

How you *can be involved* in the **Project Development Process**

Once a project has been placed within the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) it can be developed into contract plans that will be put out for bid and construction. The steps below briefly outline milestones in the Project Development Process.

Preliminary Design

Multiple public meetings can be held at this development stage of a project. The first public meeting is near the inception of the project to solicit information from the public. Other public meetings are held to inform the public of the design alternatives investigated to address the issues that placed the project in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. The complexity of the project will determine how many meetings are required. Usually at this stage a preferred alternative is selected.

Public Hearing

If a project requires the acquisition of Right-of-Way (ROW) then a public hearing will be held showing the design alternative chosen for the project and the ROW impacts. The public has the opportunity to comment during the meeting (and in writing after the meeting) on the necessity of the project.

Final Design

The preferred alternative shown at the Public Hearing is refined. Depending on the project, the design may require environmental permitting, utility relocations, and traffic controls. The Final Design Process, which produces the Contract Plans that Contractors bid on, can include some or all of the following stages: Line and Grade (Plans 30% complete), Slope and Drain (Plans 60% complete), Preliminary Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (Plans 80% complete), Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (Plans 95% complete), and Final Contract Plans (Plans 100% complete). For high impact projects, public meetings may be held throughout the Final Design process to inform the public of design refinements and environmental impacts.

Construction

After the contract is awarded and prior to construction activities, a public notification is made. Construction activities that impact abutting properties are coordinated directly with property owners.