

ITEM #: 3
DATE: 07-09-24
DEPT: AAMPO

TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: **FINAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN**

BACKGROUND:

The Public Participation Plan details how the AAMPO involves the public and stakeholders in its transportation planning efforts. It includes public and stakeholder engagement goals and strategies that the MPO plans to implement so all interested parties have ample opportunity to get involved with the MPO's transportation planning efforts and planning document updates. It also details how to access the MPO's relevant transportation planning information and documentation.

All MPOs are federally required to have a Public Participation Plan. The Iowa DOT requires that MPOs update their Public Participation Plan at least every five years, after major organizational changes, or as otherwise needed. Even though the AAMPO's last update to the Public Participation Plan was only three years ago (in 2021), the MPO has recently undergone a complete website redesign, adopted a new planning area boundary, and has updated the composition of its Transportation Technical Committee. Therefore, it is necessary to update the Public Participation Plan to reflect these recent changes. The Public Participation Plan (**Attachment A**) carries over most of the content from the 2021 version.

On May 28, 2024, the Transportation Policy Committee unanimously approved the Draft Public Participation Plan. A public comment period was open from May 16 to July 1, 2024. No public comments were received. Additionally, the Iowa DOT reviewed the draft document and MPO staff addressed the minor comments provided by Iowa DOT in the final version.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Final Public Participation Plan.
2. Approve the Final Public Participation Plan, with Transportation Policy Committee modifications.

MPO DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

On May 28, 2024, the Transportation Policy Committee unanimously approved the Draft Public Participation Plan. Staff addressed the minor comments received on the draft document from the Iowa DOT and did not receive comments from the public. **Therefore, it is the recommendation of the MPO Executive Director that the Transportation Policy Committee adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above.**

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Attachment A - Final Public Participation Plan.pdf](#)