

Screening the Corridors

The MDTA and FHWA will follow a process using screening criteria to examine a reasonable range of corridors and identify the Corridor Alternatives Retained for Analysis.

Screening criteria are developed based on a number of factors including:

- The ability of the corridor to meet the Purpose and Need
- Engineering feasibility
- Potential environmental impacts
- Financial viability
- Input from agencies and the public

The screening criteria allow the MDTA and FHWA to screen out corridors that do not meet the purpose and need and weigh the relative merits or disadvantages of various corridors. For example, if there are two corridors that serve the same communities and have similar traffic performance and operations, but the screening criteria show a greater potential impact to the environment or the local community from one corridor, that corridor may be eliminated.

Establishing screening criteria is an important part of the process, and we welcome your comments!

