

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 IAP² 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 Review and Recommend Draft 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 SW	7/27/2022

Thank you

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