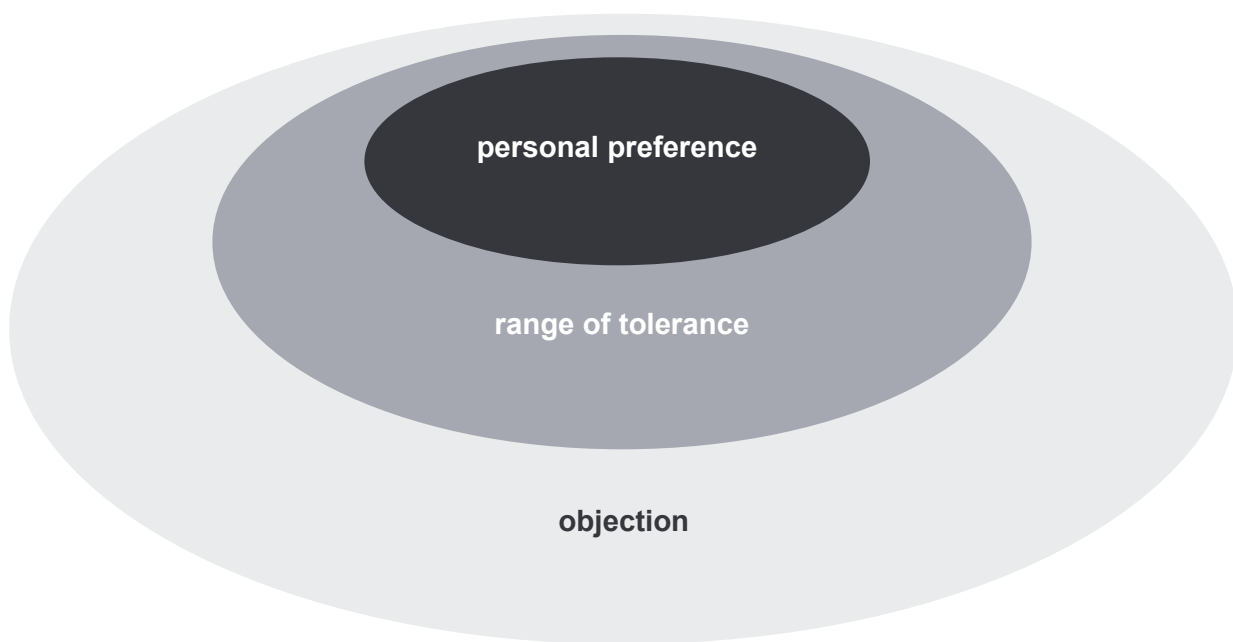


Consent Decision Making for ODOT DBE Advisory Committee

BACKGROUND

Consent Decision Making is a way for groups with diverse points of view to come to decisions in a structured way that helps all members of the group to be heard. It is *not* consensus. Rather it is defined by a lack of objections. It seeks agreement within a range of tolerance – things that are not our preference, but that we can live with.



PROCESS

1. Proposal presentation

Have a clear proposal. The Collaborative Roadmap Phase III Task Force is building on the work done in prior phases, and by working groups. Proposals will most likely come from these sources.

2. Clarifying questions

Ask clarifying questions (only!) with the goal to understand the proposal. You're not trying to shape the proposal, only understand it.

3. Quick responses

Everyone gets a chance to give their opinion on the proposal, preferably in five sentences or less. Task force members might share supporting data, propose improvements in wording or even explanations as to why they like the proposal.

Small changes to the proposal are allowed, so long as everyone on the task force is clear on the changes and the changes align with the proposal.

4. Consent round

Now that everyone in the group understands the proposal and has provided their thoughts, the facilitator asks each person if they have an objection. All objections should be heard and kept brief. Clarifying questions on each objection is allowed, but not debate.

5. Resolve objections

Discuss objections individually and attempt to integrate them into the proposal. If they cannot be integrated, indicate this in the recommendation sheet.