

# Liebelt Channel Multi-use Trail

**Bob Spencer Park  
to  
Hillcrest Park**

**Public Information Meeting  
August 27, 2024**

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U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**Federal Highway  
Administration**





# Agenda

1. Introduction and Overview
2. Study Process
3. Existing Conditions
4. Alternatives
5. Schedule
6. Feedback / Contact Information



# History

**Fall, 2022**

**City applied for funding through Federal Highway Administration’s Recreational Trails Program. Project was defined in the application as the Liebelt Channel Trail. New multi-use trail along Liebelt Channel from MLK Blvd. to 7<sup>th</sup> and Sycamore (approximately 5 miles)**

**December, 2023**

**City received notice of award of \$300,000 (85.44% federal funding, 14.56% local match) from Federal Highway Administration through the Recreational Trails Program for the design of the project. Funding is administered through New Mexico Department of Transportation.**

**May, 2024**

**City entered into contract with Stantec to design project.**



# Project Limits and Primary Project Aspects





# Project Tasks

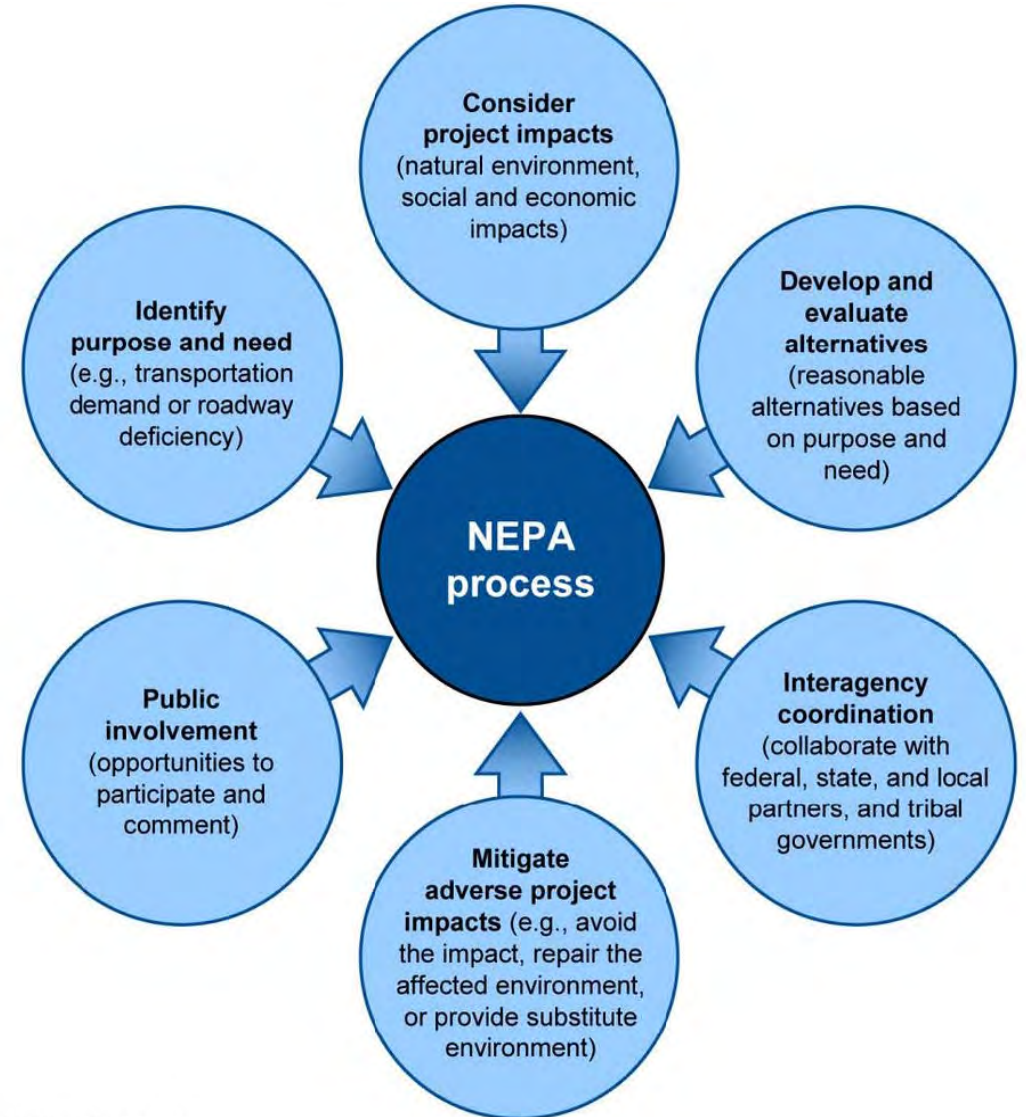
1. Alternative Review and Selection
2. Utility Coordination
3. Surveying
4. Preliminary Design
5. Final Design





