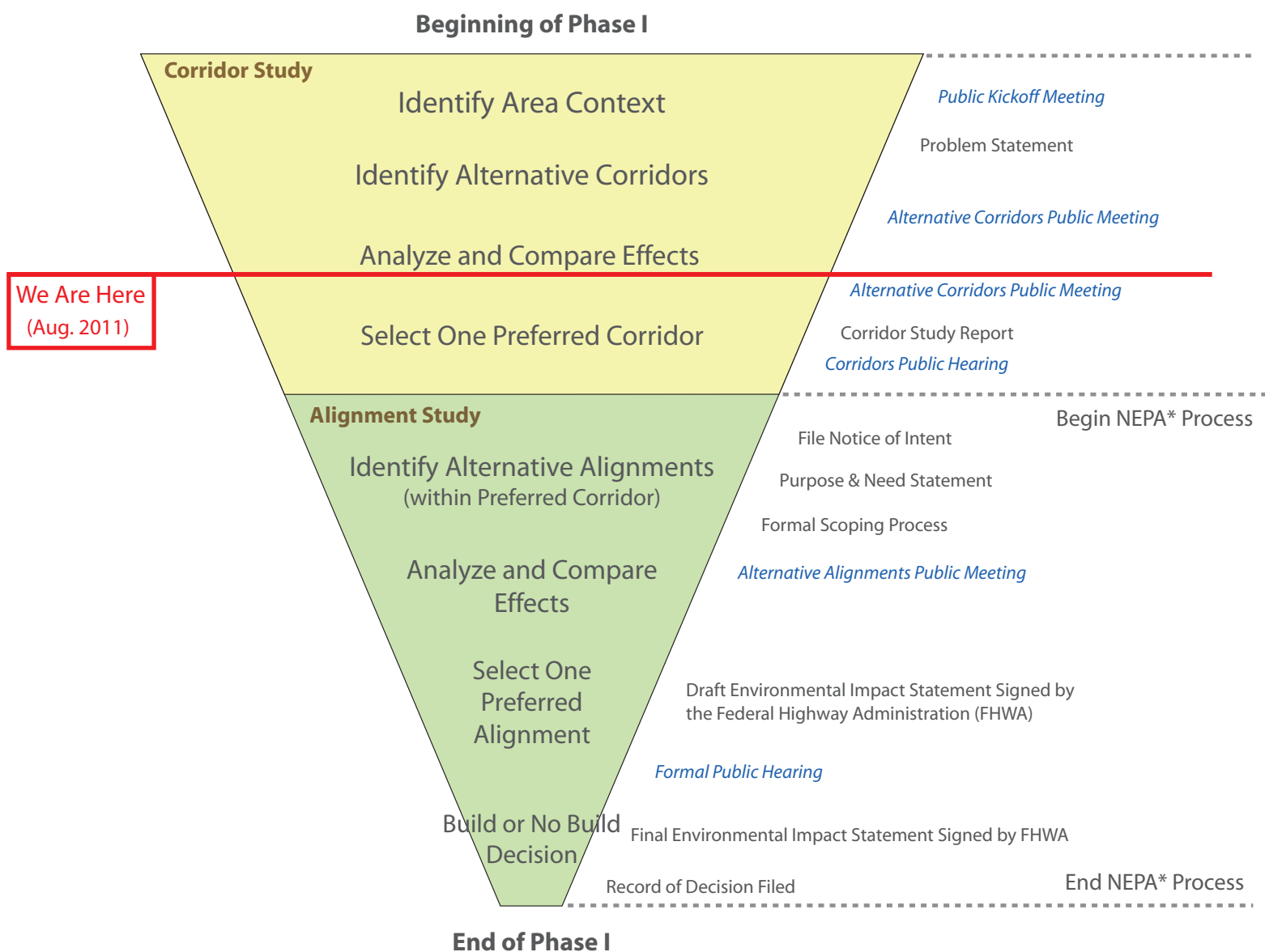


The Eastern Bypass Phase I Process



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The Phase I process is often represented as a funnel because the process begins at a general, or broad, level of detail and becomes increasingly refined, or narrow, as the study moves forward. At the bottom of the funnel, when the most detailed information is available, the decision is made to either move forward with the project or to select the “no build” alternative.