

# The Detroit River International Crossing

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**Welcome**

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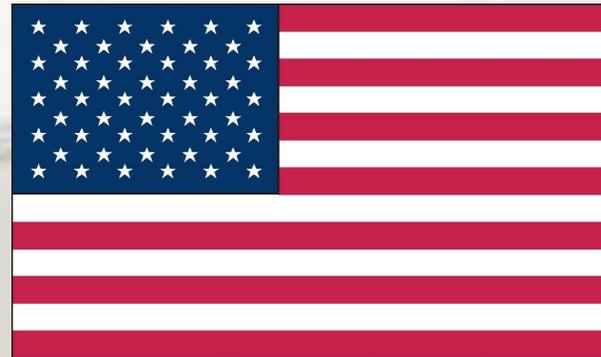
## Meeting Purpose

- Introduce Study Team
- Discuss Key Issues
- Receive Public Input on
  - ✓ Key Issues
  - ✓ Possible Routes/Corridor Crossings
  - ✓ Other Issues

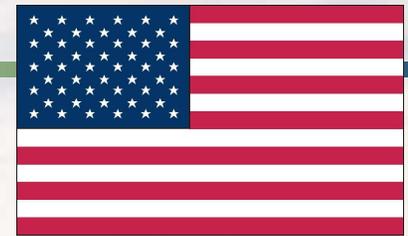
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## The Partnership

- Federal Highway Administration
- Transport Canada
- Michigan Department of Transportation
- Ontario Ministry of Transportation



# Key Agencies



## United States

- Michigan Department of Transportation
- Federal Highway Administration
- Department of Homeland Security
- General Services Administration
- Department of State
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Army Corps of Engineers
- United States Coast Guard

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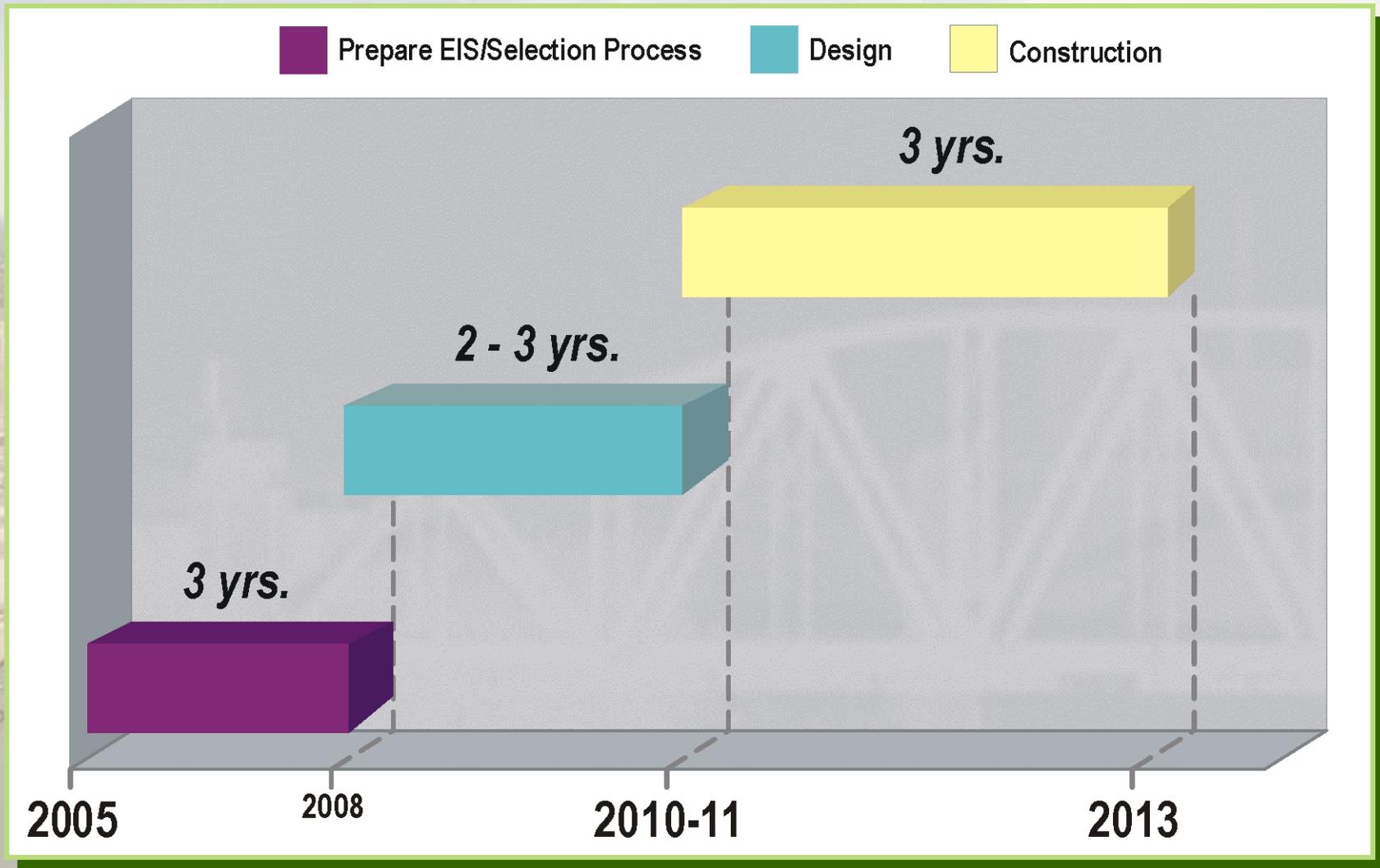
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### Canada

