Needs for Updated Plan

- **Clarify Document**: Provide clear direction on how to participate in the transportation planning process.
- **User Friendly**: Reformat document for ease of understanding.
- **Easier application and updates**: Reduce the need for administrative updates.
- **Updated Requirements**: Update language to comply with all state and federal requirements.
The MPO's goal for public participation:

Implement and grow an effective public participation process that enables and encourages public awareness and input into the MPO's local and regional transportation planning and project prioritization process.
Objectives

1. **MPO Meetings**
   Use as opportunities to inform, involve, and seek public input

2. **Public Participation Strategies**
   Use multiple strategies to focus on geographic and demographic diversity

3. **MPO Plans and Documents**
   Provide notice and opportunities for public understanding, review, and comments

4. **Promote and Ensure Nondiscrimination and Equity**
   Provide access for minority and traditionally underrepresented populations

5. **Regional Public Participation**
   Promote public participation in regional planning issues and project prioritization
Document Purpose

How the Public Participation Plan helps achieve this goal:

• A guide for the **public** on how and when to participate in the transportation planning process and to effectively communicate with the MPO

• A process and procedures guide for **MPO staff** to meet the goal

• Outlines objectives and measurable targets to support the goal and track progress
Document Contents

Introduction
• Defines an MPO and the need for a Public Participation Plan

Participants in Transportation Planning
• Identifies key MPO and public participants and explains their roles

How-To Guide For Addressing the MPO
• Helps the public to determine the potential effectiveness of making comments at MPO meetings compared to other strategies

Plans and Programs
• How MPO plans and programs relate to each other, and the policies and public engagement opportunities for each

Objectives and Strategies
• Support the public participation goal; includes measures and targets
PPP Update Process

- Review current plan and peer MPO plans
- Draft Public Participation Plan
- Public review and comment/update document
- Present final Public Participation Plan for approval
- Monitor measures of effectiveness

Process Timelines:
- July Draft
- August Public Comment
- September Approval
Next Steps!

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