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Definitions:

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO): A forum for cooperative transportation decision-making for the metropolitan planning area.

Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP): A document that projects the needs, issues, and priorities for the Danville Urbanized Area over at least a twenty-year time period. SAFETEA-LU mandates that the MPO update the LRTP every five years. Before a transportation project can receive funding, it must be consistent with the LRTP and included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): A staged, multiyear, intermodal program of transportation projects that is consistent with the metropolitan transportation plan. (FHWA definition) The MPO updates the TIP each fiscal year.

Public Participation: An open process to seek out and encourage early and continuous public participation throughout the development of transportation plans and projects. It provides a mechanism whereby staff, citizens and decision makers can exchange information and ideas.

The Public: May include any individual, interest group, organization, or governmental agency other than the sponsoring agency, or any combination thereof. Every effort will be made to include minority, low income, elderly, and any other special interest groups.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP): An outline of the proposed tasks, schedules, and estimated costs associated with conducting the area's transportation planning research over a one- to two-year period. It identifies the funding sources for each project, lists the administrative activities necessary for the development of the LRTP and TIP, and is updated annually.

List of Acronyms:

- **DATS** Danville Area Transportation Study
- **EPA** Environmental Protection Agency
- **FHWA** Federal Highway Administration
- **FTA** Federal Transit Administration
- **PP** Participation Plan
- **MAP-21** Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act
- **MPO** Metropolitan Planning Organization
- **LRTP** Long-Range Transportation Plan
- **TIP** Transportation Improvement Plan
- **UPWP** Unified Planning Work Program

I. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to present the procedures to be used by the Danville Area Transportation Study (DATS) to involve the public in the planning process. The intent of the participation plan is not simply to encourage public input, but to foster full public participation in the decision-making process. (Community Based Planning Under ISTEA, Bicycle Federation of America, 1993).

The Danville Area Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization's (DATS MPO) Public Participation Program is an umbrella policy, encompassing the plans and programs of the Urbanized Area's transportation planning process. Public involvement is an integral part of the DATS MPO's planning efforts. The Public Participation Program is comprised of the public involvement programs for all major planning activities, including the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), and the on-going transportation planning (3C) process.

Meaningful public and stakeholder involvement is critical to the long-term success of the Danville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. The objective of this participation plan is three-fold:

1. Ensure that transportation planning requirements and public involvement goals, as identified in federal regulations and state and regional plans and policies, are met.
2. Establish guidelines for public involvement that bridge statewide and metropolitan planning processes for current and future projects.
3. Detail how public comment will be obtained, distributed, considered, documented, acted upon, and evaluated.

The DATS MPO will seek public input through a myriad of techniques, including public notices, comment periods, charrettes, public hearings, newsletters, surveys, media relations, social media, and input from committees and commissions that are appointed by local member governments. The MPO will hold a forty-five (45) day public comment period for amendments to this Plan. The MPO's Public Participation Program will be consistent with the requirements of the *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act*.

Federal law requires all metropolitan planning areas with populations greater than 50,000 people to designate a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to develop transportation plans for the region. It also requires that a Public Participation Plan be created that affords the public a reasonable opportunity to participate in and comment on transportation plans.

Building off the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) legislation, the transportation reauthorization bill

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) continues to support previous federal public participation guidelines.

II. Purpose

The purpose of the DATS MPO Public Participation Program is to create an open decision making process whereby citizens have the opportunity to be involved in all stages of the transportation planning process. This Program is designed to ensure that transportation decisions will reflect public priorities.

Meaningful public and stakeholder involvement is critical to the long-term success of the Danville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. The objectives of this participation plan are established guidelines to:

- ❖ **Inform** the public in a timely manner of policies, progress of specific projects, and issues related to the planning process.
- ❖ **Involve** all stakeholders with early opportunities for participating in the decision-making process.
- ❖ **Attend** to citizen concerns and ideas
- ❖ **Learn** from collected information and stakeholders' ideas to develop consensus and resolve conflict, to generate better planning decisions.
- ❖ **Develop** an effective outreach process that includes an integrated feedback process for evaluation and improvement.
- ❖ **Reflect** regularly on the measured effectiveness of participation strategies, and make subsequent changes to seek greater future success.

