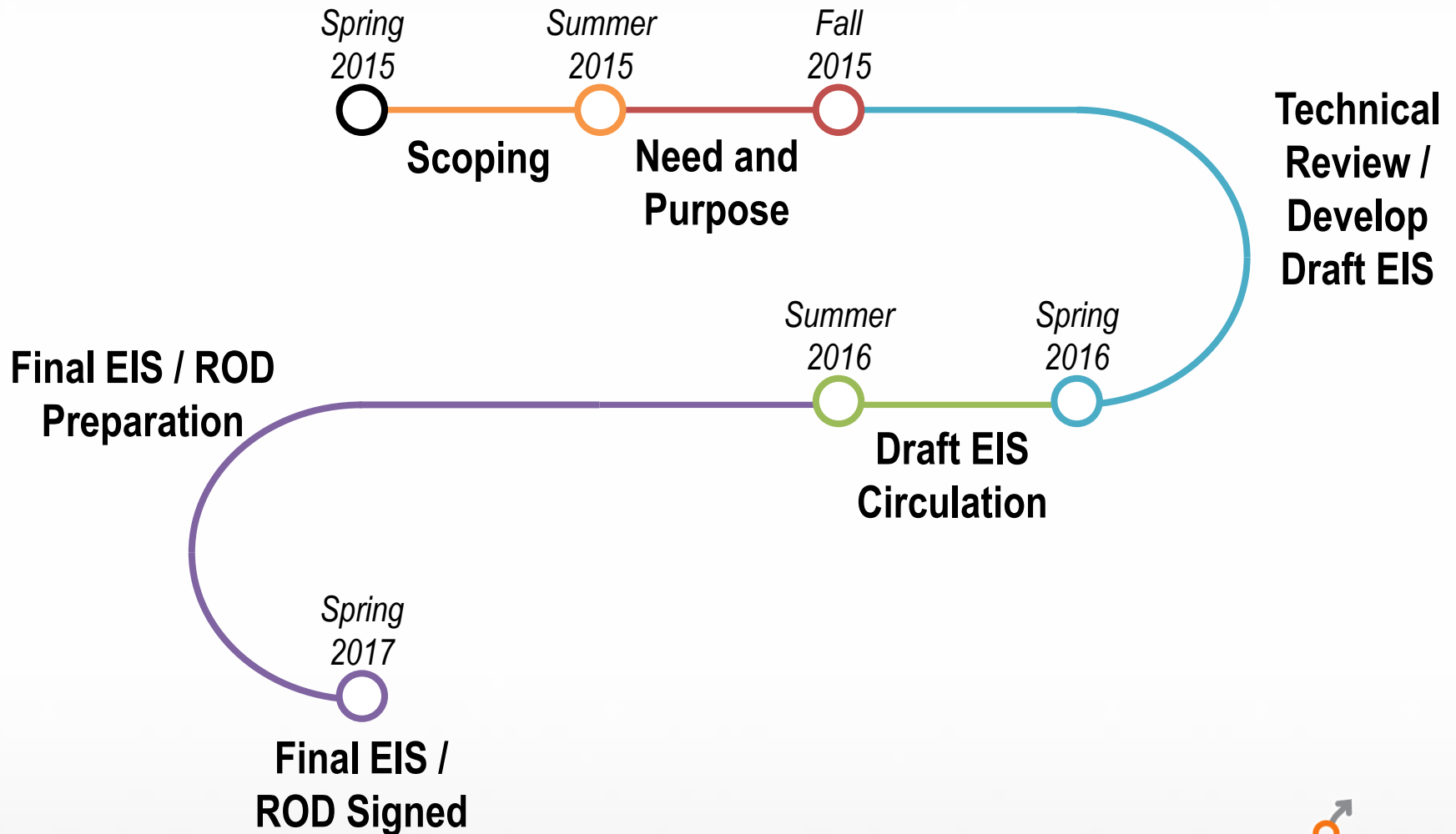


# Agency Roles

	Lead Agencies	Cooperating Agencies	Participating Agencies
Agencies	MARTA / FTA	Federal Jurisdiction / Resource Expertise	Interested Federal / State / Local Agencies
Role	Conduct Analysis	Provide Technical Review	Provide Courtesy Review



# Anticipated Milestones







# Draft Project Need and Purpose

## The Draft **Needs** of the Project are Based on:

- Increased Travel Demand and Congestion
- Limited Transit Mobility
- Transit Travel Times not Competitive with Auto Travel
- Congestion May Impact Future Economic Development Opportunities

