

MTC Public Participation Plan



MTC Legislation Committee
June 8, 2007

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Background:

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

Development of 2007 Plan

Early Input Shaped the Plan:

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

Development of 2007 Plan

Ongoing Input after Release of Draft Plan:

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



Development of 2007 Plan

Asked key questions to determine:

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

Key Messages Heard

Common Themes Emerged:

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



Key Messages Heard

Common Themes Emerged, continued:

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

Draft Public Participation Plan

Key Dates and Next Steps:

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