III. Goals & Objectives

1. Bring a broad cross-section of the public into the public policy and transportation planning decision-making process.
2. Maintain public involvement from the early stages of the planning process through detailed project development.
3. Use different combinations of public involvement techniques to meet the diverse needs of the general public.
4. Educate citizens and elected officials in order to increase general understanding of transportation issues.
5. Make technical and other information available to the public using the MPO website and other electronically accessible formats and means as practicable.
6. Employ visualization techniques to the various MPO planning activities.
7. Consult with State and federal agencies in the development of the MPO's planning projects.
8. Establish a channel for an effective feedback process.
9. Evaluate the public involvement process and procedures to assess their success at meeting requirements specified in the MAP-21 guidance.

IV. General Policy Framework

It is the policy of the DATS MPO to have a proactive public involvement process that provides complete information, timely public notice, and full public access to DATS MPO activities at all key stages in the decision making process. It is also DATS MPO policy to involve the public early in the planning process, and to actively seek out the involvement of communities most affected by particular plans or projects. Furthermore, it is a goal of the Public Participation Program that the MPO's LRTP, TIP, UPWP, and any other planning projects, be developed in a manner that assures that the public, and affected communities in particular, are afforded ample opportunity to participate in the development of such plans.

▪ IV.A. Adequate Time for Public Comment

The MPO shall allow reasonable time for public review and comment at key decision points. These include, but are not limited to, action on the LRTP, TIP, and UPWP. Minimum notification periods shall be as follows:

- Amendments to the DATS MPO Public Participation Program- 45 days
- Adoption of the TIP & major TIP amendments- 30 days
- Adoption of the LRTP- 30 days
- Adoption of the UPWP & major UPWP amendments- 30 days
- Policy & Technical Committee meetings- 7 days

▪ IV.B. Method of Notifying the Public

The MPO shall use appropriate methods to notify the public of its activities and of opportunities for public involvement. Determination of which methods to use must be done for each individual transportation planning program or study. However, the minimum requirements are listed below:

- ◆ Legal notices in local newspaper (Commercial News)
 - ◆ Updates on MPO website
 - ◆ Mailing lists
 - ◆ Press releases
 - ◆ Periodic MPO newsletters
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- IV.B.1. Schedule of Meetings: For regularly scheduled meetings, the annual schedule of meetings shall be filed with the City of Danville (the Lead Planning Agency) clerk's office and each municipality's clerk's office at the beginning of each calendar year.
 - IV.B.2 Meeting Notices: A notice of each Policy & Technical Committee meeting shall be filed with every town clerk's office. A notice for MPO public involvement workshops or meetings shall be advertised in local newspapers.
 - IV.B.3. Policy & Technical Committee Meetings Public Comment: Every Policy and Technical Committee meeting agenda by the DATS MPO will include an opportunity for public comment.

