



Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments

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Metropolitan Planning Organization

FY 2021 Public Participation Plan Executive Summary

The Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG) and its staff, with the additional of three transportation members that serves as the as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (RiverMPO), is the lead agency responsible for meeting the federal public participation requirements for transportation projects funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

This Public Participation Plan (PPP) supports the state and federal commitment to transparent communications and engagement with the public and public agencies to support the overall transportation planning process. The Plan is designed as a resource for public participation in RiverMPO's transportation planning process.

Plans and Programs

RiverMPO actively seeks public input in the transportation planning process for programs and projects such as the:

- **Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP):** The MTP is the regional long-range plan for all modes of the transportation system, including highways, transit, rail, bicycle and pedestrian and other forms of transportation. The MTP is coordinated with other planning areas as land use, economic development, and municipal planning and is generally updated every five years.
- **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):** The TIP is the short-range list of federally funded transportation projects covering a four-year period developed with CTDOT, transit providers and additional regional stakeholders. It is generally updated every two years.
- **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP):** The UPWP provides the statement of work identifying the transportation planning priorities and activities to be carried out within the Lower Connecticut Valley Region. The UPWP is generally updated every two years.
- **Other transportation planning activities** including updates and revisions to the Air Quality Conformity Determination, Public Participation Plan, Special Studies, and Federal Certification Review.

Participating in the Transportation Planning Process

Public Involvement is an important part of the transportation planning process. To view the TIP, MTP, studies, meeting agendas and other transportation planning documents please visit www.rivercog.org or contact rharamut@rivercog.org