- Transport Canada
- Ontario Ministry of Transportation
- Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Canada

# The Detroit River International Crossing Overall Project Timeline @ 4/1/05



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**U.S. Laws/Regulations**

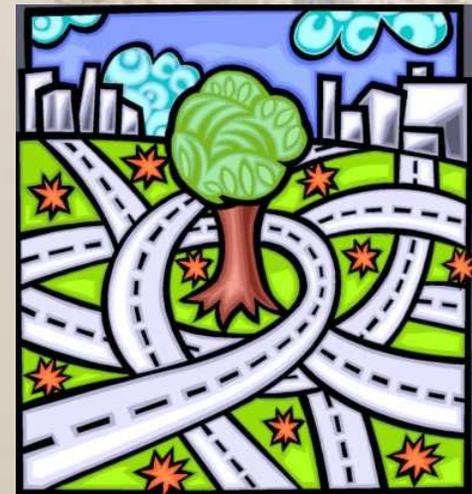
Many, including

- National Environmental Policy Act
- Presidential Permit
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/MDEQ (wetlands)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (threatened/endangered species)
- U.S. Coast Guard (navigation issues)
- And More . . . . .



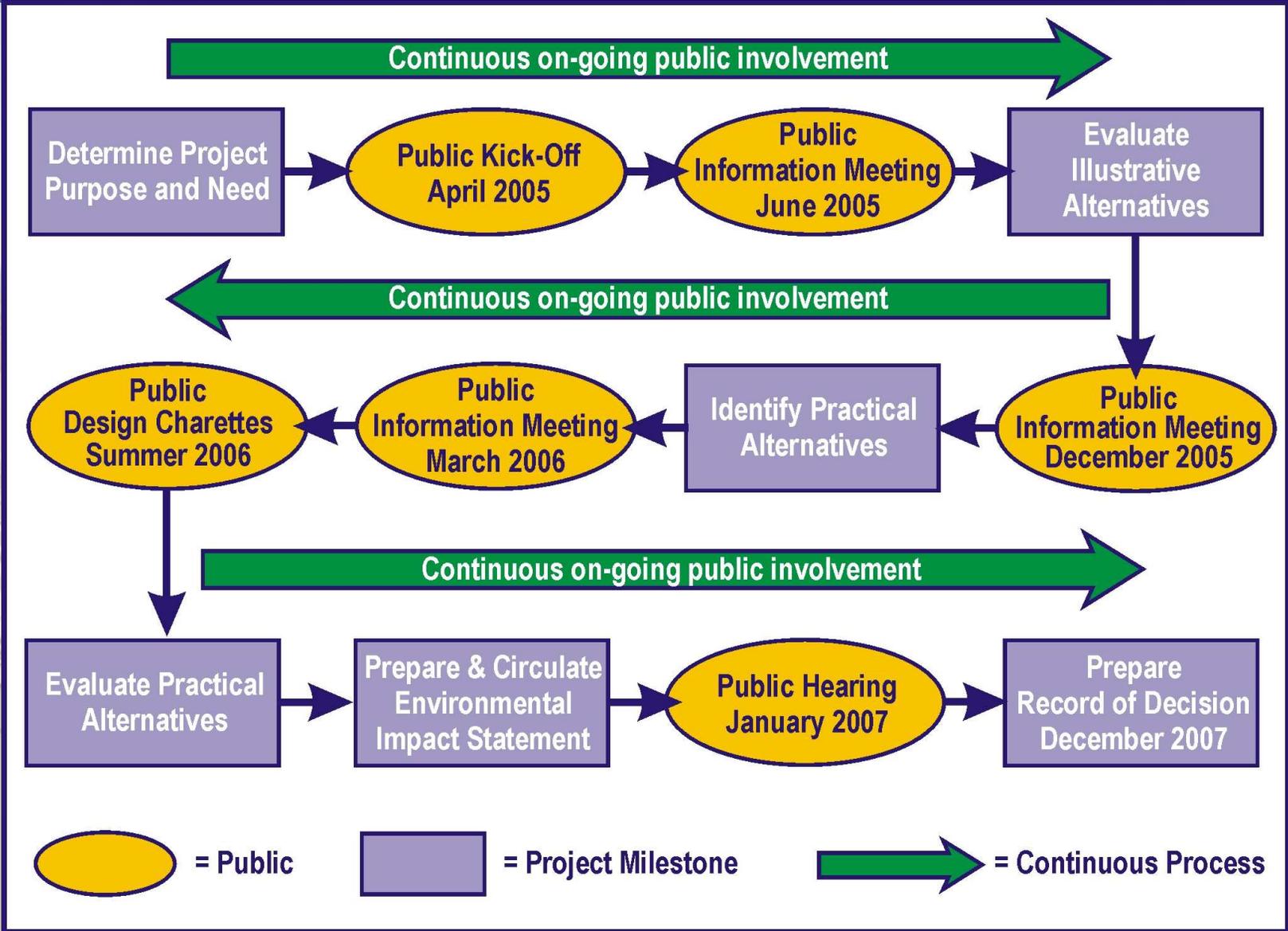
# National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- Requires consideration of environmental impacts
- Encourages public participation
- Considers all reasonable alternatives
- Applies measures to avoid or reduce adverse impacts



