

HIGHLIGHTS OF CAC RECOMMENDATIONS ON REVISING THE 2007 PARTICIPATION PLAN

On March 4, 2009 the CAC approved a resolution containing recommendations on revising the BRTB adopted *2007 Participation Plan (Plan)*.

The recommendations reflect two different aspects of the Plan.

- A) Improvements to the Process
- B) Document Format

A. IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROCESS (CONTENT)

1. Public Involvement

- a. Create a process by which the public can influence transportation policy positions at the jurisdictional level.
- b. Widely disseminate a clearer timeframe of annual activities and opportunities for public input and engagement
- c. Develop method to evaluate PPP effectiveness, and do so annually (prior to updating).

2. Public Education and Information

- a. More special meetings/workshops/forums of BRTB officials with CAC and the public, including annual workshops for regular processes like TIP.
- b. Increase use of print media in public notification.
- c. Improve Website and its maintenance.

3. Transparency

- a. Restore quarterly attendance of BRTB elected officials at BRTB meetings at which agendas feature issues of public interest and major policy votes.
- b. Schedule BRTB meetings in the early evening and rotate these around the region
- c. BRTB meetings should be videotaped and aired on public-access TV, online, and in libraries/media centers.
- d. Cease closed Management Committee meetings
- e. Open Executive Committee meetings to the public.

4. Public Input

- a. Public comment regarding items scheduled for vote at BRTB meetings should be received by officials prior to voting
- b. Public and CAC comments should be read in summary at BRTB meetings and available online.
- c. Provide more considerate written responses to public suggestions that indicate that input is actually being used.

B. DOCUMENT FORMAT

1. Reduce document length

- a. eliminate repetitive statements
- b. condense information onto as few pages as possible

2. Reorganize document to improve clarity