

Final Environmental Impact Statement Process

In 1969 the U.S. Congress enacted the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to direct agencies to consider environmental consequences during the planning stages of a project. This is achieved through an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), a document that examines the consequences of a proposed project. There are two phases to the EIS process, a Draft EIS and Final EIS. The Draft EIS was published in May 2008 and can be found at www.oregonmetro.gov/southcorridor. **The Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Project is now in the Final EIS stage of the NEPA process.**