- IV.B.4. Mailing Lists: DATS MPO shall maintain a master mailing list for public involvement and outreach activities. The mailing list shall include broad representation of MPO member jurisdictions, multi-modal transportation groups, environmental justice communities, neighborhood groups, local and State agencies responsible for environmental protection, conservation, land use management, natural resources, historic preservation, etc. Notice of meetings shall be sent to all persons on the corresponding mailing list. Anyone may request that his or her name be added to a particular mailing list by indicating the particular list and providing either an email address or regular mail address.
- IV.B.5. DATS MPO Website: DATS MPO shall maintain a calendar of meetings and activities on its website. The MPO also shall make technical and other information available to the public using the MPO website and other electronically accessible formats and means as practicable. The website shall also include copies of appropriate reports, plans, maps and visualization information pertaining to MPO planning activities and programs.
- IV.B.6. Visualization Techniques: DATS MPO shall employ visualization techniques in disseminating information relating to the MPO planning activities. The goal of the MPO visualization policy is to help the public and decision makers visualize and interact with transportation plans and projects, alternatives, large data sets, and land use information more effectively. Visualization techniques will vary, and could range from GIS displays to scenario planning tools.
- IV.B.7. Legal Notices in Newspapers: Anytime the MPO initiates a formal public comment period, notice of the opportunity to comment shall be posted in a legal ad in the area's major daily newspaper, and other media sources as appropriate.
- IV.B.8. Interested Parties: DATS MPO shall mail meeting notices to persons who have expressed a special interest in the MPO's overall transportation program, or specific studies.
- IV.B.9. Additional Methods: The DATS MPO shall give consideration to alternative methods of involving the public that are appropriate to specific projects. Such methods may include, but are not limited to newsletters, transportation related committees if MPO member jurisdictions, advertising in minority and alternative language newspapers, distributing information through public libraries, preparing press releases, etc.

V. **Strategies to Involve the Public in the Planning Process**

In general, input and participation from the general public will be sought as early in the process as practical. However, in some cases public involvement may not be fruitful before some groundwork has been performed.

With regard to the four points at which public involvement is mandatory (i.e., in development of the LRTP, TIP, and UPWP, and before their approval), the following will apply:

1. In Development of the LRTP:

- a. Special interest groups will be identified and targeted early in the process
- b. Public workshops will be held to introduce to the general public the planning process and explain to them the role they could play. Similar forums will be held throughout the development process, as needed, to ensure continued involvement and timely information.
- c. Meetings and discussions pertaining to the different phases of the transportation plan will be open to the public as they occur.

2. In Development of the TIP:

- a. Reviews of the draft TIP will be conducted every year, or as needed, using any of the forms listed in Appendix D: Checklist of Public Involvement Procedures
- b. DATS' processing of any comments received concerning the Danville Mass Transit Program of Projects satisfies the public hearing requirements outlines in 49 USC Section 5307 (c).
- c. Opportunities for citizen input in the prioritization of projects will be provided throughout the process.
- d. If deemed necessary, separate meetings may be held on any issue that is identified as particularly important and/or sensitive

3. Before Approval of the LRTP and TIP:

- a. If necessary, and depending on the nature and extent of the feedback received from the general public, DATS may hold a meeting to exclusively address/respond to public comments and input. This meeting should take place well before final approval.
- b. Upon approval of the draft LRTP, a 30-day comment period will be available where the general public may comment on the draft by writing, calling or visiting the MPO office, as noted on page 2. If a DATS meeting takes place during this period, such meeting may be used by the public to provide input and feedback.
- c. The final draft document will be made available to the public for review before final approval, dispersed throughout the urbanized area at easily accessible and ADA compliant locations. These locations consist of public libraries and government buildings. A list of these locations is provided via public notice in the local newspaper and on the DATS webpage. Necessary publicity will be initiated to bring to public attention the availability of the document for review. Public comments can also be received by MPO staff via the DATS website, telephone, fax, and postal mail.

- d. The website is a distributional tool that exhibits the LRTP for public accessibility, and collects input from interested parties. During the public review period, interested parties have the opportunity to contact MPO staff about any portion of the document through the website.
 - e. Any significant public comments will be documented and addressed in the final document.
 - f. Final approval of the LRTP, which signifies its adoption, will take place during a DATS meeting to be held before the applicable deadline.
 - g. Final approval of the TIP signifies approval of the Danville Mass Transit Program of Projects, which thus satisfies the program of projects requirements of the Urbanized Area Formula Program.
- 4. In Developing and Before Approving the UPWP:**
- a. Reviews of the draft UPWP will be conducted every year using any of the forms listed in Appendix D: Checklist of Public Involvement Procedures
 - b. The final draft document will be made available to the public for review before final approval, dispersed throughout the urbanized area at easily accessible and ADA compliant locations. These locations consist of public libraries and government buildings. A list of these locations is provided via public notice in the local newspaper and on the DATS webpage. Necessary publicity will be initiated to bring to public attention the availability of the document for review. Public comments can also be received by MPO staff via the DATS website, telephone, fax, and postal mail.
 - c. The website is a distributional tool that exhibits the LRTP for public accessibility, and collects input from interested parties. During the public review period, interested parties have the opportunity to contact MPO staff about any portion of the document through the website.
 - d. Upon approval of the draft UPWP, a 30-day comment period will be available where the general public may comment on the draft by writing, calling or visiting the MPO office. If a DATS meeting takes place during this period, such meeting may be used by the public to provide input and feedback.
 - e. Any significant public comments will be documented and addressed in the final document.