# National Environmental Policy Act

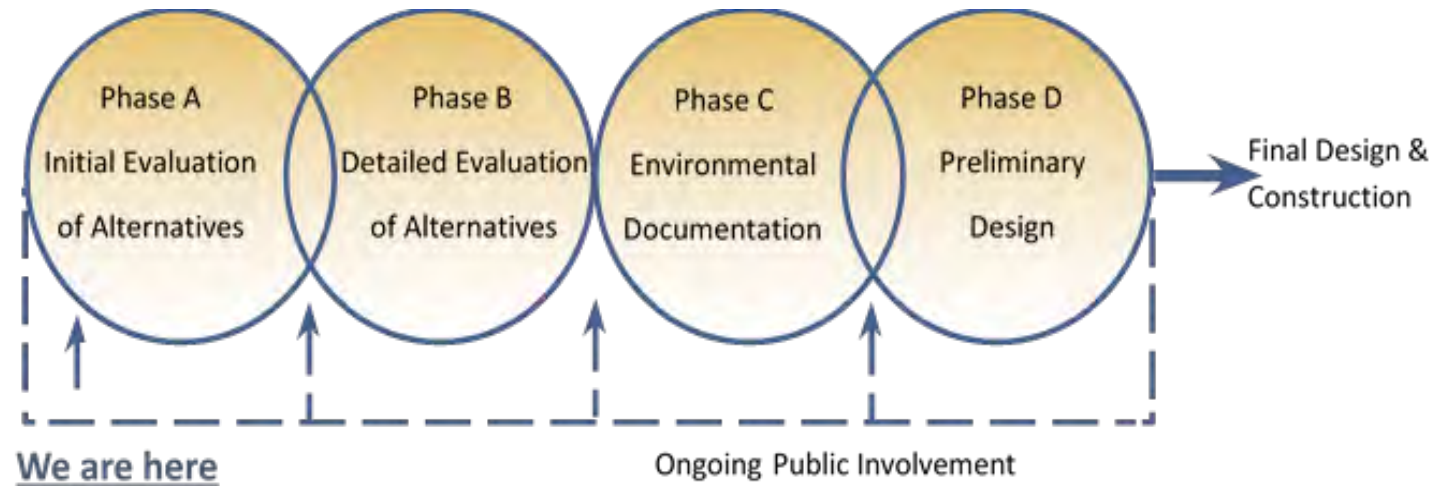
- Consistency with land use plans
- Farmland
- Social issues
- Economic issues
- Right-of-way, land transfer, & relocation
- Air quality
- Noise
- Water quality & stream modifications
- Permit applications & requirements
- Storm water pollution prevention plan (SWPPP)
- Floodplains
- Wildlife resources & vegetation
- Threatened & endangered species (T&E)
- Cultural resources
- Section 4(f) & Section 6(f) properties
- Hazardous materials
- Construction activities
- Cumulative & secondary impacts
- Public involvement
- Agency coordination
- Mitigation measures & commitment





## Phase A - The Initial Evaluation of Alternatives

- Establishes the need for an action
- A range of potential alternatives to achieve the need are developed
- Eliminates alternatives that are clearly not feasible



