

Framework for evaluating each idea as prioritized by the Panel

Substitute forms of Environmental Review currently allowed by rule:

4410.3600 ALTERNATIVE REVIEW.
(<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=4410.3600>)
4410.3610 ALTERNATIVE URBAN AREAWIDE REVIEW PROCESS.
(<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=4410.3610>)
4410.3700 MODEL ORDINANCE.
(<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=4410.3700>)
4410.3800 GENERIC EIS.
(<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=4410.3800>)
4410.3900 JOINT FEDERAL AND STATE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS.
(<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=4410.3900>)
4410.4000 TIERED EIS.
(<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=4410.4000>)

List of ideas for additional flexibility and alternatives to the ER process (based on earlier panel discussions and EQB staff suggestions):

1. Allow RGUs and project proposers to scope what will be included in the EAW.
2. Allow other state processes, such as permit requirements and/or comprehensive plans, to substitute for, or (partially) satisfy, portions of the ER process.
3. Create “off-ramps” and “exclusions” for RGUs to use at their discretion.
4. Allow for a variance process.
5. Create an additional process – hybrid between EAW and EIS
6. Alternative public engagement process that could substitute for the current public notice requirements
7. Other?

| Idea for flexibility/alternative | Suggestions for process steps/implementation | Who will support? What are the barriers? Who will be impacted? | Support action needed (rule change, form change, Sub-team etc.) |
|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| #1 | | | |
| #2 | | | |
| #3 | | | |