

Summary of Revisions to the Draft 2023 MTC Public Participation Plan

Below is a list of changes made to the Draft 2023 MTC Public Participation Plan based on public and partner input received during the 45 day public comment period that began February 24, 2023.

Chapter 1 — Introduction

- Reorganized the introductory text for clarity

Two Boards, One Staff

- Clarified how MTC and ABAG conduct business and make decisions on joint work

Public Participation Plan Purpose

- Listed out the appendices for clarity

Public Participation Opportunities

- Added a reference to Chapter 3

Who We Engage

- Added the labor community to the list of partners MTC aims to meaningfully engage
- Corrected a reference to Chapter 5

Chapter 2 — MTC's Commitment to Participation

Engagement Strategies

- Modified Strategy 3 to emphasize the use of clear communications and plain language

Chapter 3 — How to Get Involved

- Re-titled chapter for clarity
- Reorganized chapter to emphasize opportunities for engagement and for clarity

Public Meetings and Events

- Added clarifying language to emphasize the need for advertising and promotion
- Added examples of public meetings and events
- Added clarification on partnerships with community-based organizations

Multilingual Phone Lines

- Added clarification on how to access translation support in any language via telephone.

Policy Committees

- Revised section to focus on MTC’s policy committees
- Added a note to reflect the upcoming name and scope change for the Operations Committee
- Added information on the Joint MTC Planning Committee with the ABAG Administrative Committee
- Revised the Policy Advisory Council meeting day to reflect upcoming schedule changes

Chapter 4 — Engagement Techniques

Traditional Methods

- Added additional methods suggested by the public/partners

Virtual Engagement

- Added additional methods suggested by the public/partners

Visualization Techniques

- Added additional methods previously conducted by MTC staff

Polls/Surveys

- Added additional methods suggested by the public/partners

Online and Printed Materials

- Added clarification to methods

Targeted Mailings/Flyers

- Added additional methods suggested by the public/partners

Promotion of Meetings and Events

- Revised language to emphasize promotion of events and activities
- Added additional methods suggested by the public/partners

Techniques for Reporting on Impact

- Added clarifying language for reporting back to the general public
- Added additional techniques suggested by the public/partners

New section: Techniques for Involving Historically Underserved Populations

- Created a new section to improve document readability
- Included the unhoused community as an underserved population and added additional techniques suggested by the public/partners
- Created a new subsection to highlight techniques for involving persons with disabilities and added additional techniques suggested by the public/partners
- Added additional techniques suggested by the public/partners to the Communities with Low Incomes, Communities of Color and Unhoused Communities section
- Added more information on MTC’s language assistance plan and the four-factor analysis (i.e., language needs assessment) to the Limited-English Proficient Populations subsection

Chapter 5 — Who We Engage

- Re-titled chapter for clarity
- Added additional communities/groups suggested by the public/partners
- Added a section on community-based organizations to highlight the importance of these partnerships

Chapter 6 — Tribal Government Consultation and Engagement with Native American Tribes

- Clarified AB 52 requirements

Chapter 7 — Revising the Public Participation Plan

- Added clarifying language to better explain major and minor PPP updates

Additional PPP Changes

- Added a list of acronyms
- Various grammatical corrections

Appendix A

- Added the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to the list of federal requirements

Appendix B

- Corrected the name of Napa County’s county transportation agency (Napa Valley Transportation Authority)

Appendix C

- Revised links to Countywide Transportation Plans
- Clarified the SB 375 “Presentations to Local Governments” requirements.
- Added the unhoused/housing unstable community as a key community to engage in the development of the plan