



Department of
Transportation

Route 9A Mobility & Safety Enhancement Study

Battery Place to West 59th Street
MANHATTAN, NEW YORK

Transportation Partnering Committee
Kick-Off Meeting

REGION-11
NYS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Agenda

1. Introduction & Ice breaker
2. Meeting Objectives
3. Study Introduction
4. NYSDOT Project Delivery Process & Study Workflow
5. Next Steps

Introductions & Ice Breaker

Ice Breaker

Corridor Trivia

1. Where did the fill come from to build Battery Park City?
 - a. World Trade Center
 - b. Holland Tunnel
 - c. PATH Train
 - d. 8th Avenue IND subway line
2. In 1999, Route 9A between Battery Park and 72nd Street was renamed by Mayor Giuliani to?
 - a. Ed Koch Highway
 - b. Joe DiMaggio Highway
 - c. Lincoln Highway
 - d. Mario Cuomo Highway
3. What section of the elevated Route 9A highway collapsed in December 1973?
 - a. Between Liberty Street and Vesey Street
 - b. Between Canal Street and Houston Street
 - c. Between Gansevoort Street and 14th Street
 - d. Between 34 Street and 42 Street



Meeting Objectives

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- ✓ Introduce the Route 9A Mobility and Safety Enhancements Study, the Scope of this study, some existing conditions, and the schedule for engagement
- ✓ Introduce the NYSDOT Project Delivery Process and Study Workflow, the Transportation Partnering Committee (TPC) role, and the supporting groups surrounding it and establish a collaborative environment
- ✓ Roles & Responsibilities/Draft List: TPC, Stakeholders, Neighborhood Focus Group members
- ✓ Next Steps/Lookahead: Corridor Walk Through and Vision Development Stakeholder Input

Study Introduction

Route 9A Mobility & Safety Enhancement Study

Study Corridor



About the Corridor

Past



- Revitalize Hudson River waterfront
- Connect local communities

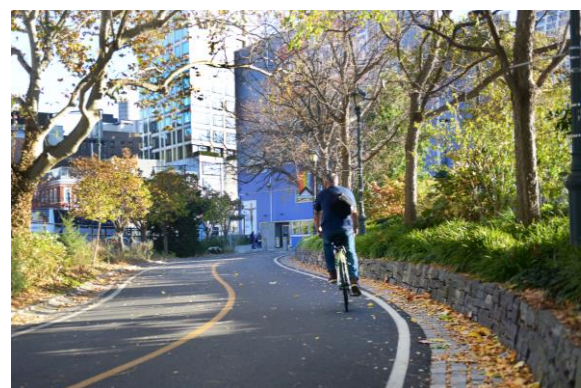
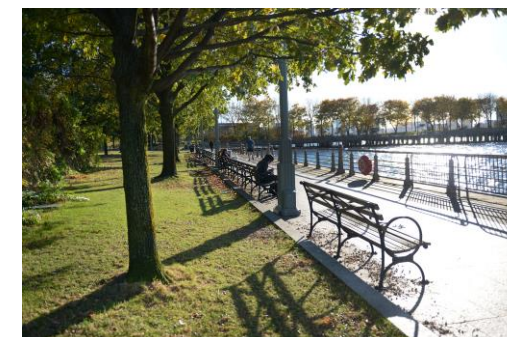
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Changing needs of the corridor to accommodate all modes of travel

