

# Transportation Management Area

## Certification Review



U.S. Department of Transportation  
**Federal Highway  
Administration**



**Federal Transit Administration**

# Introduction of the Federal Team



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# Why Are **We** Here?

- Every 4-years the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) jointly review the metropolitan transportation planning process for those areas with over 200,000 population
- Part of this review includes seeking public input



# Why Are **You** Here?

- To give your opinions of the metropolitan area's transportation planning process





# What Will Happen To Your Comments?

- Comments received today and by mail until **August 14, 2017** will be summarized in a report.
- Comments are taken into consideration while evaluating the transportation planning completed for the area



# What is the Outcome of this Review?

- Report is issued in approximately 60 days summarizing the discussions during the review

Process is:

- Certified **or**
- Certified subject to corrective actions;  
**or**
- Certified for use of only certain construction funding categories



# Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

What is the *Planning Process*?

- A process by which transportation decisions are made and projects are planned, selected and prioritized for implementation within the region.

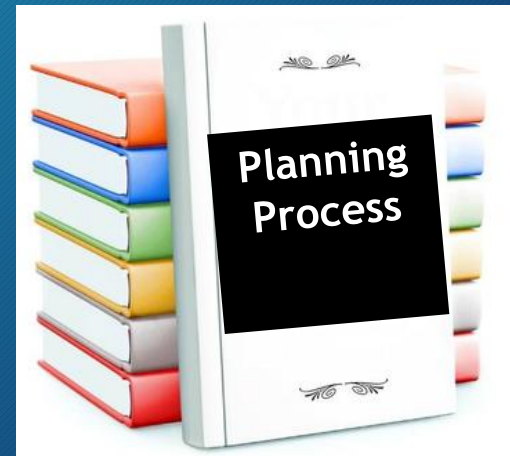




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## *Why is the Planning Process **Important**?*

- Decides how a substantial share of federal funding is spent nationwide.
- Because of limited funding, the MPO must prioritize the regional needs and determine the best and most economical solution.
- The process lays the framework for the future transportation system.





# Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

## Who is **involved?**

- Metropolitan Planning Organization
  - Policy Committee
  - Technical Committee
  - Citizen's Committee (optional)
- State Department(s) of Transportation
- Public Transportation Operator(s)
- Local Jurisdictions (cities, counties)
- Local Citizens
- Interest Groups
- Federal Agencies
  - Federal Transit Administration
  - Federal Highway Administration



# Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

- Products of the Process
  - Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
  - Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
  - Congestion Management Process (CMP)
  - Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
  - Public Participation Plan (PPP)

# What is the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)?

- A mechanism document describing the planning activities to be completed and costs.
- Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Budget
- “A Plan for Planning”



# What is the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)?

- 20-Year multi-modal guide to regional needs and potential solutions
- Financially feasible
- Conforms to Clean Air Standards
- Contains: financial plans, local goals & objectives, public involvement



# What is the Congestion Management Process (CMP)?

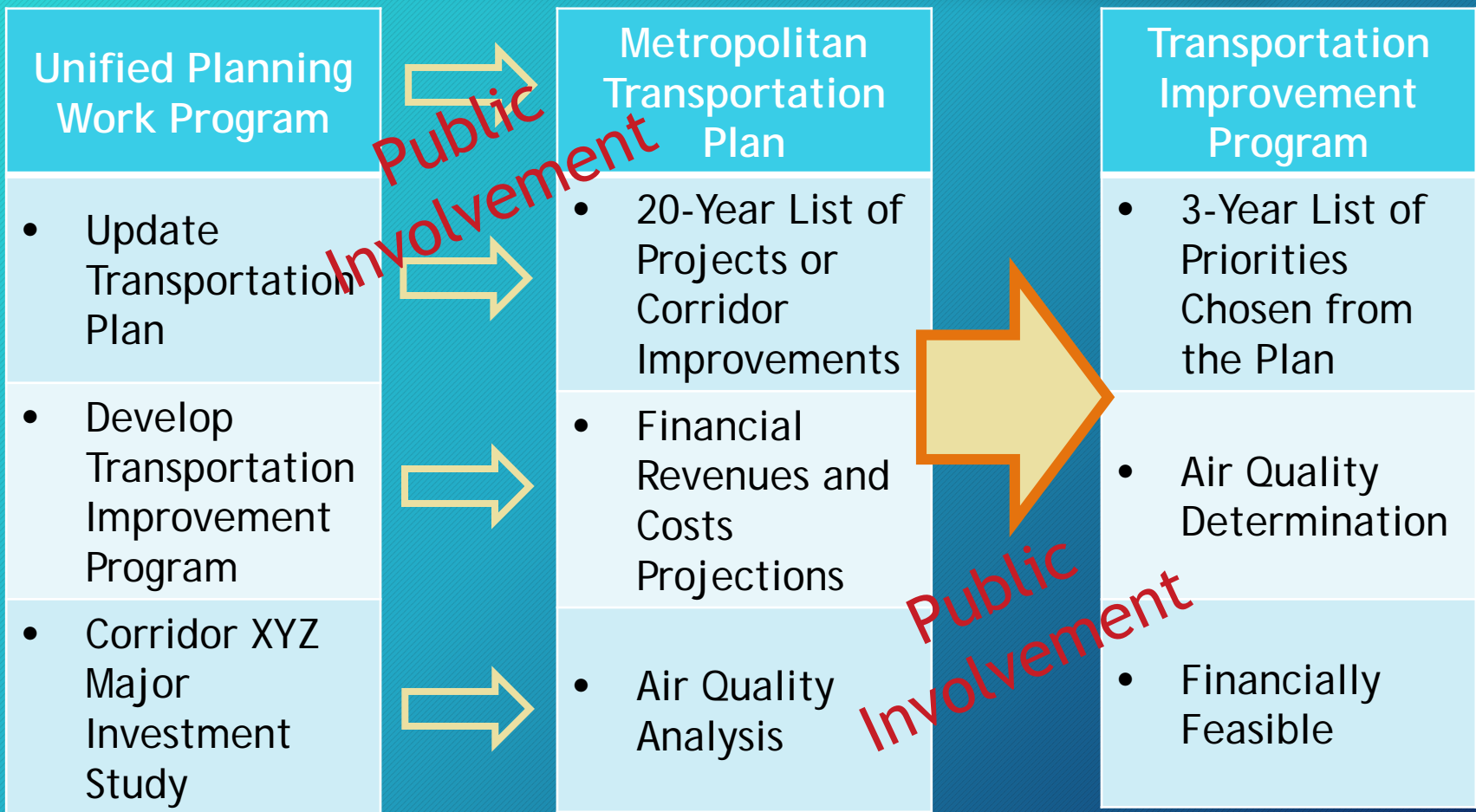
- Short term and long term strategies
  - Short term—looks at current traffic and transit problems and tries to solve
  - Long Term—tries to prevent problems form occurring