5. In Development of Title VI:

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the 1994 President's Executive Order on Environmental Justice #12898 state that no person or group shall be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, any program or activity utilizing federal funds.

The Danville Area Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization (DATS MPO) is required to identify any disproportionately high and adverse health or environmental effects of its program on minority and low-income populations. The DATS MPO is also charged with evaluating the MPO plans and programs for environmental justice (EJ) sensitivity, including expanding their outreach efforts to low-income, minority,

and other disadvantaged populations, as part of the United States Department of Transportation's certification requirements. The MPO's environmental justice initiatives accomplish this by involving the potentially affected public in developing transportation projects that fit harmoniously within their communities.

It is the policy of the DATS MPO to ensure that no person shall, on the ground of race, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity as provided by Title VI or the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, and any other related non-discrimination Civil Rights laws and authorities. It is also the policy of the DATS MPO to ensure that no person shall, on the ground of sexual orientation or gender identity, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity.

A copy of the DATS MPO Civil Rights Title VI Compliance Report can be found at the DATS MPO website, specifically at the following link:

VI. **Forms of Public Participation**

DATS MPO shall provide reasonable public access to technical and policy information used in the development of the Long-Range Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and related studies, plans, and programs.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the general public will be given ample time for comments and feedback. Where applicable, deadlines will be set. Because planning issues vary in complexity, input/participation periods and type of forum used will also vary. Such forums/mechanisms may range from information releases to joint planning and decision-making.

To ensure an efficient and fruitful public involvement process, the following means, or any combination thereof, may be used:

Public Notification: Public notice of a meeting shall be made at least seven days in advance of the meeting.

Mailing Lists: DATS maintains a list of all committees, subcommittees, units of government, and interested parties. Citizens may add their names to this list by notifying the DATS office, via the DATS website or through a committee member.

Copies of Documents: Copies of all documents created by DATS are available on the DATS website and at the DATS office for public review, including the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Public Participation Plan (P³). All local libraries are

also sent several drafts of planning documents for public review. Citizens may contact the MPO for copies of final updated documents.

Public Comment: DATS staff and committees welcome public input into their planning and review process. Citizens may submit written or verbal comments via comment cards provided with draft documents, email, on the website, during appropriate comment periods at public meetings or anytime by telephoning the DATS office or a committee member.

Open Meetings: All DATS meetings are open to the public. Notices are posted five days in advance of each meeting. If a person needs special assistance, DATS staff can be of assistance if provided with advance notice.

Public Forums: Public forums will be held during the preparation of the TIP, LRTP, and for significant amendments to these documents, in compliance with federal law.

DATS Attendance in Other Meetings: DATS staff attends other meetings held by agencies within the planning area to keep informed about public concerns and issues.

Presentations by DATS staff: Periodic presentations to organizations are made on DATS activities (i.e., City of Danville Council meetings).

DATS Website: DATS has taken advantage of the effectiveness of Internet communication by using its website to coordinate and promote various forms of public participation. It serves as a tool to notify the public of meetings and open forums, to disseminate plans and other documents, and to announce public review periods. Through the site, citizens may join the DATS mailing list, submit comments electronically, or download comment forms for hard-copy submissions. Efforts to maintain clear and up-to-date information will continue in order to provide everyone the opportunity to learn and voice opinions about the transportation planning process.

