



Federal Way Transit Extension

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What is the environmental review process?

Steps in preparing an EIS

Early Scoping and Alternatives Analysis (2012-2013)

> Analyze a range of transit modes and alignment alternatives. Narrow these down to a reasonable range of alternatives to evaluate in

the EIS.

We are here

Scoping (2013)

Determine the range of alternatives and "scope" of issues to study in the EIS. Draft EIS (2013-2014)

the benefits and adverse effects of each alternative.

Describe

Outline ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate negative effects. Final EIS (2015-2016)

comments received on the Draft EIS.

Respond to

preferred alternative.

Outline mitigation for unavoidable environmental impacts. Record of Decision (2016)

Document what project Sound Transit will build and how it will avoid, minimize and mitigate for environmental impacts.

Public review and comment

Sound Transit and the Federal Transit
Administration will prepare an
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
under the National Environmental
Policy Act (NEPA) and the Washington
State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).
In the EIS, Sound Transit will evaluate
how the project could affect the
community and the environment.

What is typically studied in an EIS?

Transportation:

- Transit
- Traffic

Natural environment:

- Air quality
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Ecosystems
- Water resources
- Geology and soils

Community impacts:

- Noise and vibration
- · Visual effects
- Land use and economic activity
- Acquisitions, displacements and relocations
- Energy use
- Hazardous materials
- · Public services and utilities
- Impacts on low-income and minority populations
- Cultural, historic and archaeological resources
- Parks
- Construction impacts