# What is the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)?

- 4-Year list of financially feasible projects
- A document prioritizing regional projects for funding and implementation
- If the region has air quality issues, this mix of projects must be within given emissions limits

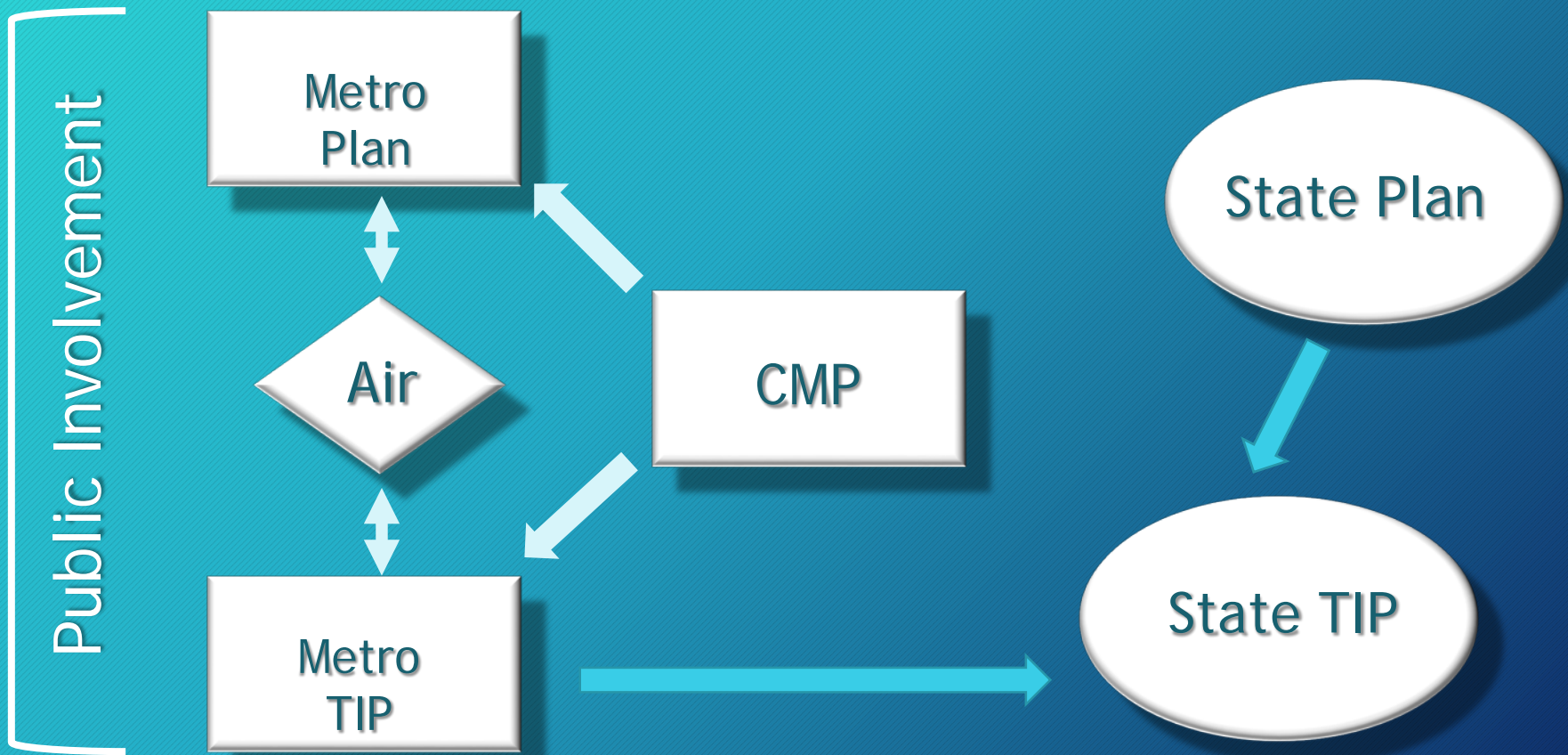
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# Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process **Comment 1.**

Do you have any comments regarding NCTCOG's Regional Transportation Council (RTC) performance in carrying out the responsibility of the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)?

## Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process **Comment 2.**

Is NCTCOG doing an overall good job of providing the public with a reasonable opportunity to provide input and participate as part of the metropolitan transportation planning process? Yes/No - explain.

## Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process **Comment 3.**

Are there specific areas you feel NCTCOG could improve? If so, explain.

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