



U.S. Department of Transportation Planning Certification Review

2024 Metropolitan Council Review



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WHY ARE WE HERE?

- Every 4 years FTA and FHWA jointly review the metropolitan transportation planning process for those areas with over 200,000 population
 - “In Transportation Management Areas (TMAs), the FHWA and the FTA jointly shall review and evaluate the transportation planning process for each TMA no less than once every four years to determine if the process meets the requirements of applicable provisions of Federal law...”
- Opportunity to enhance and refine planning processes
- Part of this review includes seeking public input



WHY ARE YOU HERE?

- To give your opinions of the metropolitan area's transportation planning process
- Think:
 - Do you have an adequate opportunity to participate in the MPO Transportation Planning Process?
 - Have you been involved in the MPO Transportation Planning Process?
 - What are your views of the process?



WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOUR COMMENTS TODAY?

- Comments received today, by mail, or through the online survey (by January 1, 2025) will be summarized in a report.
- Comments are taken into consideration while evaluating the transportation planning completed for the area

WHAT IS THE OUTCOME OF THIS REVIEW?

- Report is issued in March summarizing the discussions during the review
- Results of the process is to:
 - Certified
 - Certified subject to corrective actions
 - Certified for use of only certain construction funding categories



SCOPE OF REVIEW

- Risk-based review with a focus on the biggest issues or opportunities
 - Assessing progress from previous reviews
 - Understanding the conditions affecting the TMA
 - Gauging the maturity of the planning process
 - Assessing response to new requirements

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS

- What is the Planning Process?
 - A process by which transportation decisions are made and projects are planned, selected and prioritized for implementation within the region.
- Products of the process include:
 - Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
 - Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
 - Congestion Management Process (CMP)
 - Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - Public Participation Plan (PPP)



METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- Decides how a substantial share of federal funding is spent nationwide.
- Because of limited funding, the MPO must prioritize the regional needs and determine the best and most economical solution.
- The process lays the framework for the future transportation system.



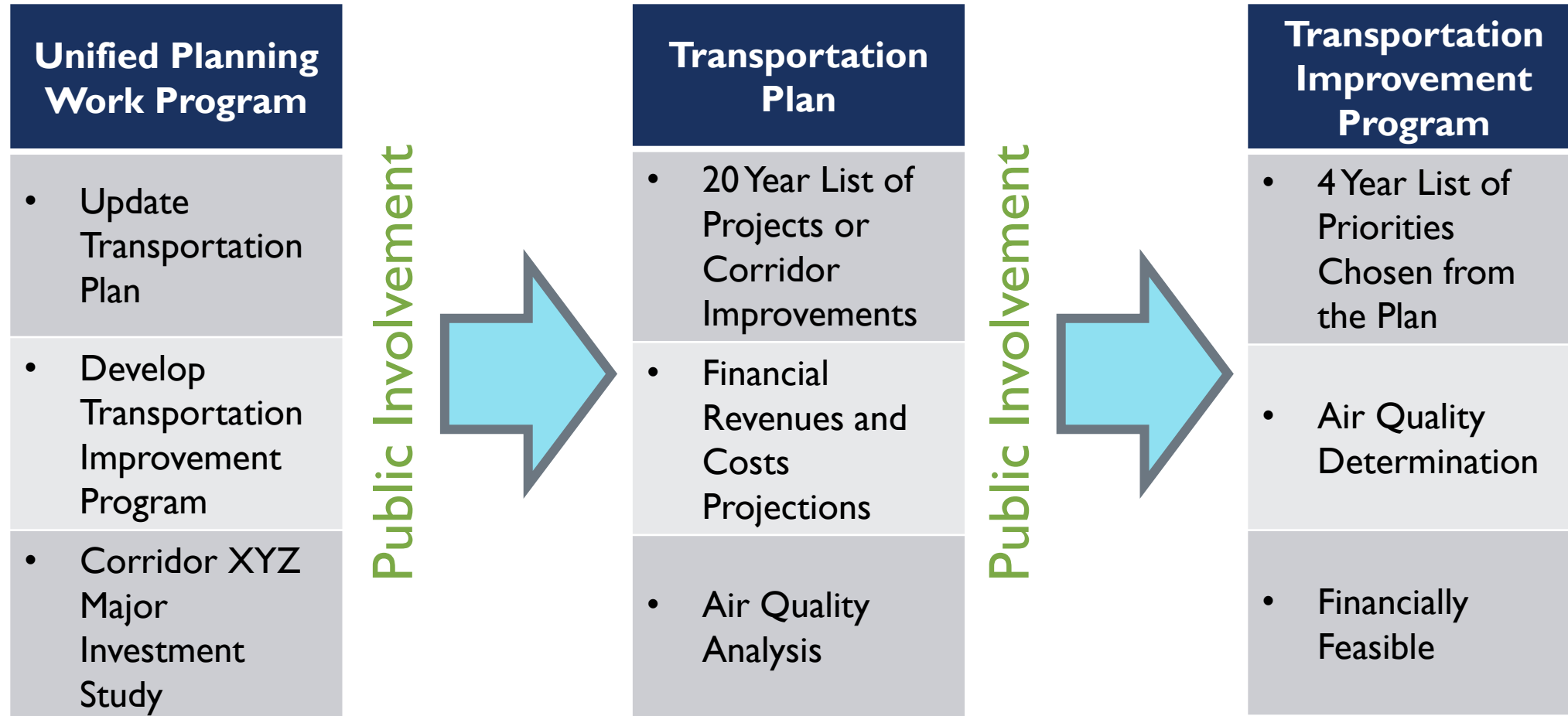
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WHO IS INVOLVED?

- MPO(s)
 - Policy Committee
 - Technical Committee
 - Citizen's Committee (optional)
- State Department(s) of Transportation
- Public Transportation Operator(s)*
- Local Jurisdictions (cities, counties)
- Local Citizens
- Interest Groups
- FTA & FHWA



METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS HOW DO THE PRODUCTS FIT TOGETHER?



COMMENTS ON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS?

- Think:
 - Do you have an adequate opportunity to participate in the MPO Transportation Planning Process?
 - Have you been involved in the MPO Transportation Planning Process?
 - What are your views of the process?
- Written comments can also be submitted by mail, fax or email to the Federal Review Team through January 1, 2025.

- Take and share the Certification Review Survey!



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