



Route 7/15 Norwalk Project – PAC Sub-committee Meeting on Purpose and Need



Tuesday, September 12th, 101 Merritt, Norwalk





Route 7/15 Norwalk - AGENDA

- Introductions
- Role of subcommittee
- “***Purpose***” of Purpose and Need
- Review of Draft Purpose and Need
- Comments Received
- Discussion
- Next Steps/Questions





Route 7/15 Norwalk - Role of subcommittee

Work collaboratively with Project Team to help refine Purpose and Need Statement





Route 7/15 Norwalk - DRAFT PURPOSE AND NEED

What is Purpose & Need?

1. Defines the transportation problem
2. Limits range of alternatives- “reasonable, prudent and practicable”
3. Guides the alternatives analysis process
4. Clear, well-justified, specific and comprehensive

ROUTE 7/15 INTERCHANGE PROJECT
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT

DRAFT PURPOSE AND NEED STATEMENT



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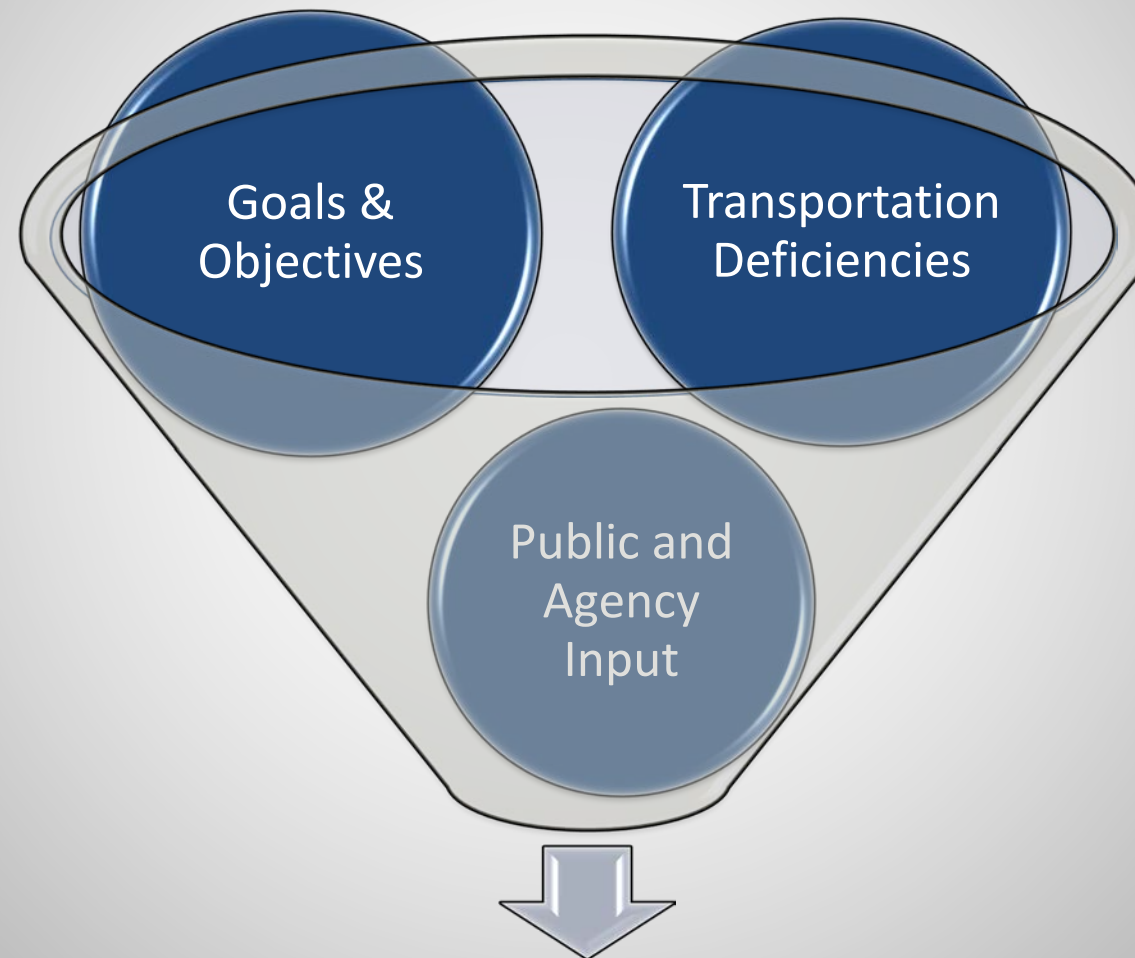


