

MDOT Project Life Cycle

Years to Construction	Process Step	Room for Change?
7-6	Project Identification	Explore ideas for future projects
5	Projects Selected for 5-Year Plan	Develop work description & cost estimate
5-3	Scope Verification	Lock in work description and cost (years vary depending on type and size of project)
2	Base Plans	Validate design assumptions. Can still change your mind. Real estate needs identified
1	The Plan Review	Roughly 70% plans complete. Final engineering decisions, fine tuning
0	Final Plans	Know details of construction & impact to individual property owners
0	Construction	No changes
Post Letting 1-20	Coordination with Construction and Maintenance	Assures commitments are met and maintained