How Do We Get There?

Before a transportation improvement is built, it moves through a series of five steps. It takes many years to complete this process. Here’s why.

1. **Project Need** (Up to 2 Years)
   - Confirm need with local/MPO support
   - Identify implementing agency

2. **Design & Permitting** (2-3 Years)
   - Define improvement footprint
   - Address impacts
   - Balance technical issues and public input
   - Qualify for federal funds

3. **Project Development & Environment Study (PD&E)** (1-5 Years)

4. **Right-of-Way Acquisition** (2-3 Years)
   - Purchase needed property
   - Address relocations

5. **Construction** (2-3 Years)
   - Bid on project
   - Build the improvement
   - Install mitigation measures

**Opening Day**