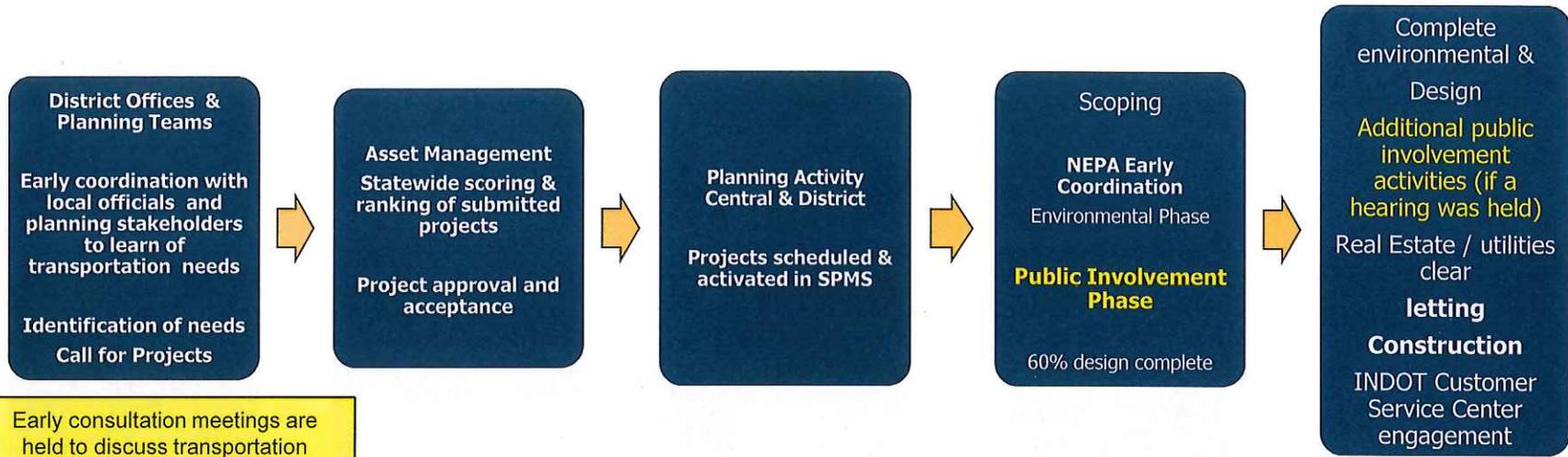


Project Selection, Development and Delivery



Early consultation meetings are held to discuss transportation needs. INDOT Districts initiate/coordinate meetings with local officials and planning stakeholders.

Formal involvement occurs when a STIP is produced, for STIP amendments, during Non-MPO local officials consultation process and when key planning documents are produced and public input solicited

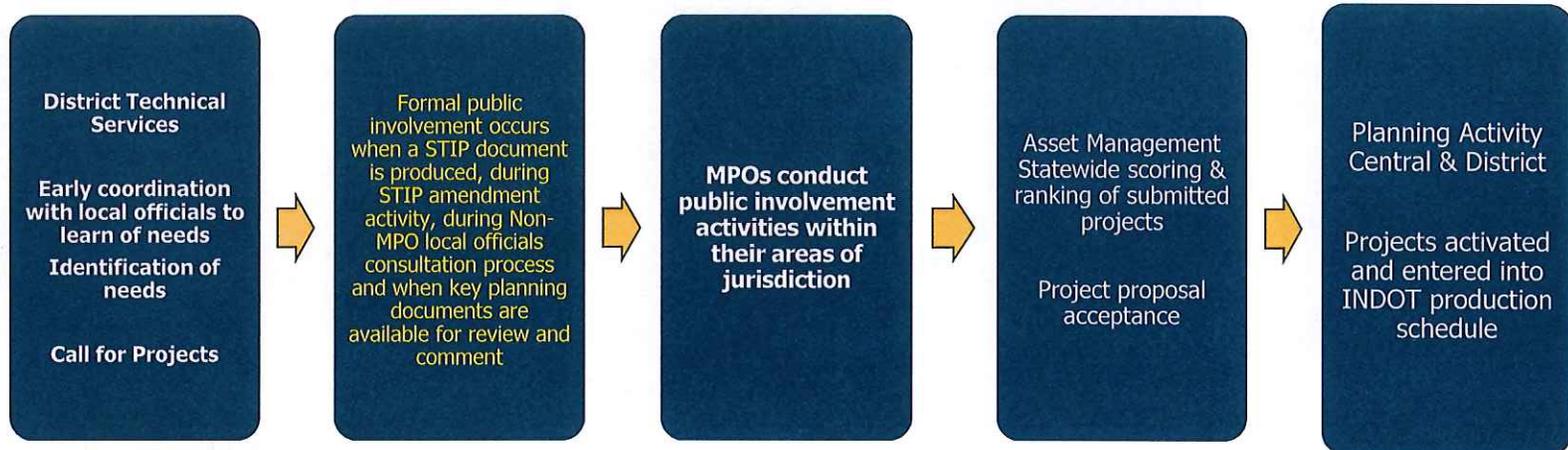
MPOs conduct activities in their areas of jurisdiction