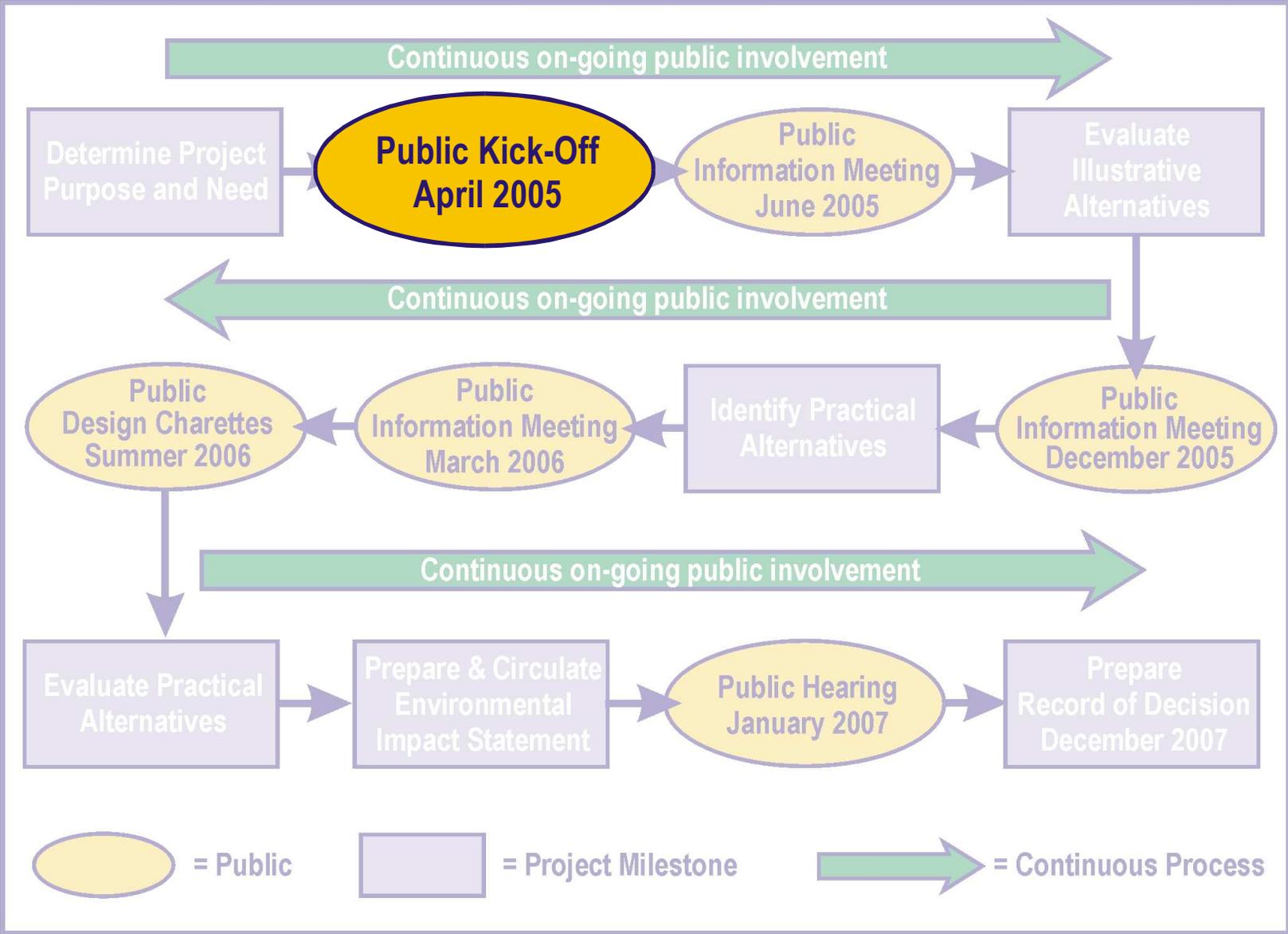
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## The NEPA Process



