

San Diego Freeway (Interstate 405) Improvement Project



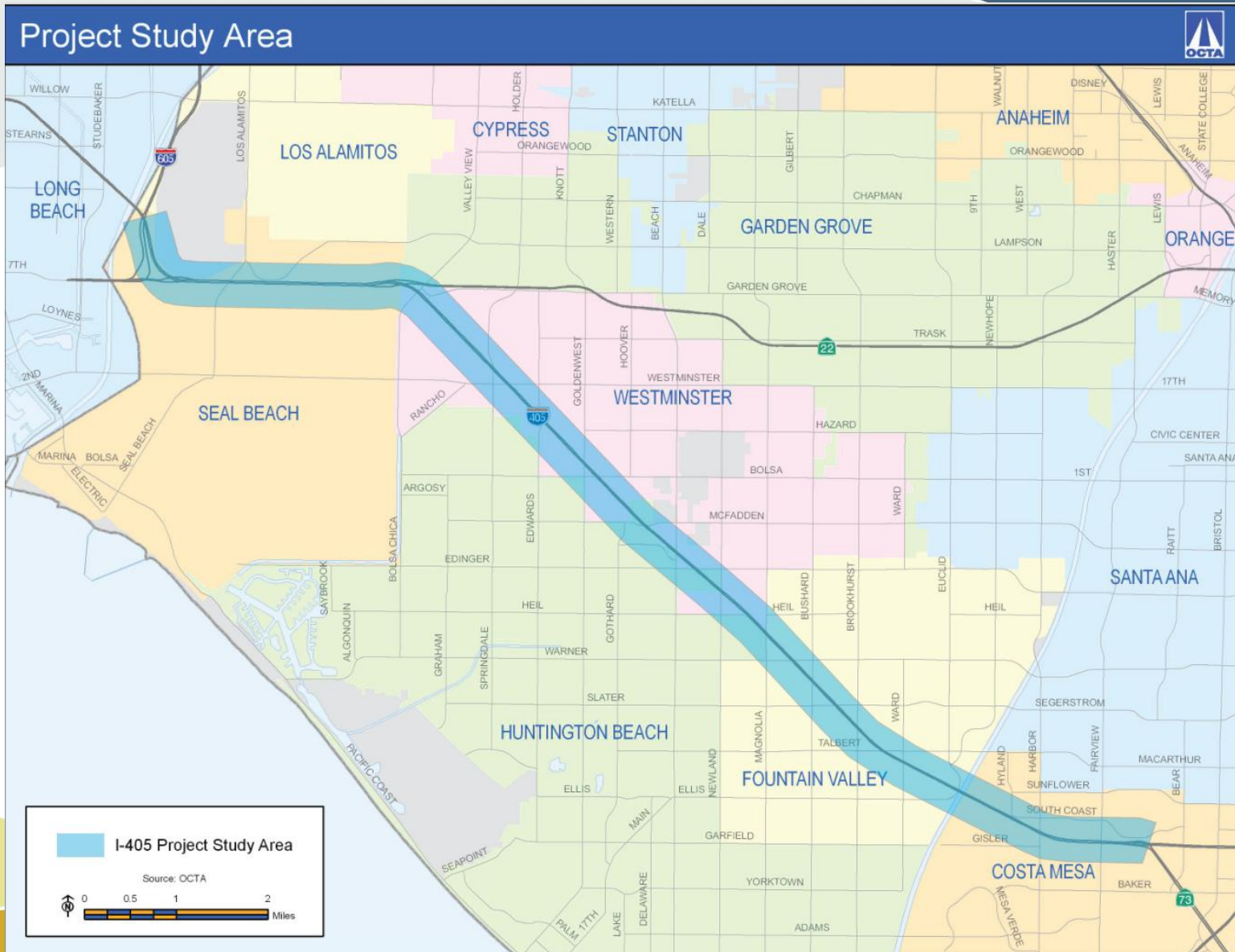
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Interstate 405 Project Location



