## state college area



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Considers the

Provides for early collaboration with the public, transportation agencies, local governments, and resource agencies and integrates their concerns into transportation decision making

Tool for conducting

planning-level studies to

identify transportation

problems and challenges

early for a broad

geographic area.

environment, community and state, local and regional economic goals during the study.

> PEL Study

## Who Participates?



## What are the benefits of a PEL?



Combines planning, engineering & environmental studies

Provides flexibility in the early evaluation and dismissal of alternatives prior to detailed environmental & engineering study Minimizes duplication: uses decisions & analysis to inform NEPA

Encourages early, meaningful public and agency engagement Promotes environmental stewardship

> Reduces delays in implementation



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