

Amtrak Cascades

Corridor Policy for Station Stops



*Advisory Committee Meeting #2
Seattle, WA
&
Salem, OR
January 29, 2016*



- **Welcome!**
- **Meeting & Equipment Logistics**
- **Safety Briefing**
- **Introductions**

Safety Briefing

- Emergency evacuation
 - Stairway location
 - Meeting place
- Notify Reception Desk to call 911
- Who knows first aid/CPR/AED?
 - First aid kit
 - AED
 - Fire extinguisher

Today's agenda topics

- Overview of Key Points
- Interim/Final Policy crosswalk
 - working draft discussion
- Guidance Document development
 - working draft discussion
- Wrap-up and next steps



Key Points

Policy Development

- Addresses adding, relocating and skipping station stops
- Builds off 2013 Interim Policy
- Establishes corridor-wide policy

Advisory Committee Roles/Expectations

- Provide meaningful input and feedback
- Bring a corridor-wide perspective to the discussion
- Engage stakeholders/interest groups: serve as a conduit for external project communications

Our Role

- To listen and provide a transparent process

Interim/Final Policy Crosswalk Working Draft Discussion

Ten Minute Break



Does Anyone [Really] Know What Time It Is? > Terence Russell

Draft Guidance Document Development Discussion

Draft Guidance Document

Context

- **Purpose** – Supplement policy with staff-level considerations
- **Format** – Developed with input from the advisory committee and focus group
- **Substance** – Based on combined group experience

Draft Guidance Document

Focus Group Review #1

Expanded Purpose

1. Inform proposal
2. Align with policy
3. Provide transparency
4. Clarify impacts to service, costs, responsibilities

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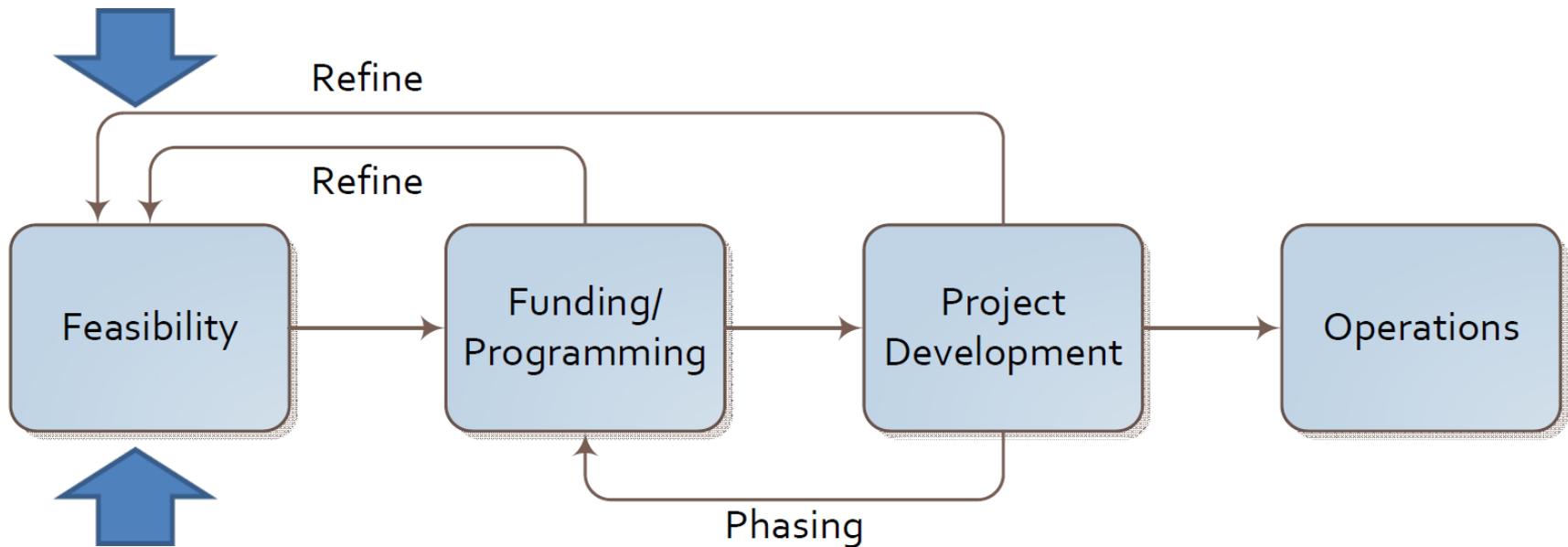
Focus Group Review #1

