

# San Diego Freeway (Interstate 405) Improvement Project



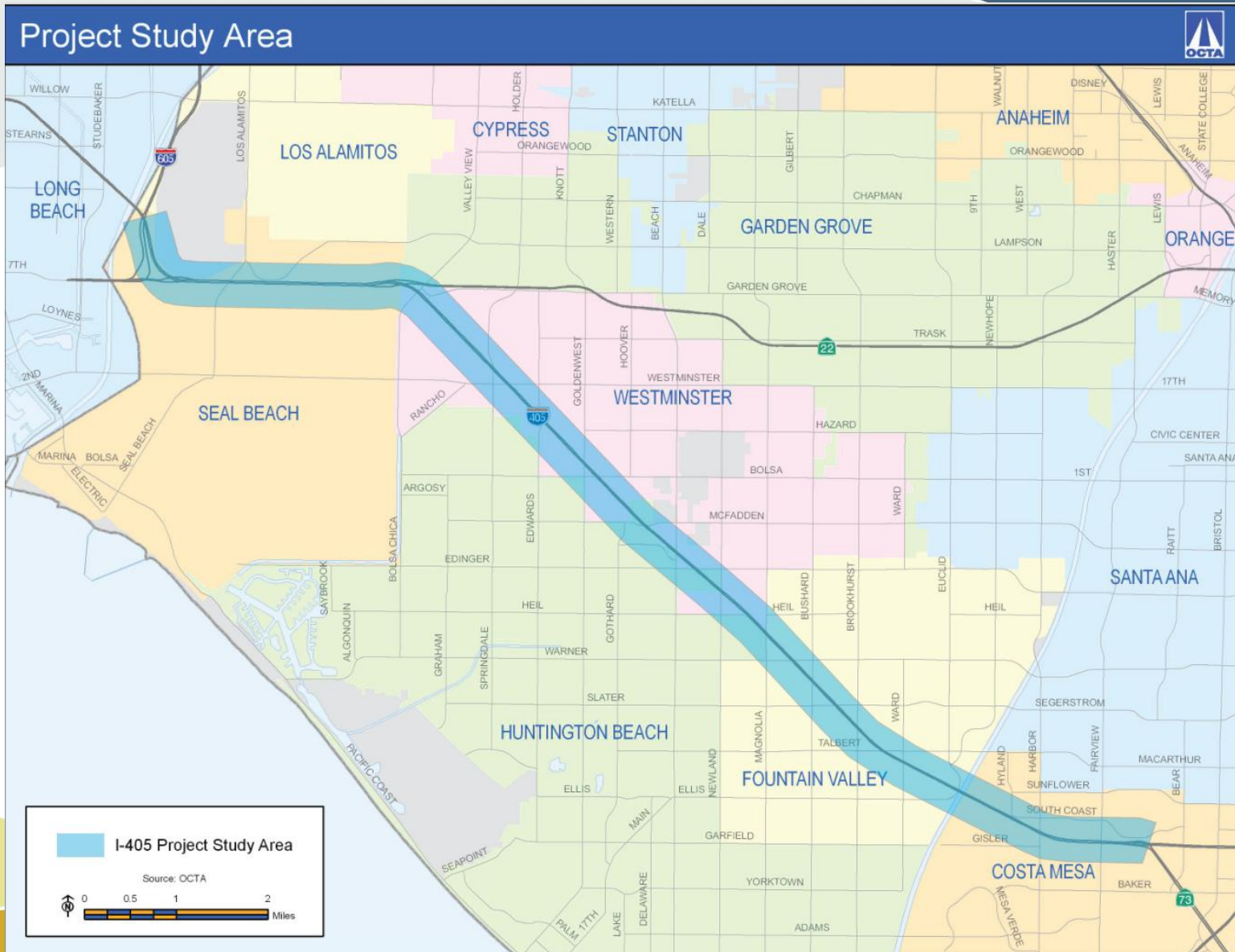
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# Introduction

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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

