

# **Planning Agency Consultation Process**

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## **Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization**

1. The Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization will maintain a mailing list of planning agencies and officials affected by transportation.\*
2. The Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization will provide news releases regarding transportation planning committee meetings to planning agencies and officials affected by transportation.\* The news releases will contain the date, time, place, and agenda of the meetings.
3. The Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization will provide news releases regarding public meetings and reviews of long-range transportation plans and Transportation Improvement Programs to planning agencies and officials affected by transportation.\* The news releases will contain the date, time, place, and agenda of the meeting and review.
4. Once a year the Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization will send a letter to planning agencies and officials affected by transportation.\* The letter will explain the transportation planning process, provide a list of Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization meetings for that year, and request copies of plans, maps, and inventories.
5. Prior to the adoption of long-range transportation plans and Transportation Improvement Programs, the staff of the Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization will compare Metropolitan Planning Organization plans and programs to plans, maps, and inventories supplied by the planning agencies and officials affected by transportation.\* The staff will report any conflicts to the committees of the Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization prior to the final adoption of the plans or programs.
6. Prior to the adoption of long-range transportation plans and Transportation Improvement Programs, the staff of the Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization will provide a draft copy of the plans and programs to the planning agencies and officials affected by transportation.\* The staff will request that the agencies and officials compare the Metropolitan Planning Organization documents to relevant plans, maps, and inventories and that the agencies and officials notify the staff of any potential conflicts. The staff will report any conflicts to the committees of the Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization prior to the final adoption of the plans or programs.
7. The staff of the Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization will prepare a report that summarizes the consultation efforts, any conflicts noted during the

comparisons, and any changes to the long-range transportation plans and Transportation Improvement Programs as a result of the process. This report will be added to the final long-range transportation plans and Transportation Improvement Programs as an appendix.

\* For the purposes of this process “planning agencies and officials affected by transportation” are defined as agencies responsible for land use management, natural resources, environmental protection, conservation, historic preservation, planned growth, economic development, airport operations, freight movements, federal land management, Federal Transit Administration funds, and other federal funds used for transportation as referenced in 23 CFR Part 450 and 49 CFR Part 613. These regulations require MPOs to consult with these agencies as part of the development of the long-range transportation plan and Transportation Improvement Program.

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## Resolution

### MPO 08-11

WHEREAS, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations to consult with agencies and officials responsible for planning activities in the study area that are affected by transportation, and

WHEREAS, the consultation must compare Metropolitan Planning Organization plans and Transportation Improvement Programs with plans, maps, inventories, and planning documents developed by these other agencies, and

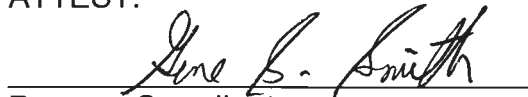
WHEREAS, the Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization staff developed the "Planning Agency Consultation Process" to address the consultation requirements of SAFETEA-LU, and

WHEREAS, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee, and the Technical Coordinating Committee have passed recommendations in support of adopting the "Planning Agency Consultation Process."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this **25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2008**, that the Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization does hereby adopt the "Planning Agency Consultation Process" as a draft document to allow for public review.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if no comments that require the process to be substantively changed are received during the public review period, the "Planning Agency Consultation Process" will become effective on May 1, 2008.

  
MPO Chairman

ATTEST:  
  
Process Coordinator