

The Tiered process helps organize analyses and decision-making for complex projects with consideration for geographic scope and timing for decisions

— (FHWA Memorandum (I-70), June 18, 2001)

A Tier I EIS Focuses on Broad Issues

- Purpose and Need
- Identifies General Location(s)
- Mode/Technology Choice
- Area-wide Land Use/Macro-level Economic Implications
- Area-wide Air Quality Implications
- Provides Insight into Potential Environmental Impacts of Tier 2 Actions

Subsequent Tier 2 NEPA Analysis Focuses on Site-Specific Details

- Specific Project Impacts – Potentially for Subsections of the Project Length Studied in the Tier I EIS
- Project Costs
- Mitigation Measures

Adapted from 23 CFR 771.111(g)