

Baltimore
TMA Federal Certification Process

"Public Input Meeting"

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Why Are We Here?

- FHWA and FTA jointly review the metropolitan transportation planning process for those areas over 200,000 population at least every four years.
- Part of this review seeks public input



Overview of the Certification Process

- The review consists of 3 primary activities:
 1. A site visit including discussions with: MPO, MDOT, MTA, SHA, and the general public.
 2. A report prepared by FHWA/FTA summarizing review findings and certification action.
 3. A closeout presentation of the review at a future MPO Policy Board Meeting.

Why Are You Here?

- To give your opinion of the metropolitan area's transportation planning process and ask questions

What Will Happen to Your Comments?

- The comments received will be summarized in a written report
- Comments are taken into consideration while evaluating the transportation planning process for the area

What Is The Outcome of This Review?

- Report issued within 60 days summarizing the discussions during the review
- Process is certified; certified subject to certain corrective actions; certified for use of only certain construction funding categories
- Process is not certified; Withhold Funds; or Withhold approval of all or certain categories of projects.

Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

- *What is the planning process?*
 - A process by which transportation planning decisions are made and projects are selected, and prioritized for implementation within the metropolitan area.

Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

- *Why is the planning process important?*
 - Establishes a mechanism for collaboration
 - Provides the framework for the future transportation system
 - Due to limited funding, the MPO must prioritize the regional needs and determine the best and most economical solution

Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

■ *Who is involved?*

- MPO *

- Policy Board
- Technical Committee
- Citizen Committee
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
- Local Coordinating Board

- MDOT

- MTA

- Local governments
 - (cities and counties)
- School Boards
- Local Citizens
- Interest Groups
- FTA & FHWA

Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

- *How?*
 - Through a "3-C" approach
 - Continuing
 - Cooperative
 - Comprehensive
 - Multimodal and interconnected
 - Public Input

Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

- *Products of the Process*
 - Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
 - Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
 - Congestion Management Process (CMP)
 - Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - Public Involvement Plan (PIP)

Opportunity for Public Comment

- Are you provided with the opportunity to participate in the transportation planning and programming process?
- Do you receive information about transportation issues early enough in the process so staff and the MPO can utilize your suggestions or recommendations?



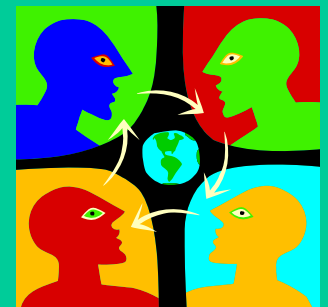
Opportunity for Public Comment (continued)

- Do you have reasonable access to the technical and policy information that is used to develop the Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Plan?
- Do you receive adequate notice of transportation planning and programming activities?
- Do you have adequate time to comment on key decision points in the process?



Opportunity for Public Comment (continued)

- Do you feel your comments are taken into consideration by staff and the MPO?
- What are the positive aspects of the transportation planning process?
- What suggestions do you have for improving the process?



Additional opportunity for Comments

- If you would like to send written comments -
Please send them no later than July 9, 2008 to:

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Thank you for your comments

