# Messaging, Planning & Environmental Documents for Communities



# Purpose & Need

Improve the movement of goods in the greater New York/New Jersey region by enhancing the transportation of freight across New York Harbor.



NEW YORK

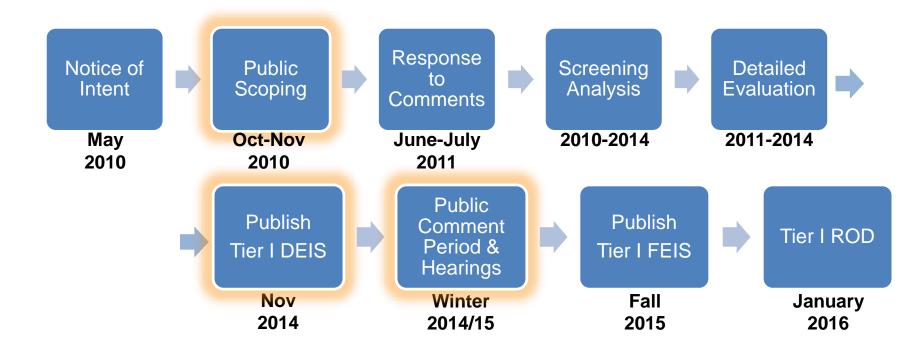


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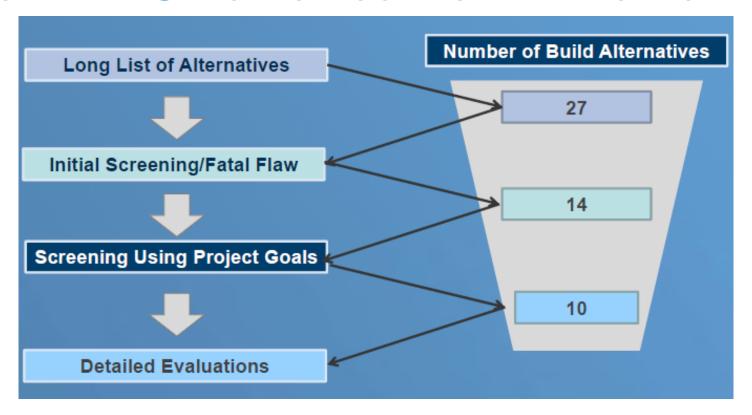
### **Tiered Environmental Review**

TIER I	TIER II
Complex Regional Projects	<ul> <li>Depending on alternative(s) selected, could be a CE, EA, or EIS</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Cost-efficient evaluation of a broad range of alternatives</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Assessment of potential effects associated with a specific facility or activity</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Assessment of alternatives when level of detail is limited</li> </ul>	Project-specific mitigation measures
<ul> <li>Selection of mode, alignment, and termini</li> </ul>	

### **Tier 1 EIS Timeline**



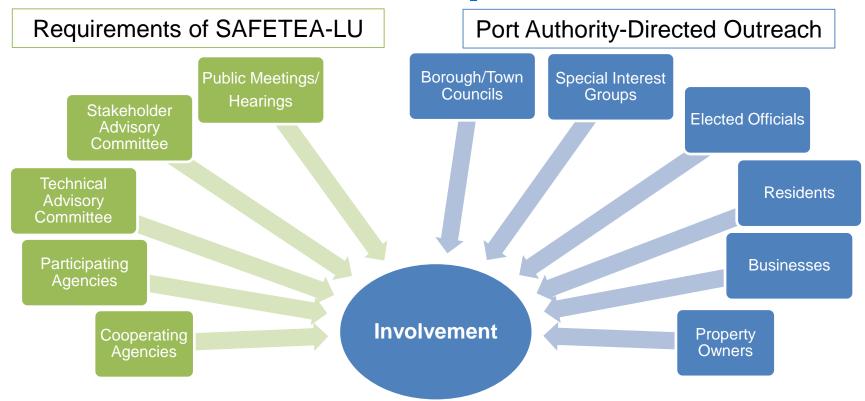
### **Tier I DEIS Narrowed Down Alternatives**



## **Robust Public Outreach for DEIS**

- 49 Repositories for DEIS viewing
- Over 1,000 Comments accepted by mail, email, and fax, and as oral or written testimony at public hearings
- 7 Public Hearings (January March 2015)
- 120 Day Public Comment Period (NEPA 45 Days)
- 23 Public Outreach Meetings with interested parties

# **DEIS Public Participation Effort**



# **Providing Updates**

Website

#### Meetings Advertised in local Publications

#### CrossHarborStudy.com





#### **Newsletters**



#### E-Communication/ Social Media



### **Lessons Learned**

- Flexibility and accommodation are critical to an effective outreach effort
- Coordination with all internal stakeholders ensures smooth public outreach process
- Broad distribution of project information helps to ensure that affected communities have correct information at hand to formulate their own opinions

# **Questions?**