Public Involvement



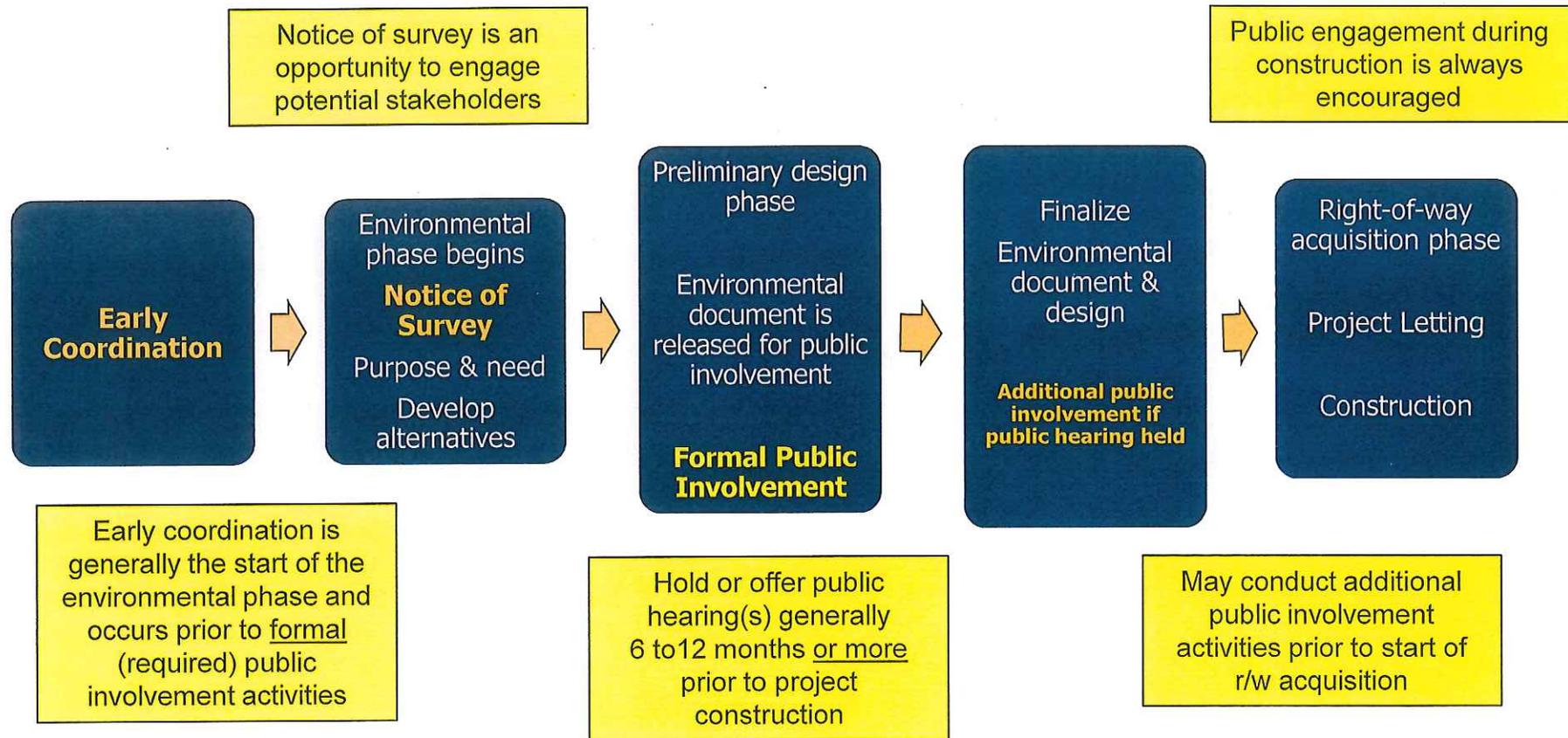
Project Selection Process



The Local Public Agency Program (LPA) coordinates activities for projects receiving federal aid and state funding in local communities



Project Development Process



Public Involvement State Statutes



Key Stages of Project Delivery



Offering of Public Hearing

Categorical Exclusion (CE) projects meeting criteria requiring formal public involvement, a public hearing can be held OR the public may be offered an opportunity to request a hearing

Environmental document released for public involvement

Notice of Planned Improvement to solicit input (offering of public hearing)

Publish notice twice in local newspaper(s), approximately a week apart, make document available at local repositories
Public review of environmental document

Allow a minimum of 15 days from the date of 1st publishing to receive public comment
Public comment period

Public comments documented & addressed
Hearing Certification

For lower level documents, the public is notified of planned improvement and also offered the opportunity to request a public hearing be held

Reasonable measures are taken to notify project stakeholders including mailing notices, e-mail/electronic notification, media contact & coordination .

Public comments are reviewed and addressed by project team. The Office of Public Involvement is responsible for ensuring responses to comments are provided to those submitting comments

Following certification, project team is notified and environmental document can be finalized by Environmental Services

This activity allows INDOT to formally solicit input by informing the public of a proposed project in the area

Publish notice in local paper(s) within project area, publish in non-traditional & minority papers (where applicable)

Ensure public comments have been adequately addressed, provide response to stakeholder

NEPA document cannot be finalized without completion of public involvement activities



Public Hearing Held

Environmental Assessment (EA) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) level projects require a public hearing

Environmental document released for public involvement

Notice of Public Hearing

Publish notice twice in local newspaper(s), approximately a week apart, make document available at local repositories
Public review of environmental document

Allow a minimum of 15 days from the date of 1st publishing to receive public comment
Hold Public Hearing
Public comment period

Public Hearings transcript
Public comments documented & addressed
Hearing Certification
Additional public involvement

For documents where there is public interest and also considerable environmental impact, the public is notified and a public hearing held

Reasonable measures are taken to notify project stakeholders including mailing notices, e-mail/electronic notification, media contact & coordination .

Public comments are reviewed, considered and addressed by project team. The Office of Public Involvement is responsible for preparing an official transcript of public hearing

Following certification, project team is notified and environmental document can be finalized by Environmental Services

This activity allows INDOT to formally solicit input by informing the public of a proposed project in the area

