



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (PPP)

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Abstract

The Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Public Participation Plan (PPP) describes the HRMPO's responsibilities, goals, and strategies for engaging the public in its transportation planning work. The original PPP adopted by the HRMPO on July 19, 2007. The May, 2019 amendment ensures that the document is consistent with the HRMPO's Title VI Plan and the federal fairness and equity requirements outlined in Federal Regulation Code 450.316 under the Federal Highway Administration. This and other HRMPO documents are on repository at: Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission, 112 MacTanly Place, Staunton, Virginia, 24401.

Acknowledgements

This Plan was prepared on behalf of the HRMPO through a cooperative process involving the City of Harrisonburg, County of Rockingham, Town of Bridgewater, Town of Dayton, Town of Mt. Crawford, Virginia Department of Transportation, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration. Administrative support and technical assistance were provided by the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC).

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Disclaimer

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RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HARRISONBURG-ROCKINGHAM
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S (HRMPO) PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION PLAN

WHEREAS, public involvement and participation is an essential part of the metropolitan transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, Title VI and other Federal regulations require an ongoing public involvement process that documents outreach to disadvantaged, low income and minority communities and other stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, this Public Participation Plan has been developed in consultation with representatives from agencies and officials responsible for other planning activities within the MPO that are affected by transportation, and stakeholders including but not limited to the traditionally underserved and disadvantaged and minority communities; generators and users of freight; representatives of users of public transportation, bikeways, greenways, etc.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board does hereby approve and adopt the amended Public Participation Plan on this, the 15th day of May 2019 and in so doing, repeals the Public Involvement Plan approved on July 19, 2007.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Dennis Driver, Chairman
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Section 1: Introduction

The Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) was established as a result of the designation of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Urbanized Area (UZA) by the U.S. Census on May 1, 2002. Federal legislation requires that any urbanized area with a population greater than 50,000 have an MPO comprised of representatives of the local jurisdictions as well as state and federal transportation officials. The HRMPO, comprised of a Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), has the responsibility for transportation policy-making in the urbanized area.

The Policy Board leads the HRMPO transportation decision-making process in the HRMPO region to ensure all possible solutions are examined and interests are addressed. The Policy Board is supported by HRMPO staff, with guidance and technical assistance provided by the HRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), which is comprised of staff from the HRMPO's member jurisdictions, Harrisonburg Department of Public Transit (HDPT), and state and federal agencies. The HRMPO ensures that current and future expenditures for transportation projects are based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (three-C) planning process that includes local priorities and mutually agreed upon goals informed by public input.

1.1 PPP Requirements

The Public Participation Plan (PPP) outlines the HRMPO public participation process and reflects the public participation requirements contained in Federal Regulation Code 450.316. The PPP identifies the various methods and ways the HRMPO works to ensure that the public is properly notified of its activities, and that opportunities to participate in the HRMPO's short- and long-range planning activities are available to all residents.

Furthermore, this plan describes the standard legal procedures for the development, adoption, and amendment of the HRMPO's three major MPO transportation planning documents: the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the Unified Planning and Work Program (UPWP), and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

