



May 26, 2015

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Mary McGowan
Subject: MPC 5.b: Draft Central Lane MPO Public Participation Plan

Action Recommended: Conduct Public Hearing. Provide feedback to staff.

Public Participation Plan Update Process

In 2012 the Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) directed staff to develop a new public participation program for the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The refined program would cost less and involve broader outreach to, and participation from, more people than the current program.

A subcommittee of MPC was formed to take an in-depth look at the MPO's public participation program. The subcommittee members met with the MPO's Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)—at that time the MPO had an active CAC providing recommendations to MPC related to public participation—and explained the new, more limited charge for public involvement. The CAC's work in 2013 focused exclusively on providing feedback to staff and the policy board in development of a new Public Participation Plan (PPP) for the MPO.

This memo outlines proposed recommended changes to the PPP to carry out MPC direction.

Summary of Changes

- Amendments to Policy:
 - Add translated materials available upon request
 - Direct periodic review and evaluation of the PPP
 - Direct period review and evaluation of public involvement techniques (Table 2 of the PPP)

- Amendments to Table 1—Summary Table of Public Involvement:
 - Removal of the CAC, open houses, newspaper display ads, and interior bus posters as core public involvement tools
 - Add the Speakers Bureau as a core public involvement tool

- Amendments to Table 2—Evaluating Public Involvement Tools:
 - Update evaluation measurements, performance objectives, and methods to meet objectives for all core public involvement tools
- Housekeeping Amendments:
 - Update, as needed, the resolution, acknowledgements, citations, dates
 - Update references to the transportation bill, Oregon Administrative Rules, Oregon Revised Statutes
 - Delete or revise as appropriate, references to the CAC throughout the document
 - Update appendices (1—acronyms and glossary, 2—public involvement tools, and 3—regulations and policies)

Public Review

The Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) recommended the release of the draft for public comment at their May 21st meeting. A 60-day public comment period for the Draft PPP will begin on May 29th and will remain open until Sunday July 26th, 2015. More than 350 transportation stakeholders will be included in the public notification. The Draft PPP will be posted on the MPO's website and the LaneVoices platform, and will also be available via a link from the MPC meeting page on the LCOG website. Staff have also scheduled a public hearing at the June 4th MPC meeting.

Staff anticipate requesting MPC adoption of the PPP at the August 6th MPC meeting.

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Attachments

1. Central Lane MPO Public Participation Plan