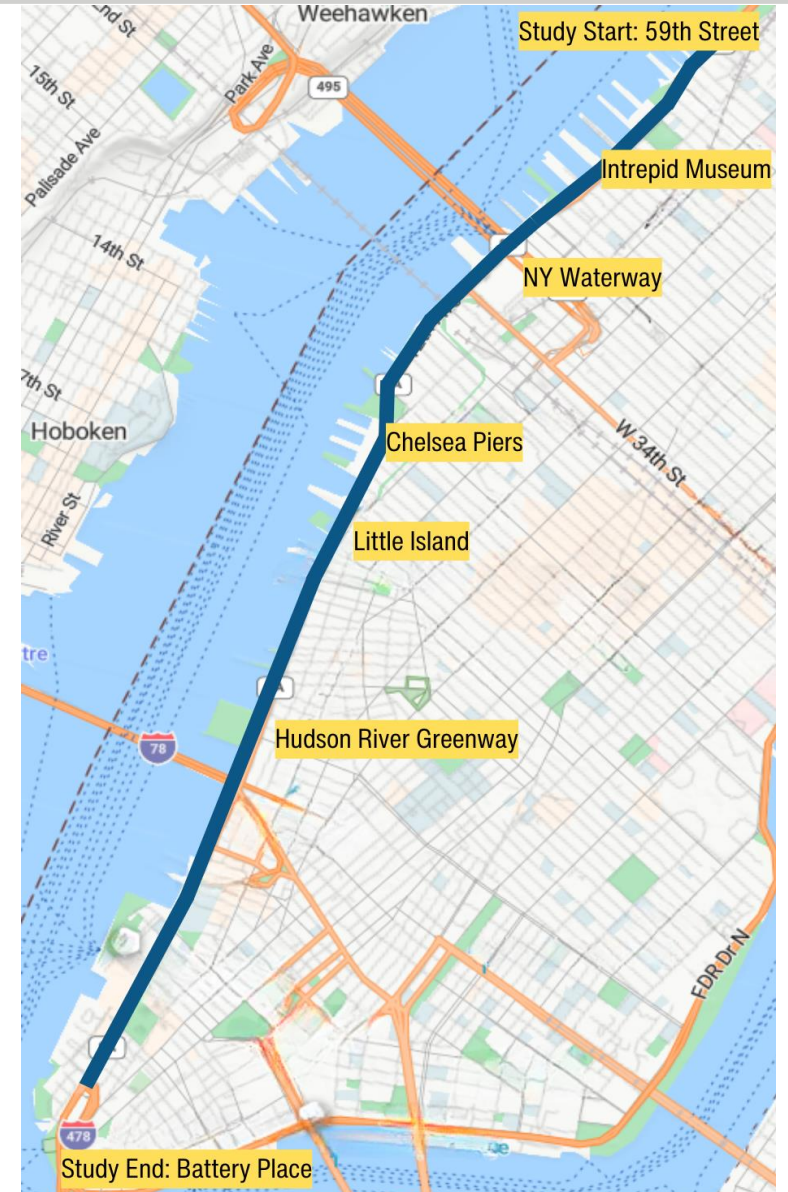
About the Corridor

- 5-mile-long beautifully landscaped urban boulevard
- Extends from Battery Place to West 59th Street
- Serves a variety of **regional**, **arterial**, and **local** transportation activities and needs
- An **intermodal** access provider to 3 Hudson River ferries, passenger liner terminals, excursion ships, and a heliport. Serves as the terminus point for five crosstown bus lines.

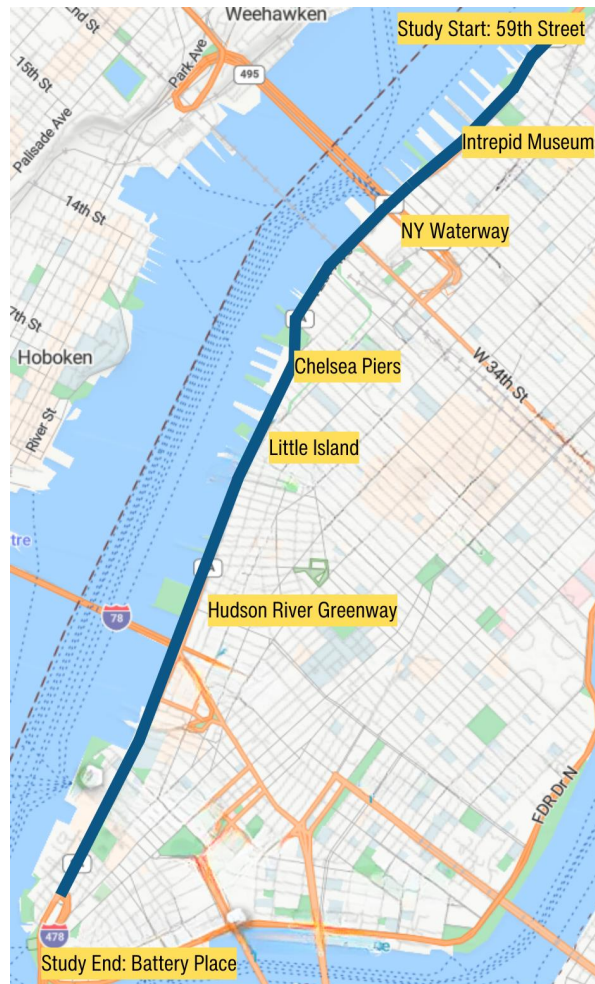


Existing Conditions

- Roadway has 3 - 4 lanes in each direction traveling north and south on the west side of Manhattan
- Speed Limit = 30 MPH
- West Side Highway is within a Zone 1 storm evacuation zone and is an important roadway during emergencies
- M42, M50, M23 SBS, M20, M9 bus routes all utilize the corridor in a segment of their route
- Dedicated bike facilities along the west sidewalk that ranges between 11' – 15' width
- One of the most heavily used bike paths in the country



Study Corridor/Jurisdiction



59th Street to Battery Place
(Approx. 5 Miles)



