



LEVEL 1 SCREENING OF ALTERNATIVES

A full range of alternatives has been identified, including numerous transportation improvements that have been studied in the project vicinity over the years.

Based on the needs of this project (addressing congestion, multi-modal, and access needs along West US 40), some improvements have been screened out in the Level 1 stage:

- Improvements that do not directly address needs along West US 40 within the project limits. For example, the prior proposals of a Major Northern Bypass or a Major Southern Bypass are screened out from further consideration from this study because they do not address the access or multimodal needs.
- Some high cost transit improvements, such as light rail or other rail technologies, are screened out from further consideration because of very high cost and relatively low potential ridership, or because they are more regional in nature.
- Grade separated interchanges are eliminated in Level 1 screening except at Elk River Road, due to very high cost given expected demand levels.

Note some of these screened-out improvements may address other transportation needs and may complement recommendations from this study.

A more detailed matrix is available discussing why these and other transportation improvements have been screened out.