

## **Executive Summary**

### **2014 Public Participation Plan (PPP)**

The Memphis MPO recognizes that an effective participation process is a vital element in the development and implementation of transportation plans and programs. The Memphis MPO's Public Participation Plan (PPP) encourages the entire community to participate in developing feasible alternatives and encourages community leaders to support the regional transportation network. The process also increases public awareness of transportation services and programs.

The PPP aids the Memphis MPO by providing a framework for information distribution, public notice and input on key transportation decisions, as well as providing the groundwork for advanced and continued involvement of stakeholders. Specifically, the Memphis MPO believes that the public participation process should involve the following principles:

- Educate and inform the public about transportation planning, projects, and issues within their communities and the region.
- Secure full and fair proactive public involvement in the "3-C" transportation planning process (Continuing, Cooperative, and Comprehensive).
- Ensure that information is easily accessible to all interested parties in the community.
- Prioritize Environmental Justice and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by communicating with affected and interested parties including special effort to include underrepresented populations.
- Improve the decision making process to include the interests and needs of stakeholders through informed consent.
- Evaluate the participation processes and procedures on a periodic basis to assess and improve effectiveness.

All public comments received are included in the plan. If you have any questions or comments about the PPP, please contact Mitchell Lloyd at [mitchell.lloyd@memphistn.gov](mailto:mitchell.lloyd@memphistn.gov) or Peter Jenkins at [peter.jenkins@memphistn.gov](mailto:peter.jenkins@memphistn.gov).

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