I-405 Project Need

- Freeway was built in 1960s
- Freeway lanes are congested: general purpose and carpool
- Interchanges, including their arterials, are also congested
- Traffic is expected to increase 35-40% by year 2040
- Freeway congestion is expected to get worse



I-405 Project Objectives

- Increase freeway capacity to better meet existing and future demand;
- Improve traffic and interchange operations;
- Enhance safety;
- Minimize the amount of right of way acquisition needed for the project.
- Implement strategies that ensure earliest project delivery
- Meet the commitment of Renewed Measure M for I-405

Existing Conditions



Rendering of I-405 looking northwest at Springdale St. overcrossing

Alternative 1 – Adds one GP lane in each direction



Alternative 2 – Adds two GP lanes in each direction



Alternative 3 – Adds one GP and one Express Lane



Existing carpool lane to be combined with the Express Lane providing a dual lane Express Facility, like SR-91

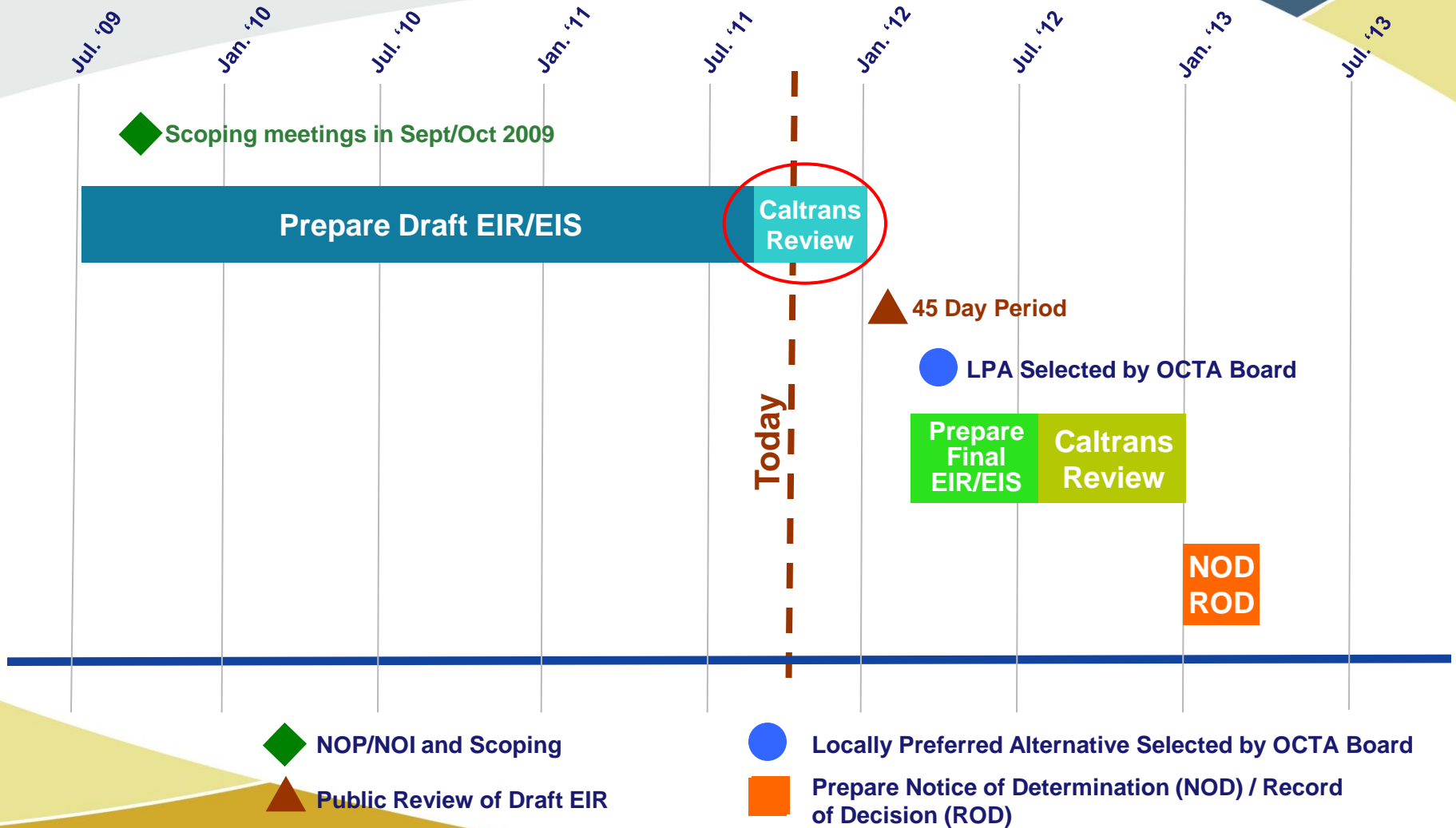
Cost – Build Alternatives

- Alternative 1 \$1.3 billion
- Alternative 2 \$1.4 billion
- Alternative 3 \$1.7 billion

(assumes Design-Build delivery method)



Current Status



Current Status

- Screencheck Draft EIR/EIS submitted to Caltrans for review
 - Incorporates information from Technical Studies
 - Identifies impacts
 - Right-of-way
 - Noise and sound walls
 - Traffic and Traffic Management Plan
 - Visual
 - Air Quality
 - Construction
 - Presents ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts



Current Status

- Draft Project Report being reviewed by Caltrans
 - Presents preliminary engineering
 - Identifies improvements to freeway, interchanges, local streets near interchanges, and bridge overcrossings
 - Locates overhead signs and sound walls
 - Highlights permanent and temporary right-of-way needs and utility impacts
