Stakeholder Collaboration

Reference Links

- A Guide to Transportation Decision Making, FHWA(Direct to: https://www.planning.dot.gov/documents/GuidetoTransportationDecisionmaking.pdf)
- Going the Distance Together : Context Sensitive Solutions for Better Transportation, FHWA(Direct to: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/css/index.cfm)
- Public Involvement/Public Participation, FHWA(Direct to: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/public_involvement/)
- Going the Distance Together: A Citizen's Guide to Context Sensitive Solutions, TRB(Direct to: http://www.trb.org/Main/Blurbs/166933.aspx)
- Linking Community Visioning and Highway Capacity Planning, TRB(Direct to: http://www.trb.org/Publications/Blurbs/166047.aspx)

The transportation system is an integral part of the fabric of every community. Collaboration with community stakeholders provides transportation practitioners with information and understanding of an array of community needs and interests that may be impacted by transportation decisions. Transportation practitioners are aware of this reality; however, it can take time and significant effort to understand and consider the effects of transportation decision making on economic, environmental, and other community interests.

Stakeholders are groups or individuals who are interested in and potentially affected by the outcome of a transportation decision. Collaboration means inviting stakeholders to share their interests early in the process and maintaining engagement throughout. Collaborative decision making will keep stakeholders informed and engaged by providing timely feedback on the progress and the basis of decisions about their community's transportation system.

PlanWorks can help with stakeholder collaboration by presenting questions to consider, supporting data, and examples of success at key decisions. Use the Decision Guide image below to identify where collaboration with stakeholders is most important.

Long Range Transportation Planning

- LRP-1 - Approve Scope of LRTP Process
  This Key Decision is not associated with application.
- LRP-2 - Approve Vision and Goals
  Invite stakeholders representing a broad array of perspectives to provide input on vision and goals for the community and transportation system.
- LRP-3 - Approve Evaluation Criteria, Methods and Measures
  Invite stakeholders to provide input to inform the development of criteria, methodology, and measures that will be used to evaluate the individual scenarios. Provide feedback to stakeholders on how their interests were incorporated into the evaluation.
- LRP-4 - Approve Transportation Deficiencies
  Collect stakeholder perspective on transportation deficiencies, needs, and potential solutions.
- LRP-5 - Approve Financial Assumptions
  This Key Decision is not associated with application.
- LRP-6 - Approve Strategies
  Gather and review strategies recommended by stakeholders
- LRP-7 - Approve Plan Scenarios
  Review stakeholder feedback on scenarios being considered. Understand which scenarios stakeholders believe are missing or find undesirable, as well as those that best meet the community’s vision and goals.
- LRP-8 - Adopt Preferred Plan Scenario
  Consider and address stakeholder input on the scenarios in selecting the preferred scenario. Provide feedback to stakeholders on the outcome and basis of the decision.
- LRP-9 - Make Conformity Determination by MPO
  This Key Decision is not associated with application.
- LRP-10 - Adopt LRTP by MPO
  This Key Decision is not associated with application.
- LRP-11 - Make Conformity Determination
  This Key Decision is not associated with application.

Programming
• PRO-1 - Approve Revenue Sources  
  This Key Decision is not associated with application.
• PRO-2 - Approve Project Cost and Revenue Allocation Approach  
  This Key Decision is not associated with application.
• PRO-3 - Approve Project List from Adopted Plan  
  This Key Decision is not associated with application.
• PRO-4 - Approve Project Prioritization  
  Obtain input from stakeholders on project priorities from the adopted plan scenario.
• PRO-5 - Reach Consensus on Draft TIP  
  This Key Decision is not associated with application.
• PRO-6 - Adopt TIP by MPO  
  Collect comments from stakeholders on Draft TIP prior to adoption. Provide basis for the adopted TIP, as needed.
• PRO-7 - Approve TIP with respect to Fiscal Constraint  
  Collect comments from stakeholders on the Draft STIP prior to approval. Provide feedback on approved STIP, as needed.

Corridor Planning

• COR-1 - Approve Scope of Corridor Planning Process  
  This Key Decision is not associated with application.
• COR-2 - Approve Problem Statements and Opportunities  
  Solicit stakeholder input to identify problems along the corridor, how and where they travel, and what is important to them for consideration.
• COR-3 - Approve Goals for the Corridor  
  Collect stakeholder perspectives on the goals for the corridor for consideration by the partners. Develop justification for individual decisions, and communicate this to stakeholders.
• COR-4 - Reach Consensus on Scope of Environmental Analysis  
  This Key Decision is not associated with application.
• COR-5 - Approve Evaluation Criteria, Methods and Measures  
  Weigh stakeholder interests in developing evaluation criteria, methodology, and measures to compare solution sets. Provide feedback to stakeholders on how their interests were incorporated into the evaluation methods.
• COR-6 - Approve Range of Solution Sets  
  Invite stakeholders to provide input on potential solutions across the range of solution sets.
• COR-7 - Adopt Preferred Solution Set  
  Identify solutions preferred by the stakeholders, those they consider undesirable, and issues that are not addressed by the solutions. Notify stakeholders of the preferred solution set.
• COR-8 - Approve Implementation Criteria for Prioritizing Projects  
  This Key Decision is not associated with application.
• COR-9 - Adopt Priorities for Implementation  
  Consider any new stakeholder input that may impact sequencing. If new information is incorporated, communicate the outcome of this decision to stakeholders.

Environmental Review/NEPA Merged with Permitting

• ENV-1 - Reach Consensus on Scope of Environmental Review  
  This Key Decision is not associated with application.
• ENV-2 - Approve Notice of Intent  
  This Key Decision is not associated with application.
• ENV-3 - Approve Purpose and Need/Reach Consensus on Project Purpose  
  Engage stakeholders for the first time in this phase on the need for the project. When purpose and need are approved, provide feedback to stakeholders as identified in the public involvement plan for the project.
• ENV-4 - Reach Consensus on Study Area  
  Solicit stakeholder input on the proposed study area: what they value in the area, what is outside the area that should be considered, and any recommendations on changes to the study area.
• ENV-5 - Approve Evaluation Criteria, Methods and Measures  
  Consider stakeholder interests and perspectives on characteristics that will demonstrate improvement when establishing evaluation criteria. Provide feedback to stakeholders on how their interests were incorporated into the evaluation methods, as appropriate.
• ENV-6 - Approve Full Range of Alternatives  
  Invite stakeholders to provide suggested solutions to address problems in the project area, and provide feedback on other proposed solutions.
• ENV-7 - Approve Alternatives to be Carried Forward  
  This Key Decision is not associated with application.
- ENV-8 - Approve Draft EIS with Conceptual Mitigation
  Collect stakeholder comments on alternatives before the Draft EIS is issued
- ENV-9 - Approve Resource Agency Public Notice
  This Key Decision is not associated with application.
- ENV-10 - Approve Preferred Alternative / LEDPA
  Evaluate the stakeholder perspective on the LEDPA/preferred alternative. Provide feedback to stakeholders regarding the decision reached.
- ENV-11 - Approve Final Jurisdictional Determination
  This Key Decision is not associated with application.
- ENV-12 - Reach Consensus on Avoidance and Minimization for the LEDPA
  This Key Decision is not associated with application.
- ENV-13 - Approve Final EIS and Record of Decision
  Collect final stakeholder input and notify individual stakeholders of Final EIS (FEIS) outcome, as needed.
- ENV-14 - Render Permit Decision and Approve Avoidance and Minimization
  This Key Decision is not associated with application.