

Corridor Context / Previous Studies

- Major Investment Study (2001)
- DRCOG 2035 Regional Transportation Plan
 - *Metro Vision (2011)*
 - *Fiscally-Constrained Plan (2011)*
- US 36 ROD (2009)
- North I-25 Final EIS (2011)
- TIGER III Grant Request (2011)

What is Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL)?

A **PEL Study** is the interim step of evaluation for a transportation need or project that has been identified in the regional transportation plan, yet has not entered a formal NEPA-level analysis. The purpose of a PEL Study is to **perform preliminary analysis** and **make decisions** not completed as a part of traditional regional level planning that will make NEPA level evaluation and decision-making more transparent to resource agencies and the public.

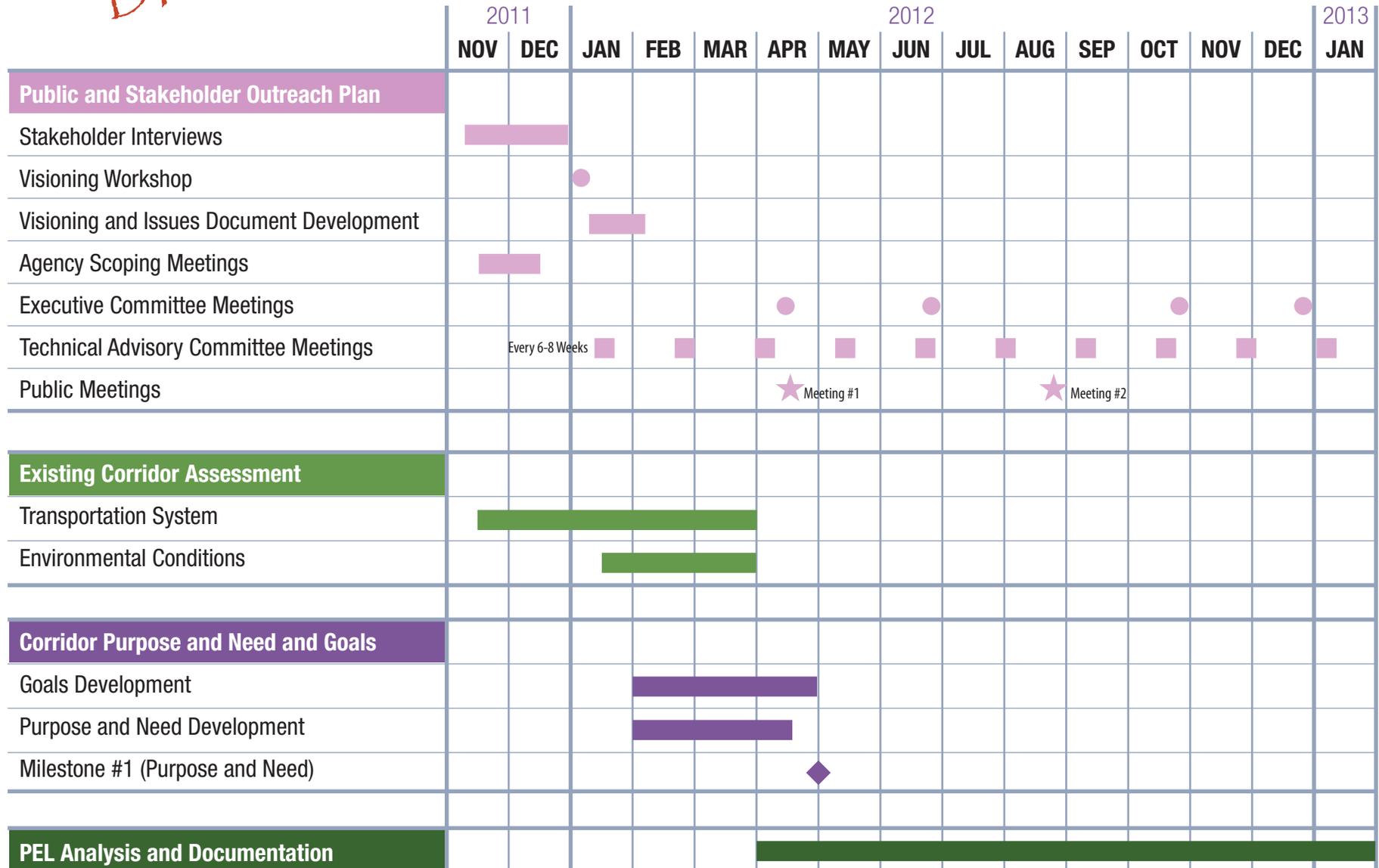
PEL represents an approach to transportation decision-making that **considers environmental, community, and economic goals** early in the planning stage and carries them through project development, design, and construction. This can lead to a seamless decision-making process that **minimizes duplication of effort, promotes efficient and cost-effective solutions and environmental stewardship, and reduces delays in project implementation.**

Who is Involved?

