



What's Next?

# The Environmental Process

## Centennial Corridor Project



# Have we chosen an Alternative?

- NO, we have not
- Every alternative has an equal chance





# Why do we need this project?



- Purpose and Need
  - Inter- and Intra- Regional Connectivity
  - State Route 58 Continuity
  - Promote Economic Growth and Trade
  - Reduce commute times
  - Improve local circulation
  - Reduce congestion
  - Improve safety and operations



## When will you see more detailed design, including:

- Interchange locations?
- Specific streets affected?
- Access to existing highways?
- How residents will cross the freeway in cars and on foot?

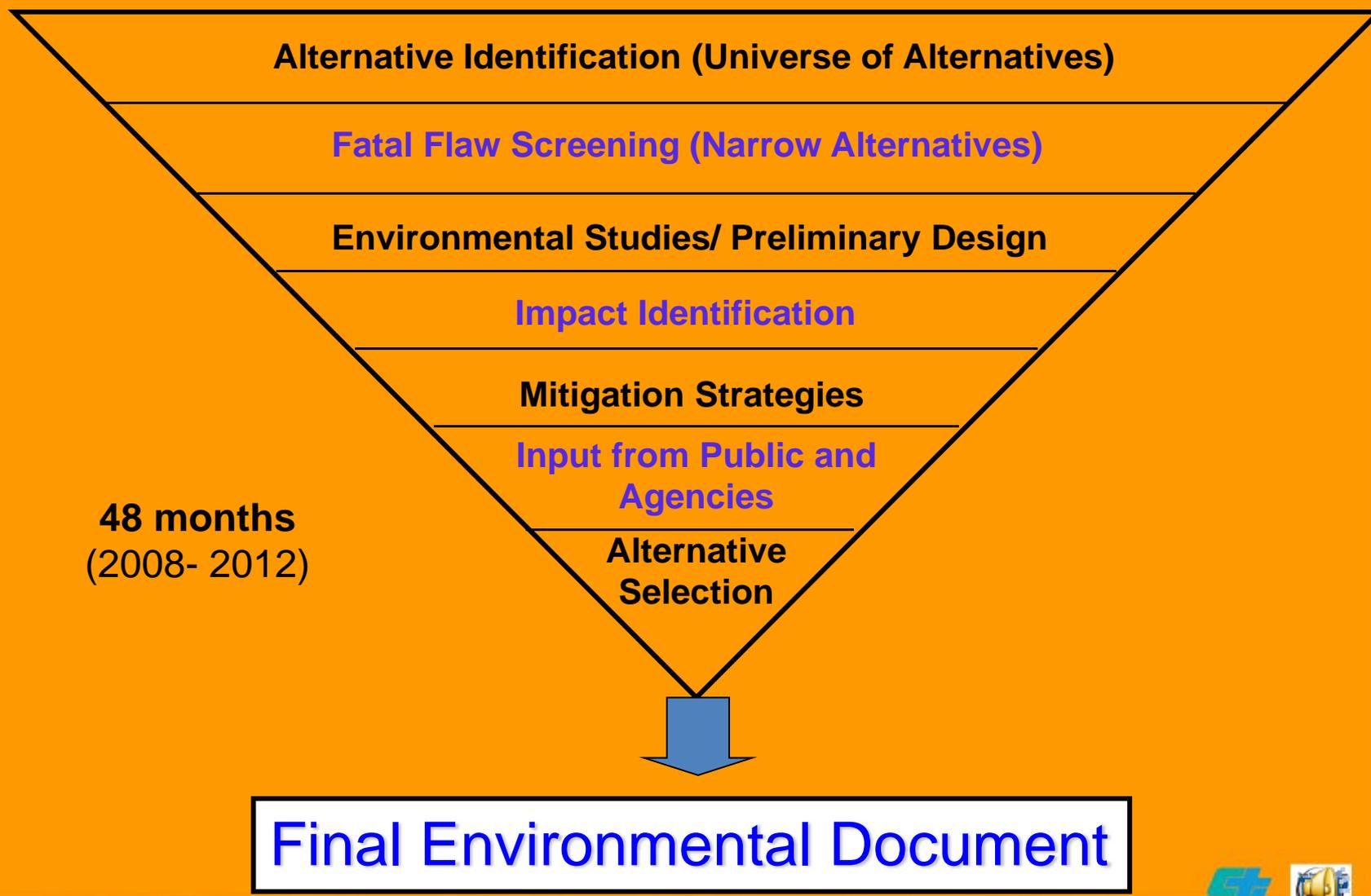




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# Evaluation Process



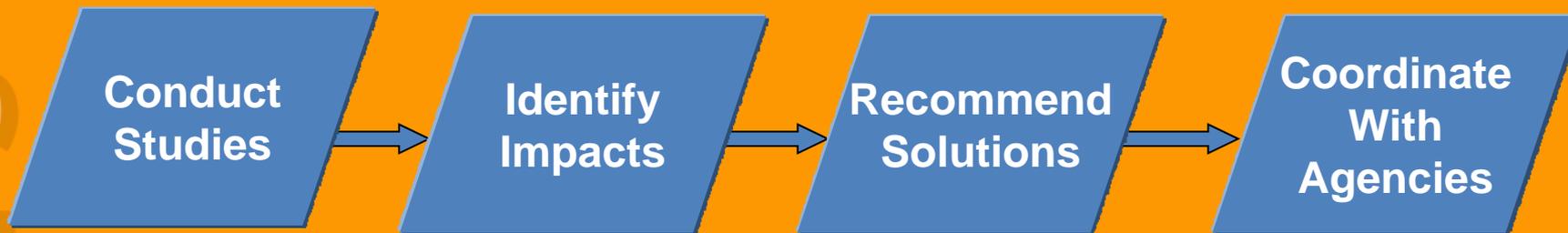
# Begin with a Universe of Alternatives



- Identify Alternatives to Consider
  - “Reasonable Range”
  - Build and No-Build
  - Fatal Flaw Screening
- Includes Public Outreach
  - Comments
  - Recommendations

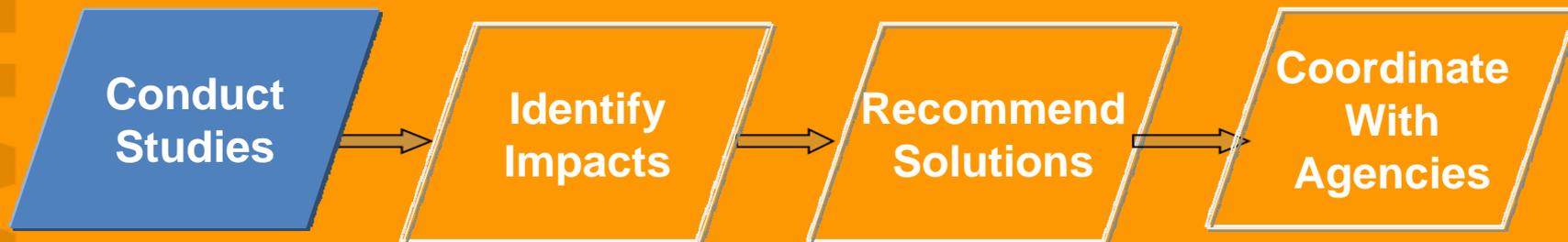
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# Environmental Study Process



# Conduct a Variety of Environmental Studies:

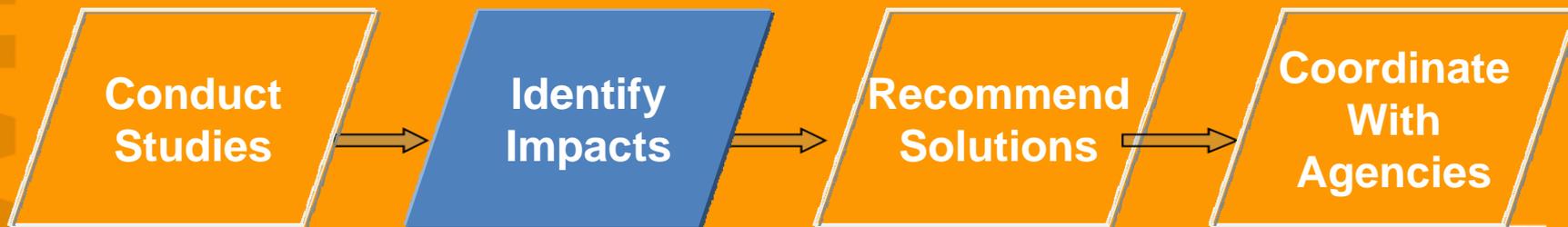
- Community Impacts
- Relocation Impacts
- Air Quality and Noise
- Visual Impacts
- Others





