



PROJECT STUDY PROCESS

Shreveport, Louisiana To El Dorado, Arkansas



Project Initiation

- Kick off Meeting
- Define Study Process
- Prepare Notice of Intent
- Define Study Process

Scoping

- Agency, Tribal, Local Officials Meeting
- Input on Purpose and Need

Traffic Analysis

- Review Prior Studies
- Evaluate Level of Service on Area Roads
- Traffic Forecasting on a Regional Basis
- Coordinate with MPO's and DOT's

Purpose and Need

- NEPA / 404 Concurrence

Work in Progress
 Outreach Period
 Decision
 Step Involves Consensus Building

Phase II - Corridor Study

Project Compatibility and Mapping

- Aerial Photography
- Environmental Data
- Develop Aerial Mosaic

Develop Preliminary Alternative Corridors

- Develop Corridors 2 Miles Wide
- Minimize Impact Potential
- GIS Analysis and Screening

Outreach Period

- Public, Local Officials Meeting
- Obtain Input on Corridor Alternatives
- Present Corridor Compatibility Mapping

Refine Corridors

- Revisions Based on FHWA, LDOTD, AHTD, Public, Agency, Tribal, Local Official Input
- Identification of Preferred Corridor

Corridor(s) Carried Forward

- NEPA / 404 Concurrence

Phase III - Alignment Study

Enhance Environmental Inventory

- Additional Environmental Data

Engineering Studies

- Develop Alternative Alignments
- INROADS Generated Traffic Analysis

Environmental Field Studies

- Wetland Delineations
- Noise Receptors
- Confirm Hazmat Sites
- Oil / Gas Wells
- Verify Relocations
- Socioeconomic Inventory

Outreach Period

- Agency, Tribal, Local Officials Public Meetings, Agency Field Trips
- Obtain Input on Alignment Alternatives
- Present Preliminary Impacts

Alignment Revisions

- Revisions Based on FHWA, LDOTD, AHTD, Public, Agency, Tribal, Local Official Input
- Identification of Preferred Alignment

Alignments Carried Forward

- NEPA / 404 Concurrence

Phase IV - Environmental Documentation

Prepare EIS Draft

- Joint Review of Preliminary Document

Public Hearing

Identify Preferred Alignments

- Alignment Revisions
- NEPA / 404 Concurrence

Final EIS

- Revisions Based on FHWA, LDOTD, AHTD, Public, Agency, Tribal, Local Official Input
- Identification of Preferred Alignment

RECORD OF DECISION

- Obtain Project Approval