1.2 Relation to the HRMPO Title VI Plan

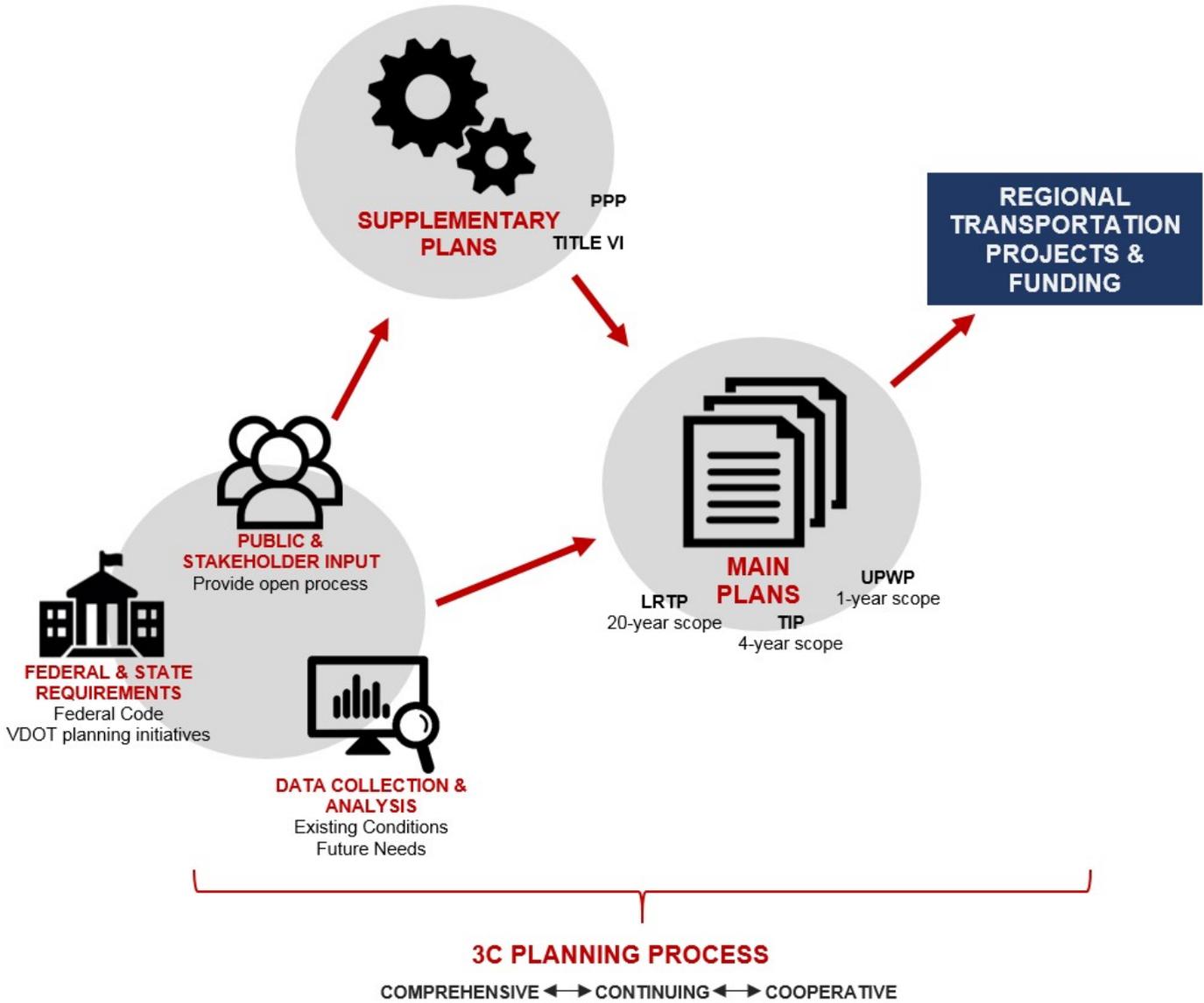
Federal regulations require the PPP to be consistent with other federal, state, and regional transportation planning documents. This includes the HRMPO Title VI Plan, which was developed to ensure HRMPO follows Title VI and subsequent nondiscrimination regulations, specifically regarding Executive Order 12898 on Environmental Justice and Executive Order 13166 on Limited English Proficiency (LEP). The Title VI Plan contains environmental justice strategies for minority, low-income, and LEP populations that inform the public participation goals and outreach strategies in the PPP. Both the PPP and Title VI Plan contribute to the overall planning process of the HRMPO's main plans (see Figure 1).

1.3 Periodic Review and Amendment of the PPP

The HRMPO will review and consider revisions to its PPP on a bi-annual basis to ensure that it remains a dynamic and effective document. Review and amendment of the PPP will be done in consultation with various stakeholders as outlined in Section 2.