VII. Review Procedures/Reassessment of P.P.P.

Periodic review of public participation activities to evaluate program effectiveness is required by federal regulations (23 CFR 450.212(a) (7)). Overall evaluation of public participation efforts on a regular basis helps answer whether the program is meeting the key participation plan objectives. Specific evaluation measures can be used to quantify the level of public participation. This can help to determine under what circumstances public participation tools are effective or not. Through the evaluation process, a participation program can be refined and improved.

The evaluation of the MPO public participation programs will focus on an assessment of each program's overall success and effectiveness in achieving its participation goals. Strong participation numbers and inclusion of a broad range of interests is of particular concern to the MPO staff. Criteria have been established to accurately measure the

effectiveness of each of the recommended public participation tools in accomplishing these specific goals. Appendix E outlines the evaluation criteria, both qualitative and quantitative, that will be used to monitor each tool in the program and evaluate the effectiveness of the actual public participation activities undertaken throughout the process. The MPO will also solicit comments on the effectiveness of the Public Participation Plan through outreach programs to seek out and consider the needs of those traditionally under-served by existing transportation systems, including environmental justice (low-income & minority), elderly, and Limited English Proficiency households.

The MPO has developed four tools to measure the effectiveness of public outreach efforts. These tools, outlined in Appendix D, are mailing lists, public forums, open meetings and the internet. On all occasions, measures of public participation are recorded as numbers, statistics, and summaries of qualitative observations. The quantitative components include meeting attendance, number of hits on the internet site and number of suggestions received. The qualitative components measure the quality of information released by the MPO. Negative net changes or an absence of any positive net change in participation indicates a need to address our strategies.

The Participation Plan will be formally reviewed every five years and updated as necessary by the MPO to assure that it is promoting an effective process, which provides full and open access to all persons. After changes have been implemented, the revised Participation Plan will go through the MPO Committees- Technical and Policy- followed by a forty-five day comment period before final adoption. The Participation Plan's forty-five day comment period will be advertised in a local newspaper- the News Gazette. The document will be available for review at various locations throughout the Urbanized Area. All comments received will be reviewed, considered and incorporated, as appropriate. A report documenting the public participation plan and review process, including comments received, will be made part of the final P³ document, which will be available online and at the MPO's office.

The Participation Plan is intended to be a living document which can incorporate revisions and edits from the public. It is also designed to be flexible and offer a number of varied techniques for public participation. As the MPO evolves and tests these methods, staff will determine which strategies work best and build on these successes.

Appendix A: Code of Federal Regulations- Public Participation**Code of Federal Regulations: Public Participation in Metropolitan Transportation Planning**

23 CFR 450.316b (1):

The metropolitan transportation planning process shall: Include a proactive public involvement process that provides complete information, timely public notice, full public access to key decisions, and supports early and continuing involvement of the public in developing plans and TIPs and meets the requirements and criteria specified as follows:

- i. Require a minimum public comment period of 45 days before the public involvement process is initially adopted or revised;
- ii. Provide timely information about transportation issues and processes to citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of transportation agency employees, private providers of transportation, other interested parties and segments of the community affected by transportation plans, programs and projects (including but not limited to central city and other local jurisdiction concerns);
- iii. Provide reasonable public access to technical and policy information used in the development of plans and TIPs and open public meetings where matters related to the Federal-aid highway and transit programs are being considered;
- iv. Require adequate public notice of public involvement activities and time for public review and comment at key decision points, including, but not limited to, approval of plans and TIPs (in nonattainment areas, classified as serious and above, the comment period shall be at least 30 days for the plan, TIP and major amendment(s));
- v. Demonstrate explicit consideration and response to public input received during the planning and program development processes;
- vi. Seek out and consider the needs of those traditionally underserved by existing transportation systems, including but not limited to low-income and minority households;
- vii. When significant written and oral comments are received on the draft transportation plan or TIP (including the financial plan) as a result of the public involvement process or the interagency consultation process required under the U.S. EPA's conformity regulations, a summary, analysis, and report on the disposition of comments shall be made part of the final plan and TIP;
- viii. If the final transportation plan or TIP differs significantly from the one which was made available for public comment by the MPO and raises new material issues which interested parties could not reasonably have foreseen from the public involvement efforts, an additional opportunity for public comment on the revised plan or TIP shall be made available;
- ix. Public involvement processes shall be periodically reviewed by the MPO in terms of their effectiveness in assuring that the process provides full and open access to all;
- x. These procedures will be reviewed by the FHWA and the FTA during certification reviews for TMAs, and as otherwise necessary for all MPOs, to assure that full and open access is provided to MPO decision-making processes;
- xi. Metropolitan public involvement processes shall be coordinated with statewide public involvement processes wherever possible to enhance public consideration of the issues, plans, and programs and reduce redundancies and costs;

