

PPP requirements

According to NMDOT's PPM (available at

https://dot.state.nm.us/content/dam/nmdot/planning/2018_0808_NMDOT_PPM_3rd%20Amendment_MPO%20Chapter_FINAL.pdf)

Every MPO must develop a Public Participation Plan (PPP) in consultation with citizens and other interested parties. To the maximum practicable extent, all MPOs must develop a public participation framework that:

- Includes representatives for all transportation modes, including non-motorized;
- Holds public meetings at convenient and accessible locations and times;
- Employs visualization techniques to describe plans;
- Provides information in electronic formats and by means (such as the Internet) that afford reasonable opportunity for public consideration; and
- Complies with all applicable federal and state laws, including the New Mexico Open Meetings Act.

The PPP specifies how the MPO will address federal and state requirements and how the MPO will provide reasonable opportunities for public and agencies to comment on work products, including MTPs and TIPs. The PPP must address federal requirements regarding the length of time allotted for public reviews of various MPO work products and any exceptions allowed. Sample PPPs can be found on the EPMPO (<http://www.elpasompo.org/>) and SFMPO (<http://santafempo.org/>) websites.

A PPP must, at a minimum, include the following elements:

- Procedures for informing the public about meetings and agendas;
- Location where current and archived documents can be accessed;
- Framework for public participation in the development of plans (unique to each plan or work product);
- Timeframes for public comment review periods;
- Brief description of the MPO and its organizational structure; and
- Tools and activities for informing and educating the public (media, social media, visualization, response to comments, workshops, emails, newsletters, etc.).

PPPs should be reviewed prior to development of the MTP (either a four or five year schedule depending on specific MPO requirements), when new federal legislation is adopted, and/or every five years at a minimum and updated as necessary.

PPPs are posted on MPO websites.