

Two-Step Alternatives Screening Process

Step 1: Fatal Flaw Screening—criteria developed from Purpose & Need

➤ *Pass/fail test—alternative must satisfy all criteria to advance*

- Provides rail connectivity
- Meets navigation requirements
- Has logical termini
- Is feasible & constructible
- Avoids critical property impacts (developed from community input)

Step 2: Detailed Screening—based on specific project goals

➤ *Relative test—compare/contrast each alternative's ability to meet goals & objectives*

- Optimizes existing and planned infrastructure
- Considers operational, design, construction requirements
- Minimizes environmental/cultural/socioeconomic/property impacts