



Public Hearing
for the
Draft Environmental Impact
Statement for the Buildings at 202,
214, and 220 South State Street

October 2, 2023

Hybrid In-person/Virtual Hearing

- This Zoom meeting is being recorded.
- **The meeting presentation will start at 3:10 PM.**
- In the meantime, the comment form and a link to the Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) have been provided in the chat.
- Participants will be muted during the meeting.
- If you have requested to participate in the formal comment period, you will be asked to unmute and provide your comment when your name is called.
- Comments left in the Zoom meeting chat are not part of the formal public record.
- Participants may submit comments by email or regular mail until October 31, 2023.

Introductions

- Joseph Mulligan, GSA Project Manager
- Regina Nally, GSA Great Lakes Regional Historic Preservation Officer
- Charlie Webb, Jacobs

Purpose of Meeting

To receive public and agency comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement that the General Services Administration has prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

Agenda

Purpose of Proposed Action

Consideration of Historic Properties - Section 106 Process

NEPA and Section 106 Impacts

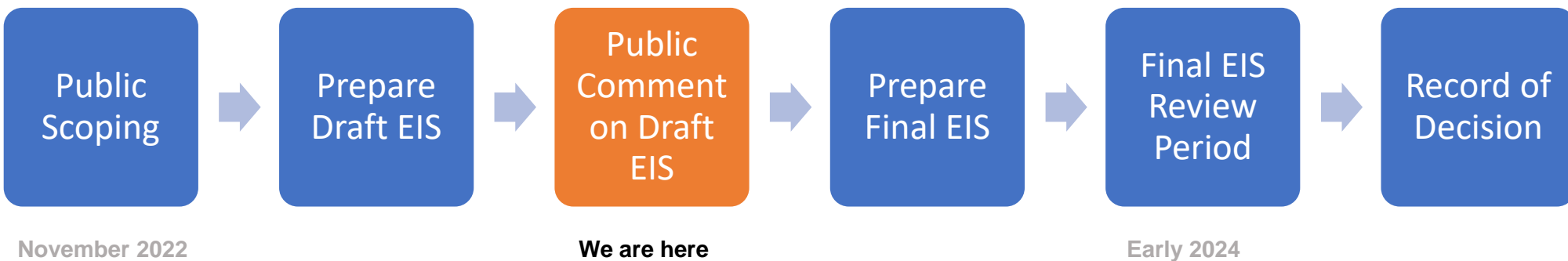
Next Steps

Remarks by Chief Judge Pallmeyer and GSA Great Lakes Regional Commissioner Dizon

Public Comments

Purpose of the Proposed Action

- The purpose of the proposed action is to address the security needs of the Dirksen Courthouse, respond to Congressional intent in the 2022 Consolidated Appropriations Act, and manage Federal assets.
- In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), GSA has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement to assess environmental impacts associated with two action alternatives (demolition or adaptive reuse of the buildings) and a no action alternative.
- Key steps of the NEPA process are shown below:



National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Process



Overview of NEPA Impacts

- GSA has identified the following significant and moderate negative impacts as a result of the project