 - Provides cost estimates for each alternative

Draft Project Report and Draft EIR/EIS must be approved by Caltrans before Public Review

Current Status

- Ongoing Public Outreach Activities
 - Policy Working Group meetings
 - Stakeholders Working Group meetings
 - City Council presentations
 - E-newsletters
 - Facebook posts
 - Website updates
 - Speakers Bureau



Draft EIR/EIS: Public Review Period

- Purpose of Public Review of Draft EIR/EIS
 - Hear what the community and roadway users think
 - Get comments from local, state, & federal agencies
- 45 Day Review or “Circulation” Period
- Public Comment Opportunities
 - Three public hearings in early 2012
 - Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center
 - Rush Park Auditorium, Rossmoor
 - Westminster Community Center
 - Written comments accepted by letter, email, website

Draft EIR/EIS: Public Review Period

- Advertise availability of Draft EIR/EIS and hearing dates in local newspapers and social media
- Mail notice to:
 - Corridor property owners within ¼ mile of freeway
 - Local, regional, state and federal agencies of DEIR/EIS availability
 - Project stakeholders, highway user groups, and local businesses
- Post Draft EIR/EIS on Caltrans and OCTA website
- Provide Draft EIR/EIS to local libraries

Get the word out – we can use your help:
tell us who else to notify



Draft EIR/EIS: Public Hearings

- Open House Format
- Presentation
- Open Question and Answer Period
 - Limited period of time
 - Questions are not formal comments
- Additional Open House Format
- Comments
 - Forms for written comments
 - Court reporter for oral comments



Draft EIR/EIS: Public Hearings

- Presentation on Content of the Draft EIR/EIS
 - Project overview
 - Summary of impacts and benefits
 - Right-of-way
 - Noise and sound walls
 - Traffic and Traffic Management Plan
 - Visual
 - Air quality
 - Construction

