Transportation Impact Studies

El Dorado County
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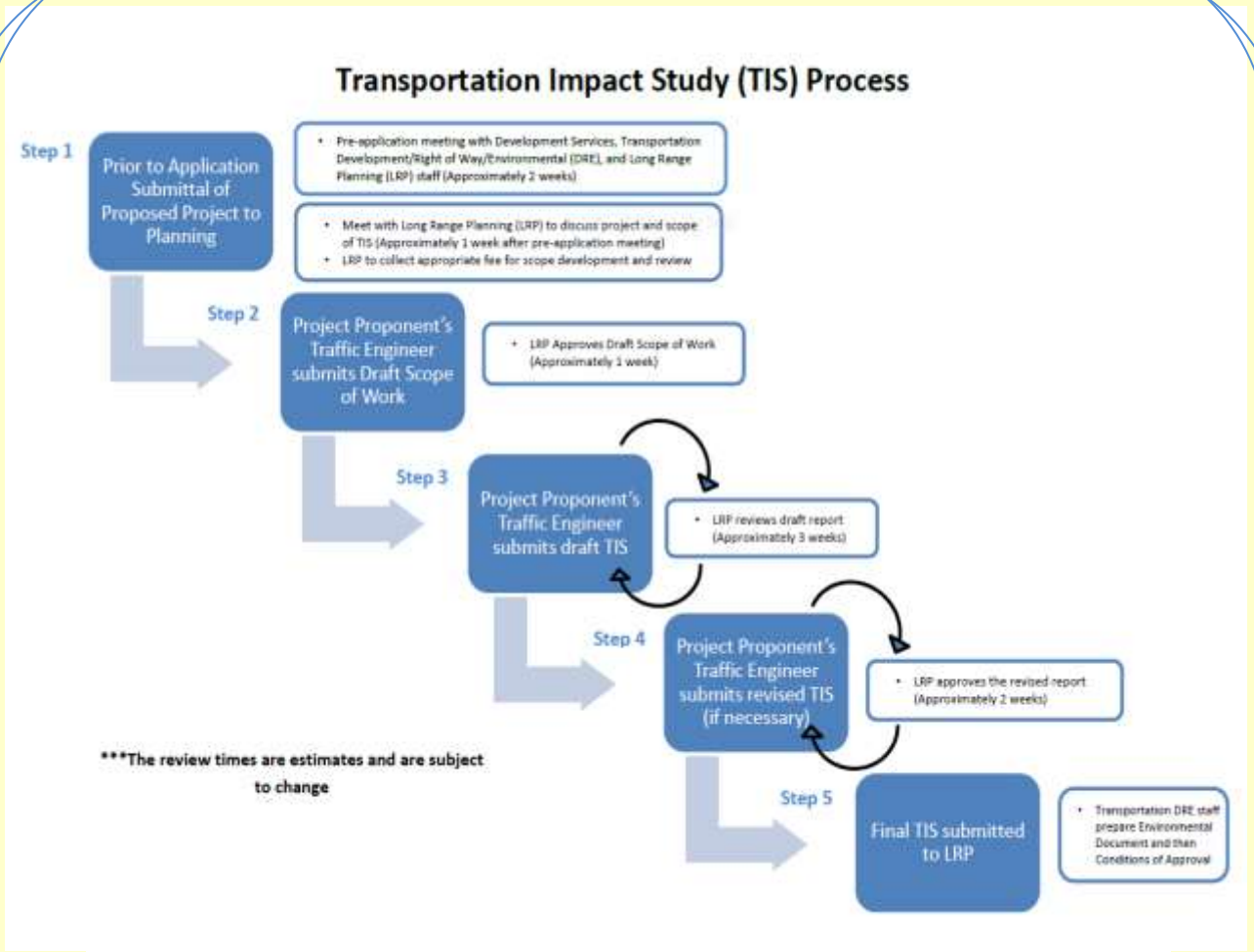

The information in this flyer is excerpts from the El Dorado County Community Development Agency TIS Guidelines. To download the entire document, go to:
http://www.edcgov.us/Government/LongRangePlanning/Transportation/Traffic_Impact_Study_Guidelines

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What is a TIS?

A Transportation Impact Study, also known as a Traffic Impact Study, evaluates the potential effects of proposed projects on surrounding and supporting transportation infrastructure and services.

A TIS determines if the project's effects constitute significant impacts, and if so, how the significant impacts can be mitigated.

This flyer contains excerpts from the El Dorado County Community Development Agency (CDA) TIS Guidelines located on the Long Range Planning's website

Why are transportation impact studies prepared?

TIS guidelines are intended to ensure that the traffic impacts of proposed development projects are addressed in a manner that is consistent with the policies set forth in the Transportation and Circulation Element of the ***2004 El Dorado County General Plan, A Plan for Managed Growth and Open Roads; A Plan for Quality Neighborhoods and Traffic Relief*** (General Plan) and any applicable Specific Plan. The guidelines enable the County to conduct transportation and circulation impacts review of development proposals pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The County expects these guidelines to result in studies that provide comprehensive and accurate analysis of potential transportation impacts to County facilities and services. A TIS is a stand-alone document that could be replicated by a peer consultant or County staff based on information provided in the document. It is <u>not</u> a persuasive document; it is a factual document utilizing state of the practice and industry technical analyses.

Does my project require a transportation impact study?

Unless explicitly waived by the County, a TIS is required when <u>any</u> one of the following conditions is met, per General Plan Policies TC-Xa and TC-Xe:

- The project has the potential to increase traffic during the weekday a.m. peak hour or weekday p.m. peak hour, or daily period by two (2) percent or more
- The project has the potential to add 100 or more daily trips
- The project has the potential to add 10 or more trips during the weekday a.m. or weekday p.m. peak hour
- The project has the potential to create a significant environmental impact under CEQA
- The project is a General Plan Amendment which proposes changes to the land use designation

Who prepares transportation impact studies?

The final TIS shall be signed and stamped by a registered Civil Engineer or Traffic Engineer, licensed and in good standing with the State of California Board of Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists.