January 28, 2004

Draft purpose and need statement presented to Policy Working Group (PWG) consisting of elected officials representing the study area. Committee agreed to move forward.

March 13, 2004

OCTA Board of Directors approved purpose and need statement. Directed staff to return with conceptual transportation alternatives.

April 7, 2004

Initial list of 12 alternatives presented to PWG. Committee discussion led to removal of maximum at-grade widening alternative of 20 lanes and "double-deck freeway" option due to concerns regarding cost, right-of-way impacts and safety.

June 14, 2004

OCTA Board approved 12 conceptual alternatives. Directed staff to return in fall 2004 with reduced number of three build alternatives.

September 7, 2004

Three conceptual alternatives presented to PWG. Group agreed that staff should move forward with further study of these three alternatives, considering elevated viaducts where possible to help lessen the number of right-of-way takes.

November 8, 2004

OCTA Board approved three build alternatives. Directed staff to conduct engineering and environmental analysis on these alternatives.

February 22, 2005

PWG/MIS Committee asked staff to come back in 30 days outlining process used to get to three conceptual alternatives. Committee also requested that presentations be made to each City Council affected prior to choosing the Locally Preferred Strategy and presenting it to the public and OCTA Board of Directors.

June 22, 2005

PWG/MIS Committee recommended minimal widening alternative and further analysis of moderate widening alternative to reduce right-of-way impacts.

August 10, 2005

PWG/MIS Committee recommended minimal widening alternative.

September 19, 2005 Regional Planning & Highways Committee recommended minimal widening alternative.

October 14, 2005

Board selects minimal widening alternative as the Locally Preferred Alternative.