



METROPOLITAN  
TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION

Agenda Item 3

Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter  
101 Eighth Street  
Oakland, CA 94607-4700  
TEL 510.817.5700  
TDD/TTY 510.817.5769  
FAX 510.817.5848  
E-MAIL [info@mtc.ca.gov](mailto:info@mtc.ca.gov)  
WEB [www.mtc.ca.gov](http://www.mtc.ca.gov)

*Memorandum*

TO: Legislation Committee  
FR: Deputy Executive Director, Policy  
RE: MTC Public Participation Plan Update

DATE: September 5, 2014  
W. I. 1112

**Background**

State and federal statutes require metropolitan planning organizations such as MTC to adopt participation plans to provide the public with opportunities to be involved in the transportation planning process. MTC's current Public Participation Plan (PPP) was adopted in 2010. While this document informs interested residents on how to engage in the range of MTC's planning work and funding allocations, the primary focus is to highlight planning and decision milestones, and public engagement opportunities for Plan Bay Area — the region's long-range transportation and land use blueprint.

With the first update to Plan Bay Area slated to begin in mid-2015, staff will release a draft update to the PPP in November. This memo provides an overview of the anticipated process and schedule for this public engagement plan.

**Proposed Approach**

The 2010 PPP was adopted just prior to the launch of Plan Bay Area, which included a lengthy and sometimes contentious public engagement process culminating in plan adoption by MTC and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) in 2013. MTC staff is considering various inputs to the PPP update, including recommendations from an [evaluation](#) of Plan Bay Area's public engagement activities; comments from a productive debrief and strategy session with MTC's Policy Advisory Council; and feedback on the Plan Bay Area outreach from Commissioners and other interested parties. ABAG staff also has been conducting county-level meetings with elected officials and key local government staff. In the coming weeks we will be meeting with the Regional Advisory Working Group, the Partnership Technical Advisory Committee and MTC's Policy Advisory Council, as well as meeting with residents in low-income communities and communities of color to seek their input on key elements of the PPP and public engagement.

**Draft Public Participation Plan Schedule**

Key dates leading up to adoption of the Draft PPP include:

11/7/14	Release Draft PPP for 45-day public comment period
11/14/14	Legislation Committee: presentation and discussion on Draft PPP
12/22/14	Close of 45-day public comment period
1/9/15	Legislation Committee: Present summary of comments and any recommended changes (if significant changes, release for second 45-day comment period)
1/28/15	Final Commission Action on Draft PPP (or March 2015 if second comment period is needed)

  
Alix Boekelman