

# What is a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study?

## COLLECT

Collect information to define the transportation problem the project seeks to address.

## UTILIZE

Use information to develop a range of potential transportation solutions including routes and transit technologies.

## REFINE

Screen routes against certain factors such as reliability, environmental impacts, and future development and planning.

## ANALYZE

Analyze how routes perform in the future transportation system.

## DEVELOP

Develop recommendations for the project to move forward including potential phasing.

The PEL process is a formal federal process to help streamline future environmental analysis.

**The process is guided by the project partners and considers:**



Transportation issues, opportunities, and priorities



Environmental resources concerns and opportunities



Stakeholder and public input



The Idaho Transportation Department has developed a great overview video on PEL studies.

Scan the code to view the video.

## Post-PEL project steps

NEPA Analysis  
Preliminary Design  
(pending project funding)

Final Design

Construction