

ENV-12 - Reach Consensus on Avoidance and Minimization for the LEDPA

Description

Following selection of the LEDPA/Preferred Alternative partners reach consensus on additional avoidance and minimization measures not included in the preliminary design.

Purpose

To reach consensus on avoidance and minimization measures for the preferred alternative/LEDPA.

Outcome

Measures for avoidance and minimization to be included in the Final EIS.

Partner	Role Type	Description
MPO	No Role	No action required on the determination of avoidance and minimization measures for the LEDPA.
FHWA/FTA	Observer	Observes the determination of final avoidance, minimization and mitigation.
State DOT	Decision Maker	Approves avoidance and minimization that will be possible to incorporate in the project.
Resource Agency	Decision Maker	USACE is a decision-maker, approving the avoidance and minimization measures. This is also an important key decision to collaborate with State permitting agencies.
Public Transportation Operator(s)	No Role	No action required on the determination of avoidance and minimization measures for the LEDPA.

Policy Questions

Questions are a way to elicit information and to validate that the information has been considered. The partners should discuss the listed questions to ensure a broad array of interests is considered at a key decision. Discussions arising from these questions support collaborative decision making.

Questions Partners Discuss

Questions about purpose and roles

- Are all partners in agreement that avoidance and minimization measures reduce impacts to jurisdictional and prioritized resources to the greatest extent possible?
- What roles will private partners play in ensuring that mitigation actions are implemented?

Questions about stakeholders, including modal and operational partners

- No specific questions

Questions about the transportation process supporting the decision

- Do the avoidance and minimization measures address all changes since the DEIS?

Questions about other phases

- Is avoidance and minimization consistent with any advance mitigation strategies or agreements incorporated in the LRTP or Corridor Plan?

Questions about non-transportation sectors/processes

- Is avoidance and minimization consistent with conservation priorities identified in the ecological plan?
- Is mitigation consistent with land use goals and smart growth principles (if applicable)?

Stakeholder Inputs

'Questions to Gather Stakeholder Interests' allow staff to determine which stakeholders have interests at a key decision and to collect those interests for partner consideration. 'Questions to Incorporate Stakeholder Interests' ensure the interests of stakeholders are included in the decision. For more help with stakeholder collaboration visit the Stakeholder Portal

Questions to Gather Stakeholder Interests

- None

Questions to Incorporate Stakeholder Interests

- None

Data

The following is a list of data needed to support the key decision. Practitioners collect this information for decision makers to consider.

Supporting Data for the Key Decision		
From other phases of transportation decision making	Long Range Planning	Advance mitigation strategies and agreements
	Programming	No Specific Data.
	Corridor Planning	Advance mitigation strategies and agreements
	Environmental Review	Jurisdictional waters Preferred alternative/LEDPA Preliminary design and avoidance and minimization incorporated in the DEIS
From other sectors and processes	Land Use	Land use goals and smart growth principles (if applicable)
	Transportation Conformity	No Specific Data.
	Natural Environment and Implementing Eco-Logical	Prioritized areas for conservation, restoration and enhancement
	Capital Improvement	No Specific Data.
	Safety and Security	No Specific Data.
	Human Environment	No Specific Data.
	Economic Development	No Specific Data.
	Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Not applicable.
Freight	No Specific Data.	
From the transportation technical process supporting this key decision	Changes made to the preferred alternative since the DEIS	
From stakeholder collaboration	No Specific Data.	
From public private partnership	No Specific Data.	

Links to Decisions

This table identifies how a key decision is connected to other key decisions. The linkages are a two-way transfer of information. Understanding and applying these linkages means that partners will recognize how a decision will impact other specific key decisions. Recognizing that the transportation processes are linked will: (1) encourage practitioners to produce information that can be used later and (2) remind them to look at information from previous key decisions.

linkages to other phases of transportation decision making

Key Decision	What is Linked?	Purpose of Linkage
From Long Range Transportation Planning		
LRP-10 - Adopt LRTP by MPO	Advance mitigation strategy and agreements from the adopted LRTP	To inform avoidance and minimization for the LEDPA
From Programming		
PRO-9 - Approve STIP with respect to Fiscal Constraint	Funding for mitigation programmed in the STIP.	To inform partners of the sufficiency of funds for avoidance, minimization and mitigation programmed in the STIP.
From Corridor Planning		
COR-9 - Adopt Priorities for Implementation	Advance mitigation strategy and agreements from the Corridor Plan	To inform avoidance and minimization for the LEDPA

Examples

In-depth case studies of successful practices in collaborative decision making were used to develop the Decision Guide. Links in this table point to a specific paragraph or section of a case study that supports a key decision. It is not necessary to read through an entire case study to find the example; however, full versions are available in the Library.

PlanWorks Case Study Examples

- None

Other Examples

- None

Integrated Planning

Integrated Planning looks at the interaction between the transportation decision making process and other processes. Considering these inputs will ensure that important values and goals outside the transportation process are recognized and considered. For a full understanding of a specific process and how it influences transportation decisions, visit Applications.

Process	Integration Type	Integration Description
Land Use	Decision	Agreement by land use stakeholders that any mitigation related to land use is consistent with land use goals and smart growth principles (if applicable).
Transportation Conformity	None.	None.
Natural Environment and Implementing Ecological	Decision Between IEF Step 8 - Implement Agreements, Adaptive Management & Deliver Projects	Avoidance and minimization should be consistent with the conservation priorities identified in the ecological plan.
Capital Improvement	None.	None.
Safety and Security	None.	None.
Human Environment	None.	None.
Economic Development	None.	None.
Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Freight	None.	None.
Bicycles and Pedestrians	None.	None.

Special Topics

This table provides an overview of the relationship between a key decision and individual special topics. A special topic may be an external process, a new regulation, or any emerging issue requiring collaboration. For a full understanding of a specific topic and how it influences transportation decisions, visit Applications.

Key Decision Relationship to Other Topics

Topic	Description
Public-Private Partnerships	Reach Agreement - Decide on specific mitigation actions and implementation timeline including the private sector, as applicable.
	Decision Transfer - Private sector roles and responsibilities with respect to mitigation and implementation.