

STATE ROUTE 37 ULTIMATE PROJECT

Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) – A collaborative and integrative approach

WHAT IS PEL?

A federal process to identify

- Transportation Issues
- Environmental concerns
- Transportation priorities or strategies – a Vision

Informs and streamlines environmental review process

Review of existing studies and look at gaps

WHY CONDUCT A PEL STUDY FOR SR 37?

- Planning products (Purpose & Need, Alternatives) can be carried forward into future NEPA/CEQA project documents without backtracking
- Build consensus with the public, resource agencies, and stakeholders in the corridor
- Allows study on projects that are not fiscally constrained
- Identify environmental constraints and potential mitigation strategies on a broader/corridor scale
- Development of implementation plans – phasing and prioritization of future projects
- Provides greater schedule and budget certainty