Key Takeaways

- Clarify proponents need financing and appropriately skilled staff
- Clarify states' role and consistency with state goals, plans and policies
- Ensure understanding of roles and responsibilities
- Ensure active communication
- Provide process

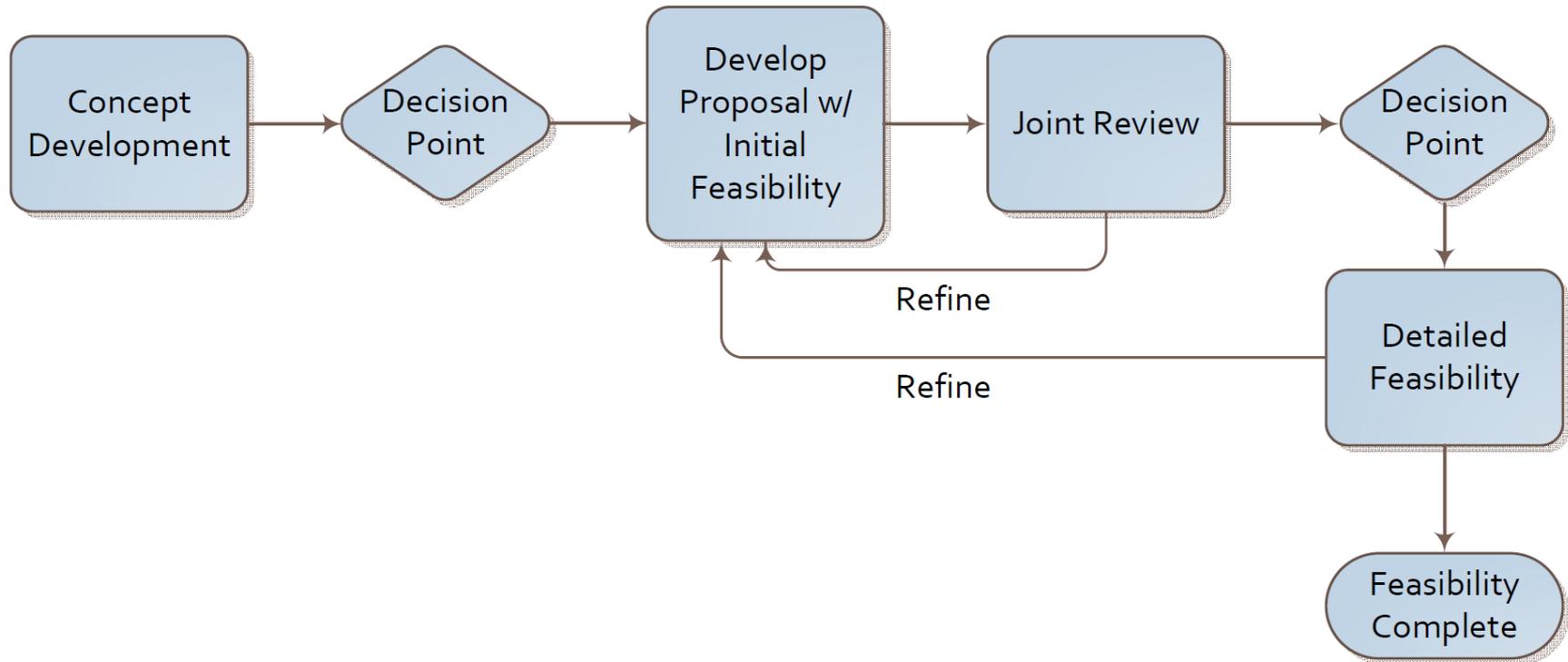
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Typical Project Overview



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Draft Feasibility Process



Draft Guidance Document

Table of Contents

Major Sections

1. Guidance Overview
2. Station Stop Policy Statement
3. Evaluation Process
4. Best Practices and Other Considerations
5. Appendices

Draft Guidance Document

Draft Outline Discussion

- Review of working draft

Wrap-up and next steps

- Review action items
- Meeting summary
- What's happening between now and next meeting?
- Timeline and what to expect at next meeting

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