



TPB Participation Plan *2014 Update*

POLICY GOALS

The TPB believes that public input into its process is valuable and makes its products better. Regional transportation planning cannot, and should not, be based simply upon technical analysis. The qualitative information derived from citizen involvement is essential to good decision-making.

The Policy Statement provides a philosophy around which to build a regional transportation participation program that will accomplish the following goals:

- **Communicate effectively with appropriate audiences.** The TPB will disseminate information about programs and projects through a variety of conduits. Information will be presented in a manner that is clear and tailored to each of the TPB's constituencies.
- **Provide clear and open access to information and participation opportunities.** The TPB will work to improve access to technical and planning documents and, where appropriate, tailor these documents to be accessible to more constituencies. Opportunities for participation in TPB meetings and in committee meetings will be clearly defined and provided for at each meeting.
- **Gather input from diverse perspectives.** The TPB will continue to encourage participation from diverse constituencies and to provide forums for discussion about transportation issues that are responsive to the interests of different constituencies.
- **Respond meaningfully to public comment and feedback.** The TPB will provide information on how comments will be considered in the planning process, including the development of the CLRP and TIP, and acknowledge that comments were received and considered.
- **Promote a regional perspective.** The TPB will communicate how regional transportation planning plays a vital role in coordinating planning activities on many levels.