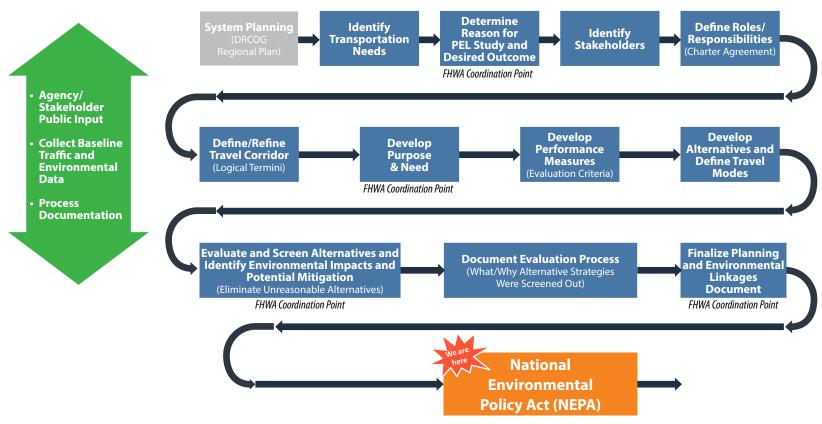


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I-70/KIPLING INTERCHANGE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGES (PEL) STUDY

A PEL Study was conducted in 2012 - 2013 to identify transportation issues, priorities, and environmental concerns. It was applied for planning analysis and to make planning decisions. These decisions and analyses were used to develop the Purpose and Need for the project, develop and evaluate a range of alternatives, and identify recommended alternatives. The following process was used:



Definitions

DRCOG: Denver Regional Council of Governments

Charter Agreement: A document signed by representatives from the project team (including cities and counties) that defines roles, responsibilities and milestones during the project.

Logical Termini: Sensible end points for a transportation project and the assessment of environmental impacts for the project.

Evaluation Criteria: Qualitative and quantitative measures, based on the purpose and need and other factors, that are used to screen alternatives.