

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN
for the SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

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Appendix E

**Correspondence Received and
Public Hearing Transcript Related to
MTC's May 4, 2007 Draft Public Participation Plan**



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On May 4, 2007, MTC released for a 45-day public comment period its Draft Public Participation Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area. Staff reviewed the Draft Plan with MTC's three advisory committees (the Advisory Council, the Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee and the Minority Citizens Advisory Committee). A public hearing was conducted on June 8 during MTC's Legislation Committee meeting; comments were due by June 20, 2007. In all, 72 comments were made on the Draft Plan, which are summarized and responded to in Appendix C.

This appendix includes all written comments (letters and email) as well as the transcript from the June 8, 2007 public hearing. A list of that correspondence is shown below:

- Federal Highway Administration
Email from Jean Mazur, Air Quality Specialist
June 5, 2007
- California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
Memorandum from Juven Alvarez, Division of Transportation Planning,
Office of Regional and Interagency Planning
June 22, 2007
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX
Letter from Nova Blazej, Manager, Environmental Review Office
June 20, 2007
- Regional Alliance for Transit (RAFT)
Letter from Michael Kiesling
June 18, 2007
- Urban Habitat
Email from Bob Allen, Transportation and Housing Program Director
June 20, 2007
- Margaret Okuzumi
Email dated June 20, 2007
- Lansing Sloan
Email dated May 7, 2007
- Robert Faber
Email dated May 4, 2007
- Mark Green
Email dated May 4, 2007
- Stuart Flashman
Email dated May 4, 2007
- Court Reporter Transcript of June 8, 2007 Public Hearing

From: "Mazur, Jean" <Jean.Mazur@fhwa.dot.gov>
To: <egriffin@mtc.ca.gov>
Date: Tue, Jun 5, 2007 2:00 PM
Subject: Participation Plan Comments w/attachment

Ellen - Overall, MTC did an excellent job with the participation plan. FHWA is impressed with the outreach that was done to develop the plan and how well the process was documented. When MTC has a more final version, we anticipate asking permission from MTC management to circulate it as a national example.

We do, however, have some minor comments, and they are as follows:

1. The regulations require that there be an additional opportunity for public comment if the final documents are significantly different from the document that was initially made available for public comment. MTC should include some caveat in the plan for this situation. 23 CFR 450.316(a)(1)(viii)
2. The participation plan should document how the annual listing of projects and the implementation evaluation results of the congestion management process (State of the System?) will be made available to the public. 23 CFR 450.320(c)(6) and 450.322(c)
3. Page 11 - MTC should consider adding a commission structure diagram to help the public understand the decision-making process. See attached SCAG diagram.
4. Page 26, table, RTP Amendment - If it would streamline the process, MTC could define amendments that have a public review period shorter than 30-days. Also, will this supersede the 45-day public comment period that is currently needed on RTP amendments?
5. Page 29, table, TIP,
 - * TIP Update #3 - Should the interagency consultation be deleted from this section since this section focuses on public involvement?
 - * TIP Amendment #3 - Please make sure that this section is consistent with the conformity SIP. It reads, to me, that the conformity SIP requires 30-day public comment, but the SIP does not. Also, the SIP distinguishes between amendments for exempt and non-exempt projects.
 - * TIP Amendment #5 - should say "Approval by MTC commission" for consistency.

