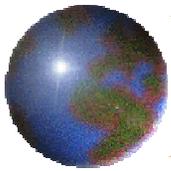


Hampton Roads Transportation Participation Plan



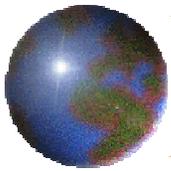
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INTRODUCTION

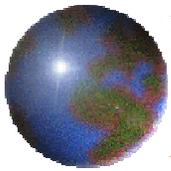
- ❖ *The Transportation Participation Plan (TPP) describes methods to provide citizens, agencies, and other interested parties with opportunities to be involved in the transportation planning process.*
- ❖ *The TPP is designed to address new requirements included in SAFETEA-LU.*
- ❖ *The 45-day public comment period ended Monday, July 16, 2007.*



ENCLOSURES & HANDOUTS

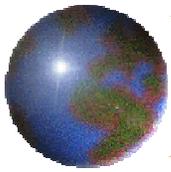
- ✦ *Draft Transportation Participation Plan*
 - *Handout is a revised draft as of the conclusion of the public comment period*

- ✦ *Compilation of Written Comments Received and Associated Staff Responses*
 - *Handout includes all of the comments and responses as of the conclusion of the public comment period*



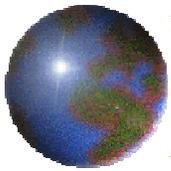
SAFETEA-LU REQUIREMENTS

- *The MPO shall develop and use a public participation plan*
- *The Plan shall be developed in consultation with all interested parties*
- *The Plan shall, at a minimum, describe explicit procedures, strategies, and desired outcomes for:*
 - 1) *Providing adequate public notice;*
 - 2) *Providing timely notice and reasonable access;*
 - 3) *Employing visualization techniques;*
 - 4) *Making public information available electronically;*
 - 5) *Holding convenient and accessible public meetings;*
 - 6) *Demonstrating explicit consideration of public input;*
 - 7) *Seeking out and considering the needs of the traditionally underserved;*
 - 8) *Providing an additional opportunity for public comment if the final LRP or TIP is materially changed;*
 - 9) *Coordinating with state's public involvement processes*
 - 10) *Periodically reviewing the effectiveness of TPP*



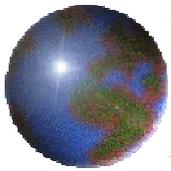
SAFETEA-LU REQUIREMENTS (Cont)

- ✚ *Significant written and oral comments on LRP and TIP must be summarized, analyzed, and addressed in final documents.*
- ✚ *In developing LRPs and TIPs, the MPO should consult with other agencies that are affected by transportation.*
- ✚ *Minimum public comment period of 45 calendar days is required before initial or revised participation plan is adopted.*



OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT

- *HRPDC/HRMPO Monthly Meetings are open to the public*
- *Public Notices are placed in the local newspapers and on the HRPDC website for consultation with the public on revisions to the LRP, TIP, AQ Conformity, and Participation Plan*
- *Public Meetings and Listening Sessions*
 - *Held at locations and times convenient to public*
 - *Locations are ADA-compliant and accessible by public transportation*
- *HRPDC Newsletter – Direct Mailing*
 - *Published quarterly*
 - *Mailing list currently exceeds 3,000 groups and individuals*
 - *Posted on HRPDC website*
- *HRPDC Website*
 - *Access to latest HRPDC transportation-related reports*
 - *Access to TIP & LRP*
 - *Access to HRPDC & HRMPO agendas and minutes*
 - *General invitation for comments/questions from public*
- *HRPDC Library*
 - *Access to all current HRPDC/HRMPO publications*



OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT

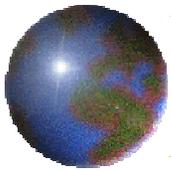
- ④ *Transportation Kiosks*
 - ⊞ *Self-standing, touch-screen computer systems*
 - ⊞ *Surveys the public on transportation issues*
 - ⊞ *Placed in various, publicly accessible locations*

- ④ *Telephone Surveys*
 - ⊞ *Statistically-valid, random sample*
 - ⊞ *Used to gauge public support for projects, strategies, plans*
 - ⊞ *Used to poll public on specific transportation issues*

- ④ *Production Videos*
 - ⊞ *Disseminated for viewing at meetings or via TV*

- ④ *Direct Contact*
 - ⊞ *Citizens can contact staff by phone, mail, email, or in-person*

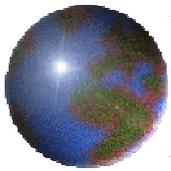
- ④ *HRPDC Staff Speaking Engagements*
 - ⊞ *Presentations made to a variety of civic organizations, chambers of commerce, and other groups*
 - ⊞ *Interviews or information provided to local media on transportation issues*



COMMENTS RECEIVED

- *Comments were received from twelve individuals*
 - *Localities – 4*
 - *State Agencies – 3*
 - *Federal Agencies - 1*
 - *Transit Agencies – 1*
 - *Private Transportation Provider – 1*
 - *Citizens - 2*





CHANGES IN DRAFT TPP

- ✦ *Minor changes made to the document after the PDC/MPO agendas were mailed out*
 - ✦ *Table on Page 9*
 - *“Total” row was deleted*
 - ✦ *First paragraph on Page 10*
 - *Language referring to non-HRPDC/HRMPO opportunities for public involvement was revised to remove the appearance of HRPDC/HRMPO taking credit for activities of others.*
 - ✦ *First bullet under “Personal Appearances by HRPDC Staff on Page 11*
 - *Revised to expand on examples of groups to which HRPDC staff makes presentations upon request.*
 - ✦ *Two bullets under “TIP Participation Efforts on Page 17*
 - *Deleted bullets referring to VDOT public hearings and local government public hearings during development of their Capital Improvement Programs.*