

2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROCESS—October 2004

Step	Time	Who?	Objectives	Details
1. Guidance: Set up Steering Committee (Plan Task Force)	6 mo. (Jul 04–Jan 05)	Plan Committee & staff	1) Very broad diversity incl EJ 2) Meaningful participation (use subcommittees)	1) July: Plan Committee input & assignments on expanding to a task force. 2) January 2005: First full Plan Task Force meeting.
2. Public Involvement Plan & Process Guide	3 mo. (Sept–Dec 04)	Plan Task Force (TF); Trans Council approval	1) Meets federal guidelines 2) Efficient 3) Encourages both realism and creativity	1) Review staff-prepared materials & get TF input--September 2) TF approval—November; Trans. Council approves December
3. Draft Goals & Objectives	7 mo. (Sept 04–Apr 05)	TF; Trans Council approval	1) Include public input 2) Solid foundation for plan preparation	1) Introduce Goals & Objectives topic at Sept. TF 2) Review various reg'l goals; existing RTP goals here & other MPO's 3) Public input at Summit 9-30 (use electronic “voting”), from TMACOG committees, web site; newspaper survey 4) TF approves by March., Council by April 2005.
4. Needs & Opportunities: System Evaluation	12 mo. (Jan–Dec. 05)	staff, TF	1) Base understanding of existing transp. system and underlying / related factors.	1) Intro Jan 05—TF, councils, committees list what info needed / available 2) Research/review “other reg'l goals” (econ dev't, employment, land use housing, etc.) 3) Traffic forecast, pavement condition rating, other data; existing transportation studies 4) Review /approval of “base conditions” traffic forecast? 5) Present findings to public & Trans council
5. Needs & Opportunities: Public Input	5 mo. (Sept 05–Feb 06)	General public, 4 sectors* (TF & staff)	1) Broadest participation & meet EJ goals 2) Understand community concerns 3) Gain input that is directly useful to Plan dev't 4) Ranks needs & opportunities by importance and urgency	1) Present system evaluation findings and get input at Needs events (meetings &/or charrettes**), TMACOG committees, Summit 05, web, other groups 2) Input from 4 sectors* 3) Involve students /youth 4) Public input on ranking of needs & opportunities
6. Final Goals & Objectives	1 mo. (Feb–Mar 06)	Plan TF	1) Review & finalize goals based on understanding of needs/opportunities	

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7. Solutions: Projects, Policies, Initiatives	3 mo. (Mar–June 06)	TF, 4 sectors*	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Identify possible ways to address Plan goals & needs/ opportunities, including projects, policies, initiatives 2) Be creative & think “outside the box” 3) Consider existing Plan 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Small focused charrettes, designed to stimulate creativity 2) Input from 4 sectors, TMACOG committees, youth 3) Iterative process – lists of solutions, feedback, refine lists
8. Evaluate & Rank Projects	6 mo. (July–Dec 06)	TF, staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Use realistic and non-car-specific measures 2) Allow for subjective judgment 3) Ranked project list must be modal neutral (per FHWA) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Develop measures based on Plan goals & objectives (use a subcommittee) 2) Individual projects ranked under measures for each goal 3) SELECT certain proportion under each goal OR based on each project’s cumulative score (goals weighted) OR based on available funding per project type, OR a mixture of these techniques. 4) Ranking process for Plan policies and initiatives 5) Public input on ranking (interactive web, 4 sectors, TMACOG committees, Trans Summit)
9. Constraint Analysis	4 mo. (Oct 06–Feb 07)	TMACOG staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Insure plan meets constraints 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) EJ goals—fair distrib. of benefits and harm 2) Fiscal constraint—available funding, draw line between funded and reserve projects 3) AQ—code projects, ODOT runs model
10. Finalize Project Selection & Policies	2 mo. (Dec 06–Feb 07)	Public, TF, Transportation Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Community consensus 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Final public input –meetings, presentations to key stakeholders & committees, web site 2) Task Force considers input, makes any adjustments
11. Document (Publish Plan)	5 mo. (Oct 06–Mar 07)	Public, TF, Transportation Council, TMACOG Board	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approval & submittal of plan 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Publish draft plan (by Feb) 2) TMACOG public meeting & approval 3) Submit to ODOT (for federal AQ conformity approval)-- March 4) Aug 07—deadline for Federal approval of AQ

* 4 sectors: 1) Business/industry; 2) Neighborhoods; 3) Government; 4) Institutions (education, health care, religious, etc.)

** Needs Charrettes: structured, by invitation, work sessions designed to get in-depth input from a representative cross-section of the community.