

TIER 1 EIS

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**ONGOING REGIONAL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT
WILL OCCUR THROUGHOUT THE PLANNING STUDY**



PUBLIC MEETINGS/HEARINGS & KEY COMMENT PERIODS

The Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is a process outlined by the National Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA. The NEPA process requires environmental analysis of proposed actions prior to making decisions, including constructing highways and other federal-aid facilities. The FHWA oversees the NEPA process at the federal level. Using the NEPA process, agencies evaluate the environmental and related social and economic effects of their proposed actions. Agencies must also provide opportunities for public review and comment on those evaluations. In cooperation with FHWA, NDOT must follow the NEPA process for all federally-funded projects. NDOT will ensure there is meaningful public involvement throughout the development of the Tier 1 EIS.