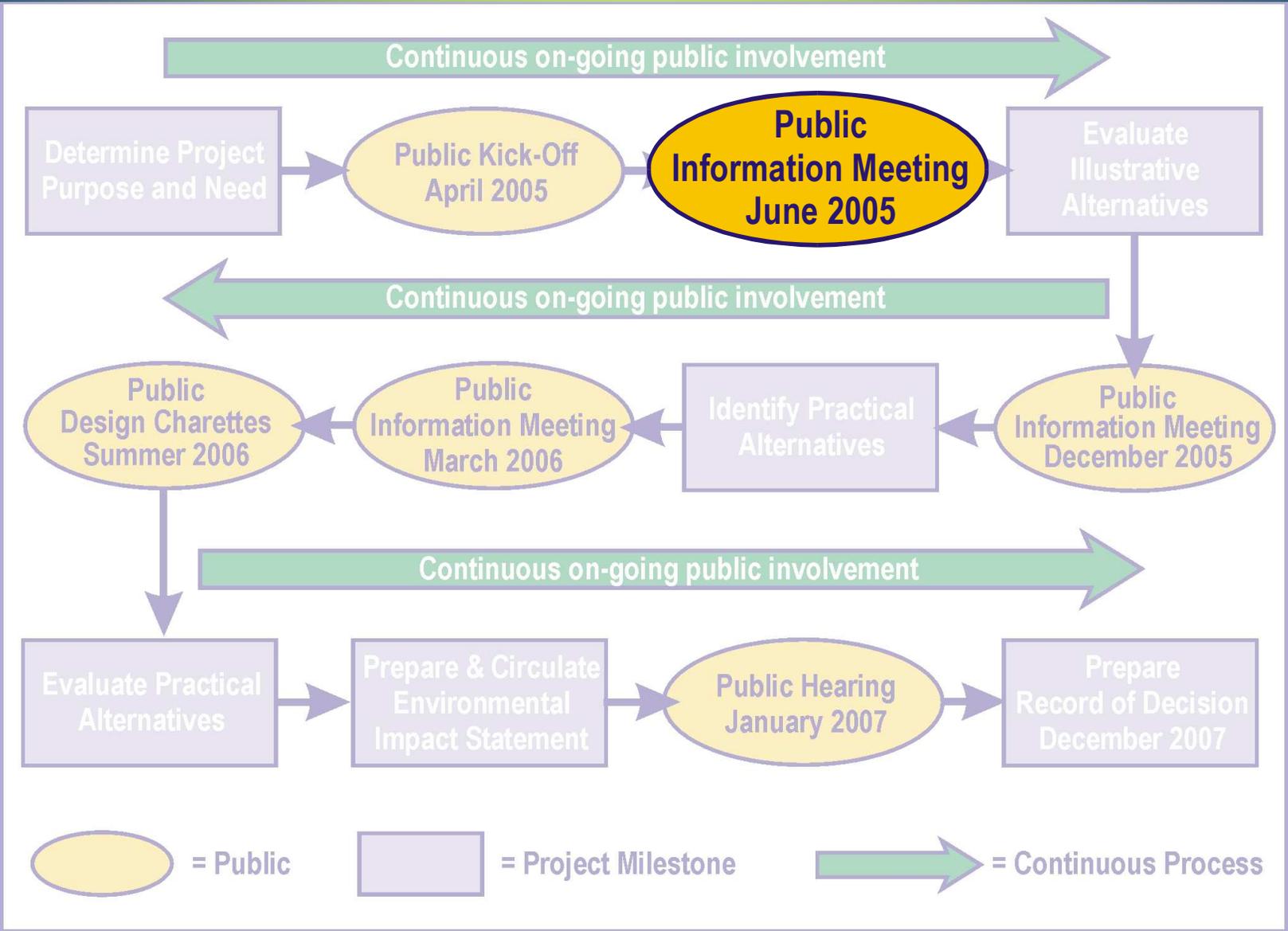
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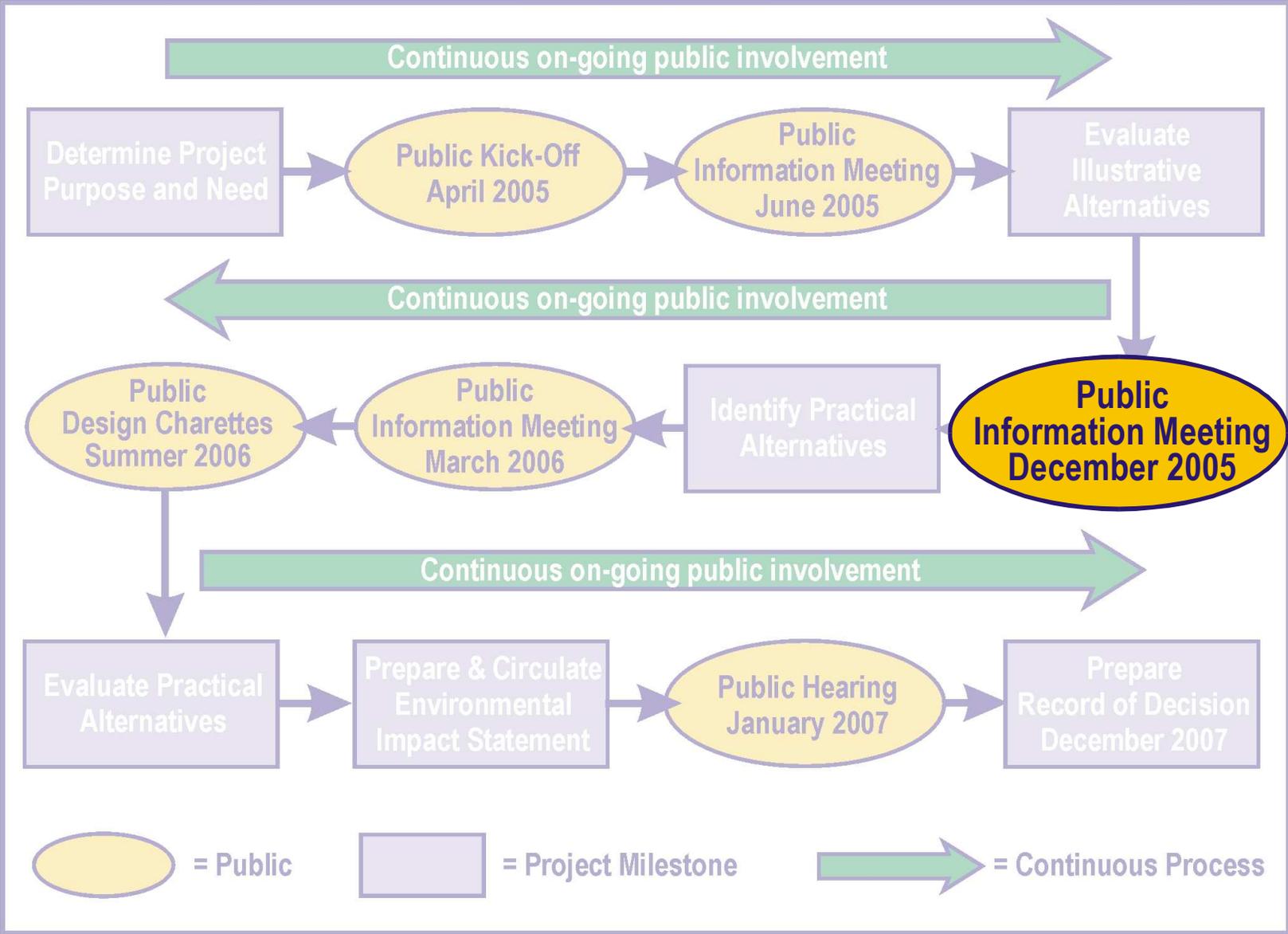
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