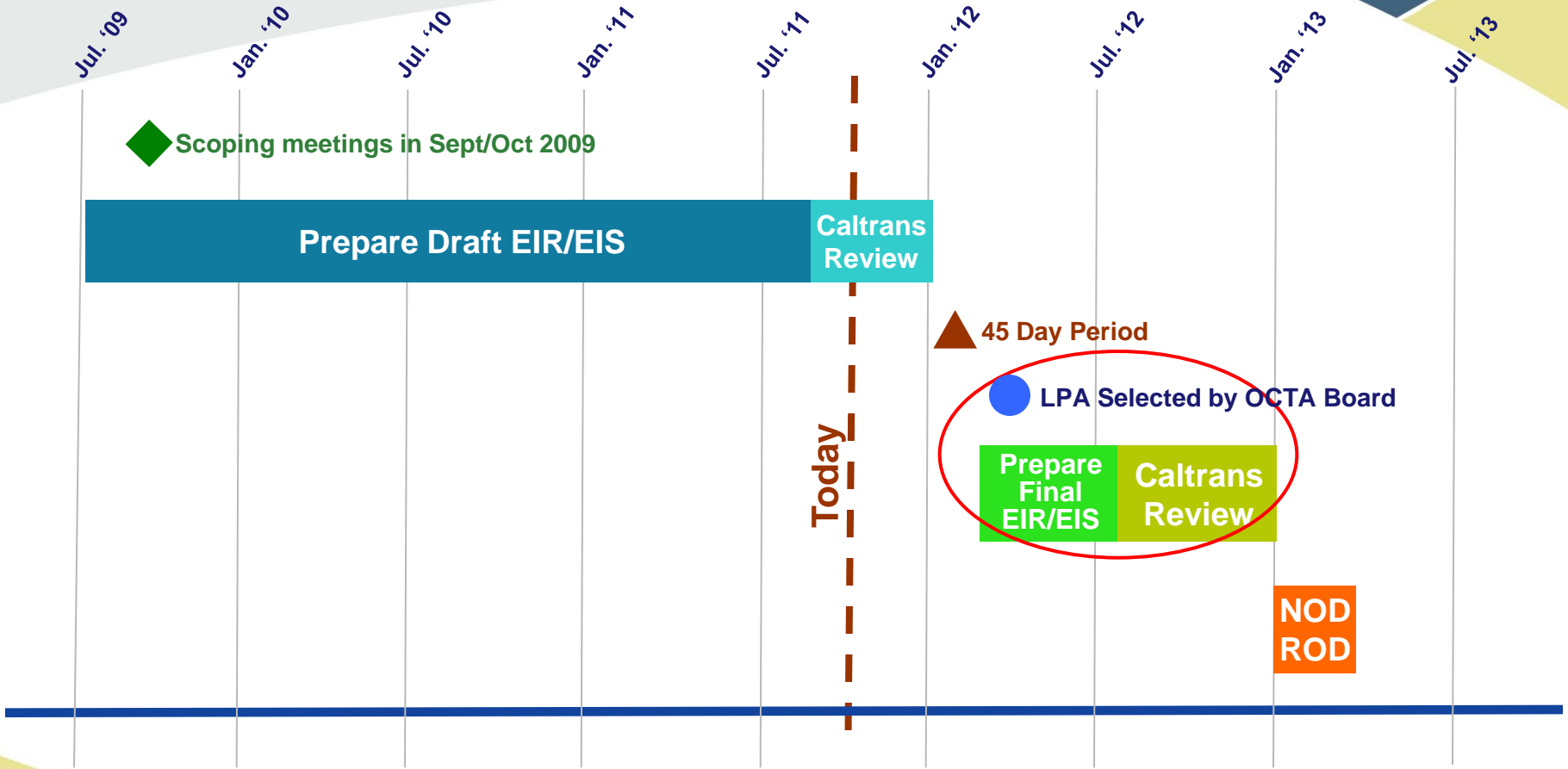


Draft EIR/EIS: Public Hearings

- Open House Stations
 - One-on-One Response to Questions
 - Show proposed sound wall and sign locations
 - Share right-of-way impacts via computers



After Public Review & Hearings



-  NOP/NOI and Scoping
-  Public Review of Draft EIR
-  Locally Preferred Alternative Selected by OCTA Board
-  Prepare Notice of Determination (NOD) / Record of Decision (ROD)

