What is Public Engagement?

Public engagement is...

a process that brings people together to address issues of common importance. Effective public engagement invites citizens to get involved in discussions and plans.
What is the Purpose of the Public Participation Plan?

- Outlines strategies to ensure the public can participate in TPO’s plans and purposes in ways that are meaningful and inclusive.
- Establish methods of reaching the public that meet or exceed federal and state guidelines.
- Provides process to conduct assessments of public participation strategies in four areas:
  - TPO committees
  - During the development of major documents
  - As part of special studies and projects
  - Incorporating the techniques into the ongoing, daily activities of the TPO
Main Objectives of the Public Participation Plan

1. Actively engage public in the transportation planning process
2. Keep public informed of transportation-related activities on a continuous basis
3. Encourage participation of citizens within the TPO planning area in the transportation planning process
4. Strive to continuously improve public participation
Topics Covered in the Public Participation Plan

- Ways for public to get involved
- TPO Committees
- TPO plans and programs
- Public participation strategies, outreach tools, i.e.
- Evaluation matrix
Updates to the 2019 Public Participation Plan

- Minor edits to increase readability
- Updates to LRTP section to include the 2045 LRTP Update
- Updates to Tell the TPO Survey section to include the 2018 Survey
- Addition of Environmental Justice section – identifying and addressing disproportionately high and adverse effects of the TPO’s programs, policies and activities on minority and low-income populations to achieve an equitable distribution of benefits and burdens
Public Participation Plan Schedule

- **April**: Draft PPP presented to TPO Committees and Board
- **April 25, 2019**: Draft PPP released for public comment for minimum 45-day public comment period
- **June 26, 2019**: Public comment period closes and TPO Board presented draft PPP for adoption
Comments on the Public Participation Plan

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