



December 7, 2006

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee  
From: Kathi Wiederhold  
Subject: Item 4b: Draft Public Participation Plan

**Action Recommended: Review revised Draft Public Participation Plan (Draft Plan).**

The purpose of this agenda item is to continue discussion and review of the proposed changes to the revised Draft Plan. The Metropolitan Policy Committee and the Citizen Advisory Committee held a public hearing on the Draft Plan and began discussion of the public comments and draft responses at a joint meeting held October 12, 2006. The Citizen Advisory Committee continued discussion at their November 1 and December 6, 2006, meetings. The attachments reflect changes agreed to by the citizen committee on November 1. The timing of the December 6 meeting did not allow for further changes to be incorporated into the revised Draft Plan before mailing the agenda packet, so I will report on those at the December 14, 2006 meeting. The Metropolitan Policy Committee is scheduled to take action at the January 11, 2007, meeting.

Attachment 1 is a compilation of the comments received during the public comment period and the 1 comment received at the public hearing. Attachment 2, the Revised Draft Public Participation Plan, CAC Review Draft, December 6, 2006, shows the proposed changes to the Draft Plan in legislative format (new text is underlined, deleted text is shown in strikeout). Copies of the comments received during the public comment period were included in the agenda packet for the October 12, 2006, meeting and the testimony received at the public hearing is captured in the minutes, which were included in the November 6, 2006, agenda packet.

Please note that the Appendices are not attached. There were no changes to Appendices 1 and 3. One of the proposed changes to Appendix 2, adding a description of the process used by the Army Corps of Engineers as recommended in public comment 4 is not ready for review yet (I haven't been able to get hold of the facilitator). The other proposed change to Appendix 2 is to add the Public Participation Spectrum of the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2).

**Background**

The Metropolitan Policy Committee released the Draft Public Participation Plan to the public on July 13, 2006. The MPO received 5 comments on the Draft Plan during the public comment period, which closed on August 31, 2006. One of the comments was

from a federal agency. The Metropolitan Policy Committee and Citizen Advisory Committee jointly held a public hearing on the Draft Plan on October 12, 2006. One person testified about the Draft Plan.

The public outreach strategy for the Draft Plan consisted of the public comment period, public hearing before the Metropolitan Policy Committee and the Citizen Advisory Committee, email notice to interested parties (including environmental justice interests), notice on the MPO web site, and placement of review copies in libraries and public offices. The Citizen Advisory Committee recommended the outreach strategy to MPC, with the exception of the change to holding the public hearing before both bodies.

### **Attachments**

Attachment 1 – Comments and Response Summary

Attachment 2 – Revised Draft Public Participation Plan, CAC Review Draft December 6, 2006