

Developing the TPB's Participation Plan

TPB Citizens Advisory Committee
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Some Context

- **Federal requirements**
 - ISTEA (1991)
 - TEA-21 (1998)
 - SAFETEA-LU (2005)
- **TPB Public Involvement Process**
 - Established in 1993
 - Revised in 1999
 - Will be replaced by a Participation Plan in 2007
- **Evaluation of TPB Public Involvement Activities**
 - Last done in 1998.
 - New evaluation currently underway.

What are we currently doing?

- Structures
 - Citizens Advisory Committee (established 1993; reconstituted 2000)
 - Access for All Advisory Committee (established 2001)
- Procedures
 - Established in the Public Involvement Process
 - Include public comment, public notice.
- Website
- Documents
 - *TPB News, The Region, Citizens Guide*, special publications
- Public Meetings
 - Forums on the TPB's Scenario Study
- Community Leadership Institute

New Participation Plan: Tying it all together

- Required under SAFETEA-LU
- Inputs:
 - Current TPB Public Involvement Process, as amended in 1999
 - Lessons-learned since 1999
 - Federal Metropolitan Planning Regulations of February 14, 2007
 - Final report of the Evaluation of the TPB's Public Involvement Activities

Evaluation of Public Involvement Activities

Why?

- Need for an objective assessment of current activities
- Provide input for the new Participation Plan
- Recommended in Federal Certification Review of 2005

Evaluation of Public Involvement Activities

Status:

- Circle Point selected as contractor in October 2006
- Final report expected in June 2007

Evaluation: Preliminary Observations

- The TPB has made a number of positive enhancements in public involvement.
 - *But we need to comprehensively examine how it all fits together and to identify gaps.*
- Outreach activities need to be more strategic.
 - *Be more explicit about goals and about the choices we make in the activities we pursue and the tools we use.*
- Move beyond “one size fits all.”
 - *Different types of constituencies need different types of participation tools.*
- Work toward developing a “regional story” that is clear and compelling.
 - *Publications and website are mostly geared toward insiders.*

Participation Plan Draft Outline

- Background
- Participation Policy
 - Policy Statement
 - Goals
- Participation Strategy
 - Constituencies
 - Challenges
 - Tools
- Participation Program
 - Plan Update Cycle
 - Annual Participation Program
- Appendices
 - Federal Regulations
 - CAC Mission and Operating Procedures

Plan Development Schedule

- **May/June 2007**
 - Meet with interested parties during the development of the Participation Plan
 - AFA Committee
 - Technical Committee
 - CAC Committee
 - Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee
 - WMATA Rider's Advisory Committee
 - Ad Hoc Freight Committee
- **July 2007**
 - Release the Draft Plan for public comment
- **September 2007**
 - Receive feedback from TPB Committees on Draft Plan
 - Submit Final Participation Plan for adoption