

Study Purpose

Advance West Lake Corridor Project

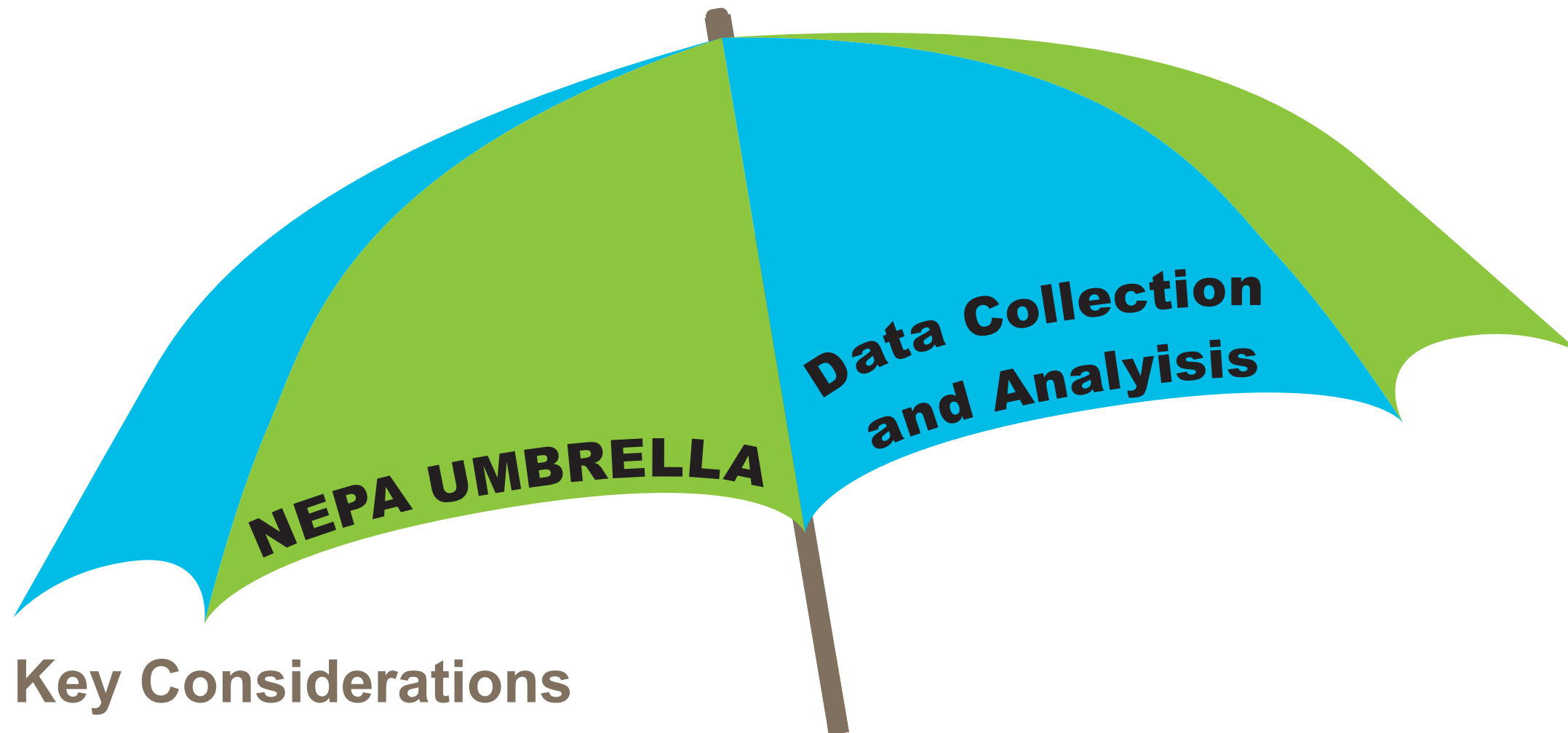
- Complete Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in compliance with NEPA
- Select a Preferred Alternative (PA)
- Enter Project Development under FTA New Starts



