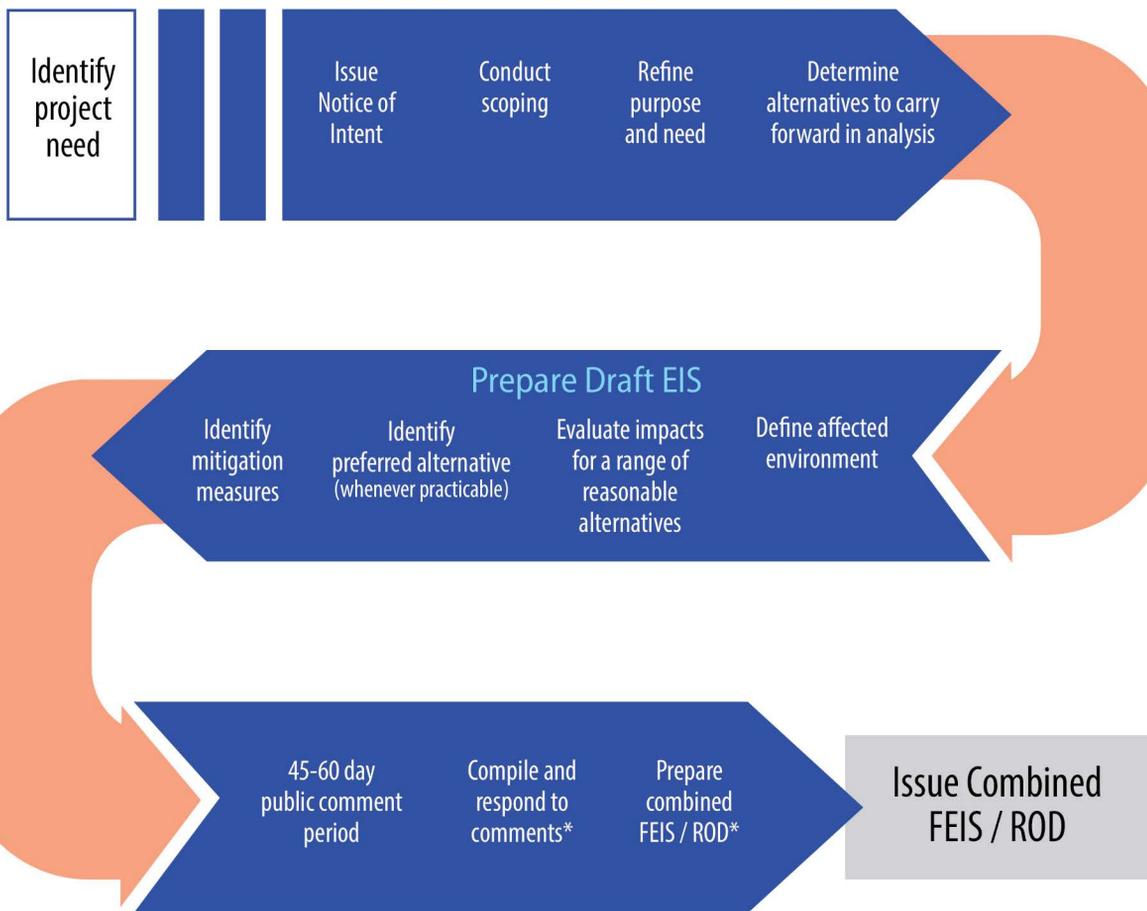


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*Per 23 U.S.C. § 139(n)(2), FTA must prepare a combined FEIS/ROD, to the maximum extent possible, unless (1) the FEIS makes substantial changes to the proposed action that are relevant to environmental or safety concerns; or (2) there have been significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns and that bear on the proposed action or the impacts of the proposed action. If a combined FEIS/ROD is not practicable, FTA will follow the traditional approach of preparing a separate FEIS, followed by a ROD.