NYCDOT, NYSDOT, MTA,
Others

HRPT, Others

Existing Issues

- Overcrowded conditions along the existing bike facilities pose safety issues as multiple users seek to utilize the space
- E-bikes, even though prohibited in the bike lanes, are still utilizing them and causing safety concern
- Speed differentials cause safety issues for all users, not just cyclists
- Key intersections see high levels of pedestrians interfacing with busy Route 9A and the bustling bike lanes



Initial Community Concerns



Reduce crashes



Safety for pedestrians and bicyclists



Lack of connectivity between the neighborhood and Hudson River Park



Integrate and support various transit options



Explore Resiliency solutions

Community Involvement

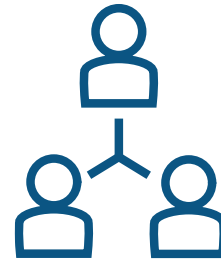
Involvement will occur during every phase to ensure that the recommendations are reflective of the communities' needs.



**Neighborhood Focus
Groups**



**Community Stakeholder
Briefings**



**Transportation Partnering
Committee**



**Public Information Meeting
(In-Person & Virtual)**














Agency Coordination

NYSDOT is committed to working with agency partners as this project encompasses a critical corridor in Manhattan, NY



NYC Parks

Study Milestones & Public Involvement Activities

Project Phase	PHASE 1 Existing Conditions & Corridor Vision				PHASE 2 Concept Development				PHASE 3 Concept Refinement				PHASE 4 Concept Recommendations		
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TPC Meeting															
Public Meeting															
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Partner Agency Coordination

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Transportation Partnering Committee Meeting (TPC)



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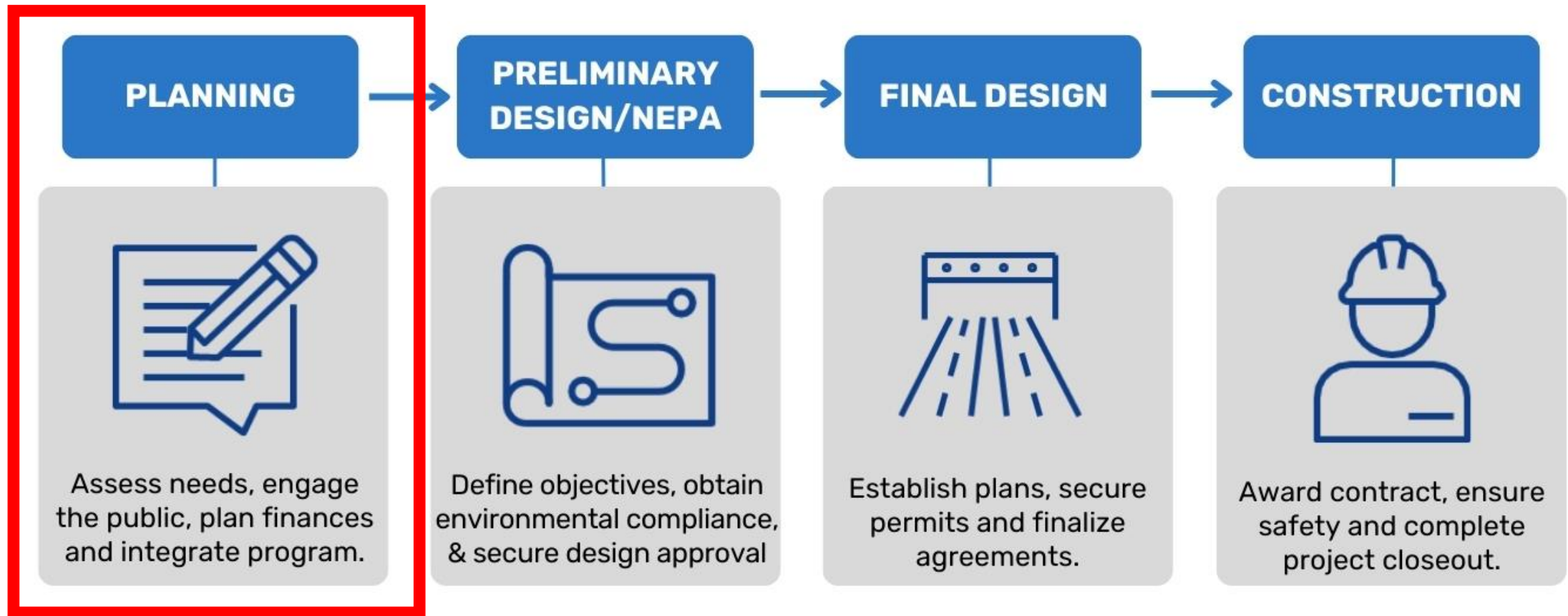
Community Stakeholder Briefing



