

# Chapter 11

## Public Participation and Consultation

### 11.1 Overview

MVRPC's integration of a more proactive approach in transportation planning is accomplished through the public participation process. This process is made up of multiple components, including consultation with the TAC and MVRPC Board of Directors, the LRTP sponsors and stakeholders, and general outreach to the public. Additionally, community outreach efforts were expanded in an attempt to reach vulnerable populations.

As per the IJJA, a MPO needs to develop and use a documented public participation plan that defines a process for providing citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, etc. with reasonable opportunities to be involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process. MVRPC last updated its *Public Participation Policy* in May 2024. The policy details the LRTP public participation requirements and complies with current planning regulations and the IJJA statutory provisions. MVRPC made an extensive public outreach effort to solicit input from the general public and special interest groups in order to increase public participation in the 2050 LRTP update process. The policy's key items include an expanded public participation notification list, use of technology to enhance communication with the public (website applications and social media), and efforts to reach vulnerable populations.



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Public participation is conducted both in-person and in a virtual environment using the Zoom platform and relying on [plan2050.mvrpc.org](http://plan2050.mvrpc.org) to communicate information.

### 11.2 Plan2050.mvrpc.org Webpage

For the May 2026 Update of the 2050 LRTP, MVRPC created a webpage solely dedicated to the update effort and promoted its use through public notices, advertising, and social media as a one-

stop shop for all items related to the Plan update. The webpage launched in July 2025 and was available throughout the update process and included the update timeline, information presented at various meetings, comment card, and an interactive map with the ability to comment on individual projects on the map. Figure 11.1 depicts the various webpage features including the ability to view website content in Spanish by using an online translator.

**Figure 11.1 — Features and Content: plan2050.mvrpc.org**

The image displays the website's layout and key features:

- Homepage:** Features the 'Plan 2050 – 2026 Update' title, a description of MVRPC's role, a 'Long Range Transportation Plan 2050' graphic, and a 'Plan 2050 Timeline' showing milestones from August 2025 to May 2026.
- Documents Page:** Lists various documents for download, including 'Project System Information', 'MVRPC Long Range Transportation Plan', and 'Draft Report Card'.
- Comments Page:** A form for submitting feedback, with fields for Name, Email, and a comment box.
- Spanish Translation:** A widget titled 'Traducir esta página:' with a dropdown menu set to 'Spanish' and a 'Powered by Google Translate' logo.

Arrows indicate the following connections:

- From the 'Documents' link on the homepage to the 'Documents' page.
- From the 'Comments' link on the homepage to the 'Comments' form.
- From the 'Spanish' link on the homepage to the translation widget.
- From the 'Regional Report Card' link on the Documents page to the 'Regional Report Card' table.



## 11.3 Public Participation Meetings

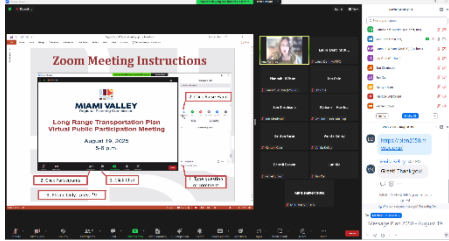
Beginning in August 2025, the public was involved in each step of the 2050 LRTP update process through the use of various tools. Virtual public participation meetings were held to present the latest information pertaining to the update and MVRPC staff was available at the meetings to answer questions. Comments received at the meetings were recorded and reference was made to the online comment cards. MVRPC’s website was updated frequently to provide the latest information and an online version of the comment card was made available to receive comments 24/7 on any of the information provided. The same information was also made available at MVRPC’s offices during the comment period for each meeting.

The first phase of the public participation process involved hosting one virtual public participation meeting in August 2025 to provide transportation-related background information used in the development of the LRTP, most notably incorporating the results of the 2020 Census. The second phase included presenting the draft list of multimodal transportation projects in a virtual public participation meeting and an open house public participation meeting in October 2025.

Finally, the last phase of public participation took place in April of 2026, through a virtual public meeting format, to present the final draft 2050 LRTP including the findings of various LRTP analyses. Comments received at each meeting were presented to the TAC and the Board of Directors prior to action on LRTP related items.

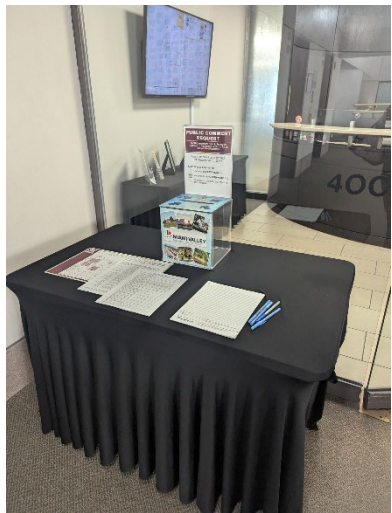
MVRPC’s 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan – Public Participation Summary report provides comprehensive information and documentation regarding the public participation process, including all the public outreach materials used to promote the meetings, a listing of information presented at the meetings, and all the comments received. Table 11.1 provides a brief summary of each meeting.

