

# **MTC Public Participation Plan**

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**MTC Legislation Committee**

**June 8, 2007**

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### **Background:**

- **Federal legislation (SAFETEA) adopted in August 2005 requires MTC adopt a “Public Participation Plan”**
- **Environmental Justice Principle #1, adopted by the Commission in March 2006, calls for an “open and transparent public participation process”**

## **Development of 2007 Plan**

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### **Early Input Shaped the Plan:**

- **Attended meetings with MTC's advisory committees, Partnership Technical Advisory Committee and Welfare to Work Working Group**
- **Conducted several focus groups**
- **Conducted a peer panel review**
- **Conducted Web survey; received over 1500 responses**

## **Development of 2007 Plan**

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### **Ongoing Input after Release of Draft Plan:**

- **Interagency Review**
- **Presentations to MTC Advisory Committees**
- **Public Hearing**
- **Public Comment Period closes June 20, 2007**



## **Development of 2007 Plan**

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**Asked key questions to determine:**

- **Best ways to draw public to a meeting**
- **Best ways to notify public of a meeting**
- **Most effective tools to use at a meeting**
- **Alternatives to meetings**
- **Best ways to present complex material**
- **Best ways to notify public about decisions**

## **Key Messages Heard**

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**Common Themes Emerged:**

- **Early Input is  
Powerful**
- **Focus on Outcomes**
- **Make it Relevant**
- **Say it Simply**
- **Redundancy is  
Good**



## **Key Messages Heard**

### **Common Themes Emerged, continued:**

- **Remove Barriers**
- **Go Where the People Are**
- **Move Beyond Traditional Meetings**
- **Web Access is Not Universal**

## **Draft Public Participation Plan**

### **Key Dates and Next Steps:**

- **Draft plan released, start of public comment period:  
May 4, 2007**
- **Presentation and public hearing to Legislation  
Committee: June 8, 2007**
- **Close of public comment period: June 20, 2007**
- **Final review of Plan by Legislation Committee and  
referral to Commission: July 13, 2007**
- **Final adoption by the Commission: July 25, 2007**