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Figure 1: Relationship of HRMPO Documents



Section 2: Purpose

The HRMPO values and welcomes public participation in its transportation planning and programming efforts, initiatives, and decision-making processes. The purpose of the HRMPO PPP is to provide a meaningful planning process that seeks a range of representation in public input from different points of view, different needs, and different backgrounds. Points of view that should be represented are demographics (including race, ethnicity, age, income, disability, LEP, gender, and sexual orientation), economic and environmental impact, education and health backgrounds, all modes of transportation, and geography.

2.1 HRMPO will include the following stakeholders in the planning process:

- Citizens
- Affected public agencies
- Representatives of public transportation providers
- Freight shippers and providers of freight transportation services
- Private providers of transportation
- Representatives of users of public transportation
- Representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities
- Representatives of minority groups, including low-income, disabled, persons with mobility impairments, and LEP populations

Section 3: Goals, Desired Outcomes, and Measures

3.1 The goals of the HRMPO relative to the public participation process are as follows:

- 3.1.1 Provide complete information on the HRMPO activities to the public to ensure a full and open participation process; and
- 3.1.2 Provide adequate public notice for public review, input, participation and comment on key decisions regarding the LRTP, TIP, UPWP, Title VI Plan, amendments to the PPP, and transportation planning initiatives and programs of significance; and
- 3.1.3 Utilize multiple means of public notice to ensure that transportation planning information reaches the broadest possible audience; and

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- 3.1.4 Conduct meetings at convenient times and accessible locations; and
- 3.1.5 Seek out and consider the needs of those traditionally underserved by existing transportation systems, such as low-income, minority, disabled, seniors, and LEP households who may face challenges accessing employment and other services; and
- 3.1.6 Ensure that federal environmental justice and LEP requirements, and the equity initiatives outlined in HRMPO Title VI Plan, are always followed; and
- 3.1.7 Use visualization techniques where appropriate to help describe transportation plans and the TIP; and
- 3.1.8 Demonstrate explicit consideration and thoughtful response to public input received during the development of the LRTP and the TIP and other planning initiatives; and
- 3.1.9 Periodically review the effectiveness of this plan and its procedures and strategies to ensure a full and open participation process.

3.2 The desired outcomes of the HRMPO relative the public participation process are as follows:

- 3.2.1 An engaged and well-informed citizenry and stakeholders that provides thoughtful and meaningful input and participation to the metropolitan planning process; and
- 3.2.2 A meaningful and effective partnership between citizens, stakeholders, and the HRMPO Policy Board and TAC; and
- 3.2.3 An effective LRTP and other transportation related plans and programs that address the needs and interests of the community.

3.3 Performance measures to be used by HRMPO in helping access its effectiveness in achieving its PPP goals and desired outcomes are as follows:

3.3.1 Product and Service Results

- 3.3.1.1 Turnaround Time in Responding to Request for Information for Advertised Plans: HRMPO staff will respond to a request for information regarding plans advertised for public comment within three (3) working days of receiving a request.
- 3.3.1.2 Turnaround Time in Responding to Request for General Information: HRMPO staff will respond to a request for information within five (5) working days after such request has been made.
- 3.3.1.3 100% Percent Compliance Findings Resolved: Any compliance findings relative to the PPP will be resolved in a timely fashion.

3.3.2 *Employee Training Results*

- 3.3.2.1 **Title VI Compliance Training:** HRMPO employees will attend Title VI Compliance training as it is available.
- 3.3.2.2 **Compliance Training:** HRMPO employees will attend training on the current Federal Transportation Law and other regulatory compliance training as it is available.

3.3.3 *Organizational Effectiveness Results*

- 3.3.3.1 **Key Plans Receive State and Federal Approval:** All key transportation plans (LRTP, TIP, UPWP, and PPP) will receive the appropriate State and Federal approvals.

3.3.4 *Leadership Results*

- 3.3.4.1 **Ethical Behavior.** The HRMPO Policy Board, TAC, and Staff will perform their duties and responsibilities in a professional, ethical manner. The target is for zero ethical violations.
- 3.3.4.2 **Regulatory Compliance.** HRMPO will strive to achieve 100% compliance with Title VI and other regulations governing the HRMPO.
- 3.3.4.3 **Audit Findings.** The HRMPO's target is to receive an unqualified audit opinion each year.
- 3.3.4.4 **HRMPO Policy Board and TAC Training.** Policy and TAC leadership will receive Title VI training on an annual basis.