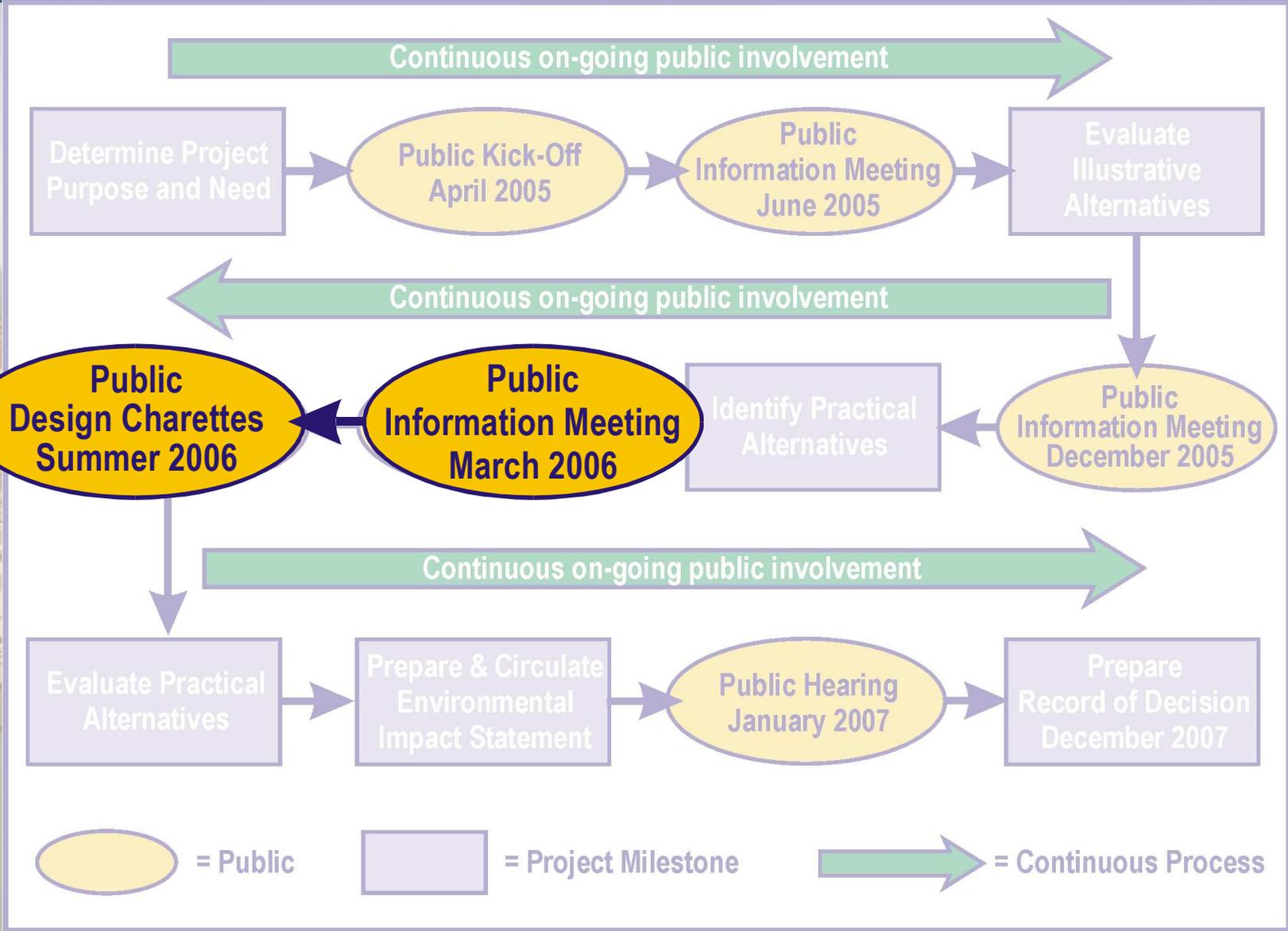
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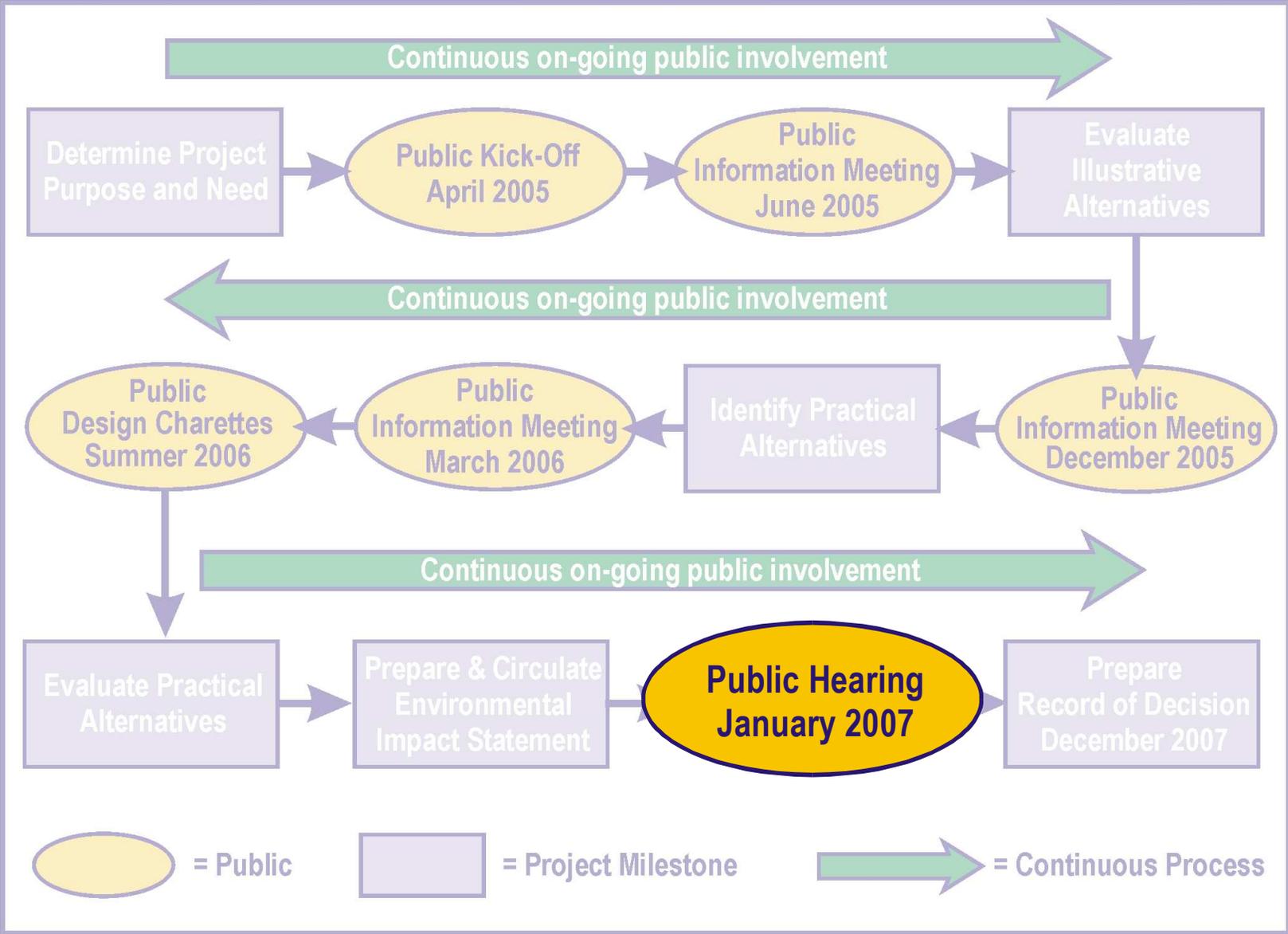
