

MTC Public Participation Plan



Minority Citizens Advisory Committee

June 12, 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

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

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

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

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**