Section 4: Public Meeting Location, Notice, and Procedures

The HRMPO will take a proactive approach to providing an opportunity for the public and stakeholders to be involved in all phases of the transportation planning process and operate in a manner consistent with Title VI Regulations. This section outlines the procedures of all regular HRMPO meetings and requirements for publication of legal notices. Section 5 provides an overview of public communication, education, and outreach initiatives.

4.1 **Public Meeting Location and Guidelines**

4.1.1 *Location of Regular HRMPO Policy Board and TAC Meetings*

The location for regular HRMPO Policy Board and TAC meetings will be held at: Rockingham County Department of Community Development, Community Room, 20 East Gay Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia 22802. This facility is Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and public transit accessible.

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4.1.2 Location of Public Information Meetings

Public information meetings will be held at various locations in the Harrisonburg-Rockingham County area to inform the public of the planning process and to solicit ideas, input and feedback. Public hearings and public information meetings will be held at locations accessible to and at times convenient to minority and disabled residents. To the extent feasible, meeting locations held within the community will be ADA and public transportation accessible.

4.1.3 Public Comment Opportunity

All regular and special meetings of the HRMPO Policy Board and TAC, and any other HRMPO appointed committee, will provide a public comment period after the meeting is called to order and the minutes of the prior meeting have been approved. This comment period may be used by citizens to address their concerns, provide input, etc. to matters on the agenda or of a general nature as long as they relate to metropolitan transportation planning. Additionally, when major plans as articulated in Section 4 are placed on the agenda, public comment time shall be provided as part of the Board's or TAC's discussion of that item. Public comment may also be received about an item or items to be discussed at a meeting via e-mail, mail, etc. prior to the meeting. In these cases, copies shall be provided to the Board and/or TAC members and noted for the public record during the meeting. Explicit attention to and consideration of public comments will be given and responses, when appropriate, provided to questions asked.

4.1.4 ADA Accessibility and Interpreter Availability

Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in the public process. Meeting facilities are ADA and public transit accessible. All public hearings will be held in facilities fully accessible to individuals with disabilities and mobility impairments. All written material will be available in accessible formats for the visually impaired (i.e. large print, Braille, and/or audio tapes), or personnel will be available for readings upon request.

Accessible formats for the visually impaired will be provided if needed and requested at least seven working days in advance of a regular and or/special scheduled meeting. Sign language for the hearing impaired and/or LEP interpreters will be provided if needed and requested at least seven working days in advance of a regular and/or special scheduled meeting. Requests for both visually impaired and language services should be made with the HRMPO Staff identified in the contact section of this Plan.

4.2 Notice of Public Participation Activities

Public notice shall be provided for all public participation activities. Public participation activities include:

- 4.2.1 HRMPO Policy Board meetings, both regular and special
- 4.2.2 TAC meetings, both regular and special
- 4.2.3 Any citizen advisory, ad-hoc or other formal committees that may be established by the Policy Board

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- 4.2.4 Other meetings of the HRMPO Policy Board and/or TAC that are designed to solicit community comment and information on metropolitan transportation planning efforts and/or plans
- 4.2.5 Any approval of the LRTP, TIP, UPWP, PPP, or any other major programs and/or plans; and
- 4.2.6 Any amendment to the LRTP, TIP, PPP; and
- 4.2.7 Any substantive amendment to the UPWP and any other major programs and/or plans.

4.3 Advisory Committees and Coordination with Federal, State, and Local Agencies

4.3.1 *Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)*

The TAC is a permanent committee that is composed of technical, planning, and/or managerial staff representatives from each of the participating agencies of the HRMPO. Subcommittees of the TAC may be utilized to study issue areas not requiring the full TAC participation.

4.3.2 *Other Advisory Committees*

Other Advisory Committees may be appointed by the HRMPO Policy Board as it deems appropriate.

