

# How it Works:



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## Getting a Transportation Project Built — Steps from Idea to Completion

Most transportation projects are very expensive. But money is not the only cost to consider. We need to be careful about how much open land we consume, what our transportation habits are doing to the environment, and how our communities are being shaped by the transportation facilities we build.

To ensure these issues are properly considered and money is well spent, federal and state governments have numerous requirements that must be met and formal processes that must be followed depending on the type and size of a project.



**PROJECT DEVELOPMENT**

# Candidate Project Identified

# THE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

## Initial Scoping

## RTAC Evaluation

## Listed in LRTP

## Added to TIP/TYP

## Environmental Studies, Preliminary Design

## Detailed Design & ROW Acquisition

## Construction Begins

## Ribbon Cutting

*It's finished!*

The development process varies according to mode, funding source, location, and myriad other variables. For a major federally-funded project, the typical development process looks like this.

*They should do something about all this traffic and that bad curve...*

*Should the highway be widened, straightened, or both?*

*Is this a worthwhile project?*

*Yes, this project aligns with our regional goals. Add it to the to-do list!*

*Based on available funding, we should be able to start construction within the next 12 years.*

*How can we develop this project in the most beneficial, economical, and environmentally responsible way?*

*What are the engineering details of the design? Do we need to purchase land?*

*Start the bulldozers!*



LRTP - Long-Range Transportation Plan  
ROW - Right-of-Way  
RTAC - Rural Transportation Advisory Committee  
TIP - Transportation Improvement Plan  
TYP - Twelve-Year Plan