



I-49 Inner City Connector SPN H.003915

Project Status - February 20, 2026

Comments

We had our final consulting parties meeting in December and are working on a draft agreement which to be distributed next week.

With that agreement, we will complete the 4f document, write up the mitigation commitments, and submit the draft EIS to FHWA La Division office for review and comment. During that time, we will request that FHWA review it for legal sufficiency as well.

Once we have that we can send **Draft EA off to FHWA** for their review and approval to publish Draft EA. We would like to do this no later than **mid-March**.

Project Schedule Post Shutdown

Legal Sufficiency Review of Draft EIS by FHWA*

1st Quarter 2026

- Review by FHWA
- Concurrent review of Civil Rights Inquiries

Publish draft EIS

1st Quarter 2026

- Assumes 30 days to address comments from Legal Sufficiency Review
- Must notify public and provide a minimum 30-day review period prior to Public Hearing

*Review times may be longer than 60 days, which could result in schedule modifications.

Public Hearing

2nd Quarter 2026

- Draft EIS review times and approval to publish presumed to require the first three months of 2026
- Must be available for Public Comment no less than 30 days prior to Public Hearing.
- Public can make comments up to 10 days following the Hearing
- Responses to public comments must be included in final EIS

Submit final EIS and draft Record of Decision (ROD)

2nd/3rd Quarter 2026

ROD approval by FHWA

3rd/4th Quarter 2026

The EIS is still completed in 2026, in accord with the 2024 schedule

Project Schedule - Notes

- The Legal Sufficiency Review starts procedural reviews that are bound by regulatorily required time frames and could push the schedule
- The publication of the draft EIS is in the 1st Quarter of 2026
- The Public Hearing moves the 2nd Quarter of 2026 due to review time frames
- Updates will continue to be provided to the MPO once per quarter
- **In accord with the 2024 schedule, the EIS and FHWA Approved ROD are completed in 2026**