A PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGE (PEL) STUDY IS:

A collaborative and integrated approach to transportation decision-making that consider[s] benefits and impacts of proposed transportation system improvements to the environment, community, and economy during the transportation planning process. PEL uses the information, analysis, or products developed during planning to inform the environmental review process, including the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).


1  Reason for the Study
   Jul 2017 - Oct 2017
   Define:
   - existing delays, crashes, and congestion
   - expected congestion increases
   - lack of connectivity throughout Midtown

3  Unifying Vision
   Aug 2017 - Oct 2017
   Establish:
   - clear goals and objectives
   - intended outcomes

5  Transportation Modes
   Aug 2017 - Dec 2017
   Identify:
   - levels of passenger vehicles, freight, pedestrian and bicycle, transit, and other modes

7  Improvement Concepts
   Dec 2017 - Dec 2018
   Outline:
   - screening criteria and scoring metrics
   - potential solutions and their ability to achieve corridor vision

2  Stakeholder Coordination
   Sep 2017 - Dec 2019

4  Travel Corridor
   Sep 2017 - Nov 2017
   Develop:
   - a clear corridor description
   - details of the corridor’s unique qualities

6  Corridor Conditions
   Nov 2017 - Aug 2018
   Document:
   - biological, social/cultural, and physical resources
   - physical and geometric characteristics, traffic operations, and safety performance

8  Next Steps
   Dec 2018 - Jan 2019
   Summarize:
   - paths forward to individual projects, logical phasing, and funding solutions