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To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

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Subject: MPC 6.b: Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update

**Action Recommended:** Feedback and Direction

## Background

Updates to the Central Lane MPO's long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Congestion Management Process (CMP) are underway. Throughout the update process, staff will provide monthly updates to MPC regarding progress, status, feedback, and direction.

## **Purpose**

Staff will present to MPC for feedback and direction on two foundational components of the RTP and CMP that will influence the update of these two plans throughout the project timeline:

1. Public Engagement Plan (Attached Tech Memo 2: Public Engagement Plan) LCOG is committed to engaging the public and key stakeholders in both the RTP and CMP. The Draft Public Engagement Plan outlines a proposed outreach approach and potential strategies and tools to engage a broad, diverse audience. Appropriate participation tools are critical to building awareness of the project and soliciting input that informs the development of the RTP and CMP. Due to the regional scope of this plan, the outreach will focus on identifying higher level input on transportation needs in our community rather than detailed project suggestions.

The Draft Public Engagement Plan also provides a high-level summary of planned outreach for communities that are greatly impacted by transportation decisions but have traditionally been less involved with transportation planning including youth, older adults, low-income, people with disabilities, people of color, and people with limited English proficiency.

2. INVEST (Attached Tech Memo 3: INVEST Evaluation Results & Recommendations) As a first step in the update process, LCOG staff evaluated the 2045 RTP using the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Infrastructure Voluntary Evaluation Sustainability Tool (INVEST) to identify opportunities to better integrate triple bottom line sustainability principles and to help frame potential updates.

Staff will present key findings from this evaluation and highlight key recommendations for identified ways to better integrate triple bottom line sustainability principles. The full list of draft recommendations is lengthy, and some are more administrative than others. On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, LCOG staff will present the following subset of the draft recommendations that require more thought and effort in how they are addressed and carried out. This focus is not intended to limit MPC's feedback on any of the recommendations but is intended to bring the most salient recommendations to MPC and to help narrow the presentation. See Table 1 in the memo for a summary of evaluation results and resulting draft recommendations. See Table 2 for the full list of recommendations and proposed prioritization.

- 1. Economic development and land use performance measures.
- 2. Ecological function objectives
- 3. Ecological function performance measures
- Community engagement focus on historically underrepresented groups
- 5. Document partner agency public participation processes
- 6. Maps analyzing housing costs and access to transportation
- 7. Socio-economic data in project selection process
- 8. Safety performance measures

- 9. Health Impact Assessment of RTP programs and investments
- 10. Freight access performance measures
- 11. TDM performance measures
- 12. Energy and fossil fuel performance measures
- 13. Desired level of investment in TSMO strategies
- 14. TSMO performance measures
- 15. Objectives to address resiliency
- 16. Incorporate adaptation strategies
- 17. Infrastructure resilience performance measures
- 18. PEL performance measure

LCOG staff presented the Public Engagement Plan and INVEST Evaluation Results and Recommendations to the RTP Technical Advisory Committee (TAC, April 11, 2024) and MPC's Transportation Planning Committee (TPC, April 18, 2024).

Feedback and direction from the TAC and TPC are reflected in these memos and presented to MPC for feedback and direction.

## **Requested Actions**

Feedback and direction

## Attachment

- RTP & CMP Tech Memo 2: Public Engagement Plan
- RTP & CMP Tech Memo 3: INVEST Evaluation Results and Recommendations