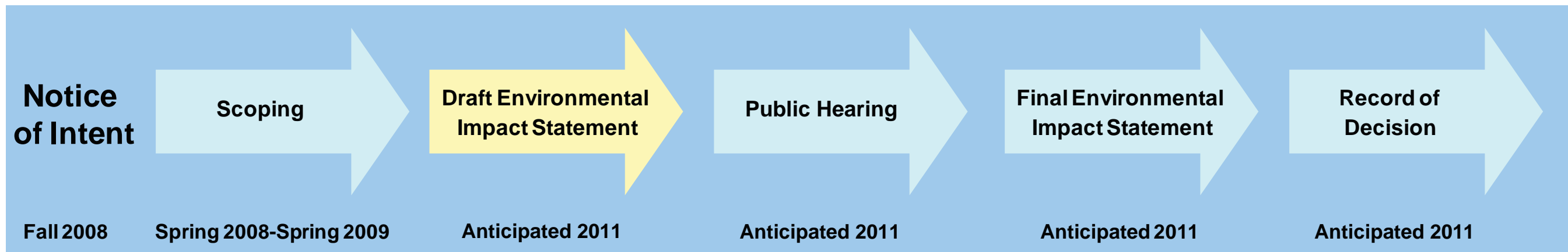




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The EIS Process



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Draft EIS

Tier 1 Transit Analysis

A planning-level analysis to evaluate the selected transit mode(s) and to define the alignment for the 30-mile corridor.

Tier 2 Bridge and Highway Analysis

A traditional NEPA process identifying the impacts and mitigation for the highway and bridge improvements.

Final EIS

Transit Decision

Defines selected transit modes, the alignments for the 30-mile corridor, and termini points. General station locations will be addressed.

Bridge and Highway Decision

Identifies the impacts and specifies the mitigation measures associated with the highway and bridge improvements; will be consistent with the transit modes and alignments.

Next Steps - Future Tier 2 Transit

After the ROD is issued, a future Tier 2 Transit Environmental Process will build upon the transit modes and alignments selected. Evaluations will focus on more detailed analyses of station locations, vehicle types, storage facilities, etc.

Next Steps

Environmental permitting and final design for the bridge and highway improvements will begin after the highway and bridge ROD is issued.

Regulatory Processes

- National Environmental Policy Act
- Safe Accountable Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act, A Legacy for Users
- National Historic Preservation Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Clean Air Act
- Clean Water Act
- Department of Transportation Act Sections 4(f) and 6(f)
- Plus numerous others

Cooperating Agencies

- NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
- US Coast Guard
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- NY State Historic Preservation Office
- NYS Office of General Services
- NYC Department of Environmental Protection