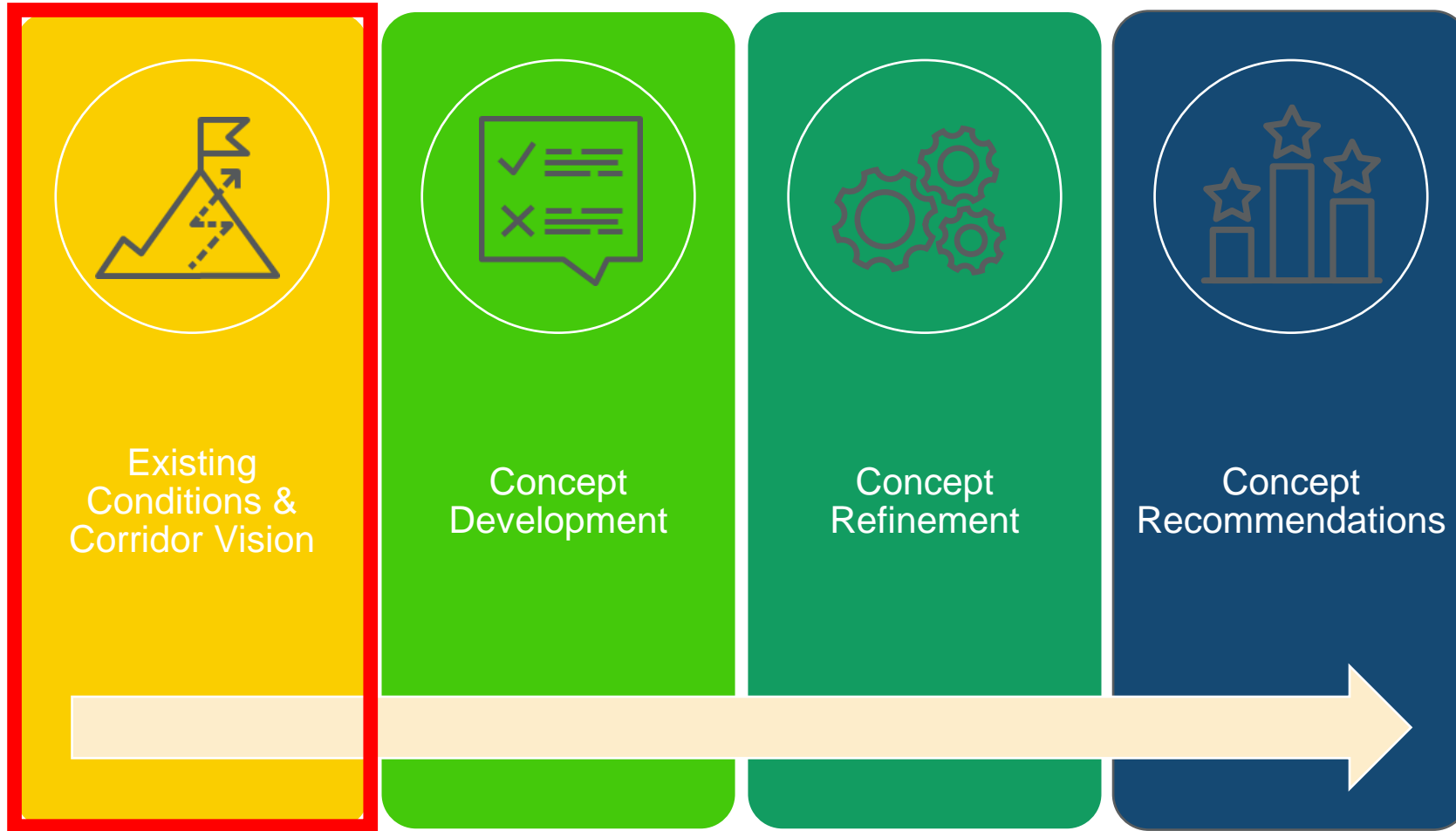
Neighborhood Focus Groups

NYSDOT Project Delivery Process & Study Workflow