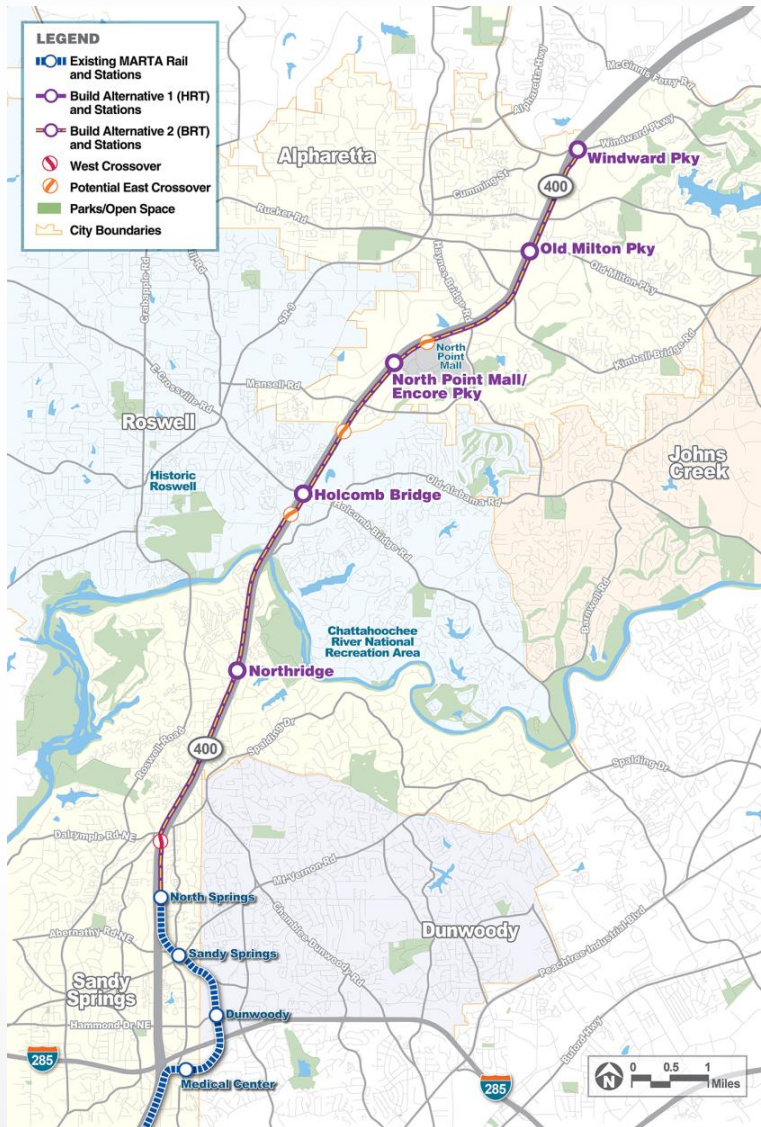


## The Proposed Project **Purpose** is to:

- Provide High Capacity Transit
- Expand Transit Coverage
- Improve Transit Connectivity
- Enhance Transit Accessibility
- Provide a Reliable Alternative to Automobile Travel