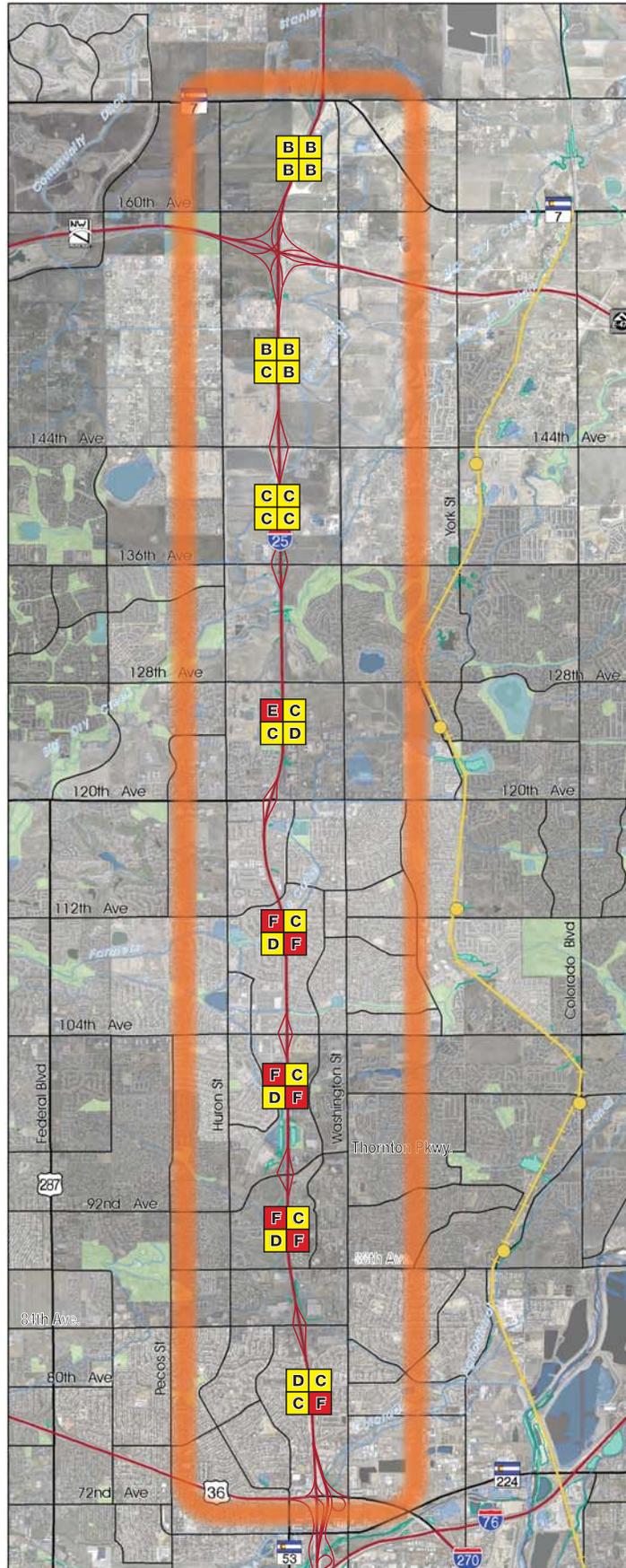
- Transportation planners
- NEPA practitioners
- Resource agency staff
- Public

DRAFT

Schedule



North I-25 PEL Study Area



Existing Level of Service (LOS)

		NORTHBOUND ↑		
AM	X	Y	AM	LOS A, B, C, D
PM	X	Y	PM	LOS E, F
		SOUTHBOUND ↓		

Existing peak period volume exceeds capacity.
Volume expected to exceed capacity along entire corridor by 2035

LEGEND

- Commuter Rail Stations
- North Metro Commuter Rail Line
- Wetlands
- Parks & Open Space
- Freeways / Tollways
- Arterials
- Streams & Ditches
- Lakes & Reservoirs

NORTH