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# CHAPTER 3

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

### INTRODUCTION

The RVMPO has an adopted Public Participation Plan, last updated in 2018, which remains consistent with the planning requirements of the 2015 transportation act, Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act).

Public participation activities are conducted according to standards and requirements of the RVMPO Public Participation Plan. The participation plan establishes a goal of the RVMPO to provide citizens and interested parties with reasonable opportunities to participate in the metropolitan transportation planning process. Beyond efforts to provide information to the public, this goal encompasses a wide range of strategies and activities to enable the public to be involved in a meaningful way in the RVMPO's decision-making process. Ultimately, efforts to bring more voices and wide-ranging interests to the table will yield better planning results.

### 3.1 RTP PLANNING PROCESS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

#### RTP UPDATE

The RVMPO had scheduled and advertised a series of workshops and open houses in the month of March for public outreach and participation. However, due to national health pandemic (COVID-19) these public meetings had to be canceled. In its place, RVMPO staff created a virtual open house to allow for public comment and participation. The virtual open house was posted on the RVMPO website.

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**Public**

- Comments and provides information on planning matters

**State/Federal Agencies**

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**RVMPO Public Advisory Council**

- *Membership:* Citizens from MPO jurisdictions, special interests
- *Role:* Makes recommendations to the Policy Committee

**RVMPO Technical Advisory Committee**

- *Membership:* Public works and planning staff from MPO jurisdictions
- *Role:* Makes recommendations to the Policy Committee

**RVMP Policy Committee**

- *Membership:* Elected and appointed officials from member jurisdictions
- *Role:* Makes MPO decisions

## PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE RTP

No comments were received.