Appendix B: Components of Public Participation Process

PLANNING COMPONENTS	SCHEDULE OF MEETING/ACTIVITY	COMMENT PERIOD	DISCUSSION
Public Meetings			
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	Typically in March	30 days after approval of initial draft	All significant public comments will be included in each document, as specified in 23 CFR 450:Subpart C.
Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)	Updated every 5 years	30 days after approval of initial draft	
Participation Plan (PP)	Reviewed annually	45 days after approval of initial draft	
Supplemental Public Meetings			
Major TIP Amendments Major LRTP Amendments Major UPWP Amendments	As Appropriate	30 days after approval of initial draft	
Open Meetings			
Danville Area Transportation Study (DATS) Policy Committee	As Needed (A list of dates and times are available at the DATS office and the Website www.cityofdanville.org)		Administrative amendments to the TIP and other items not specifically requiring public involvement are discussed at policy and technical committee meetings.
(DATS) Technical Committee	As Needed (A list of dates and times are available at the DATS office and the Website, www.cityofdanville.org)		
Highway Transportation Subcommittee	As necessary		
Transit Transportation Subcommittee	As necessary		
Specific Project Subcommittees	As necessary		
Additional Public Information			
Technical Assistance	Provided Daily	Answering comments and requests is a continuous process.	
Staff Presentations	As requested		
Other	Newsletters, Internet website, brochures, attendance at other meetings, comment cards, etc.		

Appendix C: Methods of Public Participation

A variety of methods are available to DATS staff for ensuring equitable public participation in the planning practices. DATS staff utilizes as many of those methods listed below that are deemed appropriate to time constraints, scale of a project and the workload capacity available to staff. The suggestion of new methods is always welcome.

- Making meeting announcements on the DATS website, in local newspapers and through local media
- Creating citizen advisory committees
- Creating newsletters and/or brochures regarding DATS staff and committee activities
- Making available a summary, analysis and report of significant public comments
- Providing comment cards/box at libraries for all documents seeking approval
- Using surveys to measure public opinion and comments
- Using DATS website as a forum for draft and final documents
- Providing summaries of popular DATS documents on the website
- Holding public exhibits, open houses, conferences, and/or workshops concerning MPO and DATS activities
- Posting meeting announcement flyers at neighborhood locations and/or in local public buses
- Making a feedback page available to the public on the DATS website
- Making staff available for receiving public comments and questions

