Public Participation Plan Update and RTC Tribal Consultation Policy

RTC's Public Participation Plan Update

At a Glance:

- *Background Information on Plan Updates and Tribal Consultation Policy*
- *Regulatory Basis for Public Outreach*
- *Process and Timeline*

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Background:

- Public Participation Process is integral part of metropolitan transportation planning process
- Public Participation Plan must be periodically reviewed and updated

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Federal and State Regulatory Basis
(see Section I., Introduction)**:**

- General:
  23 CFR 450.316(a)(1)(2)(3) and (b)
- Regional Transportation Plan:
  23 CFR 450.322
- Transportation Improvement Program:
  23 CFR 450.324(b)
- Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA), RCW 36.70A

RTC's Public Participation Plan: Outline

I. Introduction
II. RTC's Organization
III. RTC's Transportation Plans and Programs
IV. Participation, involvement, consultation and comment procedures
V. Public Participation methods and techniques
VI. Public Participation in RTC's RTP and TIP: a guide to procedures
VII. Evaluation and Update of the Public Participation Program

Appendices

Title VI and LEP Plan Review

- Title VI Plan
  (adopted Sep. 2001, last updated May 2014)
- Limited English Proficiency Plan
  (adopted May 2014)

Tribal Consultation

Tribal Sovereignty: the Basis for Tribal Consultation

Indian tribes have the right to

- Self-governance
- Self-determination
- Economic Self-sufficiency

What is Tribal Consultation?

Tribal consultation is the federally mandated process for timely and meaningful notification, consideration and discussion with tribes on actions proposed by Federal, State and local governments that may impact tribal lands and property

Tribal Consultation

3 principles of tribal consultation:

- Communication
- Coordination
- Cooperation

Process and Timeline

- Seek RTC Board and RTAC comments at outset
- Review draft PPP update with RTAC and Board
- Consult with planning partners
- 45-day public comment period
- Publicity, media release and legal notice
- Seek approval of PPP update (summer 2016)