

Rethinking I-94 Phase 2 Community Leaders Meeting – June 25, 2020

Agenda

- Phase 1 Recap
- Environmental Process
- Community Leaders Group Roles and Responsibilities
- Upcoming Public Engagement

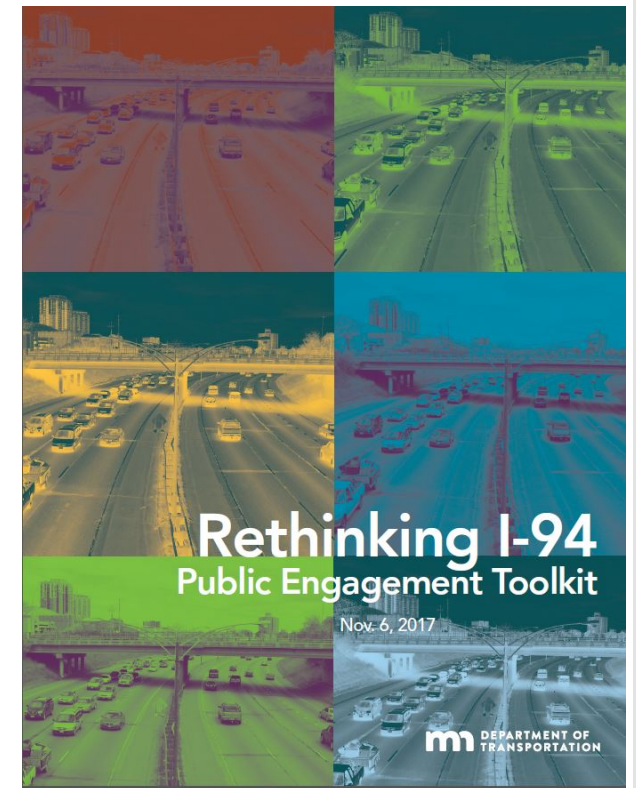
Phase 1 Recap

What is Rethinking I- 94?

- Rethinking I-94 is a long-term effort to improve I-94 between Minneapolis and St. Paul.
- MnDOT's responsibility is to preserve and repair bridges, walls and pavement. With the goal of enhancing mobility, safety and inter-connectivity.
- Rethinking I-94 prioritizes the well-being of those who live, work and play along the corridor.

What We Learned in Phase 1

- Community members are interested in **issues beyond the freeway**
- Community members value **involvement** early and continuously, and want accurate, timely **information**
- Community members want their **values and visions** to be reflected in designs



Guiding Commitments

MnDOT developed these commitments based on what people expect from MnDOT. They will guide how we work with communities in the future.



Livability Framework

MnDOT developed this framework based on what people expect from the project work. It will guide how we work design and evaluate projects in the future.



Environmental Process

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- Scoping Document/Scoping Decision Document
- Tier 1 EIS
- Tier 2 phased projects

NEPA & MEPA

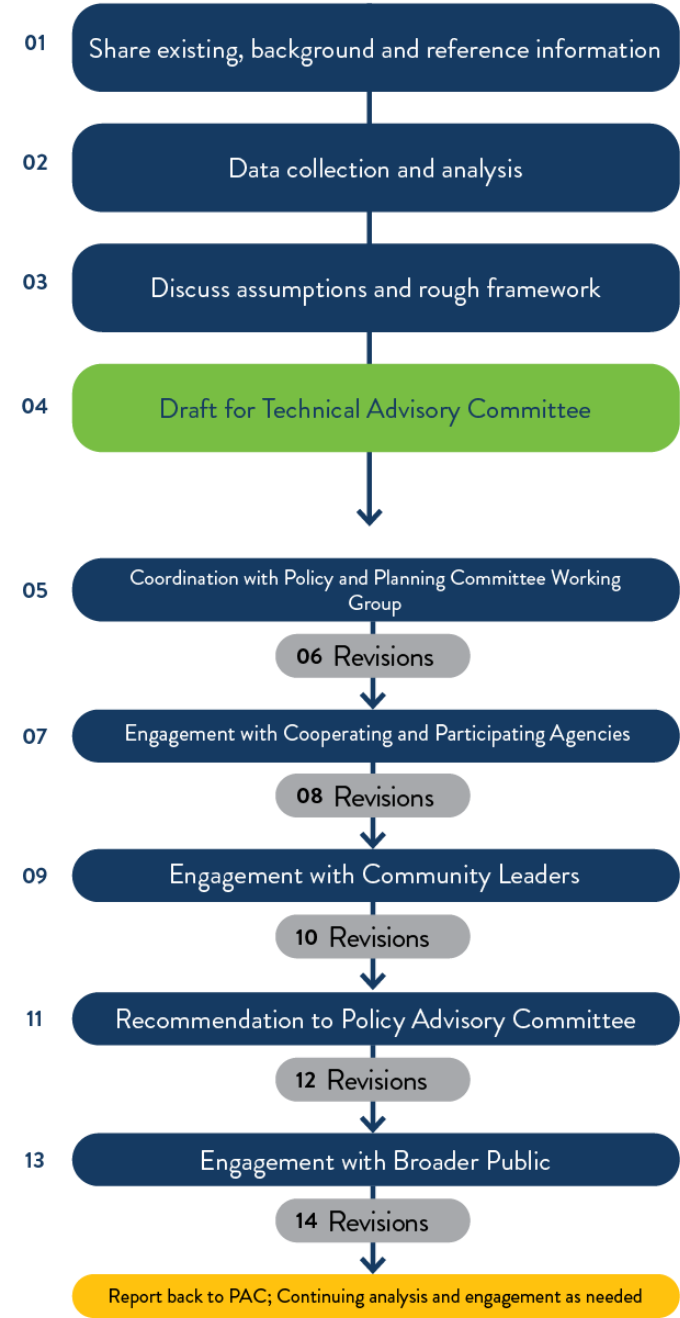
- Designed to facilitate informed decision-making and environmental review.
- Combined process helps advance the timing of project process by streamlining redundancy in the two processes.

Rethinking I-94 EIS Tiering

- Tier 1 establishes a vision focused on transportation improvements and impact mitigation. It will determine:
 - Purpose and need
 - Social, Economic, and Environmental (SEE) impacts
 - Goals and livability
 - Alternatives analysis for the mainline (I-94 roadway) and access or interchange alternatives
 - Select preferred mainline alternative and access locations
 - Program of projects and priorities

Community Leaders Group Roles and Responsibilities

Committee Process



Community Leaders Group

- Draft roles and responsibilities
 - Voice for your community or constituency
 - Engage in two-way conversations with MnDOT and other group members
 - Share information with you community or constituency
- Other roles or responsibilities?

Community Leaders Group

- Group meeting ground rules
 - Your voice matters – we want to hear your opinions
 - Take space, make space
- Any other meeting ground rules we should add?

Community Leaders Group

- Group discussion items
 - Do you support allowing alternate participants?
 - How do participants feel about multiple attendees from organizations as observers?
 - Note: we will likely need to meet virtually for the foreseeable future.

Engagement Approach

- Engage **more** voices in transportation planning
- Focus on the communities in the corridor **impacted** by the project
- **Improve** diversity and inclusion of underrepresented voices
- Interact with those impacted **earlier** in the process
- Engage with purpose to **build resilient relationships**



Engagement Approach

- What tools or techniques have you found success with during social distancing?
- Are any groups actively planning a return to community events this summer or fall?

Future Meetings

- 4th Tuesday, 10am-11:30am (12)
- 4th Wednesday, 10am-11:30am (11)
- 4th Thursday, 10am-11:30am (11)