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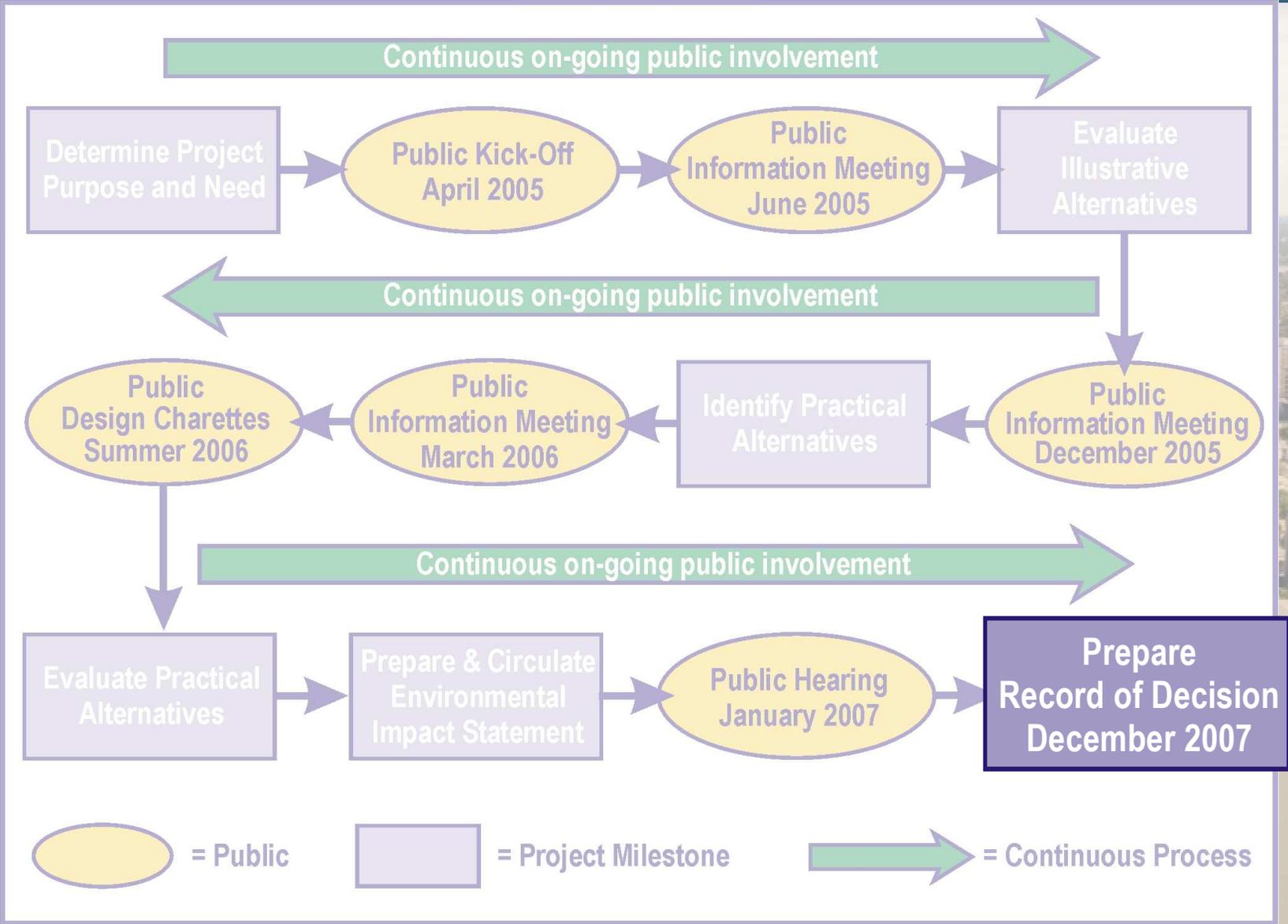
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## Purpose of EIS

