



NEXT STEPS

WINTER 2003/2004

- Complete a more detailed analysis of interchange alternatives to assess their engineering and traffic benefits
- Evaluate all improvement alternatives for their impact on the natural and man-made environment, including:
 - Biological resources
 - Farmland
 - Displacements (residential & business)
 - Socio-economic factors
 - Cultural resources (historical & archaeological)
 - Noise

SPRING 2004

- Recommend a Preferred Alternative
- Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) – a document that summarizes all information gathered and analyses conducted by the study
- Make the DEIS available for review at various public locations, and send copies of the document to state and federal agencies for their review

SUMMER 2004

- Hold an official public hearing to receive input on the recommended preferred alternative and other information in the DEIS
- Respond to public and agency input and develop a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)

FALL 2004

- Seek and receive approval of the FEIS from the Federal Highway Administration

