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# **Ronald Reagan Parkway Extension: Citizens Advisory Group First Meeting**

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## Timeline

- **Pre-Development Phase – Feasibility Study**
- **Development Phase**
  - National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) coordination, review and approval
  - Preliminary engineering design and construction planning
  - ROW Acquisition
- **Execution Phase**
  - Final engineering design
  - Construction
  - Begin operation

# What is a Feasibility Study?

## Goals



**Seek stakeholder/public input**



**Technical studies of potential corridors/routes**



**Environmental review**



**Studies to analyze financial feasibility**

## What happens during the NEPA process?

**National Environmental Policy Act**  
federally mandated independent review

- Gwinnett-sponsored federal process
- Regulated public involvement process – formal
- Technical studies of potential corridors/routes
- Analyses include the possibility of a no-build alternative
- Environmental analysis of potential routes
- Federal and State Agency coordination

## Activities During Development Phase

# Major differences between Feasibility Study and NEPA

## – Feasibility

- No one route selected
- Fatal flaw analysis performed
- Multiple financial plans developed
- Project does not move forward without a feasibility determination

## – NEPA

- Multiple opportunities for formal public involvement
- Detailed environmental analysis
- Preferred alternative selected (can be no-build)
- Federal and State approval required

## What is unknown?

- Where the extension would be located, *if feasible*
- Type of facility to be constructed
- Toll rates
- Type of financing
- Construction schedule



## What is known?

- Initial project goals
- Congestion is a problem on surface streets in and around RRP
- Transportation funding through traditional methods does not meet future needs

