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# Public Participation Plan

Staff Report  
August 2, 2021

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## **BACKGROUND:**

In 2007, The Area Plan Commission adopted a Public Participation Plan to comply with the SAFETEA-LU federal transportation act. Although this plan has served its purpose, it has become outdated. Therefore, The Area Plan Commission has created a new plan, *Planning and the Public: A Plan for Engaging Citizens in the Planning Process*.

This plan documents the opportunities for participation, how and when the public is notified of meetings, how we use and will expand our use of visual aids to communicate with the public, where and how transportation related information is available, when and where meetings take place, the opportunities for public comment and our commitment to consider them, coordination with State public involvement efforts, and periodic review of the Citizen Participation Committee membership.

There are a few key components that have been added to this new plan. One of these is using social media to reach out to the public. Currently, The Area Plan Commission uses Facebook, NextDoor, and Twitter. Another key component is how to conduct public meetings if executive orders are issued that recommend or require social distancing.

The plan was reviewed by the Citizen Participation Committee at its June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Technical Committee recommended adoption of this plan at its July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends adoption of this plan.

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RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE  
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

**WHEREAS**, the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County has been designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by the Governor, and

**WHEREAS**, the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County, is responsible for developing and maintaining the Public Participation Plan, and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Tippecanoe County have the right to participate in the transportation planning process, and

**WHEREAS**, the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County is committed to providing different mediums so that all members of the public, regardless of physical ability, can participate in the transportation planning process, and

**WHEREAS**, the Technical Transportation Committee reviewed the proposed plan at its xxx, 2021 meeting and recommended its adoption, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Policy Board of the Metropolitan Planning Organization does hereby adopt the Public Participation Plan.

ADOPTED on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> of August, 2021.

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Tony Roswarski  
President

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David Hittle  
Secretary