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Q: Why is the project recommended for funding when so much local controversy remains on whether the City has complied with NEPA requirements by considering at-grade alternatives to the proposed elevated rail line?

A: FTA is confident that the City's detailed evaluation of many at-grade alignments completed during the 2006 alternatives analysis complies fully with NEPA requirements for consideration of all reasonable alternatives. Nevertheless, FTA views the selection of an appropriate transit project to be an entirely local matter. If local or state officials decide to reconsider the selection of an elevated rail project, then FTA will work with the City to revise the NEPA documentation to re-examine other options. FTA anticipates that re-examination of other alternatives would take a year or more to complete.

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