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That's a good question, Joe. None of FTA's impact statements—I should not refer to them as FTA's impact statements because we have little to do with their development; they're really sponsors' impact statements—informs the ultimate decision; they simply signal that sponsors can proceed to final design (what a decision!), during which changes to projects may be (and often are) made. Again, I fault this agency, more than the sponsor, for deficiencies in NEPA documents that our after-the-fact review may uncover. Don't get angry or frustrated, though; it's just not worth it. I would much prefer just to recognize deficiencies in the system and let the chips fall where they may.

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I am reviewing selected portions of the draft of the FEIS, and not only does DTS not know where the project will pass by the airport, they don't know where the Maintenance and Storage facility will be.

Should we let them get away with that too, because commenting on it would be "moving the goalpost?" What is an FEIS anyhow?

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