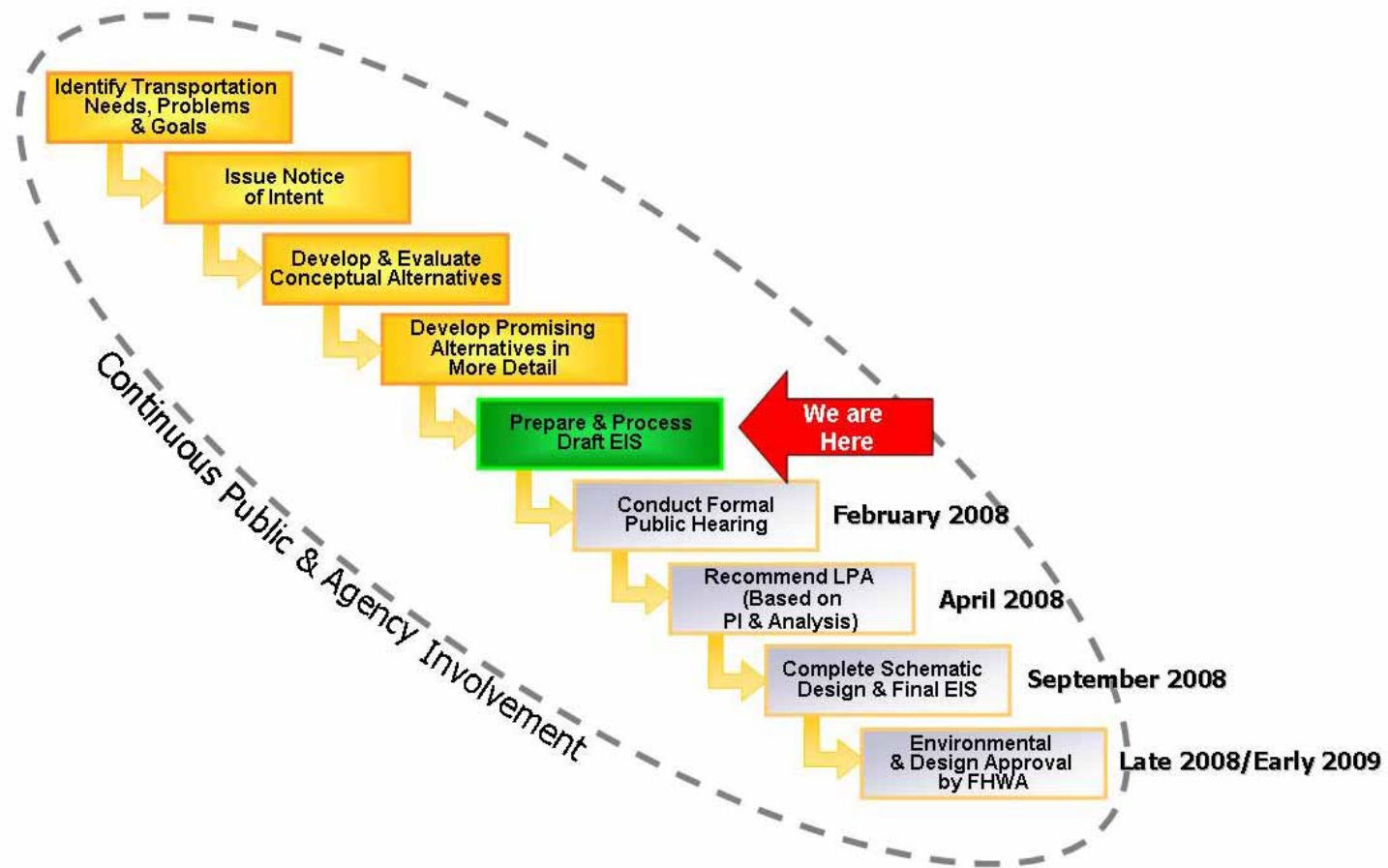


## Project Process/Schedule to Complete Environmental Approval



### How to Comment

All interested persons are invited to attend this Public Meeting and express their views on this proposed project. Verbal and written comments from the public may be submitted either in person, or by mail to:

Mr. Timothy M. Nesbitt, P.E.  
Texas Department of Transportation, Dallas District Office  
P.O. Box 133067  
Dallas, Texas 75313-3067

### For More Information

For more information on this project, go to [www.loop9.org](http://www.loop9.org). And for more information on other TxDOT projects, go to [www.keepitmovingdallas.com](http://www.keepitmovingdallas.com).



## Loop 9 Southeast Public Meetings

Tuesday, January 16, 2007  
Seagoville High School  
15920 Seagoville Road  
Seagoville, Texas 75253  
Open House 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 18, 2007  
Midlothian Conference Center  
1 Community Circle Drive  
Midlothian, Texas 76065  
Open House 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### Purpose of the Public Meetings

The purpose of this meeting is to solicit public input on the latest refined alternative corridors for Loop 9 Southeast from U.S. Highway 287 in Ellis County to I-20 in southeast Dallas County. A new location roadway with possible toll applications being applied is proposed. These two alternatives along with the No Build Alternative will be evaluated in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) that is being developed for the project.

Your comments tonight will be considered during the development of the document. We may not have detailed answers regarding the effects of the alternatives on the environment and communities at this time because the DEIS has not been completed.

### What is an EIS?

An EIS is a report that documents the existing social, economic and environmental conditions; assesses the effects that would result from construction of the proposed alternatives; and identifies potential mitigation. The document analyzes issues such as noise, access, cultural resources, air quality, economic effects and wetlands. The first version, called a DEIS, is designed to help decision-makers assess potential affects of each alternative. The DEIS will not recommend an alternative, merely presents the potential effects of the No-Build Alternative and build alternatives. A Public Hearing will be held to receive public comments. Once comments are received from the public, elected officials and other agencies, a recommended alternative will be reflected in the Final EIS (FEIS). The FEIS will include the same information in the DEIS as well as the recommend alternative and address agency and public comments on the DEIS.

### When will the DEIS be completed?

The actual date for the release of the DEIS has not been determined. The complete document must be reviewed and approved by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) before any information or results are released. This is done to prevent the premature release of information and avoid groups from trying to influence the decision-making process at inappropriate times. The DEIS is tentatively scheduled to be released in January/February 2008.

Once the FHWA approves the document for release, a Public Hearing will be scheduled. Persons on the project mailing list will be notified of the availability of the document and date of Public Hearing. Copies of the DEIS will be placed at numerous locations for public review and will be available for purchase through the TxDOT in CD or printed form.

### How will an alternative be selected?

After publishing the DEIS, a Public Hearing will be conducted to receive comments. Additionally, TxDOT request a recommendation from local governments in the form of resolutions. Local government recommendations along with the information in the DEIS and comments received from federal, state, regional agencies and the public will be considered by TxDOT in recommending the preferred alternative for the FEIS. The FEIS is then sent to FHWA for review and approval.