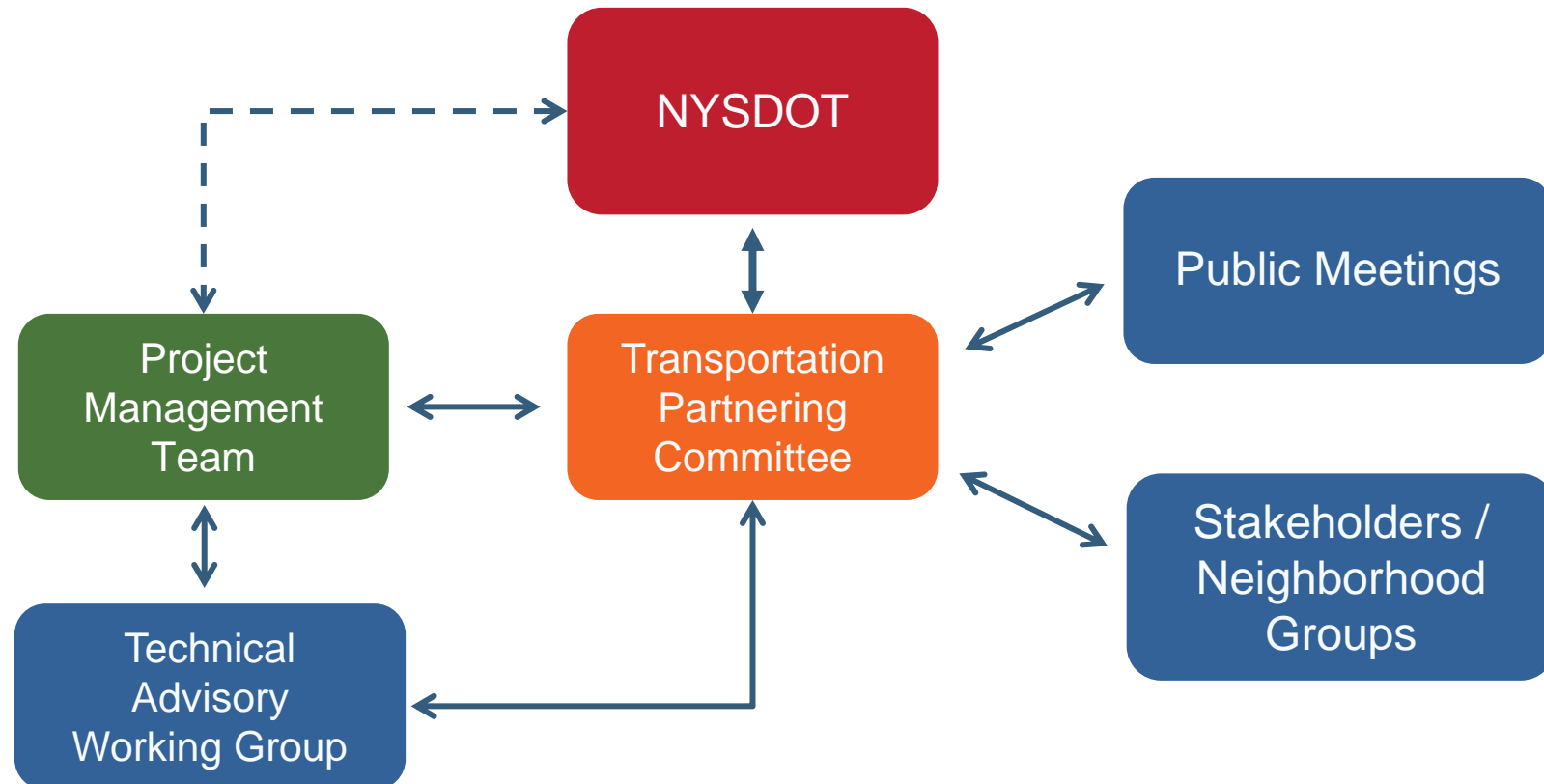
Project Development & Delivery



Concept Development Process

