Making the Connection: Transportation Planning and Project Development

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Today's Topics

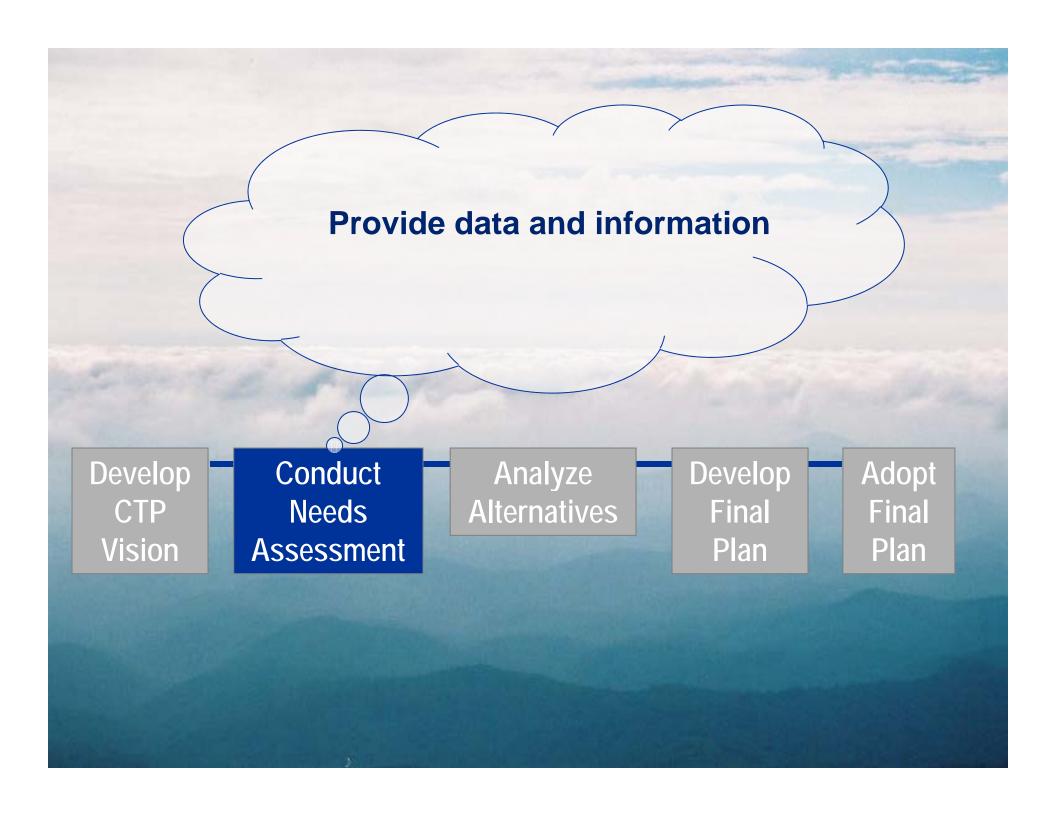
- The Transportation Planning Process
- Integration
- Keys to Success
- Related Initiatives

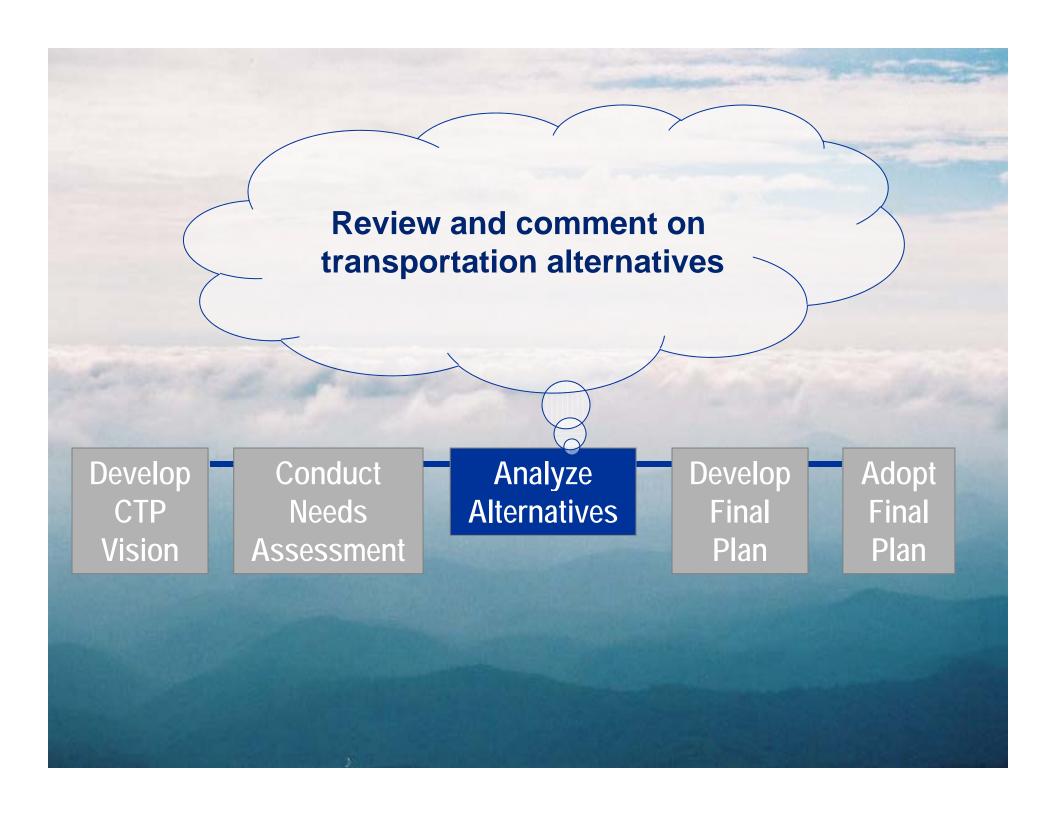
Land Use Planning Project Transportation Planning and **Planning** (NEPA) Community **Vision**



