



Public Participation Dashboard - Annual Review 2020

This *Public Participation Dashboard* outlines how community outreach efforts are measuring up to the goals and objectives listed in MetroPlan Orlando’s Public Participation Plan (adoption date: 9/11/2019). The annual review helps us compare our public involvement activities to the goals and objectives in the plan, to track progress, and to make adjustments when needed to maximize effectiveness of outreach.

During 2020, MetroPlan Orlando operated under the Public Participation Plan for our Year 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Thorough documentation of goals, objectives, and evaluation are found in the **2045 MTP Public Participation Report** linked below. ***This abbreviated dashboard focuses on checklists for other plans.***
https://metroplanorlando.org/wp-content/uploads/2045MTP_PublicParticipationReport_Adopted-20201209_web.pdf

MTP Public Participation – By the Numbers

15,973 people had significant interactions with us and learned about the 2045 Plan <small>(attending events, viewing videos, visiting plan pages on our website)</small>	1,994 people gave direct input through surveys, polls, and comments
Nearly 1,000 youths reached with 2045 Plan educational material	104,533 social media impressions on 2045 Plan posts

Public Participation Highlights of the Year

Highlight	Details & Comments
Noteworthy Achievements	Our most noteworthy achievement was keeping the transportation planning and public participation processes going despite a global pandemic – which required considerable effort and adjustments. Digital outreach became our primary channel of participation and we had substantial success reaching and engaging the community virtually. We had to create a new all-digital plan to complete outreach for our most important plan, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Additionally, we hustled to move our board and committee meetings to virtual and then hybrid environments as needs constantly evolved throughout the year.
New Techniques Initiated	MetroPlan Orlando always strives to try new techniques to increase effectiveness of public participation efforts. Some new techniques initiated this year include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Switching from in person to virtual and hybrid meetings</i> – Created extensive internal and external processes to ensure a smooth transition and offered virtual public participation opportunities at every meeting. • <i>Livestreamed virtual meetings to YouTube and housed meeting recordings on MetroPlan Orlando’s YouTube channel</i> – The public has 24/7 access to watch meeting recordings.
Adjustments Needed	The Public Participation Plan (PPP) is a living document. We recommend the following adjustments the next time the PPP is updated (due in 2024): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Add specifics on virtual public participation</i> – Though the PPP is flexible enough to allow for virtual involvement, explicit mention of virtual tools in the participation toolbox should be added (ex: using videoconferencing).

Plan Checklists

This section documents public participation activities related to plan updates or amendments.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan Outreach Checklist

Checklist Item	Done?	Details
Official 45-day public comment period for independent Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Public Participation draft plan on MetroPlanOrlando.org	✓	7/26/19 – 9/11/19 (more than 45 days)
Board approves Public Participation Plan after review by advisory committees and summary of public comment; staff executes the outreach plan to support the development of the MTP	✓	9/11/19
Draft MTP reviewed by MetroPlan Orlando advisory committees	✓	10/23/20 – 11/5/20
Public notice is distributed electronically	✓	
Social media posts help bring attention to draft plan	✓	
Ample opportunities for public comment throughout, including a process for submitting written public comments	✓	Comment period: 10/16/20 – 11/20/20
Provide summary of public comments to the board before it takes action, and respond to comments in writing, when applicable	✓	
Board vote on MTP adoption with public comment period at the meeting	✓	12/9/20
Publication of adopted plan on MetroPlanOrlando.org		To be done in Jan. 2021
Additional Comments: Details on MTP outreach efforts found in 2045 Plan Public Participation Report		

Prioritized Project List Outreach Checklist

Checklist Item	Done?	Details
Draft list published on MetroPlanOrlando.org	✓	5/20/20
Draft list presented at MPO advisory committee meetings	✓	5/27/20 – 6/25/20
Ample opportunities provided for public input throughout, including a process for submitting written comments	✓	
Social media posts help bring attention to draft plan		See comments below
Board vote on approval	✓	6/29/20
Approved Prioritized Project List published on MetroPlanOrlando.org	✓	9/18/20
Additional Comments: Board and committees receive a preview of the PPL in one meeting cycle, and then are asked to for recommendations of approval or consensus at the next meeting cycle. There are public comment periods at each of these 10 meetings. The schedule runs concurrently with the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which we promote heavily. In 2020, we did not do specific social media posts on the PPL.		

Transportation Improvement Program Outreach Checklist

Checklist Item	Done?	Details
Draft project information published on MetroPlanOrlando.org in advance of committee review	✓	5/18/20
Draft plan presented at MPO advisory committee meetings	✓	5/27/20 - 6/25/20
Ample opportunities for public comment throughout, including a process for submitting written public comments	✓	
Social media posts help bring attention to draft plan	✓	
Demonstrate explicit consideration and response to public input by providing summary of public comments to the board before it takes action, and respond to the comments in writing, when applicable	✓	
Board vote on approval after public comment period	✓	6/29/20
Approved Transportation Improvement Program published on MetroPlanOrlando.org	✓	7/1/20
Additional Comments: Board and committees receive a preview of the TIP in one meeting cycle, and then are asked to for recommendations of approval or consensus at the next meeting cycle. There are public comment periods at each of these 10 meetings. For the first time, the TIP public meeting was held virtually on 6/22/20 with 74 total attendees.		

Transportation Improvement Program Amendments Outreach Checklist

Because the TIP is updated frequently throughout the year, dates are listed below. First date listed is when information was made publicly available, and second date is when amendment was approved by the MetroPlan Orlando Board.

Checklist Items	Time Period for TIP Amendment	Checklist items done?
Proposed amendment published on MetroPlanOrlando.org in advance of committee review	TIP 2019/20-2023/24: 2/19/21 - 3/11/20	✓
Amendment reviewed by MPO advisory committees	TIP 2019/20-2023/24: 4/15/20 - 5/13/20	✓
Ample opportunities for public comment throughout, including process for submitting written comments	TIP 2019/20-2023/24: 5/15/20 - 6/10/20	✓
Social media posts help bring attention to draft plan	TIP 2020/21-2024/25: 8/19/20 - 9/9/20	✓
Board vote on approval, following public comment period	TIP 2021/22-2025/26: 10/16/20 - 11/18/20	✓
	TIP 2021/22-2025/26: 11/25/20 - 12/9/20	✓

Unified Planning Work Program Outreach Checklist

Checklist Item	Done?	Details
Draft UPWP published on MetroPlanOrlando.org in advance of committee review	✓	2/19/20
Draft UPWP presented at MPO advisory committee meetings	✓	2/26/20 - 3/5/20
Board vote on approval	✓	3/11/20 (draft) & 5/13/20 (final)
Approved UPWP published on MetroPlanOrlando.org	✓	Delayed due to COVID-19
Additional Comments: The current two-year UPWP covers fiscal years 2020/21 and 2021/22. On years when a new UPWP is adopted, the MetroPlan Orlando Board and committees receive a preview of the UPWP in the February/March meeting cycle, and the Board approves a draft in March. The Board approves the final UPWP in May.		