



MEMORANDUM

To: Transportation Committee

From: Erin Aleman, Principal Planner

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Re: Public Participation Plan Update

Federal law requires that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) develop a Public Participation Plan (PPP) that affords the public a reasonable opportunity to participate in and comment on transportation planning efforts. Last amended in August 2011, CMAP's PPP has not had a comprehensive update since it was originally written in 2007. The purpose of the PPP is to set forth CMAP's public participation goals and to provide a framework for how CMAP will approach public engagement.

To date, CMAP staff has been working with the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) to review the current PPP and discuss how it can be more relevant to the work CMAP is doing. It is anticipated that with some revision the PPP will better reflect the agency's current approach to outreach on projects underway, as well as set the stage for future planning efforts. There will be a few minor "housekeeping" updates, such as:

- Removal of outdated references to CATS and NIPC
- GO TO 2040 principles will be folded in to the overview section
- Updated CMAP organization chart
- Updated MPO members chart

The majority of the update will focus on *Chapter 3: Public Involvement*, specifically section 3.3 *Public Participation Action Steps*. The focus on this section will be specifically to flesh out the stated goals and objectives in order to better illustrate the process that will ultimately help achieve the stated goals. In doing so, staff will refresh the public involvement process and methods to reflect current public participation efforts.

It is anticipated that this will be an ongoing project with the CAC through summer 2012. A final draft will be taken to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee for approval at their joint meeting in October 2012.