



**Route 1  
Transportation  
Improvement  
Project**

**Public Open House**  
**February 8, 2007**

*Welcome*

# **Purpose and Need of the Project**

- **Improve regional mobility**
- **Improve local mobility and access**
- **Reduce congestion on Route 1 between Copeland Circle and Route 99**
- **Improve traffic safety caused by vehicle conflict points between Route 1 mainline and on- and off-ramps**



## Schedule

- Planning 2006 – 2007
- Permitting 2007 – 2009
- Design 2007 – 2009
- Construction 2010 – 2012

## Next Steps

- **Draft EA/EIR submitted for review**
- **Public Hearing on Draft EA/EIR  
(April/May 2007)**
- **Comments mailed to:**  
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# Frequently Asked Questions

### ***What is the purpose of this open house?***

Gather public sentiment on the screened alternatives prior to submitting Draft EA/EIR with a preferred alternative.

### ***What is a Draft EA / EIR?***

The Draft Environmental Assessment/ Environmental Impact Report is the document submitted for federal and state review of the environmental impacts of a proposed project.

### ***Why is the project divided into segments?***

Segments A, B and C were created only for the purpose of comparing alternative solutions in geographic portions of the project with common issues.

### ***Will only certain segments be constructed on the project?***

No, the project will be constructed as one complete project from Copeland Circle to Route 99. The segments were created only to compare alternative solutions.

### ***Will this be the last chance for the public to comment on EA/EIR?***

No, a public hearing will be held after the Draft EA/EIR is submitted asking for public comment. The Draft EA/EIR will result in either approval to proceed with permitting the project or a scope of work for additional analysis to be conducted as part of a Final EA/EIR.

### ***What are the objectives of the alternative screening process?***

The screening process is designed to identify those alternatives that meet the project purpose of improving traffic mobility, congestion, and increasing safety. The selected alternatives should minimize environmental impact as well as limit the impacts to local residences and businesses.