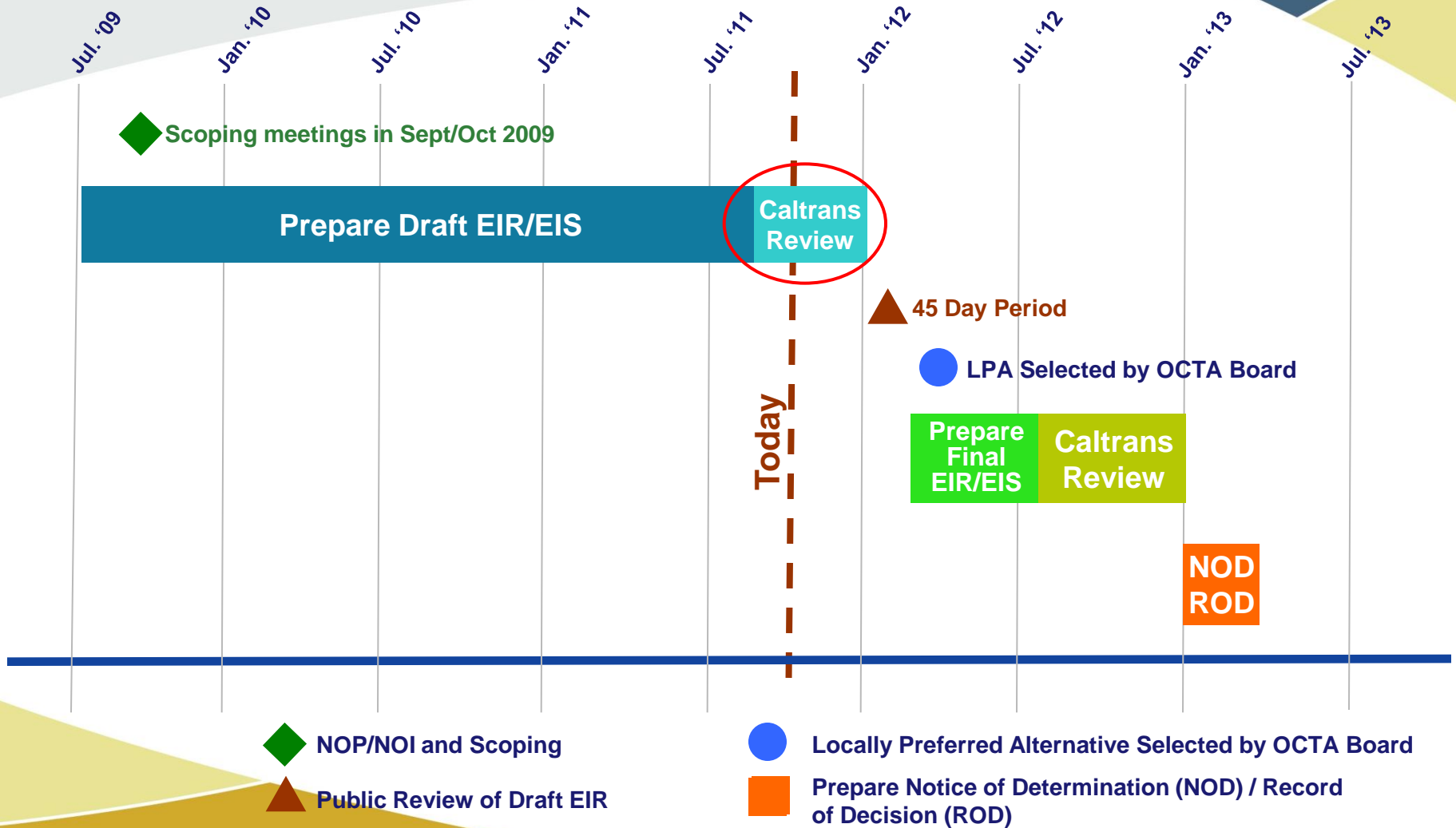
- Alternative 1      \$1.3 billion
- Alternative 2      \$1.4 billion
- Alternative 3      \$1.7 billion

(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, Rossmore
    - 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

