



What is a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement or PEIS?

A PEIS documents the first phase of a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) decision making process that identifies, considers, and evaluates a broad program of transportation improvements. Compliance with NEPA is required for any federal action. The first phase of the I-70 Mountain Corridor Programmatic EIS process will end with a Record of Decision that provides a program-level decision for general location, mode and capacity under which future project-specific (Tier 2) processes can proceed.

What is a Tier 1 decision?

- Informs future decisions, establishes a vision for the I-70 Mountain Corridor, and identifies a program of improvement
- Defines travel mode, capacity, and general location of transportation solutions
- Will be documented in a Record of Decision
- Will not directly result in construction or impacts

What is a Tier 2 process?

- Stand-alone project that falls under the umbrella of the Tier 1 decision and can be funded, such as, interchanges, auxiliary lanes, or transit and highway improvement projects
- May include feasibility or other technical studies
- Potential funding must be identified to move forward
- Requires additional NEPA analysis and public input

What is NEPA?

- **National Environmental Policy Act of 1969**
- **Requires federal agencies to assess and document the environmental impacts of, and alternatives to, federal actions affecting the environment**
- **Includes consideration and compliance with other federal and state environmental laws and regulations**
- **Components of NEPA documents include:**
 - Purpose and Need
 - Alternatives
 - Environmental Consequences and Mitigation
 - Public Participation and Agency Consultation