New Starts Project Development Process

Under SAFETEA-LU

Alternatives Analysis
- Develop and review alternatives
- Select locally preferred alternative (LPA)
- Adopt LPA into fiscally constrained long range transportation plan

Preliminary Engineering
- Complete environmental review process
- Gain commitments of at least 50% of non-New Starts funding

Final Design
- Gain commitments of all non-New Starts funding
- Complete sufficient engineering and design

Full Funding Grant Agreement
- Construction

Under MAP-21

Project Development
- Complete environmental review process including developing and reviewing alternatives, selecting locally preferred alternative (LPA), and adopting it into the fiscally constrained long range transportation plan

Engineering
- Gain commitments of all non-New Starts funding
- Complete sufficient engineering and design

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Legend
- FTA approval
- FTA evaluation, rating, and approval