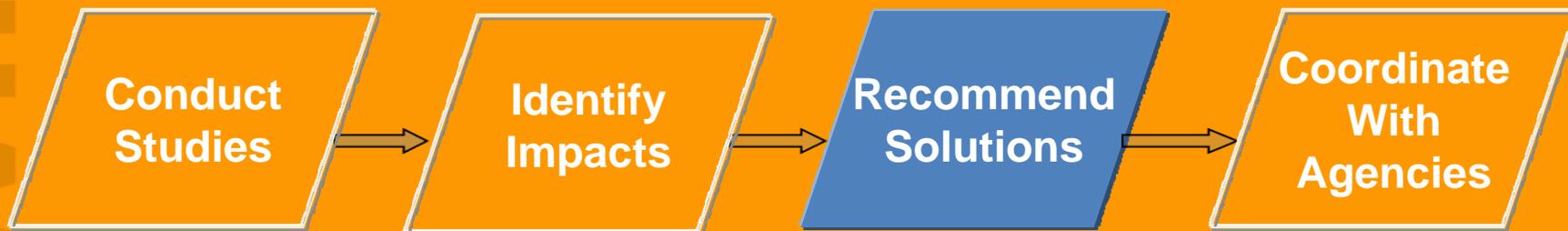
# Studies will identify impacts to:

- Air Quality and Noise
- Health
- Neighborhood Aesthetics
- Parks and Greenscape
- Neighborhood historic homes
- Schools and Churches
- Etc.



# Recommend Solutions

- Avoidance
- Minimization
- Mitigation



What's Next?

# Many are Involved... and Interested



Conduct Studies

Identify Impacts

Recommend Solutions

Coordinate With Agencies

# Draft Environmental Document

- Summarize technical studies
- Compare impacts and
- Evaluate merit of different alternatives

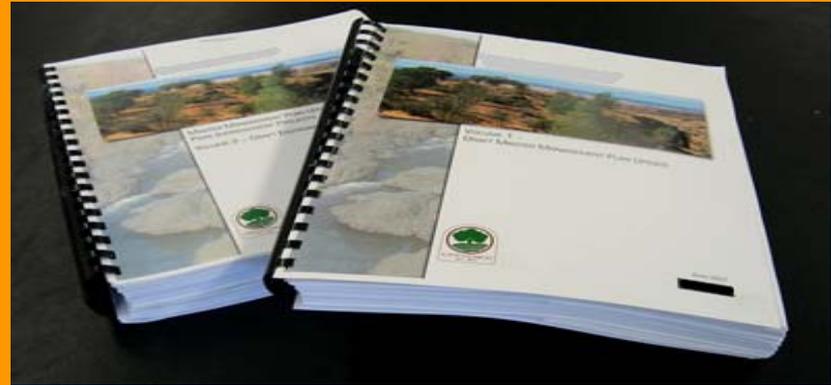


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# Public Review and Comment



- 45 Day Review Period
- Public Meeting
- You provide comments on:
  - Draft Environmental Document
  - Study results
  - Alternatives under consideration





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# Finalize Environmental Document

- Respond to your comments
- Select Alternative
- Update Environmental Document

# If your home is impacted

- You will be fairly and appropriately compensated for
  - the fair market value of your home



# If your home is impacted . . .

- Moving and Relocation expenses include:
  - Professional Moving Service
  - Utility Hookups
  - Phone, Cable, Internet



# Make your voice heard

- Small group meetings
- Next larger Public Information Meeting in the Fall
- Informational meetings at key points throughout the process
- Review and comment on the Draft Environmental Document





# Citizens' Advisory Group



- Group members will be identified in Fall 2008
  - After viable alternatives are identified for study





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# Community Impact Assessment Process





# What is a Community Impact Assessment?

- A study to identify the concerns of:
  - Your neighborhood
  - Groups or businesses
  - Other potentially impacted neighborhoods



Community Impact



# WHAT IS IT USED FOR?



Community Impact 



# To Identify

- The extent of potential impacts to community resources, such as:
  - Parks
  - Neighborhood Churches
  - Community Centers
  - Schools





# To Gather Feedback

- Discuss these potential impacts with...
  - Individuals
  - Neighborhoods
  - Community organizations
  - ...early and often throughout the project