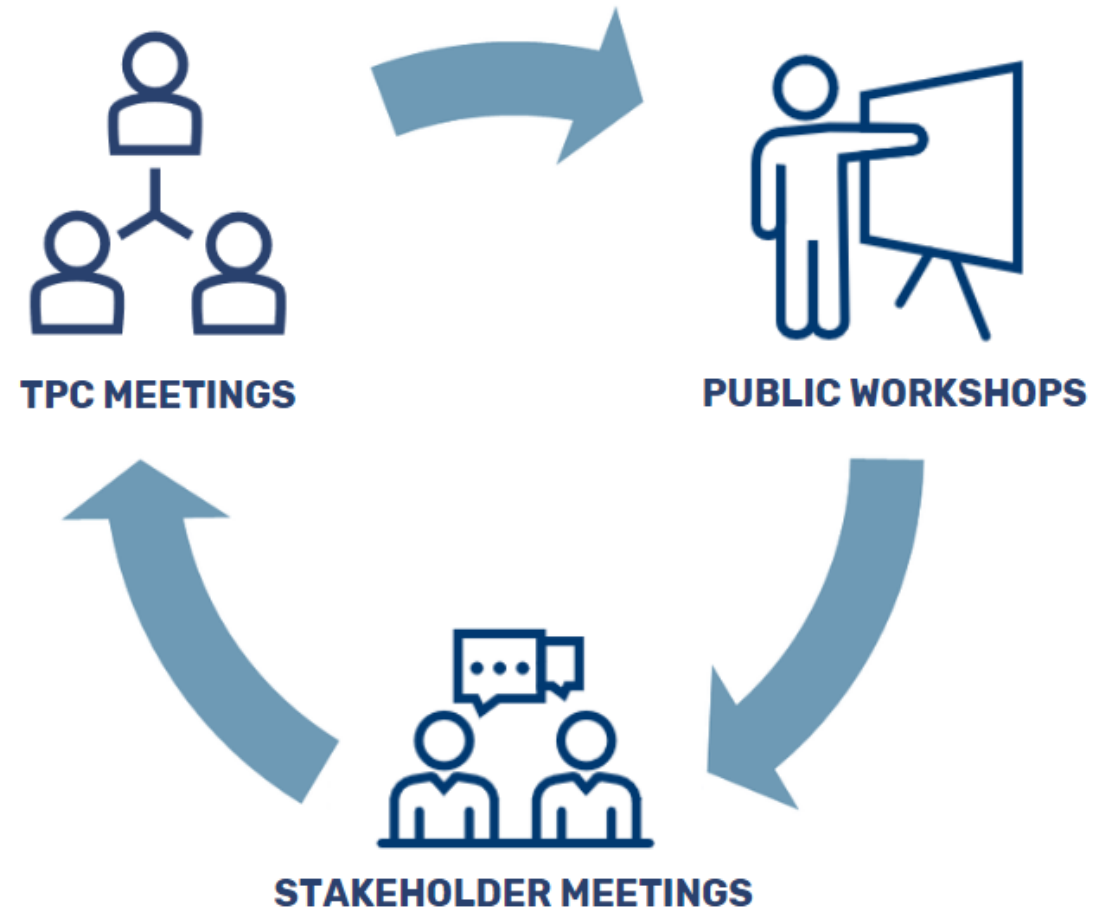


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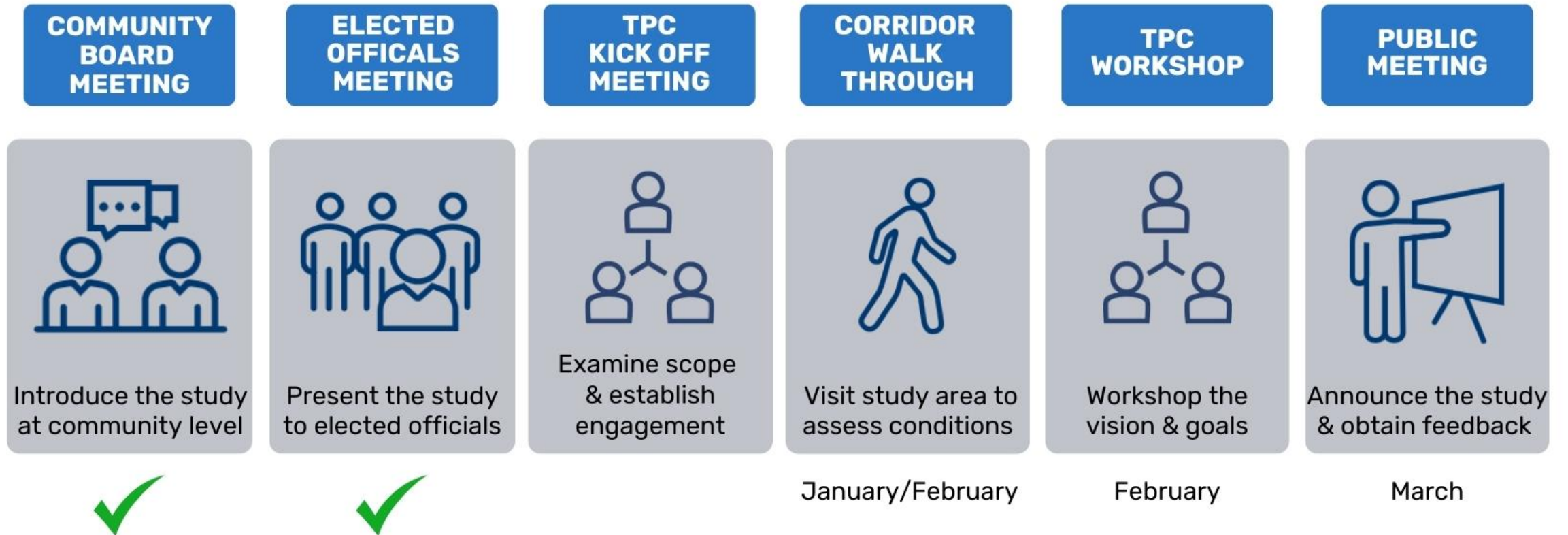


