

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.