 Ongoing Public Outreach – Stakeholder Working Group and General Public

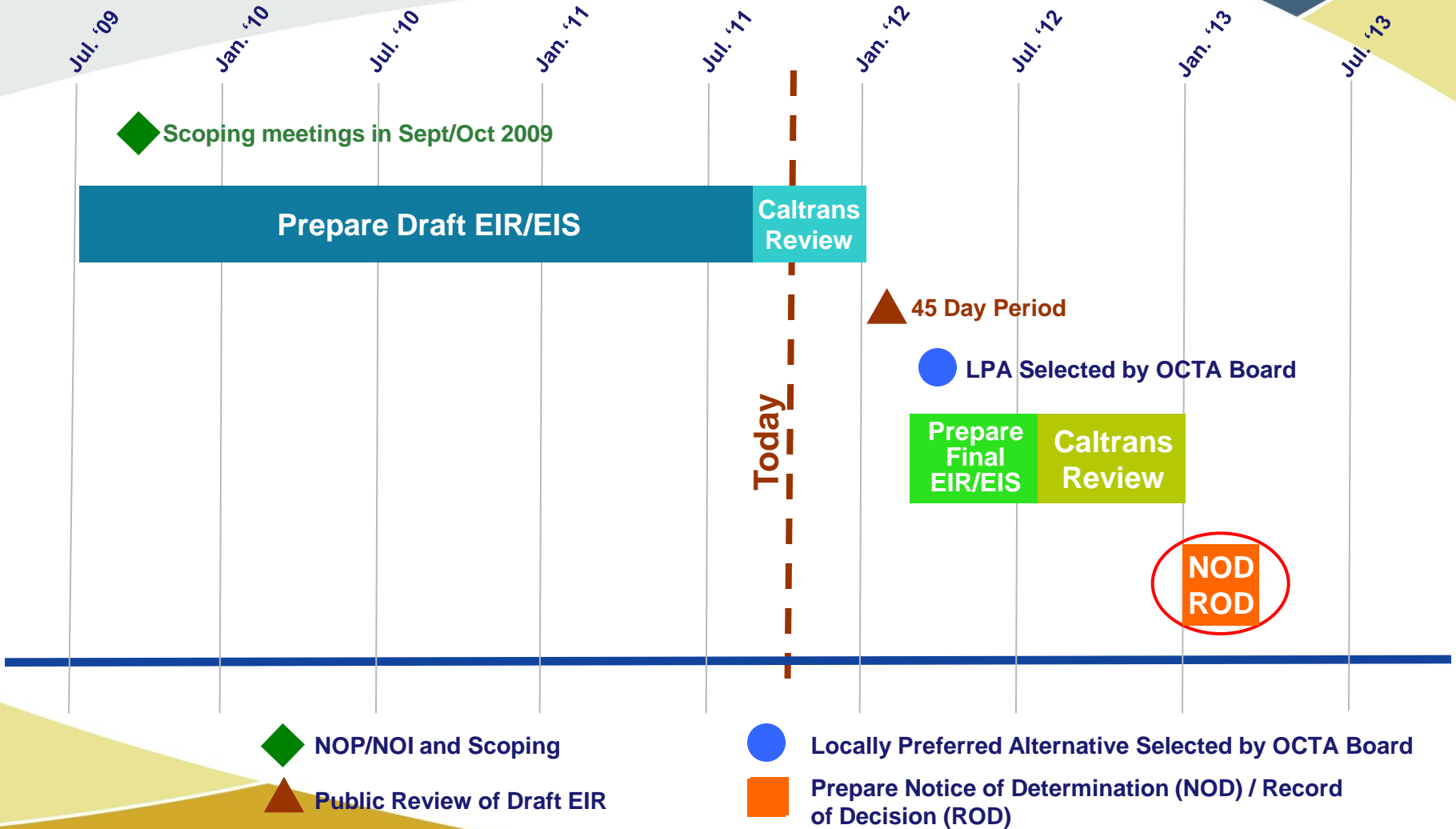


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- Respond to Comments on Draft EIR/EIS
 - Each comment will be addressed in the Final EIR/EIS
 - Changes to the Project may result
- Select the alternative to build
 - OCTA Board
 - Caltrans
 - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Prepare a Financial Plan
- Prepare Final EIR/EIS



After Public Review & Hearings





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