Public Engagement Process

- ❑ **Transportation Partnering Committee (TPC)**
- ❑ **Public Workshops/ Meetings**
- ❑ **Stakeholder, Technical, Neighborhood Meetings**



Engagement Activities – Phase 1 Process
















Engagement Activities: Phase 2 & 3 Process



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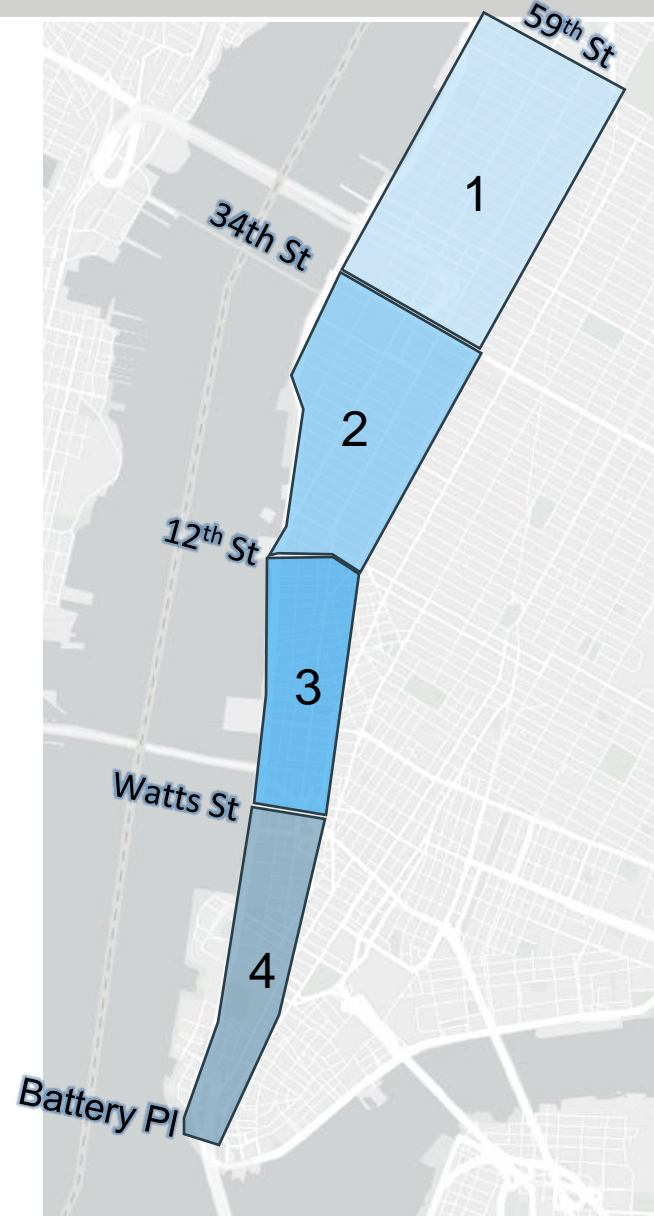
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Neighborhood Focus Groups

Corridor Walk-Throughs

Please sign up using our form and indicate which group of the corridor you prefer to do the walk-through with!



Vision Development - Screenshot of Vision/Corridor/Issues & Goals Worksheets

Route 9A Mobility and Safety Enhancements
TPC #1
Group Exercise – Corridor Needs/Issues & Goals

15 Minutes

Step 1
As a group, quickly brainstorm corridor issues/needs as you know them. Pick one person to record the group's issues/needs. Record each issue/need in one of the shaded boxes below. This portion of the group exercise is a brainstorming exercise, so record what is offered, do not evaluate merit of issue/concern during step 1.

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Please note, it is important that your group completes the worksheet, so that the study team has something tangible to refer to after the Public Workshop, thank you!

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Step 2:
As a group, work to reach consensus on what your group believes to be the corridor's top three issues/needs, taken from your list on the reverse side of this worksheet.

You might find it helpful to use the red and green stickers provided. Each member of the table is provided a single red sticker and a single green sticker. Each member places their dot adjacent their priority issues/needs – red for highest, green for second highest. This exercise should help your group focus your efforts in reaching consensus.

Record the group's top three corridor issue/needs in the space provided below, in the time allotted, as best your group can.

