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FY2010 PARTICIPATION PROGRAM
COG Department of Transportation Planning

In January 2007, the TPB approved a new Participation Plan, which provides a policy framework for the TPB's participation activities and meets the requirements of the 2006 federal transportation reauthorization legislation (SAFETEA-LU). Among other things, the TPB's Participation Plan calls upon the staff of COG's Department of Transportation Planning (DTP) to develop an annual Participation Program to meet the TPB's goals for public involvement.

This FY2010 Participation Program provides a framework for the TPB's public involvement activities in the twelve-month period between July 2009 and June 2010. This list of activities and tools is consistent with the broad guidance established in the TPB's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which was approved in March 2009. The list of activities is broken in the following categories, which were identified in the Participation Plan: Procedures, Structures, Website/Documents/Publications, Public Meetings, Trainings and Other.

In FY2010, the TPB will produce a long-range plan with a horizon of 2040 that will reflect regional priorities identified through the TPB's scenario planning activities. Many of the TPB's public participation activities in FY2010 will be designed to seek citizen input to inform the development of this new long-range plan.

I. Procedures

Existing/Ongoing

- Participation Plan (adopted January 2008)
- Public comment at TPB
- Official public comment during formal CLRP/TIP review

Opportunities

- Identify methods for compiling public comments in a form that will be useful for the TPB

II. Structures

Existing/Ongoing

- Citizens Advisory Committee
- Access for All Advisory Committee

Opportunities

- Support the development of CAC recommendations
- Create opportunities for interaction between the CAC and other similar committees at COG
- Ensure the needs and interests of the AFA Committee are met.

III. Website/Documents/Publications

Existing/Ongoing

- TPB webpages: “What’s Happening” page; CLRP webpage; public comment webpage; meeting materials of the TPB; other
- TPB publications: TPB News, Region magazine, annual CLRP brochure, special publications
- TPB official documents (mailout and handout items)

Opportunities

- One or more short brochures or pamphlets.
- One or more flash or video presentations for the web.
- Additional website improvements

IV. Public Meetings

Existing/Ongoing

- Conduct two CLRP/TIP forums— one in September 2009 and one in late spring 2010. The September forum will be designed to provide citizens with information about how to get more fully engaged in the planning and programming decisions that will occur in the fall and winter at the state and local levels. The forum in May or June 2010 will provide a briefing on projects that have been included in the draft TIP.

Opportunities

- Conduct public outreach activities to support the development of the FY2010 long-range plan (see “Other” below).

V. Trainings

Existing/Ongoing

- Community Leadership Institute
- Other occasional training activities (e.g., presentations to AARP)

Opportunities

- Conduct one or more sessions of the Community Leadership Institute (CLI).
- Use CLI materials in presentations with community groups, such as the leadership programs (e.g., “Leadership Montgomery”) conducted at the county and city levels.

VI. Other

Opportunities

- Develop a strategy for public outreach designed to inform the development of the new long-range plan. This outreach may include public forums, interactive web outreach, and scientific surveys or focus groups.