



**SPN H.003915 I-49 ICC EIS  
Status Update  
February 2020**

The following is an update on project status as of February 20, 2020:

**1. Cultural Resources Survey**

Completed: Revised CRS submitted to DOTD for SHPO second review in November 2019

*Currently: The scope and fee for Section 106 Consultation, additional ROW review, and a Section 4(f) Evaluation has not been approved as of this date. The level of detail and level of study for the remaining alternatives remains in negotiation. Earth Search is working on defining what additional ROW may require field study and DOTD is working on the time for the 106 process.*

**2. Finalize conceptual interchange layouts with potential impacts**

Completed: Electronic Submittal to DOTD on July 13, 2018. Providence and Stantec submitted a set of geometric drawings in June 2019.

*Currently: The scope of work for line and grade and bridge design has been approved. This work can be initiated when the supplement is approved.*

**3. Finalize and submit the Preferred Alternative Identification Analysis for FHWA and DOTD review**

Completed: Electronic submittal to DOTD/FHWA July 23, 2018

*Currently: The previously submitted Preferred Alternative Identification Analysis has been withdrawn (verbally) and will be resubmitted after the supplement has been issued and details requested relative to Build Alternative 5 have been developed.*

**4. Acceptance of the Preferred Alternative Identification Analysis by FHWA and DOTD (required to complete the draft EIS)**

*Currently: Additional data will be provided to allow for alternative decisions to be made after the supplement is approved.*

**5. Prepare Technical Studies – required to be conducted on the identified Preferred Alternative and to be summarized in the draft EIS**

Comments: To be completed upon approval of Identified Preferred Alternative – includes line and grade/geometry. Providence and Stantec have had two meetings with DOTD Bridge group and Bridge, Roadway, and Environmental to discuss the project, current standards, and conceptual design.

*Currently: The scope revision that will ensure that the standards that will now be applied to this project are clear and tie-ins to existing interchanges can be designed as the team has conceived is approved by DOTD. The environmental hours remain in negotiation.*



**6. Public Outreach in the form of stakeholder briefings, a Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting, and a public hearing will be conducted in conjunction with the release of the draft EIS**

*Comments: To be initiated after draft EIS has been reviewed, revised and cleared for distribution*

**General Schedule for Completion**

*A new schedule will be required upon agreement of the new scope. The project will not likely be completed as previously estimated in 2020 as a result of the additional Section 106 Consultation that is required. Providence will work with NLCOG and DOTD to develop a schedule for completion that reduces review times and processing to keep the project moving forward.*