Appendix D: Evaluation Criteria

PP Tool	Quantitative	Qualitative
Mailing Lists	Number of Additions to a Mailing List	Concise and Clear Information Portrayed
	Diversity of Representation	Effectiveness of Newsletter Format
	Quantity of Educational Materials Distributed	
Public Forums	Number of Events/Opportunities for Public Involvement	Effectiveness of Meeting Format
	Number of Comments Received	Public Understanding of Process
	Number of Participants	Quality of Feedback Obtained
	Number of Avenues Used to Reach Environmental Justice Audiences	Timing of Public Involvement
	Diversity of Attendees	Meeting Convenience: Time, Place, and Accessibility
		Was Public's Input Used in Developing the Plan?
Open Meetings	Number of Comments Received	Effectiveness of Meeting Format
	Number of Participants	Public Understanding of Process
	Number of Avenues Used to Reach Environmental Justice Audiences	Quality of Feedback Obtained
	Diversity of Attendees	Was Public's Input Used in Developing the Plan?
DATS Website Internet Site	Number of MPO Documents	Timeliness of Document Updates
	Number of Hits per Month	Announcement of Meetings
	Number of Public Comments and Suggestions Submitted	Effective format for information access
	Number of additions to a mailing list	Quality of Feedback Obtained
		Concise and Clear Information portrayed

Appendix E: Consultation Partners

Organization	Address <i>(Danville, IL 61832, unless noted otherwise)</i>
Ameren IP	POB 17070 Urbana, IL 61803
Aqua Illinois	1000 S Schuyler Ave Kankakee, IL 60901
Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations	1730 Rhode Island NW, Suite 608 Washington, DC 20036
Catlin Planning Commission	113 Mapleleaf Dr. Catlin, IL 61817
City of Danville	17 W. Main St.
City of Danville Public Works Committee	17 W Main St
City of Georgetown	208 S. Walnut St. Georgetown, IL 61846
City of Westville	201 N. State St. Westville, IL 61883
Commercial-News	17 W. North Street
CRIS Senior Services	309 N. Franklin
Crosspoint Human Services	210 Avenue C
Danville Area Community College	2000 E. Main St.
Danville Mass Transit	101 N. Jackson St
Danville Planning and Zoning Commission	17 W. Main St
Danville Sanitary District	16161 Grape Creek Rd 61834
Danville Township	101 W. North St.
Danville Township Highway Department	101 W. North St.
Downtown Danville Incorporated	8 E. Vermilion St
Emergency Management Agency	2507 Georgetown Road Tilton, IL 61833
Federal Highway Administration, Illinois Division	3250 Executive Park Drive Springfield, IL 62703
Federal Transit Administration	200 W. Adams St. Suite 320 Chicago, IL 60606
Georgetown Planning Commission	208 S. Walnut St. Georgetown, IL 61846
Georgetown Township	1805 N. Main St. Georgetown, IL 61846
Georgetown Township Highway Department	208 S. Walnut St. Georgetown, IL 61846
Illinois Department of Transportation	2300 S. Dirksen Pkwy. Springfield, IL 62764
Newell Township	19 E. Liberty Lane Danville, IL 61832
Newell Township Highway Department	200 Illinois Street

	Bismarck, IL 61814
Pheasants Forever	17938 N. 680 East Rd. Fithian, IL 61844
School District 118	516 N. Jackson St.
School District 2	125 Ellsworth St. Westville, IL 61883
School District 4	400 W. West St. Georgetown, IL 61846
School District 5	701 1/2 W. Vermilion St. Catlin, IL 61817
The News-Gazette	137 N. Walnut St.
Tilton Economic Development Board	1001 Tilton Rd. Tilton, IL 61833
Vermilion Advantage	28 W North St
Vermilion County Airport	22633 N Bowman Avenue, Ste. 1 Danville, IL 61834
Vermilion County Board	6 N Vermilion St
Vermilion County Conservation District	22296-A Henning Rd. Danville, IL 61834
Vermilion County Emergency Telephone System Board	2 E. South St
Vermilion County Farm Bureau	1905 Route 150 W Ste. C
Vermilion County Highway Department	Route 150
Vermilion County Soil and Water Conservation District	1905 Route 150 W Ste. C
Vermilion County Transportation Subcommittee	6 N Vermilion St
Vermilion County Workforce Investment Board	6 N Vermilion St
Village of Belgium	22 Orlea St. Belgium, IL 61883
Village of Catlin	W Coml Catlin, IL 61817
Village of Tilton	1001 Tilton Rd Tilton, IL 61833

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