

Workshop Area #2

Environmental Process

Study Purpose

- **Advance West Lake Corridor Project**
 - Complete Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in Compliance with NEPA
 - Select a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)
 - Enter Project Development under FTA New Starts

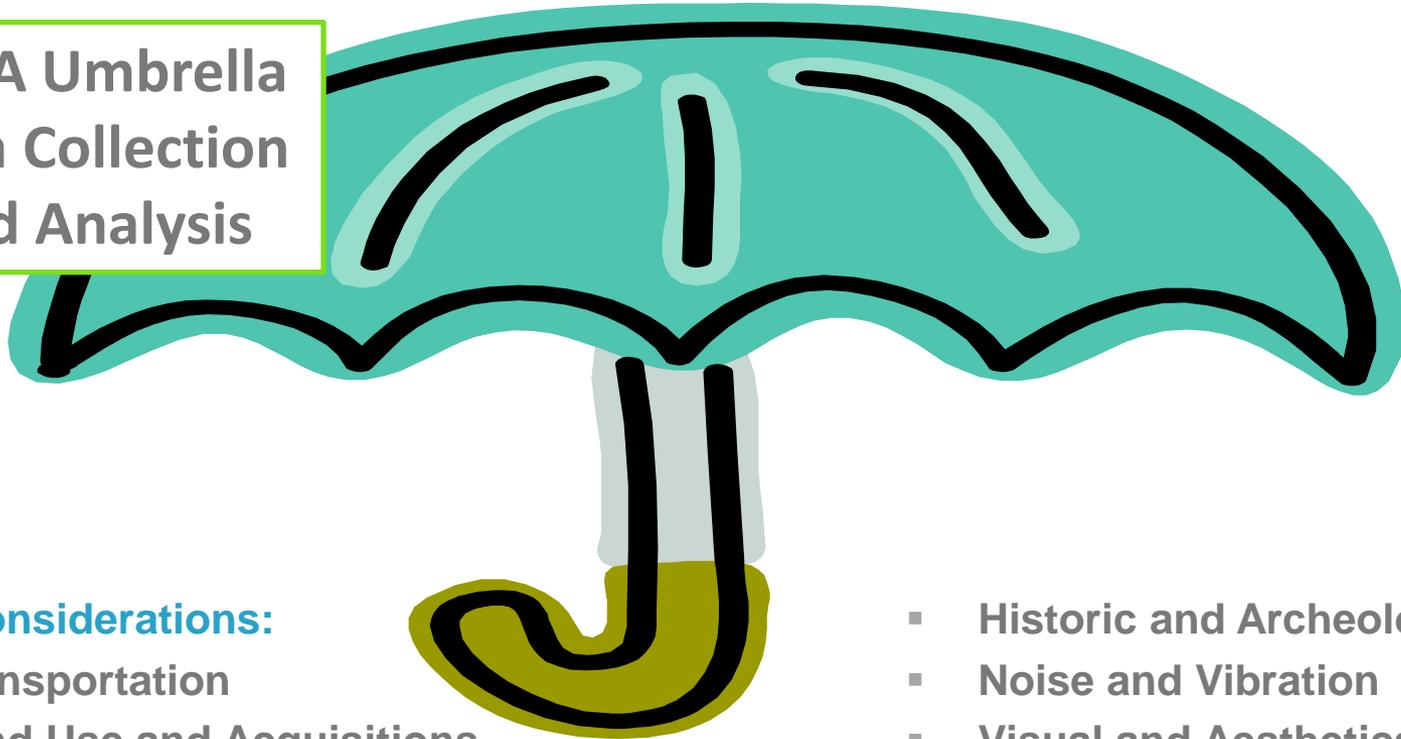


What is a DEIS?

- **Required for Federal Funding**
- **Discloses Impacts of the project**
- **Improves Decision Making**
- **Serves as a Means for Public Comment**
- **Follows NEPA Requirements for Documentation**
- **Public Hearing is Part of the Required Process**

National Environmental Policy Act

NEPA Umbrella Data Collection and Analysis



Key Considerations:

- Transportation
- Land Use and Acquisitions
- Economic Development
- Neighborhoods and Community Facilities
- Environmental Justice
- Parks and Recreational
- Historic and Archeological
- Noise and Vibration
- Visual and Aesthetics
- Water and Ecological
- Farmlands
- Hazardous Materials
- Safety and Security
- Short-Term Construction

Environmental Impact Statement Process

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Scoping and Screening

- Identify Issues
- Develop and screen alternatives

Draft EIS

- Data Collection and Analysis
- Prepare Technical Reports
- Prepare Draft EIS on remaining alternatives
- Circulate Draft EIS
- Hold Public Hearings

Final EIS Record of Decision

- Prepare request to enter Project Development
- Respond to comments
- Prepare Final EIS
- Prepare Record of Decision

Next Steps

- **Public Workshops – November 2015**
- **DEIS Public Review – Spring 2016**
- **DEIS Public Hearings – Spring 2016**
- **Begin Project Development – Summer 2016**