- Required for projects which significantly affect quality of environment
- Identify & develop methods & procedures to insure consideration of environmental impacts
- Systematic, Interdisciplinary & Analytic

## Preliminary Statement of Project Purpose

The purpose of the Detroit River International Crossing Project is to, for the foreseeable future (i.e., at least 30 years):

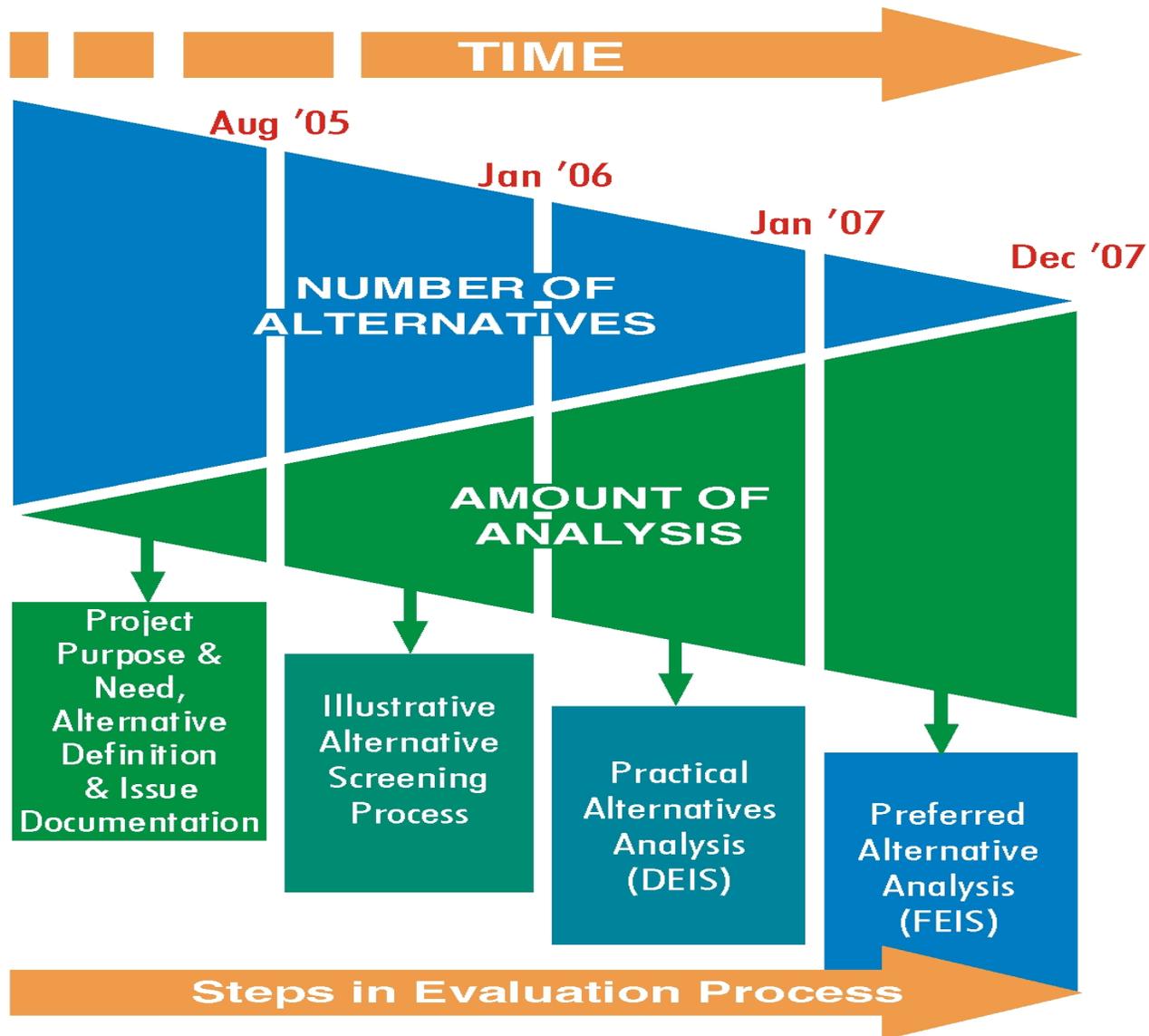
- Provide safe, efficient and secure movement of people and goods across the Canadian-U.S. border in the Detroit river area to support the economies of Michigan, Ontario, Canada and the U.S.
- Support the mobility needs of national and civil defense.

## Preliminary Statement of Project Need

To address future mobility requirements across the Canada-U.S. border, there is a need to:

- Provide new border crossing capacity to meet increased long-term demand;
- Improve system connectivity to enhance the seamless flow of people and goods;
- Improve operations and processing capability; and,
- Provide reasonable and secure crossing options in the event of incidents, maintenance, congestion or other disruptions.

