

Resolution 26-10

An amendment to the Public Participation Plan, *Engage NWI*

Public Comment Report

45-day Public Comment Period

- June 9 – July 23
- No comments from the public were received

Public Participation Plan, *Engage NWI*

23 CFR 450.316

- Required document that explains the public participation methods engaged in by the MPO.
- Explicit procedures and strategies to include the public and interested parties in the transportation planning process.
- Special emphasis on traditionally underserved populations.

Public Participation Plan, *Engage NWI*

Background

- *Engage NWI* was adopted on August 15, 2019
- Amended August 21, 2025, and March 19, 2026

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Background

- 2025 Certification Review found a corrective action to update the Public Participation Plan to meet the requirements of 23 CFR 450.316, including specific outreach strategies to engage traditionally underserved populations.
- FHWA reviewed a draft and staff made revisions based on those comments prior to the public comment draft being published.
- FHWA felt comfortable saying adoption of Appendix A would be sufficient progress but has requested additional information from staff demonstrating that the methods proposed in Appendix A are being used.

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Amendment

- Adds Appendix A, Procedures and Strategies to Engage Interested Parties, Including Traditionally Underserved Populations
- Identifying Traditionally Underserved Populations
 - Emphasized places
- Notice of Opportunities

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Amendment

- Strategies for Outreach to Traditionally Underserved Populations
- Meeting types, locations, activities, time of day, and tools used
- Strategy Selection Criteria
- Linking Traditionally Underserved Populations and Strategy Choice
- Meeting Location Guidelines

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