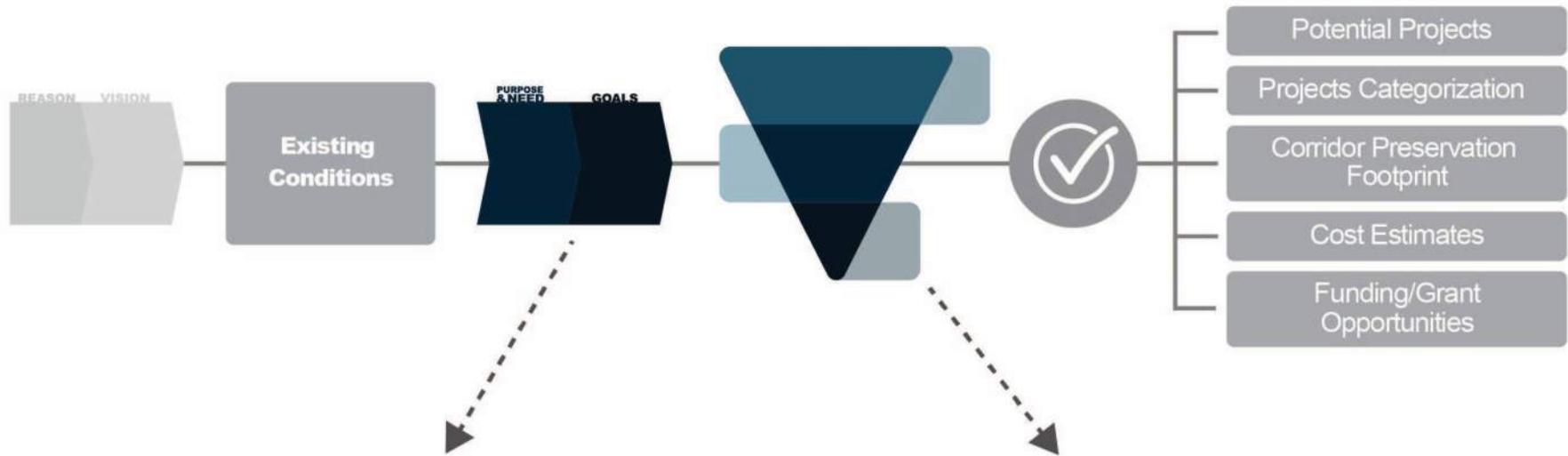
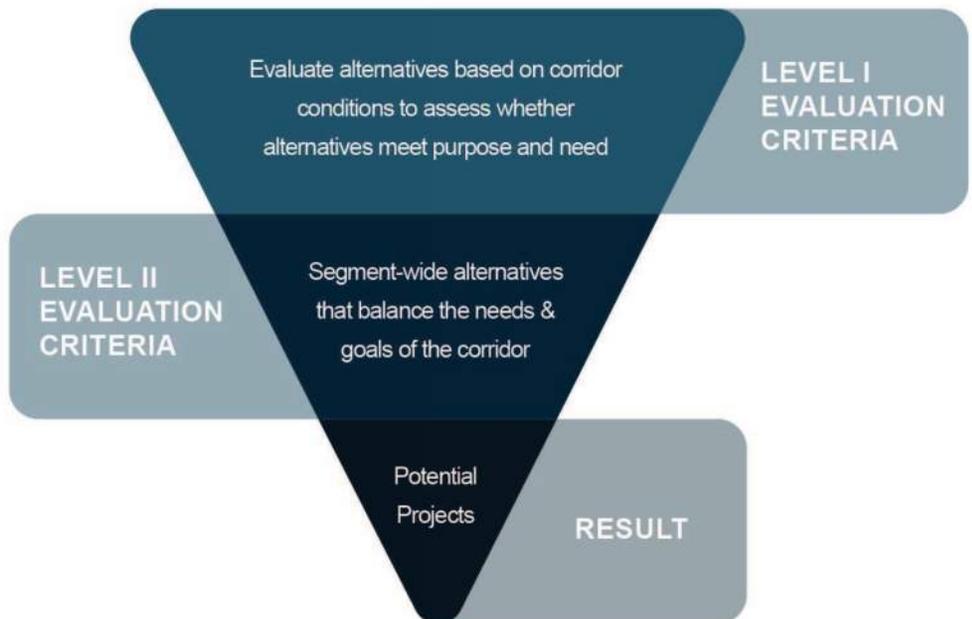


PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGES STUDY (PEL)



DEVELOP PURPOSE & NEED AND GOALS

DEVELOP AND EVALUATE ALTERNATIVES



Next Steps



Station 9-B1

The Project Team will use data collected from the Existing Conditions Report to define the Purpose, Needs, and Goals of the Corridor. The Purpose, Needs, and Goals of the corridor will be reviewed by the Project Management Team, Technical Team, and Executive Oversight Team before moving forward.

Once the Purpose, Needs, and Goals of the corridor are defined, the Project Team will use these to determine the Evaluation Measures for Alternatives Analysis.

Alternatives Analysis is a two-tiered process conducted by the Project Team, intended to evaluate possible alignments and elements (alternatives) of the corridor. This process allows the Project Team to rank the possible alternatives by how effective they are expected to be in addressing the needs and goals of the corridor. Alternatives determined to meet Purpose, Needs, and Goals of the Corridor are then compiled into a list of Recommended Alternatives at the conclusion of the PEL Study.

The first round of analysis (the 'Level 1 Evaluation') will review every alternative to see if it can meet the Purpose and Needs of the Corridor. Suppose an alternative is determined not to meet the Purpose and Needs of the corridor. In that case, it is not carried forward into the second level of analysis and it is not included in the list of Recommended Alternatives.

Alternatives that do meet the Corridor's Purpose and Needs are carried forward into the second round of the evaluation process (the 'Level 2 Evaluation'). In the Level 2 Evaluation, alternatives are evaluated to see how well they address each of the Goals of the Corridor. During this analysis, each alternative is given a quantitative assessment for how they address each goal of the corridor. Alternatives that do not meet many of the Goals of the corridor will not make it on the list of Recommended Alternatives at the end of the Study.