# The Detroit River International Crossing Evaluation Process



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## Example of Issues to be Addressed



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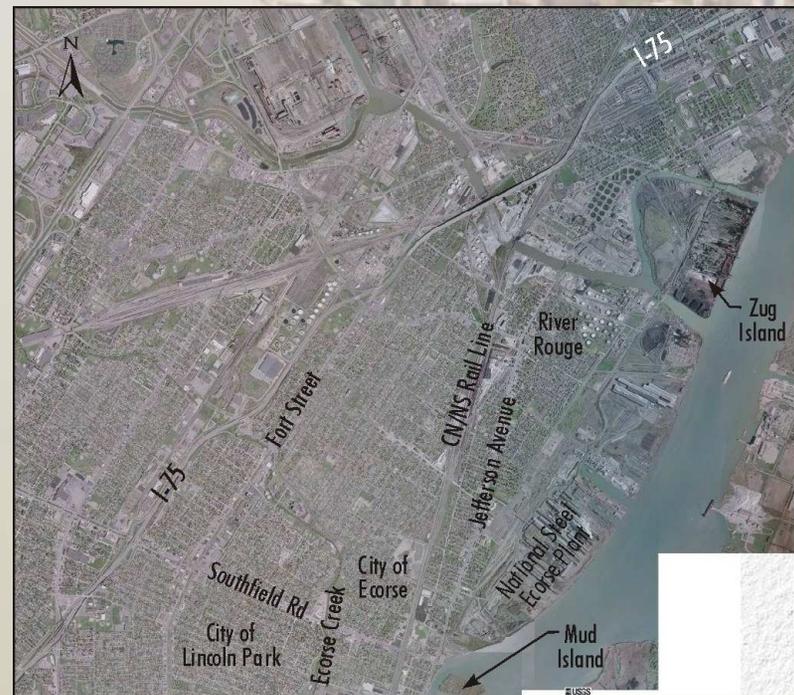
# Downriver Area

- Five Miles of Mature Suburbs - Relocations
- Piers Likely in River
- Detroit International Wildlife Refuge
  - ✓ Wyandotte Shores Golf Course
  - ✓ BASF Waterfront Park
  - ✓ Bishop Waterfront Park
  - ✓ Hennepin Point/Marsh
- Possibly Most Direct Route (AQ)



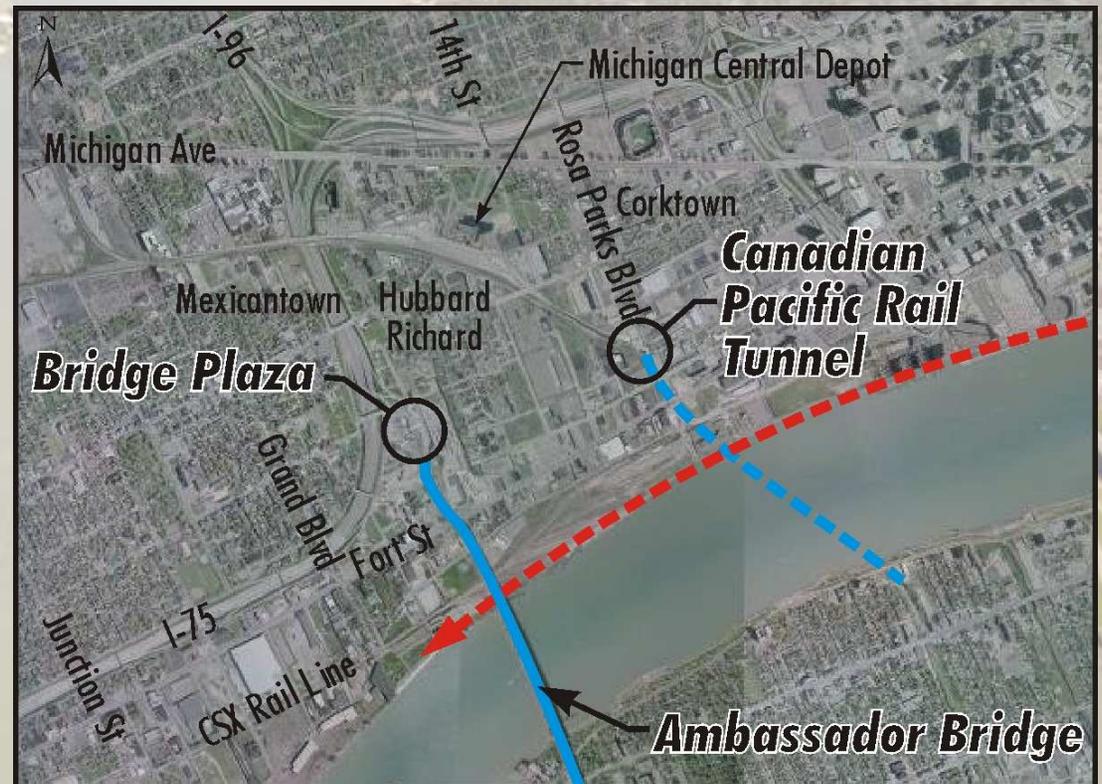
## The Detroit River International Crossing Central Area

- I-75 Close to River/River Narrow
- Dense Development
- Wildlife Refuge/Mud Island/Ojibway Park
- Heavy Industrial
- River Rouge



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Area Near I-75 / I-96 Connection

- Environmental Justice Concerns
- Existing Infrastructure
- Security from Incidents
- River Walk



## The Detroit River International Crossing Area Near Belle Isle

- Belle Isle
- Flight Path to City Airport
- Conner Creek
- Effects of Tax Base/Jobs
  - ✓ Residential
  - ✓ Industrial



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**Questions/Comments**



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**Thank you**

