### PROJECT MILESTONES*

**November 2007 through June 2008**

- Adoption of Locally Preferred Alternatives
  - Public Meetings held June 2008

**January 2009 - February 2010**

- January 2009 through June 2009
  - Environmental Documentation
    - May 2008 through February 2009

**Tier 2 Alternatives**

- May 2008 through February 2009
  - Public Meetings held January 2008

**TEMPE SOUTH**

- May 2009 through
  - Regional Transportation Plan Transit Corridors
  - Rural
  - Mill

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### Tier 2 Alternatives Highest Performers

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**METRO light rail**

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