

Five Fundamental Principles of Transportation Corridor Planning

1. No matter how hard you try, someone or something will always be impacted by added capacity projects.
2. Changes in one section of a corridor will have a domino effect on adjacent sections of the corridor. Therefore, they cannot be viewed in isolation.
3. It is impossible to find a corridor that everyone is happy with because of Fundamental Principle 1.
4. You avoid the impacts that can be avoided, minimize the impacts wherever possible, and mitigate for environmental impacts that cannot be avoided.
5. Once a recommendation is made, further tweaks to the recommendation can potentially compromise the process utilized to make the recommendation (see Fundamental Principles 1, 2, and 3).