*-NMDOT Location Study Procedures,  
2015*

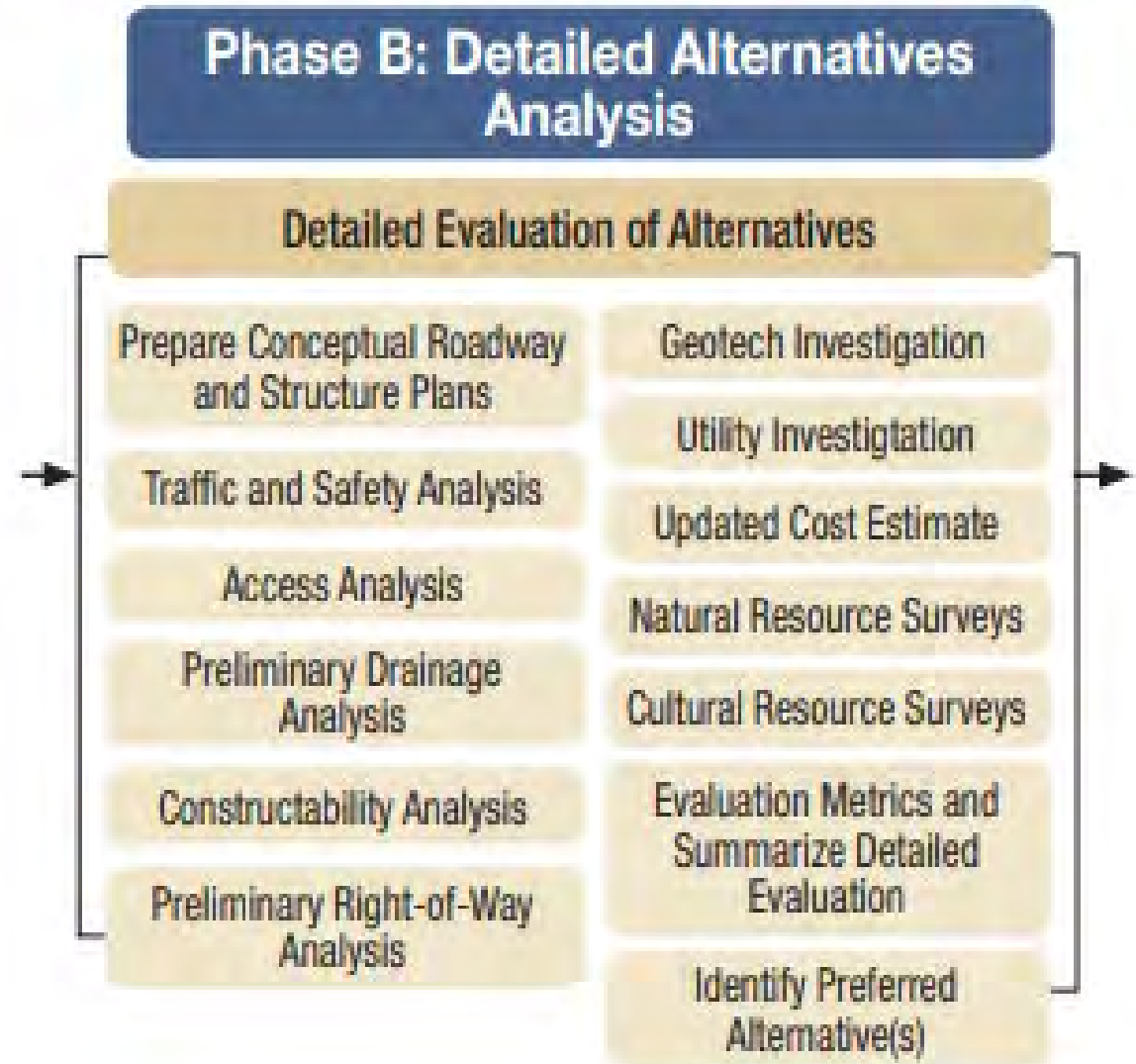




## Phase B – Detailed Alternatives Analysis

- Serves to further develop and evaluate the alternatives that are advanced from the initial screening alternatives in Phase A.

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# Existing Conditions



## Liebelt Channel





# Existing Conditions

Dirt Alley

Utilities

No Lighting





# Existing Conditions



Not ADA  
Compliant





# Existing Conditions

Greene Acres  
Park





# Considered Alternatives

1. Tie-in locations at Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
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# Schedule

- **July 11, 2024 – Received Notice to Proceed**
- **Late Fall/Early Winter – 30% Design**
- **Early 2025 – 60% Review**
- **Spring, 2025 – 90% Plans**

Currently, no construction funding has been designated.

Project could move to 100% design and certification should funding become available



# Questions??



Your input is important for us to consider all options and to present a complete picture of the concerns and needs.

If you have any future questions or would like to submit any comments, please submit them in writing to:

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Deadline for comments is **September 30, 2024**



# Thank you!



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