Develop CTP Vision

Conduct Needs Assessment Analyze Alternatives Develop Final Plan Adopt Final Plan





 Provide comments on final long range transportation plan
 Local and State adoption but NOT environmental agencies

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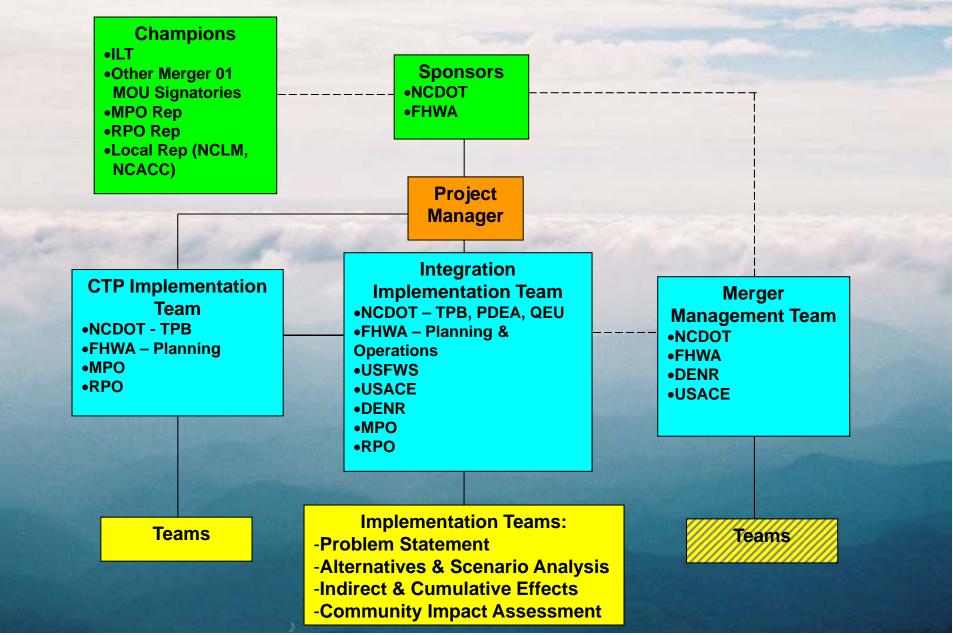
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Integration

A planning process that provides a seamless connection between long-range transportation planning and project development that ultimately leads to supporting the timely delivery of projects by NCDOT.

- •Enables a seamless transfer of information about transportation needs and environmental and community considerations
- Allows appropriate decisions to be upheld
- •Meets legal requirements
- Consistent with the spirit of the Merger process (NEPA)

Integration Accountability Structure



8 Integration Linkages

CTP

Project Development

Problem Statement — Purpose & Need

Alternatives Analysis Alternatives Analysis

Unreasonable Solutions Alternatives Selected for Detailed Study

Multi-modal Analysis — Multi-modal Alternatives

8 Integration Linkages

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Project Development

Community Impact Analysis **Assessment**





Land Use Indirect & Cumulative Effects



Public Involvement Public Involvement

Mitigation Opportunities -



Mitigation Needs & **Opportunities**

Keys to Success

- Involve environmental agencies in process development
- Ongoing education and communication
- Up-to-date statewide GIS coverage
- Mechanism for documentation, sharing of information, and providing comments

Related Initiatives

- Project Streamlining
- GIS Pilot Projects
- Complete Streets
 www.nccompletestreets.org

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