

# Transportation Addendum to the Metropolitan Council Public Engagement Plan

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# Transportation Management Area Planning Certification Review

- FHWA and FTA identified three recommendations
  - Update the Transportation Public Participation Plan to include tribal governments and tribal consultation strategies.
  - Identify an update cycle. Ideally, this would occur the year before each Transportation Policy Plan update.
  - Evaluate the Council's transportation public participation efforts

# Thrive MSP 2040 – public engagement

- Defines consistent expectations for how the Council will engage with the region's residents and constituencies
- Evaluates how engagement will support policy, planning and operational decisions
- Collaborates and consults with members of the community, especially historically under-represented populations
- Focuses on developing lasting relationships with the region's residents and constituencies
- Highlights best practices for engagement in the region
- Works toward making decisions with people, not for people

# Public Engagement Plan

- Created collaboratively with members of the Community Engagement Steering Committee
- Engagement principles
  - Equity
  - Respect
  - Transparency
  - Relevance
  - Accountability
  - Collaboration
  - Inclusion
  - Cultural Competence

# Federal regulation

Responsive to the guidance provided in federal law ([23 §CFR450.316](#)) requiring Metropolitan Planning Organizations to develop a participation plan that defines a process for providing community members and other affected parties with opportunities to participate in the metropolitan transportation planning process.

# Peer review

- **Six Metropolitan Planning Organizations.**
  - The Denver Regional Council of Governments
  - Oregon Metro
  - Puget Sound Regional Council
  - San Diego Association of Governments
  - Hillsborough (Tampa) Transportation Planning Organization
  - The North Central Texas Council of Governments.

# Diversity and inclusion

- Expanded and clarified definition of historically underrepresented people
- Governor's tribal relations executive order
  - Included the Met Council in tribal-state relations
  - The Met Council adopted a government-to-government tribal relations policy
    - Consultation
    - Collaboration
    - Coordination

# Updated and categorized engagement methods

- Aligns with IAP<sup>2</sup> Spectrum of Public Participation
  - Inform
  - Consult
  - Involve
  - Collaborate
  - Co-create



# Evaluation

- Builds on the Measures for Success in the Public Engagement Plan
  - Consistent with overall vision, outcomes, and goals
  - Used practices and principles that are collaborative in nature and includes many perspectives of the region
  - Stakeholders are integrated with deliberation in engagement
  - Quantitative and qualitative assessments of engagement

# Timeline

Committee	Date
TAC Planning Review and Recommend Draft for public comment	3/10/2022
TAC Review and Recommend Draft for public comment	4/6/2022
TAB Review and Recommend Draft for public comment	4/20/2022
Transportation Committee Review and Recommend Draft for public comment	4/25/2022
Metropolitan Council Release for Public Comment	4/27/2022
Public Comment Period begins	4/28/2022
Public hearing - Transportation Committee	5/23/2022
Public comment closes	6/13/2022
TAB Public Comment Report recommend council adoption	7/20/2022
Transportation Committee Public Comment Report and recommendation	7/25/2022
Council approves	7/27/2022

# Thank you

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