**Table 11.1 — Public Participation Meeting Summary**

Outreach	Comments	Attendance/Comments
<b>August 19, 2025 – 5 to 6 PM, via Zoom</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Printing public notices in the Dayton Daily News and Dayton Weekly &amp; promotional social media posts in RadioOne La Mega 97.7.</li> <li>Submitting press releases to all local newspapers, television and radio stations – approximately 58 media outlets.</li> <li>Sending e-mails/letters to individuals and agencies who have requested to be notified about public participation meetings as well as additional agencies/interested parties identified in IJJA legislation – over 400 individuals/agencies.</li> <li>Sending letters and promotional posters to all the public libraries in Montgomery, Greene, and Miami counties.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zoom meeting instructions</li> <li>2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Update Overview</li> <li>2050 Long Range Transportation Goals</li> <li>Safety and Congestion Conditions</li> <li>Transportation System and Congestion Analysis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 people attended the meeting.</li> <li>1 comment was received</li> </ul> 

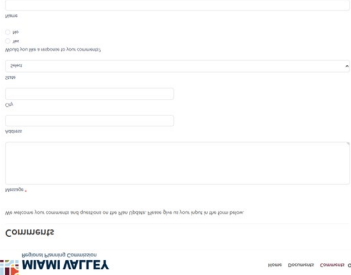
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Displaying promotional posters in English and Spanish at the Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority hubs.</li> <li>• E-mailing promotional posters to Miami County Transit and Greene CATS.</li> <li>• E-mailing promotional posters (English &amp; Spanish) to Latinos Unidos en Dayton for distribution.</li> <li>• Announcing the meeting on MVRPC's website.</li> <li>• Promoting the meeting using using Twitter/X, Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn, including 4 boosted posts.</li> <li>• Posting the information, which was to be presented at the meeting, on plan2050.mvrpc.org along with an online comment card.</li> <li>• Making the information to be presented at the meetings &amp; online available at the MVRPC offices along with comment cards.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternative Transportation Modes (Passenger &amp; Freight)</li> <li>• Community Impact Assessment</li> <li>• 2020 &amp; 2050 Land Use and Socioeconomic Projections</li> <li>• Transportation Performance Management</li> </ul>	
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**October 29, 2025 – 12 to 1 PM, via Zoom and October 30, 2025 – 5 to 6 PM, MVRPC Offices**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Printing public notices in the Dayton Daily News and Dayton Weekly &amp; promotional social media posts in RadioOne La Mega 97.7.</li> <li>• Purchasing ads on YouTube, Spotify, WDTN, WHIO, &amp; WYSO.</li> <li>• Submitting press releases to all local newspapers, television and radio stations – approximately 58 media outlets.</li> <li>• Sending e-mails/letters to individuals and agencies who have requested to be notified about public participation meetings as well as additional agencies/interested parties identified in IJA legislation – over 400 individuals/agencies.</li> <li>• Sending letters and promotional posters to all the public libraries in Montgomery, Greene, and Miami counties.</li> <li>• Displaying promotional posters in English and Spanish at the Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority hubs.</li> <li>• E-mailing promotional posters to Miami County Transit and Greene CATS.</li> <li>• E-mailing promotional posters (English &amp; Spanish) to Latinos Unidos en Dayton for distribution.</li> <li>• Announcing the meeting on MVRPC's website.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zoom meeting instructions</li> <li>• Overview of online project map and online comment card</li> <li>• Draft Congestion Management Projects List and Maps</li> <li>• Transit Service Long Range Plan Assumptions 2026-2050</li> <li>• Regional Bikeway &amp; Pedestrian Network Project List and Map</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 people attended the virtual meeting and 3 people attended the in-person meeting.</li> <li>• 13 comments were received by various platforms (12 via comment form, 1 via comment card).</li> </ul> 
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promoting the meeting using using Twitter/X,Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn, including 4 boosted posts.</li> <li>• Posting the information, which was to be presented at the meeting, on plan2050.mvrpc.org along with an online comment card.</li> <li>• Making the information to be presented at the meetings &amp; online available at the MVRPC offices along with comment cards.</li> </ul>		
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**April 8, 2026 – 5 to 6 PM, via Zoom**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Printing public notices in the Dayton Daily News and Dayton Weekly &amp; promotional social media posts in RadioOne La Mega 97.7.</li> <li>• Printing ¼ page ad in the Dayton Daily News.</li> <li>• Submitting press releases to all local newspapers, television and radio stations – approximately 58 media outlets.</li> <li>• Sending e-mails/letters to individuals and agencies who have requested to be notified about public participation meetings as well as additional agencies/interested parties identified in IJA legislation – over 400 individuals/agencies.</li> <li>• Sending letters and promotional posters to all the public libraries in Montgomery, Greene, and Miami counties.</li> <li>• Displaying promotional posters in English and Spanish at the Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority hubs.</li> <li>• E-mailing promotional posters to Miami County Transit and Greene CATS.</li> <li>• E-mailing promotional posters (English &amp; Spanish) to Latinos Unidos en Dayton for distribution.</li> <li>• Announcing the meeting on MVRPC’s website.</li> <li>• Promoting the meeting using using Twitter/X,Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn, including 4 boosted posts.</li> <li>• Posting the information, which was to be presented at the meeting, on plan2050.mvrpc.org along with an online comment card.</li> <li>• Making the information to be presented at the meetings &amp; online available at the MVRPC offices along with comment cards.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Update Overview</li> <li>• Plan Content</li> <li>• Regional Report Card</li> <li>• Congestion Management Process Overview</li> <li>• Congestion Management Projects – Roadway</li> <li>• Congestion Management Projects – Transit</li> <li>• Congestion Management Projects – Bikeway and Pedestrian</li> <li>• Fiscal Constraint Analysis</li> <li>• Air Quality</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five people attended the meeting; one comment was received through the online comment tools.</li> </ul> 
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## 11.4 Community Outreach and Public Participation

