# Progressive Design Build Overview

## Project Delivery Methods

### Traditional Design Build

*Contractor Brought on After Design is Complete*

Design → Bid → Build

### Progressive Design Build

*Collaboration Starting with Selection*

Project Planning → Team Selected → Refine Design and Cost → Construction

Collaboration

## What is Progressive Design Build?

**Progressive Design Build (PDB)** is a collaborative, phased approach in which TDOT selects a design-build team early and works alongside them to develop the project's design, scope, schedule and cost over time. Rather than locking in decisions upfront, PDB allows solutions to be refined as the project evolves, making it particularly effective for complex projects with uncertainties such as utility impacts, right-of-way acquisition and community considerations. By addressing risks before pricing is finalized, PDB supports more informed decision-making, greater transparency and fewer unforeseen challenges during delivery.

## How PDB is Different

- **Early Collaboration**
  TDOT, engineer, contractor and designer work together early in project development to align goals and evaluate solutions.
- **Risk Management**
  Potential challenges are identified and addressed before construction begins, reducing uncertainty later in the process.
- **Greater Cost & Schedule Confidence**
  Project costs and timelines are refined as the design advances, supporting more informed decision-making.

## How PDB Delivers Value

- **More Informed Decisions**
  Complex issues are addressed earlier, when there is greater flexibility to evaluate options.
- **Fewer Surprises During Delivery**
  Risks are understood and managed before construction begins.
- **Better Project Outcomes**
  Teams work together to develop practical, innovative, cost-effective solutions aligned with project goals.