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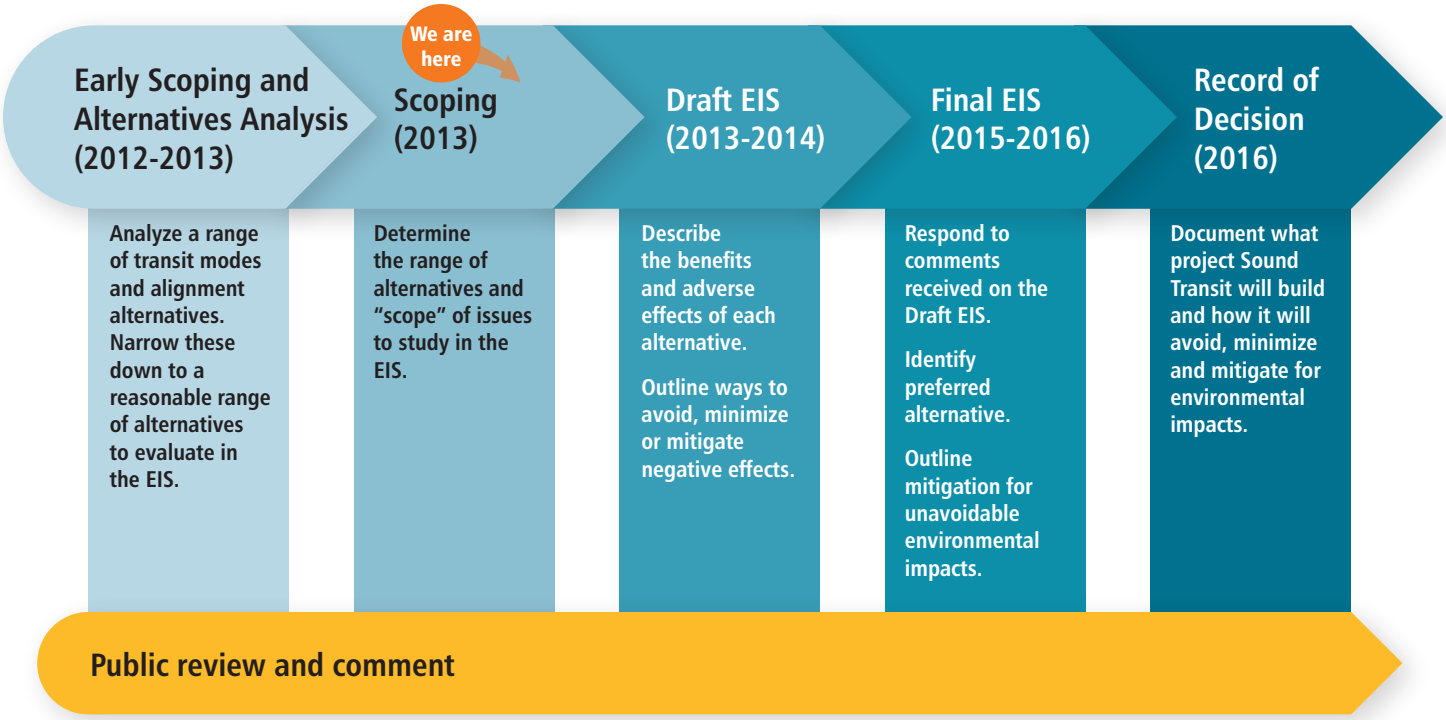
What is the environmental review process?

Steps in preparing an EIS



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