

# TMA Certification Review



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# Introduction of the Federal Team



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# Why Are **We** Here?

- Every 4 years FTA and 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 Today?

- Comments received today and by mail (within the next 45 days) 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 90 days summarizing the discussions during the review

Process is:

- Certified
- Certified subject to corrective actions
- 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.

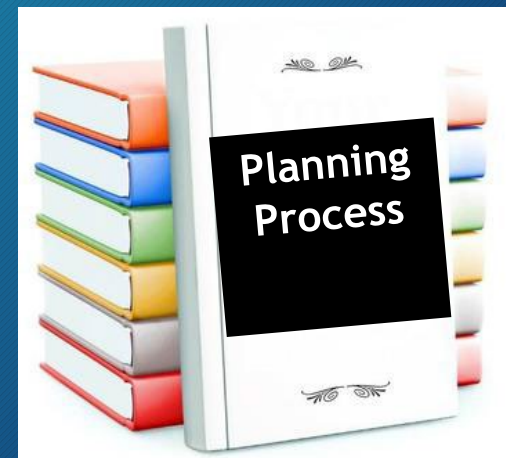




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## *Why is the Planning Process **Important**?*

- 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*?

- MPO(s)
  - 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
- FTA & FHWA



# Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

## How?

- **3-C Approach**
  - Continuing
  - Cooperative
  - Comprehensive
- **Multimodal**
- **Public Input**



# Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

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

What is...

## Unified Planning Work Program?

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



What is...

## The Transportation Plan?

- 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...

## A Congestion Management Process?

- 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

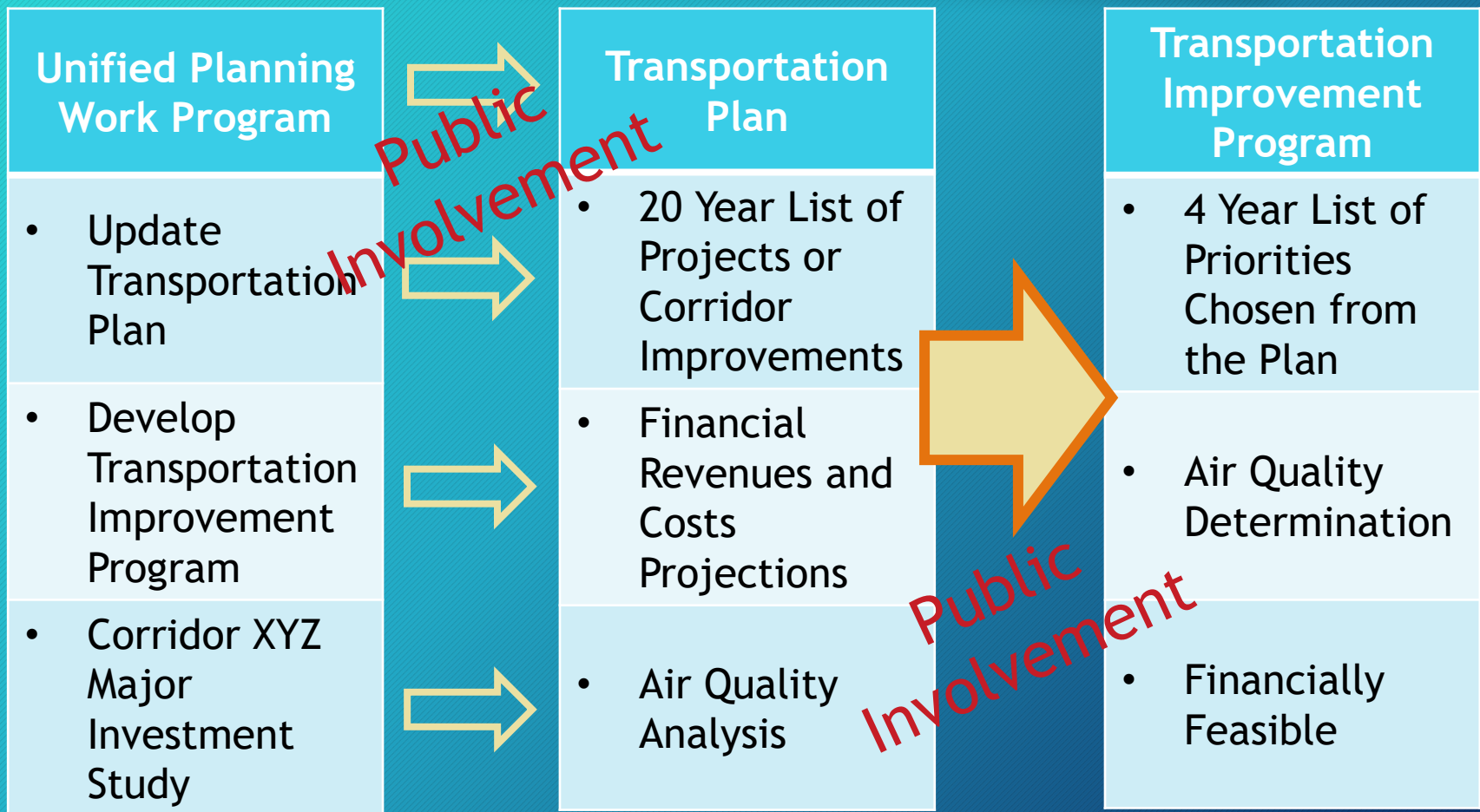
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## A Transportation Improvement Program?

