

Project: Maple Street / Park Street Corridor Study

UDC Meeting Date: July 12, 2018

Project Specific Public Participation Plan The Sioux Falls MPO “Seven Step Process”

Public involvement should not merely be conducting public meetings to meet federal regulations, but rather, public involvement should consist of providing access to information and addressing stakeholder’s concerns. Doing so may have an effect on the outcome of decisions. Therefore, prior to the development of any transportation product, staff should implement the following seven-step process, review each step’s corresponding section in the PPP, and design a public participation plan specific to the product.

Step 1 Goals: What is the public participation goal?

Project alternatives and solutions.

Step 2 Stakeholders: Who are the stakeholders?

Sioux Falls MPO, Minnehaha County, City of Sioux Falls, City of Brandon, SDDOT, FHWA, Split Rock Township, local Road Districts, local schools, adjacent landowners, traveling public, SD GF&P (Big Sioux Recreation Area), other interested parties.

Step 3 Methods: What public participation methods for interacting with the public will be utilized?

Open house(s) to gather input. Email. Postcard mailings. Individual and grouped meetings. Potentially, social media. Presentation to MPO Committees for input.

Step 4 Notification: What notification techniques will be used to inform the public?

Postcard invitations, social media, newspapers, email, press releases, and variable message board signs. Potentially, a project specific website.

Step 5 Implementation: Where, when, and how will the public participation techniques be implemented?

The focus will be on the open house public meetings and grouped or individual landowner meetings. MPO Committee presentations.

Step 6 Evaluation: What documentation will the plan or product include to fulfill the identified participation goals and objectives?

All meetings and submitted comments and responses will be summarized in the final report and included in the appendix.

Step 7 Incorporate: How will the participation documentation be reviewed, and how will any necessary changes to the plan or product be made?

Project sponsors and consultant will review public comments. Consultant shall summarize and incorporate into study. Adaptations to the public participation plan will remain flexible to respond to specific needs, as necessary.

Outcome or Decision: Who recommends and approves the plan or product? What is the significance of the approval of the plan or product? (Refer to Step 1)

Alternatives will be recommended by the consultant for consideration. Staff or consultant will present to MPO committees for plan approval. Presentations may also be made to the Minnehaha County Commission, Brandon City Council, and Sioux Falls City Council.