4.3.3 *The TAC and other HRMPO appointed Committee(s)*

These committees will also solicit input and recommendations from other citizen groups and interested stakeholders when reviewing various transportation plans and programs.

4.3.4 *Coordination with Statewide Transportation Planning Process*

The Virginia Department of Transportation Staunton District Civil Rights Manager and District Planner will work with the Committee(s) to provide information and offer assistance on various issues. HRMPO will actively coordinate and participate with the Commonwealth on the statewide transportation planning process as requested and as appropriate.

4.3.5 *Coordination with Federal, State, and Local Agencies*

HRMPO will prepare its major transportation plans and programs in consultation with federal, state, and local agencies, including those responsible for land use regulation, natural resources, environmental protection, conservation, and historic preservation.

4.4 Public Notice Requirements for Meetings

4.4.1 *Regularly Scheduled Meetings*

Public notification for regularly scheduled HRMPO Policy Board and/or TAC meetings shall be published after the last regular meeting of each year. The notification will include a meeting schedule providing the date, time, and location of meetings and shall be published once in both local newspapers and posted continuously on the HRMPO website.

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4.4.2 Special Meetings or Rescheduled Meetings

Public notification for special meetings or rescheduled regular meetings of the HRMPO Policy Board and/or TAC advising the public of the date, time, and location of the special meeting or rescheduled regular meeting shall be published once in both local newspapers and posted to the HRMPO website not less than seven calendar days prior to the meeting.

4.4.3 Special Meetings for the Public

Public notification for special meetings held within the community for the purpose of presenting plans, gathering public input, and participation shall be published once in local newspapers and posted to the HRMPO website not less than fourteen calendar days prior to the meeting.

4.5 Public Notice Requirements for Approval and/or Amendment of Plans

4.5.1 Approval of LRTP, TIP, UPWP, Title VI Plan, and Other Major Plans

Approval of the LRTP, TIP, UPWP, Title VI Plan, and other major plans shall be subject to public comment. A notice of such plan's consideration, solicitation of public comment, and an invitation to the meeting at which it will be considered for final adoption shall be published once in both local newspapers. Plans will be available for review for a period of not less than 21 calendar days.

4.5.2 Amendments to LRTP, TIP, Title VI Plan, and Other Major Plans

Amendments to the LRTP, TIP, Title VI Plan, and other major plans shall be subject to public comment. A notice of such plan's proposed amendment, a solicitation of public comment, and an invitation to the meeting at which it will be considered for final adoption shall be published once in both local newspapers. Plans will be available for review for a period of not less than 21 calendar days.

4.5.3 Amendments to UPWP

Substantive amendments to the UPWP that change the scope of work shall be subject to public comment. This includes adding or deleting work plans, but not programs de-programmed in order to be carried forward into the subsequent fiscal year. A notice of such plan's amendment, solicitation of public comment, and an invitation to the meeting at which it will be considered for final adoption shall be published once in both local newspapers. Plan amendments will be available for review for a period of not less than 21 calendar days.

4.5.4 Approval and Amendment to PPP

Approval of and/or amendments to the PPP shall be done in consultation with the various interested citizens and representatives of interested parties as identified in Section 1 and shall be subject to public comment. A notice of the PPP's proposed adoption and/or amendment, solicitation of public comment, and an invitation to the meeting at which it will be considered for final adoption shall be published once in local newspapers. The Plan will be available for review for a period of not less than 45 calendar days.

4.6 Approval of Major Plans

The Policy Board of the HRMPO will hold the final public hearing and/or meetings, as appropriate and required, on the transportation plans as noted above. After due consideration of all public comments received in writing and/or presented in person at the meeting/hearing, the Policy Board will deliberate upon all information that it has received and make a decision, via Resolution, on the transportation plan in question. However, an additional period of public comment will be provided to stakeholders if the final LRTP differs significantly from the version that was made available for public comment and raises new material issues which interested parties could not reasonably have foreseen from the public involvement efforts.

