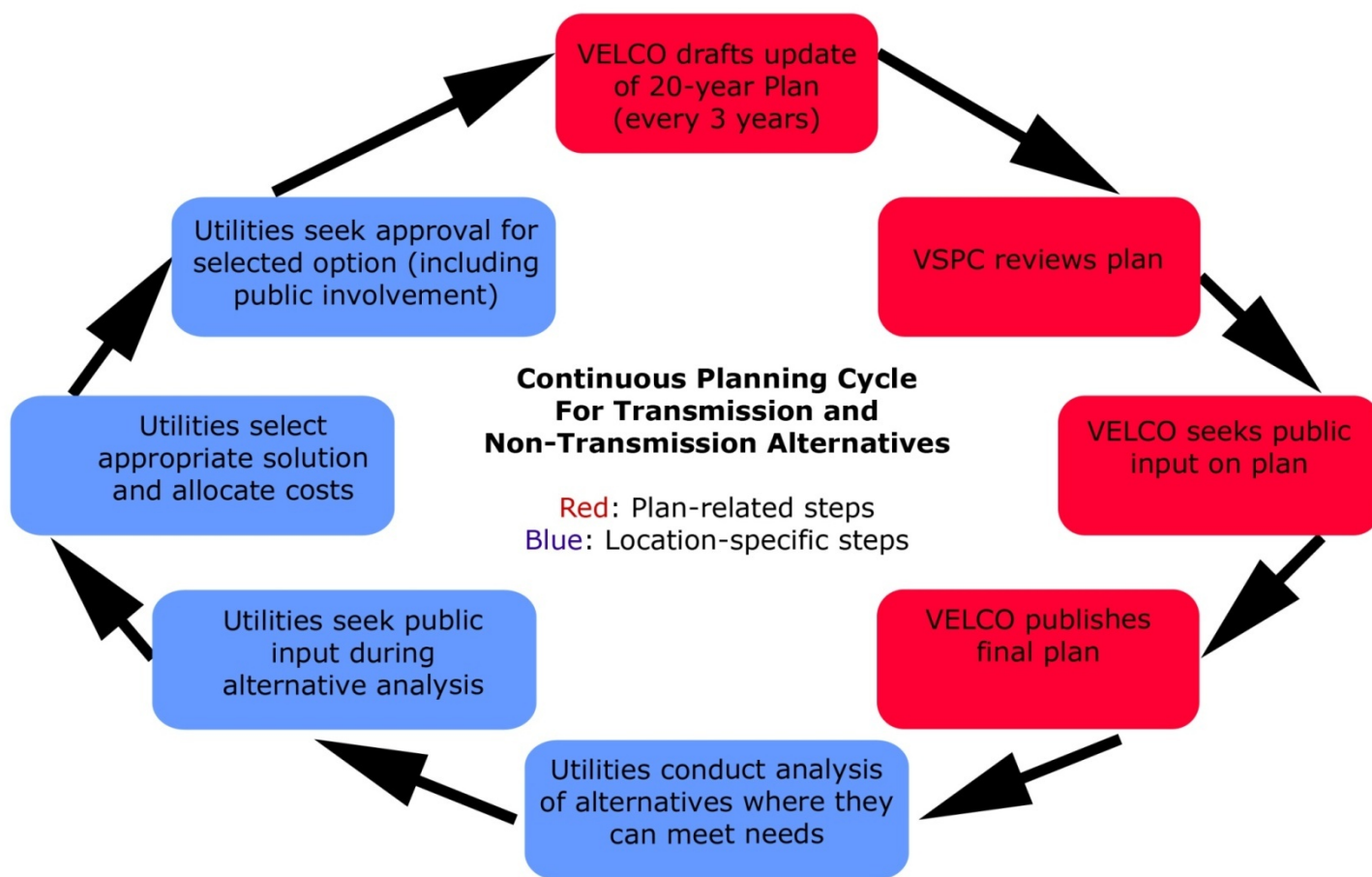


Overview of Vermont's Transmission Planning Process

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Illustrative Timeline for Addressing Reliability Deficiencies That Receive Full NTA Analysis

The following timeline illustrates the broad steps that utilities undertake and illustrative timeframes from the identification of a reliability deficiency to the completion of a transmission solution. This timeline represents only one possible path, in which transmission is the chosen solution, and seeks to illustrate the length of the full process, as well as the various points at which the process requires public engagement.

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Reliability issues identified in Long-Range Plan					
Public outreach on Long-Range Plan					
Priority list established by VSPC for projects identified in Long-Range Plan					
NTA Analysis on projects that "screen in"; includes public outreach					
	Solution selection, cost allocation & implementation strategy by affected utilities				
	Public outreach on proposed solution				
		Regulatory approvals sought (Vermont and Regional)			
				Project constructed	