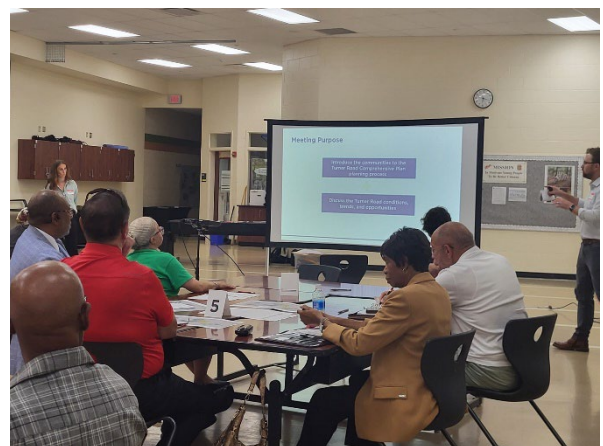
In accordance with federal law, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) are responsible for facilitating dialogue, recording input received, and incorporating the thoughts and concerns of the public into the development of major MPO planning documents and in various aspects of the MPO planning process. Extensive outreach efforts throughout all areas of the region are conducted in order to assemble a broad cross-section of input into the decision-making process, including traditionally underserved areas. MVRPC's outreach efforts in these areas will continue to provide these residents with an opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns.

These efforts included:

- Expanding the mailing list to include vulnerable populations (low-income, minority, older adults, and persons with disabilities);
- Adapting advertising for ease of understanding, including special articles and flyers;
- Expanding advertising to online platforms (e.g. YouTube, Spotify) to reach a more diverse population;
- Adapting public meeting times and locations for accessibility;
- Advertising at GDRTA Hubs and public libraries;
- Purchasing public notices in Dayton Weekly, a minority distribution newspaper;
- Purchasing promotional social media posts in RadioOne La Mega 97.7, a Spanish focused radio station;
- Offering an English-to-Spanish translator on MVRPC's website; and
- Posting information about upcoming meetings on social networking sites such as Twitter/X and Facebook.

## 11.5 Participation in Other Public Outreach Efforts

During the 2050 LRTP update cycle, MVRPC staff actively participated and/or attended numerous public participation meetings pertaining to studies and projects in progress throughout the Region. These meetings ranged from stakeholder meetings to public hearings related to various transportation studies, as well as Comprehensive and/or Land Use Plans being developed by member jurisdictions. By attending the meetings, staff members were able to gain a better understanding of the projects and studies and to listen to any concerns that the general public might have regarding a given project or study. MVRPC staff were also able to answer any questions that arose in relation to MVRPC's planning activities and the 2050 LRTP.



## 11.6 Consultation Requirements in IIJA

The IIJA mandates that the MPO consult, as appropriate, with State and local agencies responsible for land use management, natural resources, environmental protection, conservation, and historic preservation concerning the development of the transportation plan. MVRPC's Public Participation contact list has been expanded to include agencies with an interest in the areas of land use management, environmental resources, environmental protection, conservation, and historic preservation. As a result, the list now includes nearly 400 agencies and individuals.

All contacts are notified and given the opportunity to comment on any transportation program that requires action by the MVRPC Board of Directors, such as the Long Range Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program.

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