4.7 Public Notice Requirements for Property Owners Impacted by Future HRMPO Projects

All adjacent property owners, as well as those property owners within such project study corridors, potentially impacted by future HRMPO projects shall be notified by direct mailing of the public notice and project location map of the public meeting a minimum of 30 days prior to the meeting. A direct post card mailing to the community/individuals affected by the project may be distributed.

4.8 Public Notice Methodology for Approval and/or Amendment of Plans & Special Meetings

4.8.1 Newspapers

Public notice shall be published in the non-legal section of the newspaper. Yearly schedules of meetings will be published in major newspapers within the HRMPO area, foreign language newspapers, and other media sources as deemed appropriate to reach minority populations. Such notice shall state the date, time, and location of the meetings and where information about the meeting or plan to be considered can be reviewed.

4.8.2 HRMPO Website

All public notices shall be posted on the website under the “Events” tab. Such notice shall state the date, time, and location of the meetings and where information, plans, etc., about the meeting or plan to be considered can be reviewed. The information, in a digital format, shall be posted to the website and linked to the public notice.

4.8.3 E-Mail/Direct Mail Notification

A list of interested persons, stakeholders and/or organizations that have requested to receive notification of meetings, copies of agendas, notice when key plans and decisions are to be made shall be maintained by the HRMPO staff. Notifications as required and articulated in Section 4 shall be sent to those on the notification list. Hard copies will not be sent if those on the list have e-mail.

4.8.4 Public Agencies

All interested and affected public agencies, State, Federal, regional and local, shall receive notification as required and articulated in Section 4. Hard copies will not be sent if these agencies have e-mail capability.

Section 5: Public Communication, Education, and Outreach

HRMPO is committed to providing citizens, stakeholders and interested parties with access to its public records, plans, meetings, and activities. It is also committed to educating the public about metropolitan transportation planning and how it can affect their lives and businesses. The type of public communication and outreach for a project will be determined on the project's scale and significance. Localized projects may require more specialized outreach within the project area, while others may require extensive outreach efforts throughout the entire HRMPO region, including traditionally underserved areas.

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5.1 Access to Information

HRMPO will provide the public with reasonable and timely access to technical and policy information relating to the data or content used in the development of transportation plans, programs and projects. Documents will be available for public inspection at the office of the HRMPO staff (Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission) located at 112 MacTanly Place, Staunton, Virginia during normal working hours. To the extent feasible, documents will be digitized and made available on the HRMPO website.

Copies of draft plans and programs for public review will also be placed at the following locations:

- Rockingham County Department of Community Development, 20 East Gay Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia 22802
- City of Harrisonburg Public Works Department, 320 East Mosby Road, Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801
- City of Harrisonburg, City Manager's Office, City Hall, 345 S. Main St., Harrisonburg, Virginia
- Town of Bridgewater Town Office, 201 Green Street, Bridgewater, Virginia, 22812
- Town of Dayton Town Office, 125-B Eastview Street, Dayton, Virginia 22821
- Town of Mt. Crawford, available at Town of Bridgewater and Massanutten Regional Public Library.
- Massanutten Regional Public Library , 174 S. Main St., Harrisonburg, VA

5.2 Response to Public Input

- 5.2.1 Responses to questions and comments from the public concerning the public participation process, draft transportation plans, programs, or public agency consultation process will be made directly to the individual by email, letter, telephone call, or some other appropriate means.

5.2.2 When significant written and oral comments are received on the draft LRTP, TIP, and UPWP as a result of the participation process outlined in the PPP or the interagency consultation process, a summary and analysis of the comments and a report on the disposition of the comments shall be made as part of the final LRTP and TIP.

5.3 Public Education and Outreach

5.3.1 HRMPO Website

HRMPO Staff will perform routine maintenance and updating and posting of materials on the HRMPO website, to include but not be limited to: public notices for procurement, public comment, public meetings, policy documents of the HRMPO, meeting schedules, HRMPO events and activities calendar, major transportation plans including the LRTP, TIP, UPWP, PPP, etc., agendas and minutes of meetings for the Policy Board and TAC, etc.

5.3.2 Presentations

HRMPO officials, staff and volunteers will make presentations as requested by citizen groups, public agencies, or local governmental bodies.