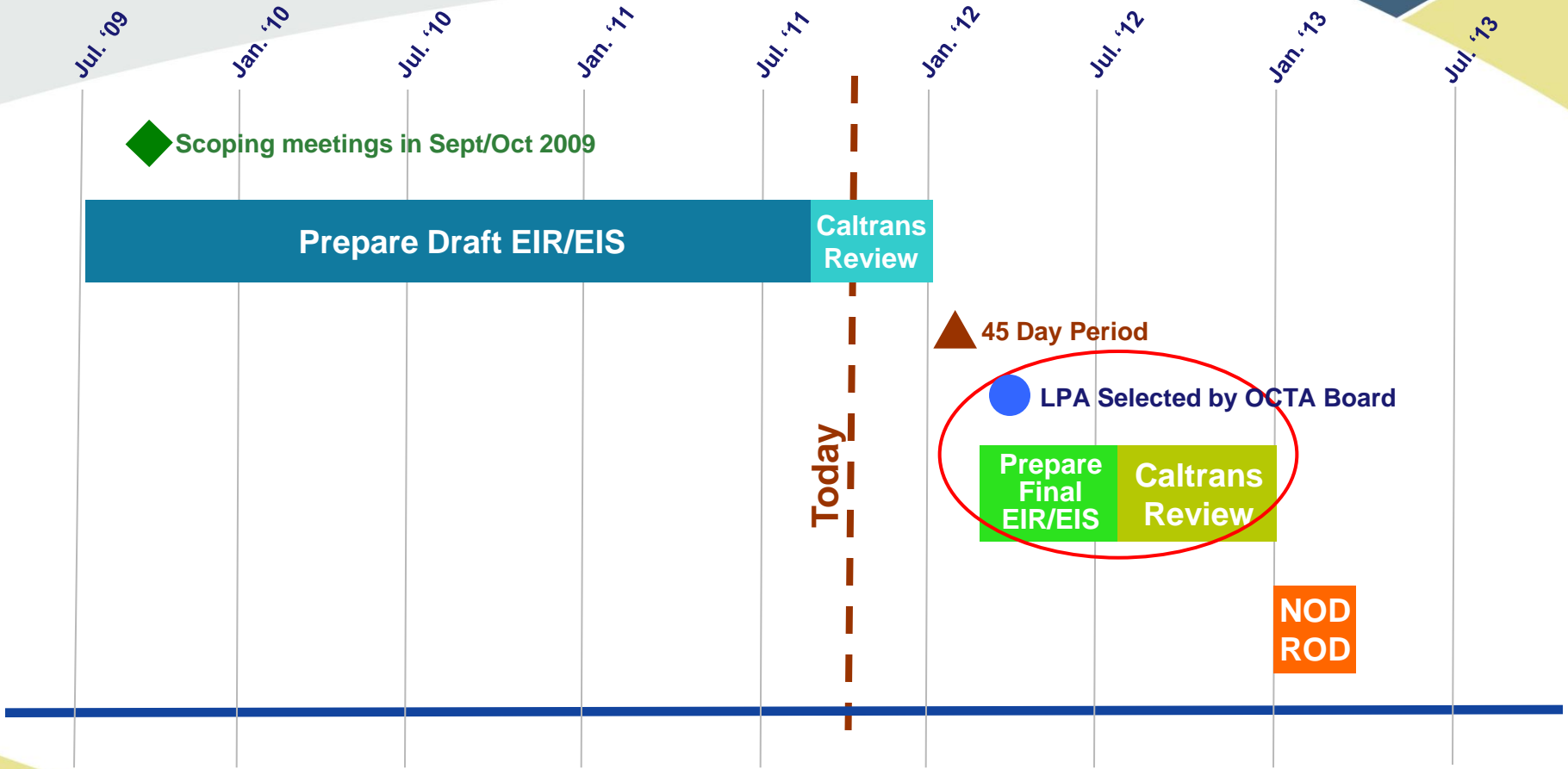


# Draft EIR/EIS: Public Hearings

- 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



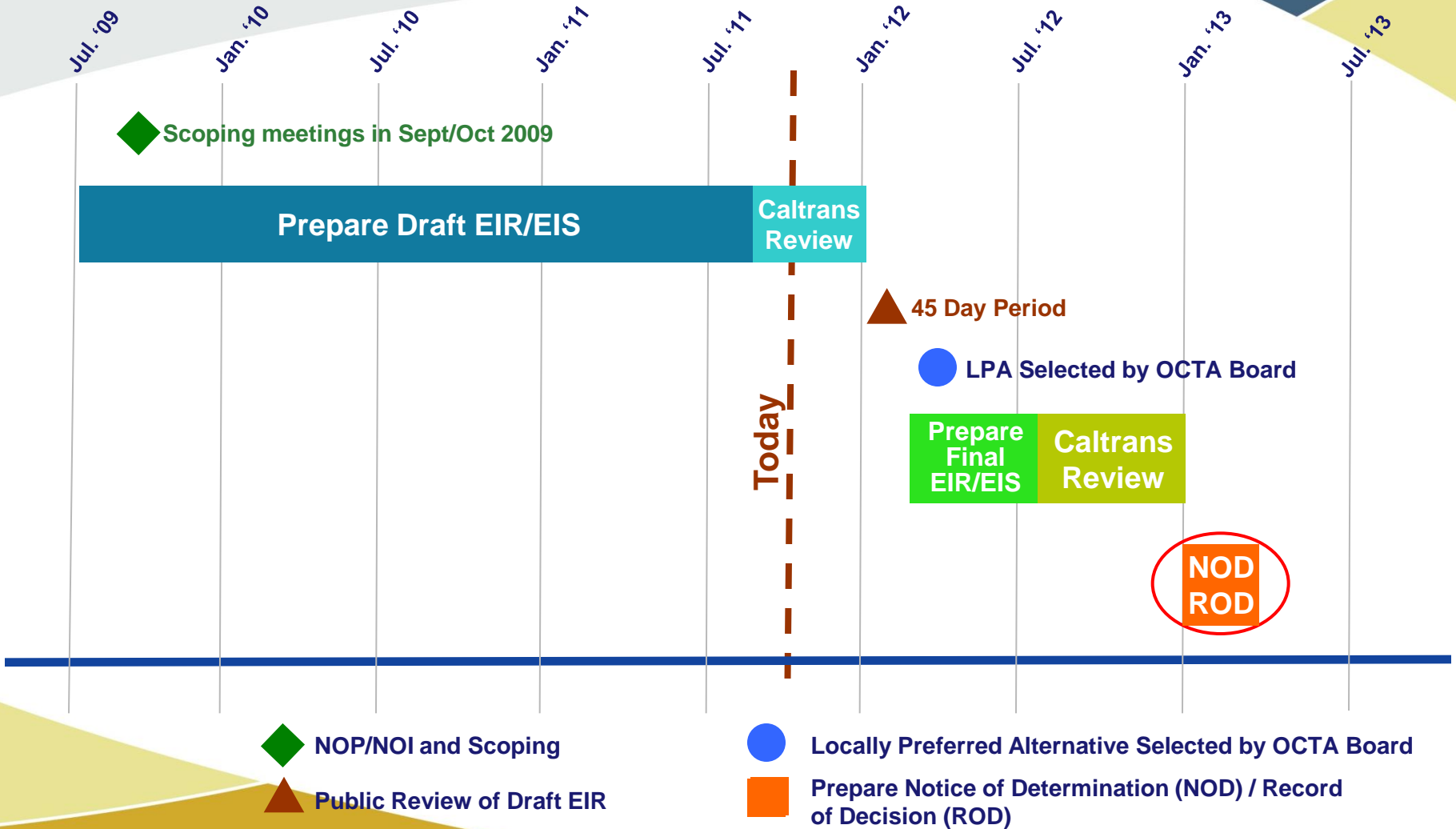


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- Respond to Comments on Draft EIR/EIS
  - Each comment will be addressed in the Final EIR/EIS
  - Changes to the Project may result
- Select the alternative to build
  - OCTA Board
  - Caltrans
  - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Prepare a Financial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



# After Public Review & Hearings





# THANK YOU



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