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Rev. May 5, 2017

P&N is the foundation for the selection of a course of action



Route 7/15 Norwalk - DRAFT PURPOSE AND NEED

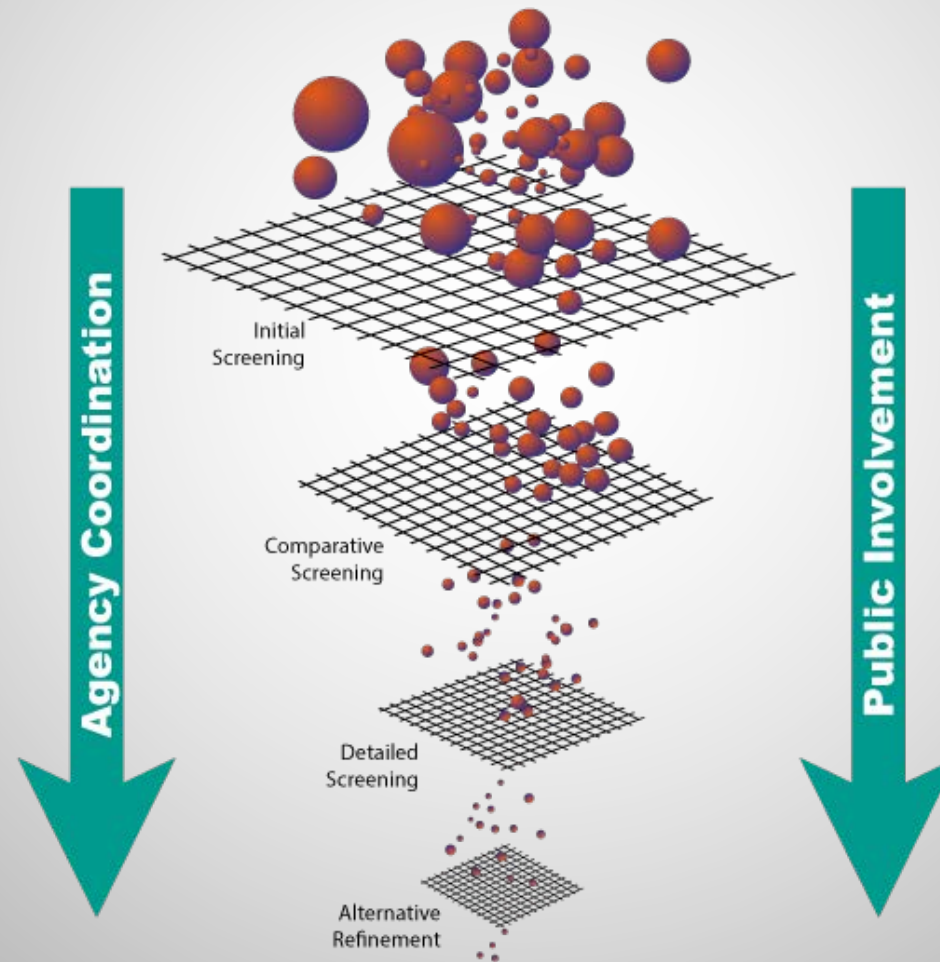


Purpose and Need Statement



Route 7/15 Norwalk - Guides alternate screening

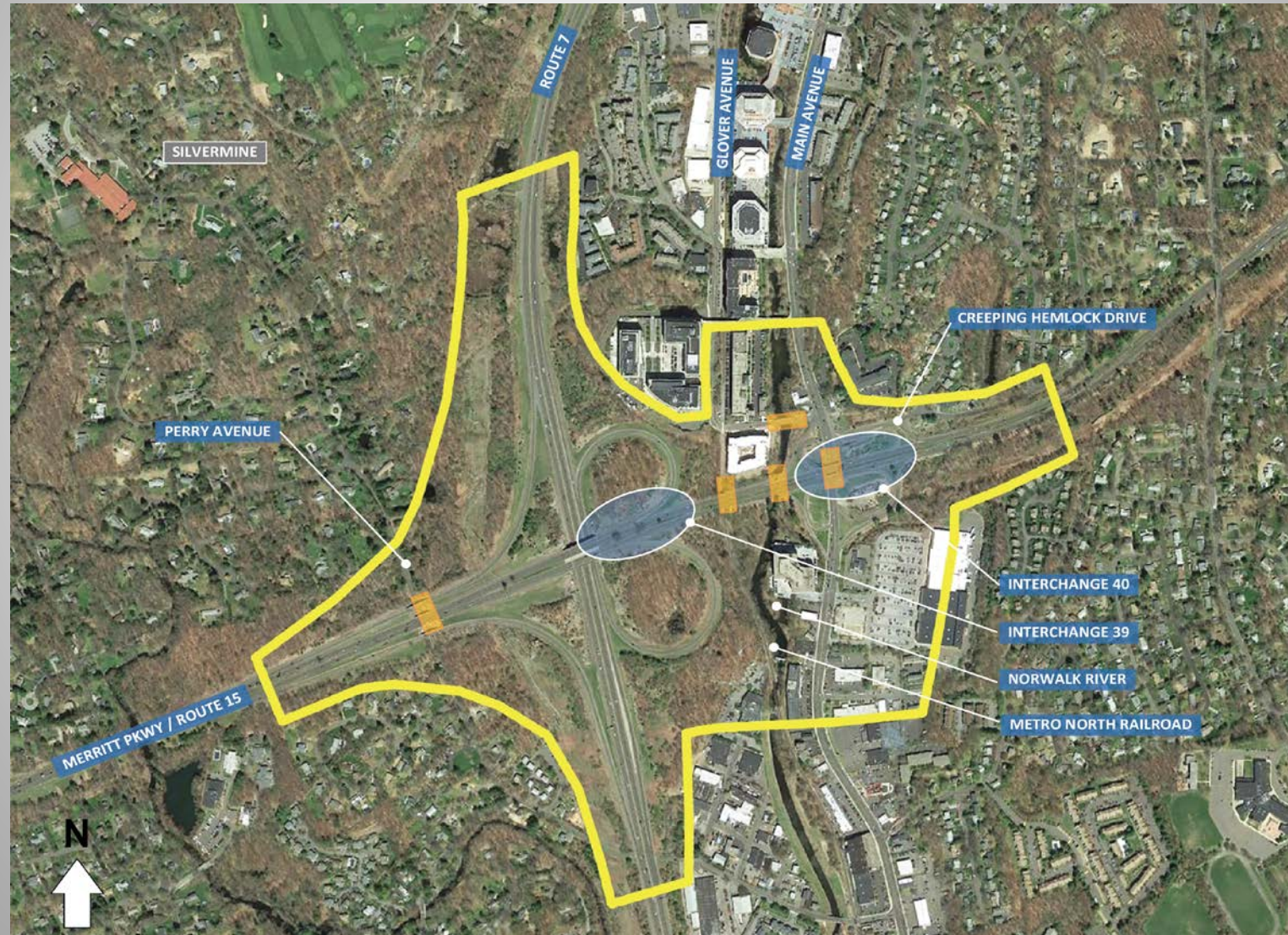
FULL RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES



FINAL ALTERNATIVES FOR EVALUATION



Route 7/15 Norwalk - Project Area





Route 7/15 Norwalk - DRAFT PROJECT PURPOSE

- Improve **system linkage** between Route 7 and the Merritt Parkway
- Improve the **mobility** for all users at the Merritt Parkway's Main Avenue and Route 7 Interchanges
- Improve **safety** in the vicinity of these interchanges





Route 7/15 Norwalk - DRAFT PROJECT NEED

- **System linkage:** need to provide complete connections between Route 7/Merritt Parkway
- **Safety:** current interchanges have safety deficiencies
- **Mobility:** additional linkages need to improve user mobility
- **Congestion:** need to reduce congestion and delays at intersections





Route 7/15 Norwalk - DRAFT GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Provide **other factors** that will be considered in the alternatives evaluation process

- Ensure long-term serviceability of corridor
- Maximize public investment in corridor
- Ensure better interchange integration with environment and neighborhood context
- Provide for pedestrian and bicycle access

DISCUSSION

- Questions related to Purpose and Need process
- Comments received





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QUESTIONS

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