

MPO Public Participation Plan Update

MPO Technical Advisory Committee

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ROCKINGHAM P L A N N I N G C O M M I S S I O N

Public Participation Plan

- Federal Requirement
- Last updated in 2012
- Currently part of MPO Prospectus



Core Requirements for MPOs

- Create opportunities for public involvement
- Adequate public notice
- Review and comment at key decision points
- Multiple, accessible formats for information and input



Plan Structure

- Federal & State Context
- Public Participation Policy & Goals
- MPO committee structures
- Major policy action processes
- Key planning activities
- Public participation strategies
- Documentation and distribution



MPO Public Participation Goals

- Goal 1** Educate and Present Information
- Goal 2** Solicit Public Input
- Goal 3** Consider public concerns in decision-making
- Goal 4** Facilitate information flow to policy makers



Involvement Strategies



Changes Incorporated

- General reformatting as stand-alone document
- New Introduction
- Federal code references (FAST Act)
- TAC & Policy voting membership
- MPO/NHDOT/Transit Agencies MOA
- Add Raymond, remove Windham



Changes Incorporated (cont'd)

- Remove air quality conformity references
- TIP amendment and modification procedures
- Outreach to underrepresented groups
- Language accommodation
- Table of outreach strategies by action
- Table on frequency of strategy use
- Glossary of acronyms



Next Steps

- Incorporate TAC input
- Add TIP amendment procedures appendix
- Initiate 45 day public comment period
- Public hearing and vote at January MPO meeting



Recommended Action

Staff recommend that the TAC discuss the draft Public Participation Plan, recommend changes as needed, and move to recommend adoption by the MPO Policy Committee at their meeting in January 2018.



Environmental Justice Goals

Executive Order 12898 (1994)

- Avoid disproportionate adverse effects of MPO actions on minority populations and low-income populations
- Ensure full, open and fair participation
- Prevent the denial or reduction of transportation benefits to minority and low-income populations

