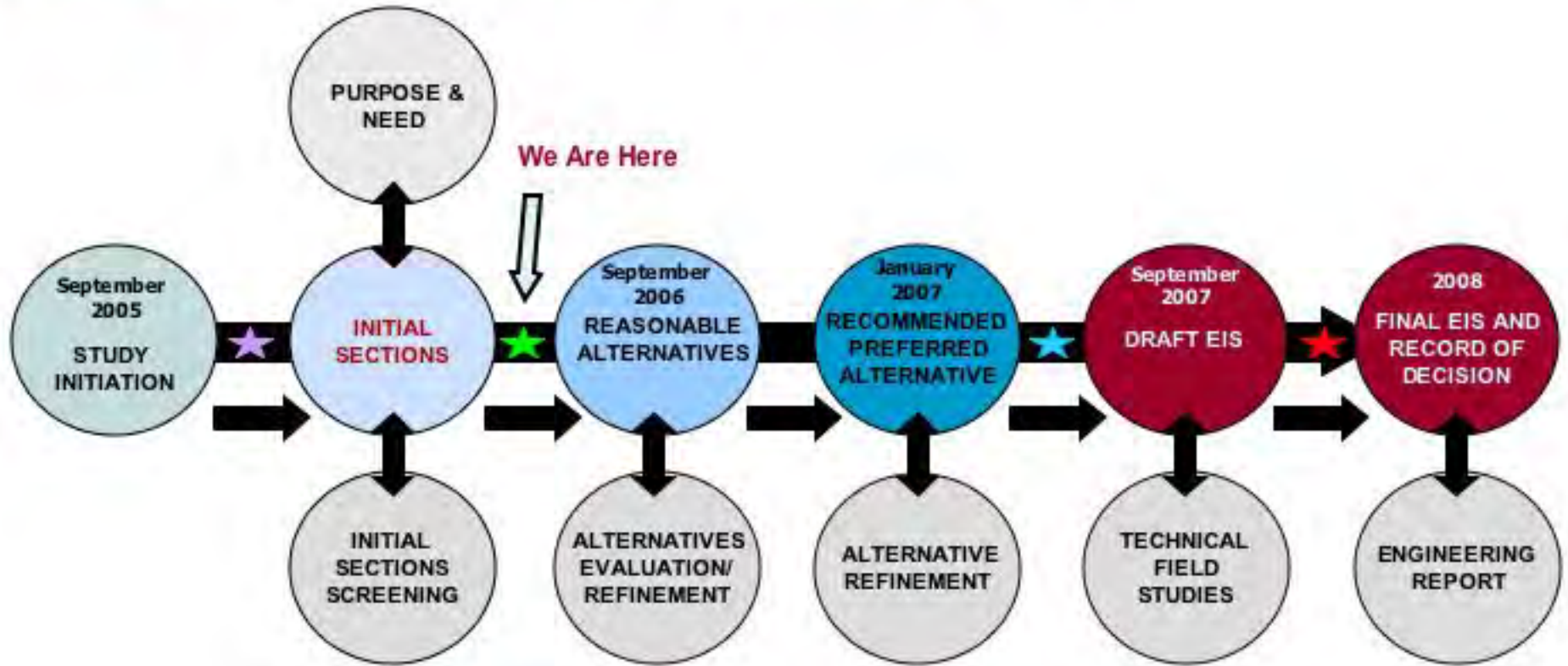




EIS Study Process



- ★ Public Meeting #1 – September 18, 2005
- ★ Public Meeting #2 – July 11, 2006
- ★ Public Meeting #3 – Spring 2007
- ★ Public Hearing – Fall 2007



EIS - Purpose & Need/Goals

- **Enhance System Connectivity**
Provide a more direct transportation route between downtown and U.S. 65
- **Improved Capacity**
Accommodate future transportation levels, ensuring more efficient travel
- **Access to Emergency Services**
Minimize or eliminate barriers to secure, reliable emergency services
- **Access to Opportunity**
Improve connectivity between residential areas and employment opportunities
- **System Safety**
Provide a safer corridor and minimize conflict points
- **Goods Movement**
Improve shipping routes for businesses distributing goods to and from the project area
- **Economic Development**
Provide economic development and redevelopment opportunities for southeast Des Moines
- **Neighborhood Enhancement**
Provide opportunities for neighborhood enhancement in the project area
- **Part of Overall Plans for Des Moines**
Tie the project together with other community plans (land use, transit etc.)



EIS – Corridor Section Screening Criteria

- **Access to Existing Businesses**
- **Access to Proposed AgriMergent Development**
- **Connectivity between Downtown and U.S. 65**
- **Use of Existing U.S. 65 Interchange**
- **Neighborhood Impacts**
- **Existing Business Impacts**
- **Impacts to Natural Environment**
- **Impacts to Community Facilities**
- **Impacts to Hazardous Materials Sites**
- **Engineering – 90 Degree Turns**
- **Engineering – Rail Crossing Issues**
- **Engineering – Intersection Issues**
- **Maintenance of Alternate Truck Routes**
- **Use of Existing Available Rail Corridors**



Timeframe for SE Connector EIS and Phase II Activities

2005

- Initiate project with state and local agencies
- Develop Study Purpose & Need
- Develop preliminary concepts
- Screen preliminary concepts
- Initial screening report

2007

- Recommend Preferred Alternative
- Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- Public Hearing
- Public comment & review

2009 and After

Ready for design, right of way & construction as funds become available

2005

2006

2007

2008

2009

2006

- Select reasonable alternatives
- 2nd Stage Screening
- Environmental Analysis

2008

- Final Environmental Impact Statement
- Receive Record of Decision

Transportation Improvement Process