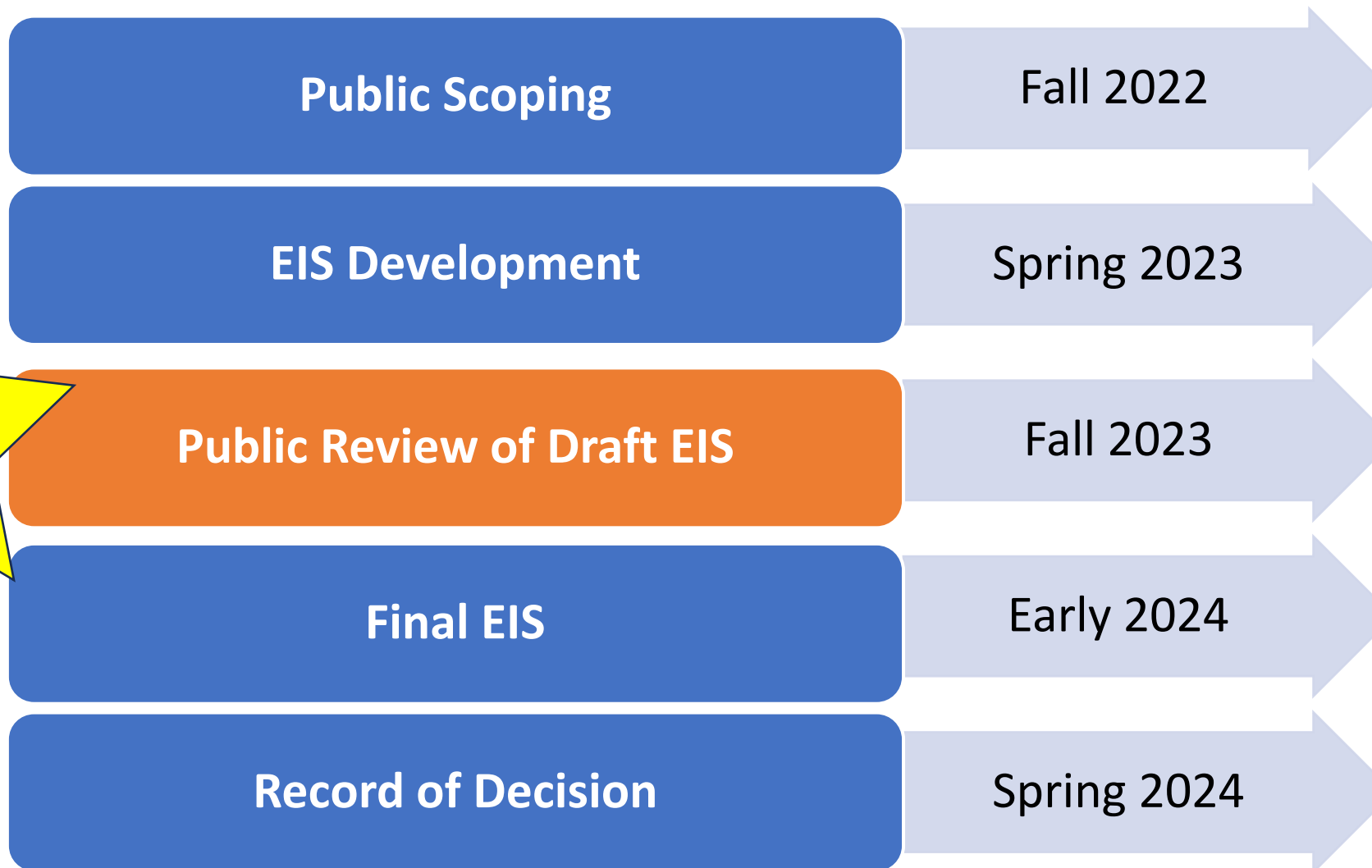
Resource areas analyzed in the Draft EIS are:

- cultural resources
- aesthetic and visual resources
- land use and zoning
- community facilities
- socioeconomics and environmental justice
- GHG, climate change, and embodied carbon
- hazardous materials and solid waste
- air quality
- noise
- health and safety
- transportation and traffic

Alternative A: Demolition	Alternative B: Viable Adaptive Reuse	No Action Alternative
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant impacts to cultural resources and land use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct impact to 202, 214, and 220 South State Street Removing the buildings is not consistent with local land use plans Moderate, negative impacts to the Loop Retail Historic District and Chicago Federal Center from altering character-defining features Moderate, short-term impacts to the surrounding community from increased noise during demolition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate, short-term impacts to the surrounding community from increased noise during renovations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate, long-term impacts to cultural resources as the buildings would remain in their current condition, in need of significant repairs, and could continue to deteriorate due to limited federal funds available for maintenance and security of the buildings

- Section 3 of the Draft EIS explains the affected environment for each of the potentially impacted resources and explains the potential environmental consequences associated with each of the alternatives.

Next Steps



Draft EIS Public Comment Period

Verbal and written comments are given the same consideration.

- Comments on the Draft EIS may be submitted during this meeting, either verbally or in writing.
- Comments must be submitted by Tuesday, October 31, 2023.
- How to comment:
 - Submit a **comment form** in the comment box tonight
 - Submit a comment form electronically via the link: <https://tinyurl.com/GSADEISComment> or QR code →
 - **Email:** StateStreet@gsa.gov
 - **Mail to:** Joseph Mulligan, General Services Administration, 230 S. Dearborn Street, Suite 3600, Chicago, Illinois 60604



Introductory Remarks

Chief Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer (Northern District of Illinois)

Great Lakes Regional Commissioner Angel Dizon (Public Buildings Service, GSA)

Public Comments

GSA invites you to provide your comments.

Public Hearing Comments

- Speakers will be called in the order in which they signed up, either through online registration or with the sign-in sheet at today's meeting.
- Your remarks will be limited to 3 minutes.
- At the beginning of your comment, please state your name.
- The panel will not respond to comments during the meeting.
- If there is time remaining after registered speakers have spoken, additional opportunities to speak will be given.
- If time does not allow for your verbal comment, please provide a written comment. Verbal and written comments are weighted the same during the review process.
- All comments received will be part of the public record.

Public Hearing Comments Timer

03:00

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