Group's Top Three Corridor Issue/Needs:
1
2
3

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Scoping Report
Transportation Partnering Committee Meeting #1
Group Exercise – Corridor Goals & Objectives

20 Minutes

Team Member Names: _____

Addresses Transportation Corridor Priority: _____

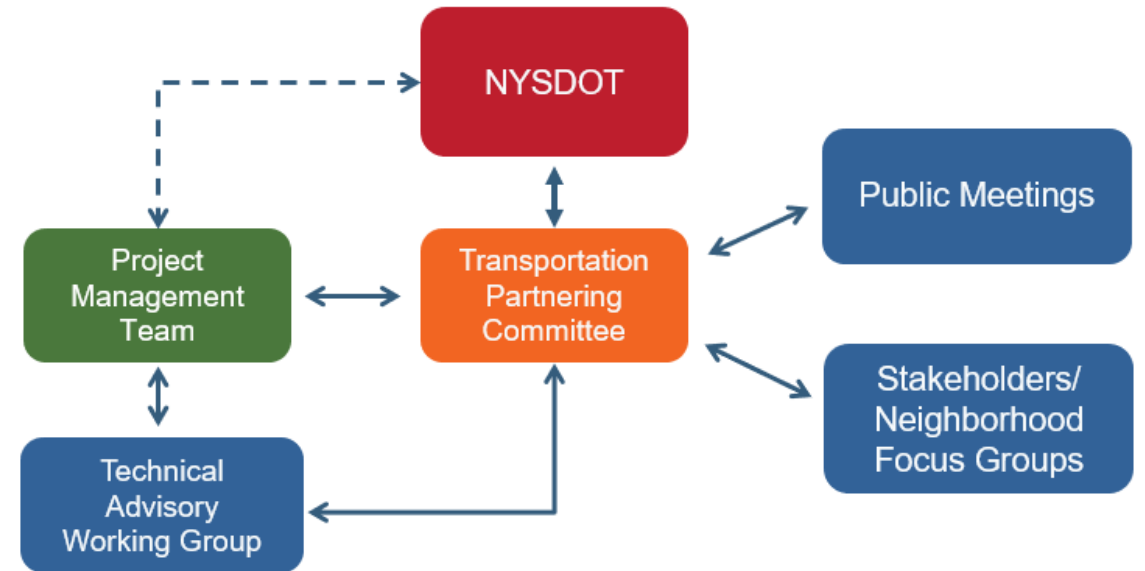
Goal Statement:

Objectives for Goal Statement:

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The Ask

1. Draft list of Walk-Through Volunteers
2. Establish committed TPC Working Group
3. Draft List of Stakeholders & Neighborhood Community Groups

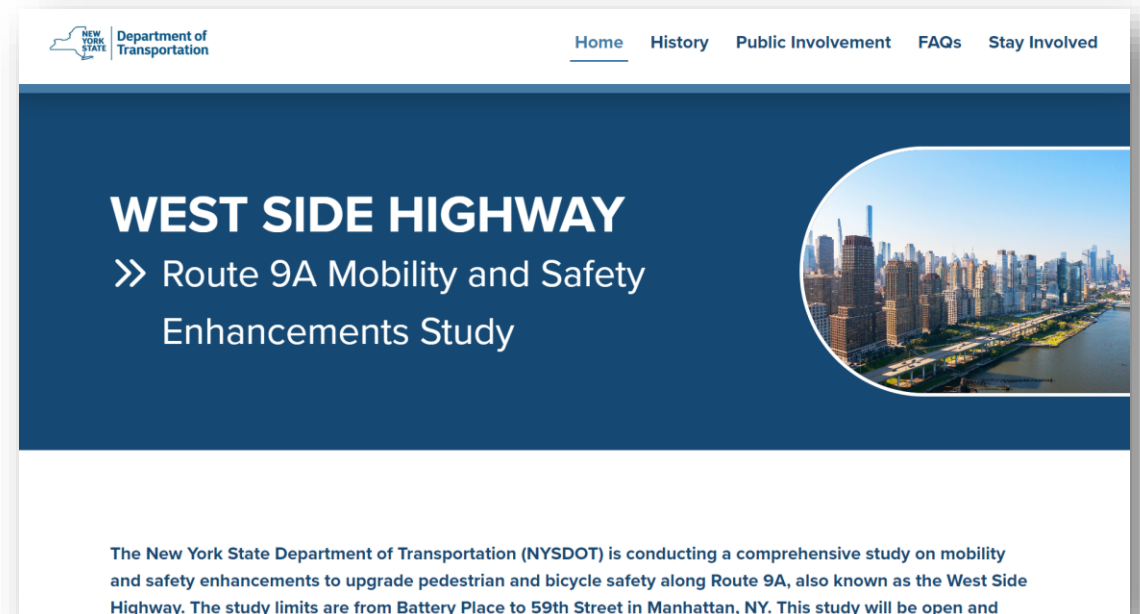


Website & Staying Involved

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Feedback?

Questions?

Thank you all!

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