



West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor

Planning and Programming Committee

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Recommendations/Board Actions

Request the Board to:

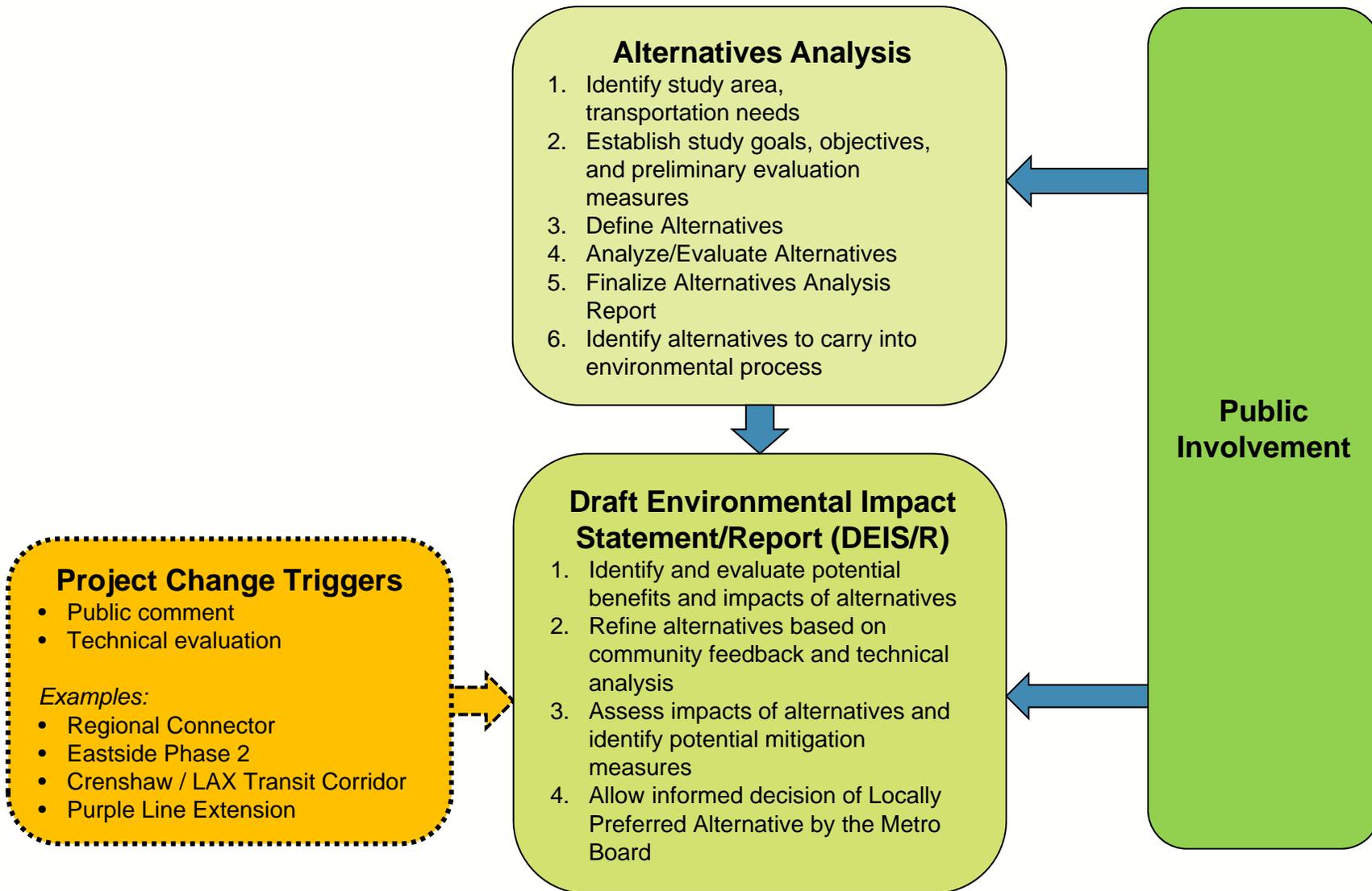
Authorize:

- Expand northern study options

Receive and File:

- Update on Public Private Partnership procurement
- Status of Transit-Oriented Communities efforts

Early Project Development Process





Project Goals

- > Provide mobility improvements
- > Support local and regional land use plans and policies
- > Minimize environmental impacts
- > Ensure cost effectiveness and financial feasibility
- > Promote equity