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

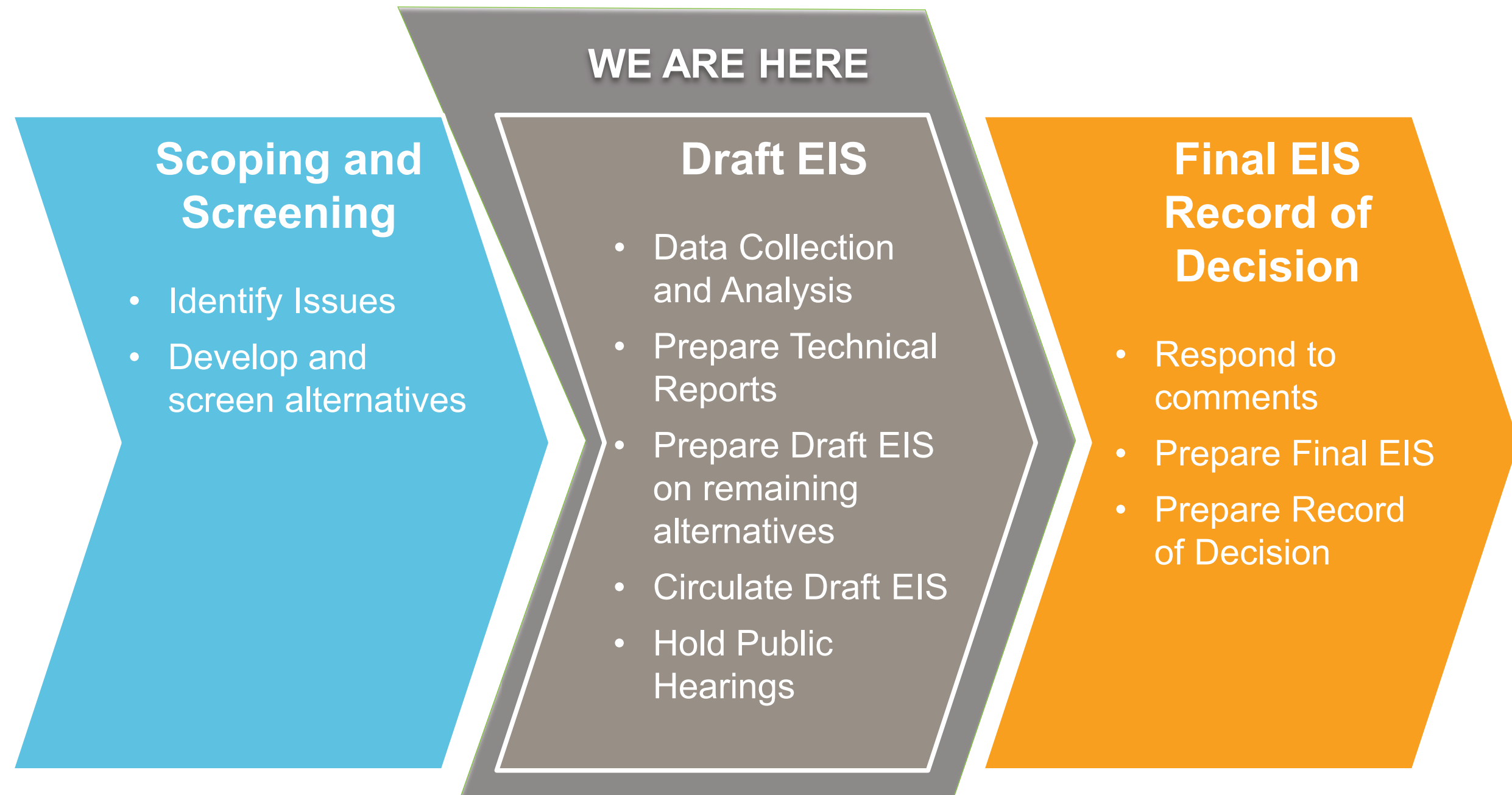
National Environmental Policy Act



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



Next Steps

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