

EVALUATION OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

In August 2006, the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) issued a request for proposals to prospective consultants to conduct an evaluation of the public involvement activities carried out by the TPB and make recommendations on how the TPB might improve those activities. In November 2006, a selection committee chose CirclePoint and Howard Stein Hudson, Associates to conduct the evaluation. The evaluation is underway and a final report is expected in March 2007. In 2007, the TPB plans to update its public involvement process and policy, which was last adopted in 1999.

The consultant team will conduct its analysis based on interviews and focus groups with members of the TPB, TPB Citizens Advisory Committee and TPB Access for All Committee as well as with other stakeholders within the region. In addition, for purposes of comparison and to identify useful practices and approaches, the team will document public participation activities of other metropolitan planning organizations.

PROJECT TIMELINE

November 2006

- Project Kick-off
- Citizens Advisory Committee briefing
- Interviews begins
- Data collection begins

December 2006

- Technical Committee briefing
- Access for All Committee briefing
- Interviews continue
- Data collection continues
- Summary Memorandum No. 1

January 2007

- Transportation Planning Board briefing
- Interviews continue
- Data collection ends
- Summary Memorandum No. 2

February 2007

- Citizens Advisory Committee briefing
- Technical Committee briefing
- Access for All Committee briefing
- Draft Report

March 2007

- Transportation Planning Board briefing
- Final Report and Recommendations

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