What is Scoping?

Scoping is the First Step in the Tier 1 EIS Process

- Identifies what should be studied
- Allows for early coordination and outreach

Notify Public and Agencies

- Tier 1 EIS being prepared
- Solicit input on process and corridor

Helps Guide "Scope" and Content of Tier 1 EIS

- Purpose and need
- Alternatives to be studied
- Impacts to be evaluated
- Evaluation methods to be used

Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement Process

Issue Notice of Intent → Conduct 45-Day Scoping Period → Develop and Screen Alternatives → Prepare Draft EIS → 45-Day Circulation of Draft EIS and Hold Public Hearings → Respond to Comments on Draft EIS → Prepare Combined Final EIS/ROD → Issue Combined Final EIS/ROD

SCOPING AND SCREENING — YEAR 1
DRAFT EIS — YEAR 2
FINAL EIS AND ROD — YEAR 3

AGENCY COORDINATION AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

◆ Official Agency and Public Opportunity for Comment during Tier 1 EIS Process

EIS = Environmental Impact Statement
ROD = Record of Decision