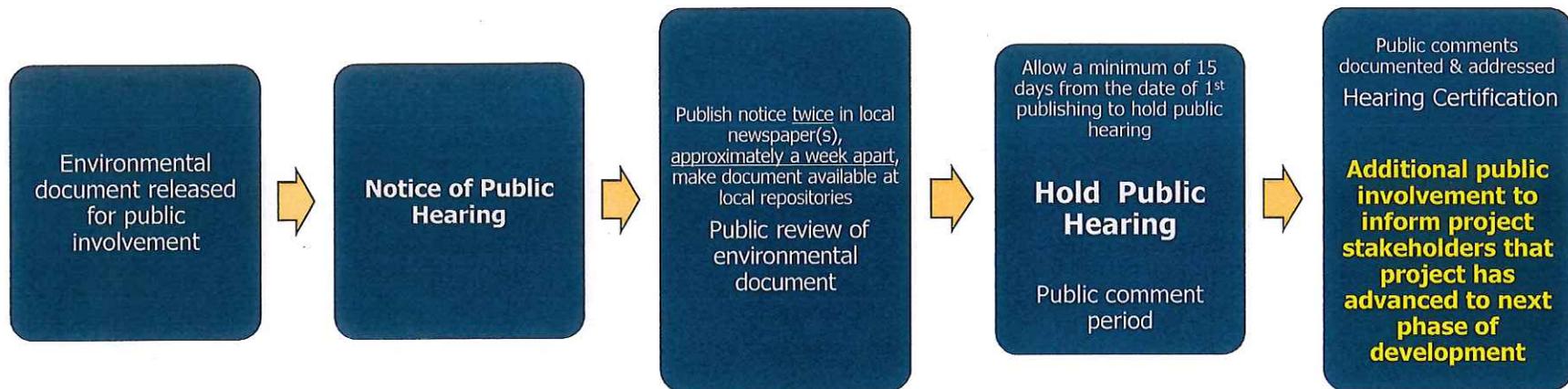
Publish notice in local paper(s) within project area, publish in non-traditional & minority papers (where applicable)

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Ensure public comments have been adequately addressed, provide response to stakeholders by making final/approved document available for public viewing. Implement reasonable notification efforts

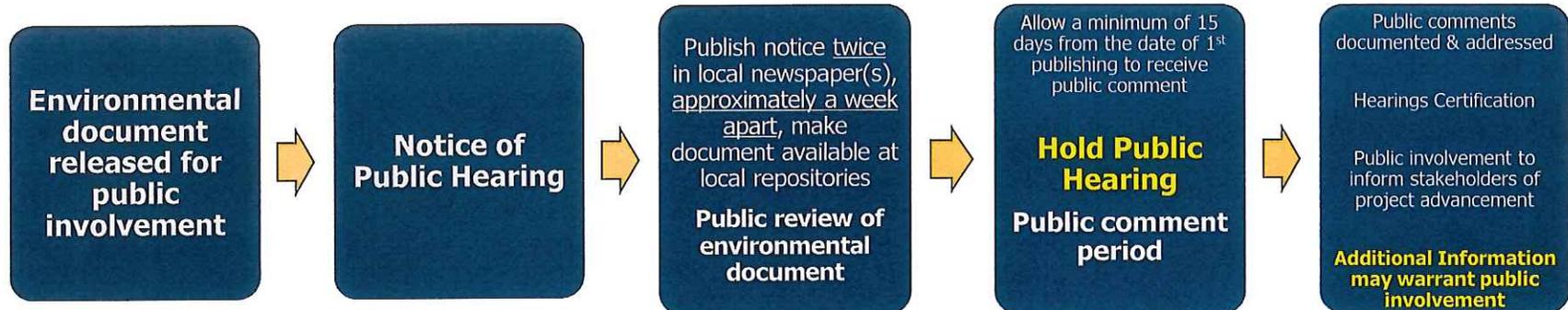


Post public hearing activity



Additional Information

If an Additional Information (AI) document is prepared following the approval of an environmental document, public involvement may be required. The Office of Public Involvement and Environmental Services will make determination



Public Involvement Criteria

Summary of public involvement criteria used by INDOT to determine when PI is required

- Proposal requires a half acre or more of permanent right-of -way
- Proposal substantially changes layout or functions of connecting roadways
- Proposal has substantial social adverse impact on abutting property
- Proposal has significant social, economic, environmental or other effect
- Proposal determined by the Federal Highway Administration to warrant a public hearing
- Proposal is a Federal-aid highway project involving the bypassing of, or going through any city, town, community or proposal is for an Interstate System
- CE projects involving historic bridges
- Environmental Assessment (EAs)
- Environmental Impact Statement (EISs)

