

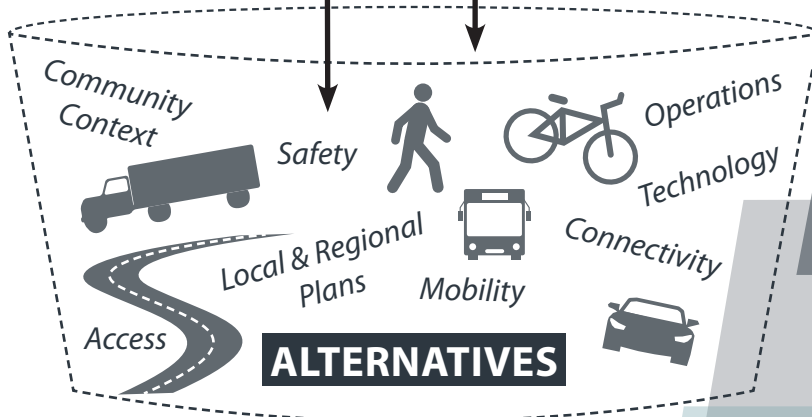


ALTERNATIVES EVALUATION PROCESS

WestConnect Coalition PEL

Purpose and Need and Project Goals

Public, Agency, and Stakeholder Input



ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT

Compilation of reasonable alternatives focused on Purpose and Need and Project Goals

LEVEL 1 PURPOSE AND NEED SCREENING



"Fatal Flaw" analysis

Elimination of alternatives that do not meet Purpose and Need

LEVEL 2 COMPARATIVE SCREENING



Evaluation criteria based on Purpose and Need and Project Goals

Qualitative and quantitative analysis of impacts

Multiple levels of progressive screening as needed to meet each segment's goals

LEVEL 3 DETAILED EVALUATION



Conceptual design refinement definition of projects



RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE

For comparison of benefits and impacts, the No Action alternative is carried through all levels of screening. The No Action alternative assumes no improvements over the existing conditions, except currently funded projects.