

**ACTION TRANSMITTAL 2016-49**

**DATE:** September 8, 2016  
**TO:** TAC Planning Committee  
**PREPARED BY:** Mai Thor, Outreach Coordinator, 651-602-1588  
**SUBJECT:** Public Participation Plan  
**REQUESTED ACTION:** Request that the Transportation Advisory Board recommend adoption of the draft Public Participation Plan, for the purpose of receiving public comment, to the Metropolitan Council.  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Planning Committee recommend TAC adoption of the Public Participation Plan for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area for the purpose of receiving public comment.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF ACTION:** The Metropolitan Council is federally required to develop a plan that outlines how the public will be informed and engaged in transportation planning and policy. The purpose of the Public Participation Plan is to set up a framework for the Metropolitan Council to encourage the active participation of community members through various means, including providing opportunities for the public to be involved at all levels of decision making. Following the lead of *Thrive MSP 2040* and influenced by the *2040 Transportation Policy Plan* and the Council's Public Engagement Plan, the Public Participation Plan is aimed at not just adding public comments at the end of the development of a plan, but to leverage the voices of the people who live throughout the region to shape and influence planning as early as possible.

The Public Participation Plan is mainly descriptive in nature so that it can be applied broadly across all of the Metropolitan Council's transportation plans and programs, minimizing the need for updates. This also creates the opportunity for the Metropolitan Council to examine how the transportation plans that are currently in place can improve by examining how public participation and engagement can be done differently.

The Public Participation Plan applies to the following transportation plans and programs:  
Transportation Policy Plan  
Transportation Improvement Plan  
Unified Planning Work Program  
Air Quality Conformity Determination

**RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL POLICY:** Pursuant to 23 §CFR450.316, the Metropolitan Council is required to develop a Public Participation Plan in order to outline how the public can participate and engage in the transportation planning through strategies and approaches that lead to an informed region.

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**ROUTING**

<b>TO</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	<b>DATE COMPLETED</b>
TAC Planning Committee	Review & Recommend for public comment	9-8-16
Technical Advisory Committee	Review & Recommend	
Transportation Advisory Board	Review & Recommend	
Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee	Review & Recommend	
Metropolitan Council	Review & Adopt	