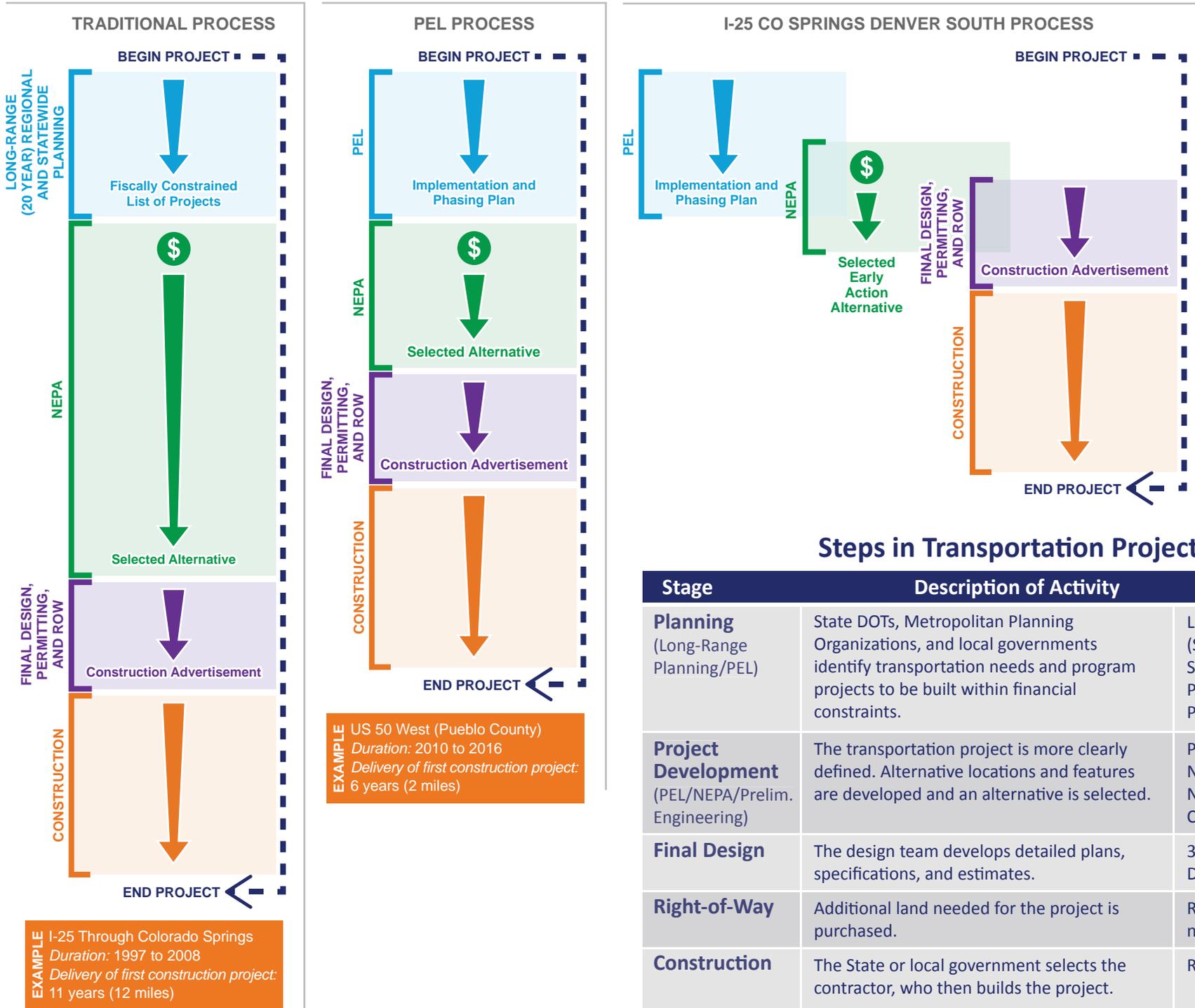


I-25 PEL and NEPA Process



Construction funding identified (Traditional and PEL processes) or assumed (I-25 process)

EXAMPLE This process is unique for this corridor, and no examples are available. CDOT and FHWA, in cooperation with local communities, are following a concurrent PEL, NEPA, and design process to prepare an early action project for construction once funds are identified. Other projects identified through the PEL will go through NEPA, design, and construction processes once additional funds are identified.

Steps in Transportation Project Development

Stage	Description of Activity	Example Documents
Planning (Long-Range Planning/PEL)	State DOTs, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and local governments identify transportation needs and program projects to be built within financial constraints.	Long-Range Transportation Plans (Statewide/Regional Transportation Plans) Short-Term Transportation Improvement Programs PEL Study
Project Development (PEL/NEPA/Prelim. Engineering)	The transportation project is more clearly defined. Alternative locations and features are developed and an alternative is selected.	PEL Study NEPA Environmental Assessment NEPA Environmental Impact Statement Conceptual to Preliminary Engineering
Final Design	The design team develops detailed plans, specifications, and estimates.	30% plans, 60% plans, 90% plans, Final Design, Project Specification
Right-of-Way	Additional land needed for the project is purchased.	Right-of-way plans, acquisitions, and negotiations
Construction	The State or local government selects the contractor, who then builds the project.	Request for Proposals, Contracting