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### **POLICY**

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### **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT POLICY**

It is the policy of the Department that project development phases of a transportation project, including preliminary engineering, project development and environment (PD&E), and design, result in timely project delivery. Upon completion of a feasibility assessment with implementation recommendations, the Department will program and fund preliminary engineering, PD&E, and design phases of transportation projects with the requirement that projected funding is available and programmed for construction within eight (8) years from the start of the PD&E phase.

PD&E studies for new alignment projects and capacity improvement projects must be completed to the maximum extent possible within 18 months after the date of commencement. Any exceptions to this policy must be approved by the Department's Chief Operations Officer prior to programming and funding the project phases.

This policy will be integrated into all aspects of the development process, including manuals, guidelines, Work Program Instructions, and related documents governing preliminary engineering, PD&E, design, construction and funding of transportation facilities.

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