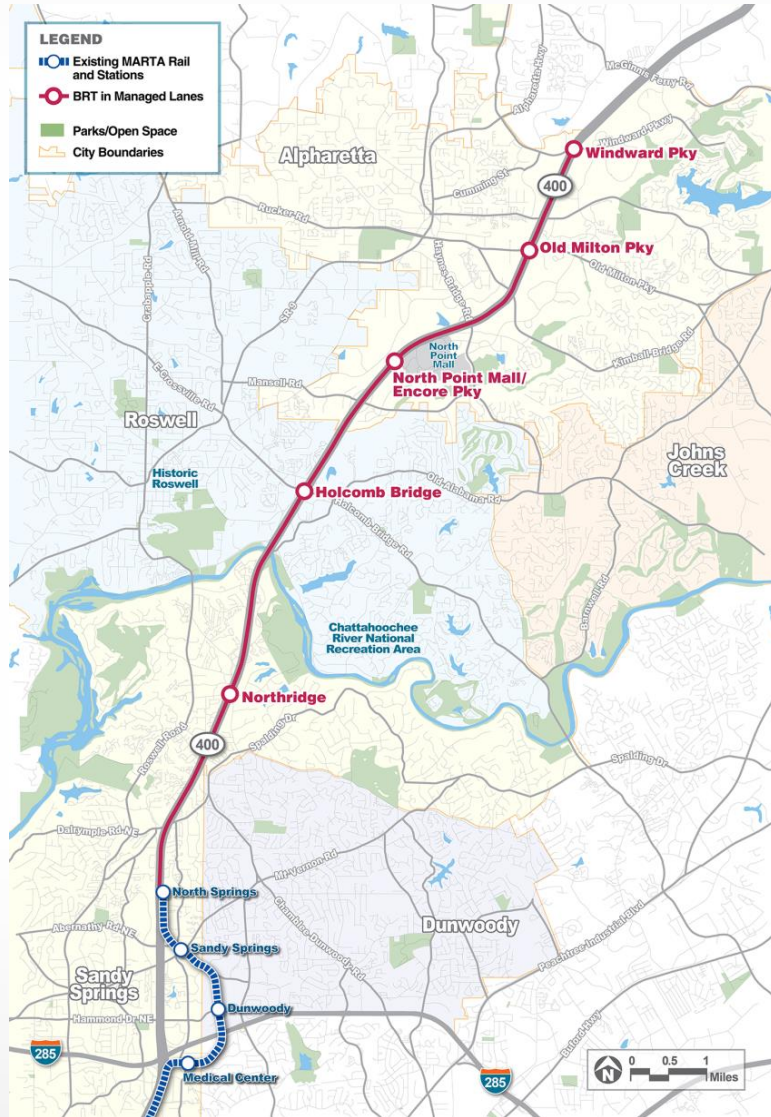
# Alternatives Under Consideration



- Build Alternative 1 – Heavy Rail (LPA)
- Build Alternative 2 – BRT in same alignment as LPA
- West crossover south of Spalding Drive
- East crossover north of Chattahoochee River
  - Location to be determined as part of Draft EIS



# Alternatives Under Consideration



- Build Alternative 3 – BRT in Future GA 400 Managed Lanes
- Enter managed lanes north of North Springs station
- Exit managed lanes near Windward Parkway



# What will the EIS Include?

- Positive and negative environmental impacts of each alternative
- Mitigation strategies to address potential impacts
- Evidence of how each alternative can meet the purpose and need of the project
- Evaluation criteria to compare the performance of each alternative as they relate to goals and objectives



# Resource Considerations

▪ Transportation	▪ Parks and Recreation Areas
▪ Land Use / Zoning	▪ Air Quality
▪ Neighborhoods and Communities	▪ Water Resources and Water Quality
▪ Acquisitions and Displacements	▪ Floodplains
▪ Environmental Justice	▪ Soils / Geology
▪ Economics	▪ Farmland
▪ Visual and Aesthetics	▪ Hazardous Materials
▪ Cultural Resources	▪ Energy
▪ Noise and Vibration	▪ Utilities
▪ Natural Resources	▪ Construction Impacts
▪ Safety and Security	▪ Other Impacts



# Public Involvement / Agency Participation

- Meetings with Resource Agencies and Stakeholders
- Public Meetings
- Kiosks at Corridor Locations
- MARTA Community Bus
- Website Information
- Newsletters
- Social Media



**We Need Your Input!**

The MARTA GA 400 Transit Initiative is moving forward! Come to an upcoming public meeting to learn more about the environmental process, comment on the locally preferred alternative, and discuss how the project fits into the community.

**SCOPING MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS**  
You have a choice of three meeting dates and locations! The materials presented at each meeting will be the same. Choose the one that's convenient for YOU and JOIN US for this important discussion!

**Tuesday, April 14, 2015 – 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM**  
North Fulton Service Center – Community Room  
7741 Roswell Road, #104  
Sandy Springs, GA 30350

**Thursday, April 16, 2015 – 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM**  
Georgia State University - Alpharetta Center  
3775 Brookside Parkway  
Alpharetta, GA 30022

**Thursday, April 30, 2015 – 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM**  
East Roswell Recreation Center  
9000 Fouts Road  
Roswell, GA 30076

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# Looking for Your Input

- Resource concerns in the study area
- Input to inform the development of the:
  - Need and Purpose
  - Alternatives to be Considered
  - Goals and Objectives
  - Evaluation Criteria
  - Contents of the DEIS
- **Provide Scoping Comments by May 11, 2015!**



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# Next Steps

- Document Scoping Input
- Finalize Need and Purpose and Alternatives
- Begin Environmental Studies
- Explore Funding Opportunities
- Continued Outreach during the DEIS Phase



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