- 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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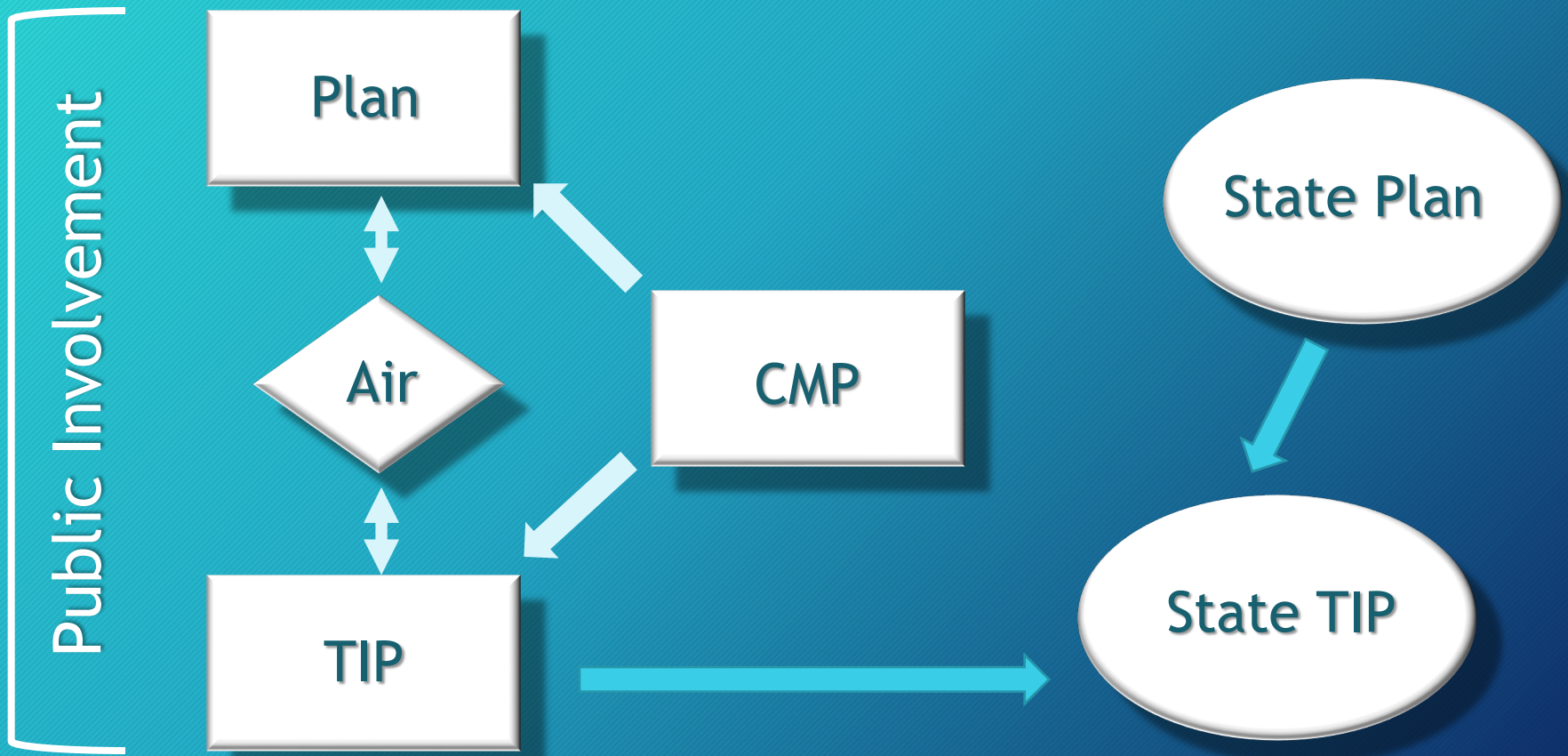
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## Comments?

- Do you have an adequate opportunity to participate in the MPO Transportation Planning Process?
- Have you been involved in the MPO Transportation Planning Process?
- What are your views of the process?

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