# To Make Changes

- Alter design to
  - Avoid impacts
  - Lessen the extent of impacts
  - Make other types of improvements when impacts can't be avoided or lessened (Mitigate)



Community Impact 



# To Compare

- Use results to help compare alternatives
- Assist in the selection of an alternative to be constructed





# GOALS

- Keep neighborhoods informed
- Fully involve the public
- Reflect values and character of affected communities in the completed project





# How does Caltrans do a Community Impact Assessment?



Community Impact 



# Map Existing Communities and Neighborhoods

- Determine what YOU consider to be the boundaries
- Develop maps and other graphics reflecting
  - Local features
  - Characteristics





# Evaluate Potential Impacts

- Study team will determine what issues are important to you
- Listen to community
  - Seek community input, and
  - Consider that input when developing measures to avoid or minimize impacts





# What will we Evaluate?

- Neighborhoods and Community Cohesion
- Access and Circulation
- Community Facilities and Services
- Population
- Visual Impacts



# Community Impact





# Neighborhood and Community Cohesion

- Will people be separated or set apart from others?
- How will across-neighborhood travel be maintained?
- How will the proposed project impact quality of life?





# Neighborhood and Community Cohesion

- Interaction among persons and groups
- Social gathering places such as
  - Parks
  - Churches
  - other landmarks





# Access and Circulation

- Will emergency vehicle access be affected?
- How can we lessen the loss of local access?





# Who lives in the Community?

- Where are the concentrations of elderly individuals?
- Where are the concentrations of school-age children?
- Are there other populations unique to the community?





# Visual Impacts

- How will the proposed project change the look of the local neighborhoods?
- Will views to and from parks or other gathering places be adversely affected?
- What can be done to minimize potential adverse impacts?



Community Impact 



# Propose Mitigation Strategies

- The process of lessening the severity of project impacts through
  - AVOIDANCE of the sensitive resource as much as possible;
  - MINIMIZATION of impacts to the extent possible; or
  - COMPENSATION for any unavoidable impacts





# Types of Mitigation

- Examples of mitigation
  - Landscaping
  - Noise barriers
  - Enhanced pedestrian crossings
  - Pocket parks on right-of-way remainders





WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

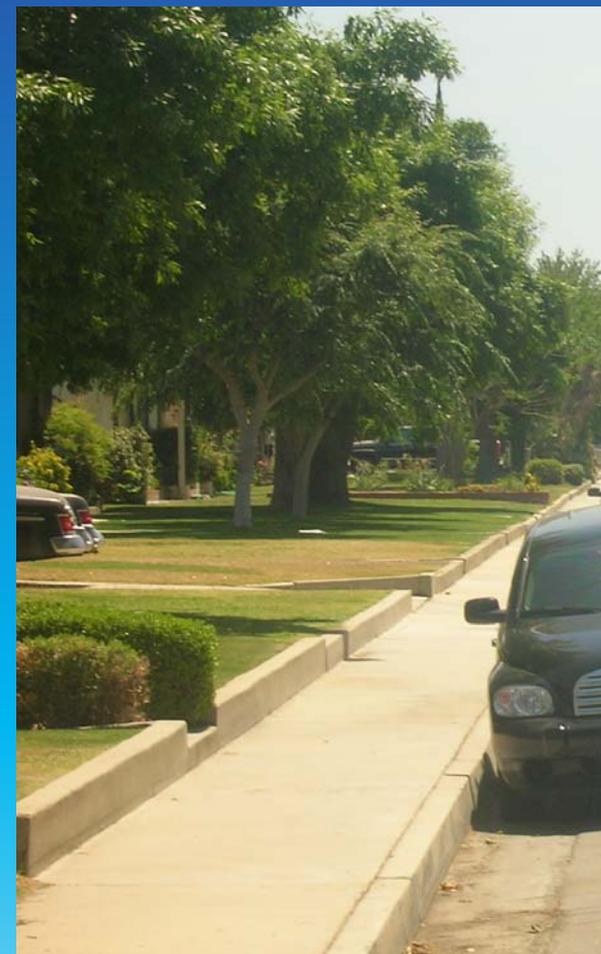


Community Impact 



# We Need to Hear from YOU

- Participation by
  - You
  - Your neighbors
  - Others in the communityis critical to our success.





# Many Ways to Participate

- Individual Interviews
- Small Group Meetings
- Neighborhood Meetings
- Open Houses
- Public Meetings
- Comment on  
Environmental Document



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