

# Purpose and Need Statement

## **Purpose**

To provide transportation access and transit facilities to support proposed recreational development in Hatcher Pass

## **Need**

This project will address the lack of existing transportation access, pedestrian amenities, trail connections, and transit-related facilities to accommodate the proposed development

# Phase 1 Project Components

## FTA funded components

- ❖ Access Roads
- ❖ Parking Areas
- ❖ Transit Facilities
- ❖ Access to southern (Nordic) & multi-use trails

## Other components

- ❖ Alpine (northern) side
  - Ski lifts
  - Day lodge with concessions, snow sports school & rentals
  - Snow making & night lighting
- ❖ Nordic (southern) side
  - 20 kilometers of trails
  - Restrooms & warming area
- ❖ Other support facilities & infrastructure

Secondary/Cumulative impact analysis will determine the possible impacts of “reasonably foreseeable” planned projects in the area.

# What Are We Doing Now?

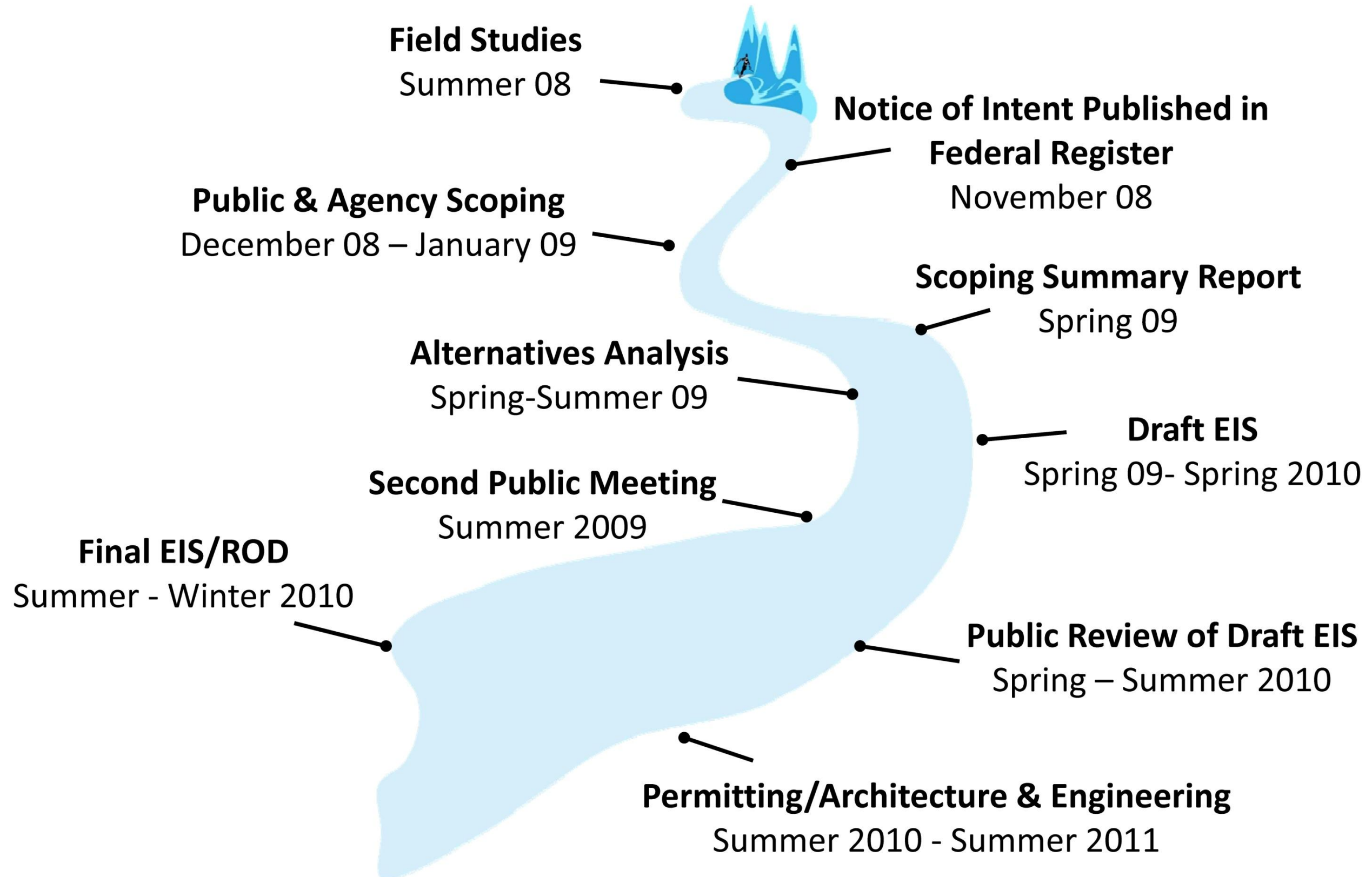
- ❖ Coordination with other government resource agencies
- ❖ Identifying possible roadway alignment alternatives and the location of transit facilities and parking
- ❖ Initial layout of access roads and parking
- ❖ Analysis of the possible alternatives
- ❖ Field Work (stream mapping, geotech, surveying)
- ❖ Writing draft EIS

# Roadway Alignment Analysis

## **Alignment analysis has to consider:**

- ❖ Property Ownership
- ❖ Topography
- ❖ Gradients
- ❖ Destination
- ❖ Length of Roadway
- ❖ Stream crossings, wetlands and other environmental resources
- ❖ Cultural resources (e.g., historic sites and trails)

# Current EIS Decision Point Schedule



# Current Schedule

<b>Environmental Analysis</b>	Summer 2008 – Winter 2010
<b>Preparation of Preliminary EIS</b> (Internal draft to MSB and FTA)	Spring 2009 – Spring 2010
<b>Public Review of Draft EIS</b>	Spring – Summer 2010
<b>Final EIS &amp; Permits</b>	Fall 2010 – Winter 2010
<b>Design/Engineering</b>	Winter 2010 – Summer 2011
<b>Construction</b>	Summer 2011 – Fall 2012
<b>Facilities Open</b>	Fall 2012

# What do we need from you?

- ❖ Input on the project components
- ❖ Feedback on the southern ( Nordic) alignment and northern (Alpine) alignment alternatives and analysis
- ❖ Comments on grade, topography, location and length of the roadway alignments
- ❖ Information on social and environmental resources
- ❖ Concerns regarding social and environmental impacts

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