5.3.3 Public Meetings

HRMPO officials, staff, and volunteers will attend public meetings sponsored by member jurisdictions as deemed necessary and appropriate by those jurisdictions and their staff.

5.3.4 Public Service Announcements

HRMPO Staff will provide, as appropriate, public service announcements and interviews on radio and cable television local community channels to explain the subject matter and promote public participation.

5.3.5 News Articles and Press Releases

Articles and Press Releases will be provided to local media.

5.3.6 Open Houses, Roundtables, and Community Forums

HRMPO Staff/Officials will provide information presentations at regional sites, open houses, round tables, or other community forums as requested and/or appropriate.

5.3.7 Direct Mailings

HRMPO Mailings will be provided to select individuals, groups, or organizations that have expressed interest or made comments at meetings when appropriate.

5.3.8 Flyers

Informational flyers will be distributed on public transit buses as appropriate.

5.4 Communication with Public and Community Organizations

- 5.4.1 The HRMPO will coordinate with the statewide transportation planning public involvement and consultation process, as appropriate.
- 5.4.2 The HRMPO will identify and communicate with populations traditionally underserved by the transportation network, such as those with disabilities, persons with mobility impairments, LEP, and low-income persons through organizations and media outlets known to serve these populations.
- 5.4.3 The HRMPO has identified locations of underserved communities using Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and has included this mapping data in the Title VI Plan. The HRMPO will also seek input from these communities throughout the planning phase, and specifically for the TIP and the LRTP updates.

Section 6: Transit and Public Participation

The Harrisonburg-Rockingham public transit program chooses to integrate coordination with the HRMPO and gives formal public notice in this PPP that the HRMPO's TIP development process is being used to satisfy The Harrisonburg Department of Public Transit's (HDPT) public participation and public hearing requirements of Section 5307(c).

All public transportation providers in the region may utilize the HRMPO as an entity to augment their public participation process. To that end, the HRMPO will comply with transit planning requirements. Each public notice will state that "public notice of public involvement activities and time established for the public review and comments on the TIP will satisfy the Program of Projects requirements," as presented in joint Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration environmental regulations "Environmental Impact and Related Procedures" 23 C.F.R. Part 771. A project that requires an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement will involve additional public involvement.

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Tue 5/14/2019 5:10 PM

Jonathan Howard

RE: HRMPO Public Notice

To: Shenandoah Alliance

Cc: Ann Cundy; Rita Whitfield

Hello Kim,

We appreciate the feedback. My responses to your questions in green below.

I have a few notes/comments on the PPP.

3.1.5 Are Old Order Mennonites included in this? They should be.

Yes, to our understanding, that was the intent of the original statement (2.1.4), OOM's are considered a traditionally underserved transportation population, that have challenges accessing destinations in the HRMPO, as evidenced by our VA 42/ Garber Church Rd Study.

4.3.5 Is the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation included in this? They should be.

SVBF is included in 4.3.3 and in any other lists of the types of organizations we notify during a public input or document review process. Is the battlefield registered with the National Park Service or VA Dept of Historic Resources (DHR) for preservation/conservation? I thought it was. DHR has it on their VCRIS map, but I couldn't confirm the District ID #. <https://vcris.dhr.virginia.gov/vcris/Mapviewer/>

4.1.4 References SAW MPO instead of HRMPO. Fixed.

4.2.3 Public notice for work group? Are work groups the same as advisory committees referenced in 4.3.2? Do they trigger public notice requirements? No and No.

4.4 & 4.5 Throughout these sections there is a reference to notices being published in "both local newspapers". What newspapers are you referring to? DNR and Nuevas Raices. This item is maintained as a general statement in the event that changes occur to local news outlets.

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Thanks,

Jonathan

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Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 1:20 PM

To: Jonathan Howard <Jonathan@cspdc.org>

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Subject: RE: HRMPO Public Notice

Thanks for your help, Jonathan.

I have a few notes/comments on the PPP.

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4.7 Direct mailing for landowners in project study corridors – yay!!

5.3.2 Presentations to community groups – yay!!

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