Northern Alignments: Concerns/Constraints

Little Tokyo

- Opposition to visual impacts of elevated alignment on Alameda Street
- Cumulative disruptions due to construction of multiple Metro projects

Arts District

- Opposition to at-grade or aerial alignment on Alameda Street

Industrial District

- Opposition to at-grade or aerial alignment on Alameda Street

High Speed Rail, Metrolink, Federal Railroad Administration

- Preference for alternatives that do not limit existing or planned capacity at Union Station for regional rail services

Re-scoping Northern Alignment Options

- Re-scoping and public meetings needed for expanded northern study options
 - FTA guidance
 - CEQA compliance



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Environmental Scoping Alternatives

Northern Alignment Considerations

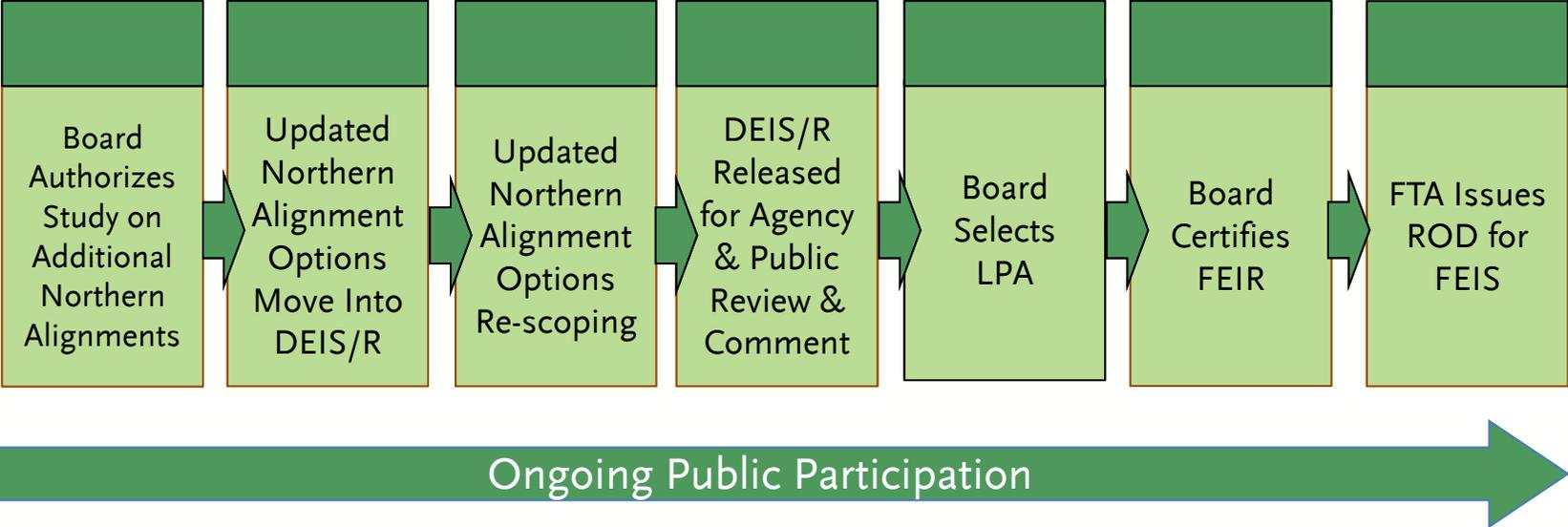
- Links southeast LA County communities to DTLA employment and cultural center
- Connections to Metro Rail and Regional Rail networks
- Ridership, travel time and customer experience
- Minimize impacts to existing neighborhoods
- Project feasibility, budget and schedule considerations





Proposed New Alignments for Refined Analysis

Updated Environmental Planning Process



* Timeline Subject to Change



Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC)

Corridor TOC Goals:

- Prepare a vision for TOC along the corridor
- Develop TOC implementation strategy
 - Land use planning
 - Economic development strategy
 - Active Transportation Plan

Next Steps:

- Complete the study by end of 2018
- Identify \$5 million in funding to carry out the implementation strategy



Next Steps

- **January – February:** Conduct Board staff and stakeholder briefings
- **February:** Board action to add new northern alignment alternatives
- **February – May:** Conduct an updated screening evaluation process for the revised northern alignment options
- **Late spring:** Board action on refined northern alignment options and to reinitiate environmental scoping



Thank you



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