Tiered Evaluation Process

TIER 1 — Engagement ----> **FATAL FLAW EVALUATION** — Answers yes or no if the route supports the purpose and need

TIER 2 — Engagement ----> **DETAILED EVALUATION** — Provides a detailed qualitative and quantitative analysis and ranking of the routes

TIER 3 — Engagement ----> **FINAL OPTIONS** — Identifies the top three performing routes for final evaluation and modeling
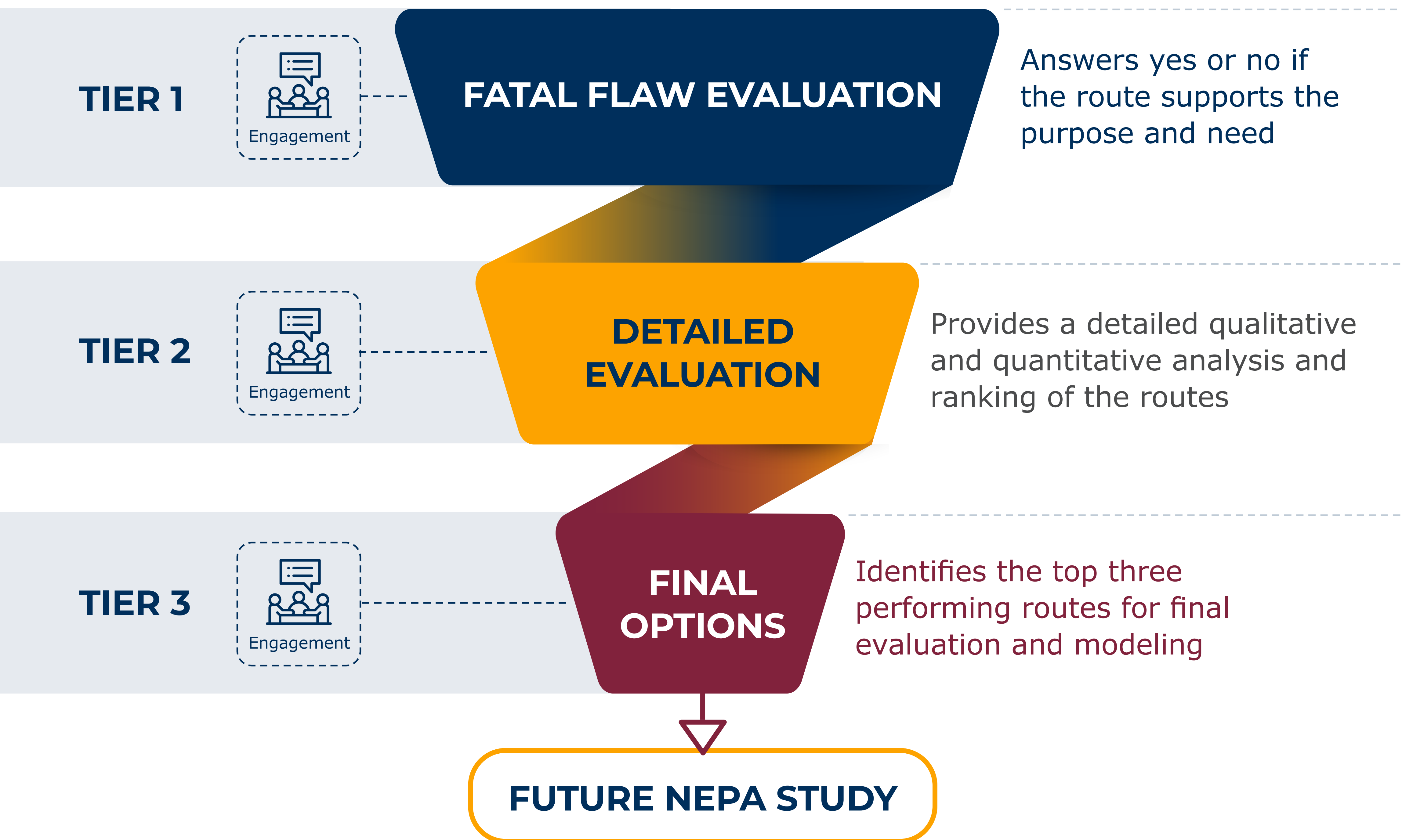
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The process becomes increasingly more detailed at each tier.

Tier 1:
Routes are examined to determine if they meet the purpose for the project. If the answer is "yes," they continue to Tier 2.

Tier 2:
Each route is refined based on Tier 1 input and assigned a type of transit vehicles (called "modes" e.g., light rail, bus rapid transit, commuter rail). The routes and associated modes are compared to one other, with the top three performing options continuing to Tier 3.

Tier 3:
The top three performing options are further refined and evaluated in more detail.