



AA Schedule and Process

The Gateway Corridor Alternatives Analysis Study (AA) will take about 18 months to complete and is expected to be finished by spring 2012. The study will proceed through three main phases before a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) is selected for the corridor.

Phase I – Project Initiation/ Universe of Alternatives

Phase I is the initial screening process, seeking to find possible transit modes and alignment options that merit further detailed study. The results of Phase I will be modified and approved by the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) following public comment at open houses scheduled for late February/early March 2011.

Phase II – Conceptual Alternatives / Evaluation

Phase II will develop more detailed alignment options including anticipated station locations, service frequencies, and Park & Ride facilities. Ridership forecasts will be prepared and capital and operating costs will be estimated. In June and July 2011, a second round of open houses will be scheduled and revised options will be presented.

Phase III – Recommendation of a Locally Preferred Alternative

The options developed in Phase II will be modified based on public comment. The final phase of the AA process will involve a detailed qualitative evaluation addressing financial feasibility; compatibility with existing infrastructure, travel demand patterns, and land use. An initial screening of potential environmental impacts and an evaluation of the [project goals and objectives](#).

A LPA will be recommended for transit improvements in the Gateway Corridor. The draft LPA will be presented for public comment at open houses scheduled for early 2012. The recommendations will be modified based on public comment and approved by the PAC and the Gateway Corridor Commission.