

Regional Toll Advisory Committee

Meeting #4

Monday, January 23, 2023

Facilitator: David Kim (he/him)

Welcome and Technical Info

- This meeting is being hosted in person, via Zoom webinar and being live-streamed on YouTube.
- RTAC Members are participating virtually and in person.
- For all others watching virtually, video and chat are disabled, and attendees are muted.

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Welcome and Agenda

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Welcome!

David Kim, Facilitator

Kris Strickler, ODOT Director

Committee Charter

David Kim, Facilitator

Review Updates

- Based on written feedback and last month's discussion, a redlined charter was prepared with the following changes:
 - Clarity on addressing congestion from diversion/rerouting to local roads
 - Highlighted the importance of addressing climate change
 - Increased focus on safety
 - Added focus on improving multimodal travel options

Charter Discussion

Can anyone not live with the edits as shown in the revised version of the charter?



Rulemaking Process Overview

Travis Brouwer, ODOT

Statewide Toll Rule Advisory Committee

The committee will provide input to ODOT on rules covering two major categories:

- **Tolling operations:** How customers interact with the toll program (enrollment, verification, adjudication) and how ODOT manages the system
- **Toll rates:** Parameters for how the OTC will set and adjust rates, including discounts and/or exemptions (low income toll program)

Statewide Toll Rule Advisory Committee 2023 Work Plan

Opening and
committee setup

Customer
interaction and
operation rules

Vehicle rates, low
income program,
and exemption
rules

Feedback on
I-205 Toll Project
rate schedule
rules

Membership of STRAC

Name	Organization	Geography
Elizabeth Mazzara Myers	Westside Economic Alliance	Metro: Washington County
Ethan Hasenstein	Knife River Corporation	Statewide
Jeff Spiegel	Penske Truck Leasing	Outside Oregon
Lanny Gower	XPO Logistics	Metro
Lauren Smith	Oregon Farm Bureau	Statewide
Marc Ortega Kilman-Burman	American Medical Response (AMR)	Statewide
Marie Dodds	AAA Oregon/Idaho	Statewide
Michael Card	Combined Transport Inc.	Statewide: Southern Oregon
Omar Cruz	May Trucking	Statewide: Mid-Valley
Park Woodworth	Ride Connection	Metro: Multnomah County
Philip Wu	Equity and Mobility Advisory Committee	Metro: Multnomah County
Sean Philbrook	Identity Clark County	Metro: Clark County, Washington
Shannen Knight	A Sight for Sport Eyes	Metro: Clackamas County
Sharla Moffett	Oregon Business and Industry	Statewide
Shatrine Krake	West Linn Chamber	Metro: Clackamas County
Susan Nelson-Ellis	First Student	Metro: Clackamas County
Commissioner Nafisa Fai	Regional Toll Advisory Committee	Metro: Washington County
To be determined	Legislative Commission on Indian Services	Statewide

Cooperative Agreement for the Regional Mobility Pricing Project

Nathaniel Price, FHWA

Value Pricing Pilot Program (VPPP) Tolling Agreement

Oregon Division Office

Oregon Coast Trail at Cape Meares

- Agreement between FHWA and ODOT
- Template is provided by FHWA
- Attachments
 - A. Project Description
 - B. Traffic and Revenue Study
 - C. Final NEPA Document
 - D. Performance Measures



Agreement Components

Oregon Division Office

Oregon Coast Trail at Cape Meares

- Corridor to be tolled under agreement (Attachment A)
- Use of revenue – First – Operating costs of the facility
 - Implementation costs
 - Mitigation measures for low-income drivers
 - Maintenance of toll facility
 - Reconstruction, rehabilitation, restoration or resurfacing of the facility
 - Debt service
 - Return on investment of private person financing project
- Use of Revenue - Second - Title 23 eligible projects and state law
- Variable rate tolling to manage congestion
- Annual audits of program



Agreement Components

Oregon Division Office

Oregon Coast Trail at Cape Meares

- Develop performance measures and a plan (Attachment D) for monitoring of effects project has on
 - Driver behavior
 - Traffic volume
 - Congestion
 - Transit ridership
 - Air quality
 - Availability of funds for transportation programs



Agreement Components

Oregon Division Office

Oregon Coast Trail at Cape Meares

- Identify benefits the application of tolls has on reducing climate pollution
- Demonstrate benefits mitigation measures provide to underserved communities



Agreement Components

Oregon Division Office

Oregon Coast Trail at Cape Meares

- Prior approval from FWHA before significant changes to the approach to tolling the project
- Compliance with all applicable Federal laws with respect to implementation of the project
- Agree to return to original operating condition if discontinue tolls under VPPP



Questions

Oregon Division Office

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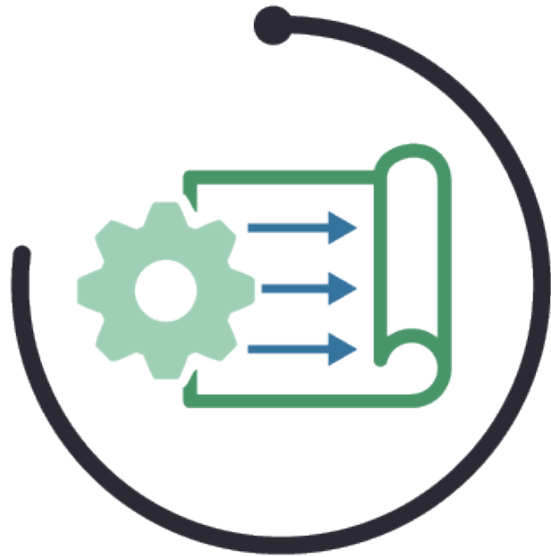


Toll Project and Program Delivery Schedule

Mandy Putney, ODOT

David Kim, Facilitator

RTAC Key Question



What opportunities exist to accelerate the schedule for delivery of the Regional Mobility Pricing Project (RMPP) to reduce the implementation gap between RMPP and the I-205 Toll Project?

2017 Legislative Direction

2017 Budget Note

The Oregon Department of Transportation is directed to ensure an ongoing commitment to fully fund congestion relief on I-205, including but not limited to the Stafford Rd to Abernethy Bridge bottleneck.

Pursuant to HB 2017, any value pricing revenue shall be dedicated to I-205. In the event that value pricing revenue is not sufficient, or should value pricing prove not to be a viable funding source, the agency shall report immediately to the Legislative Assembly on the funding issues along with specifics on funding needs and options available to the Legislative Assembly to quickly remedy such funding gaps.

An initial report shall be provided to the Joint Transportation Committee no later than the last legislative days in calendar year 2018.

House Bill 5045 (2017) Budget Note

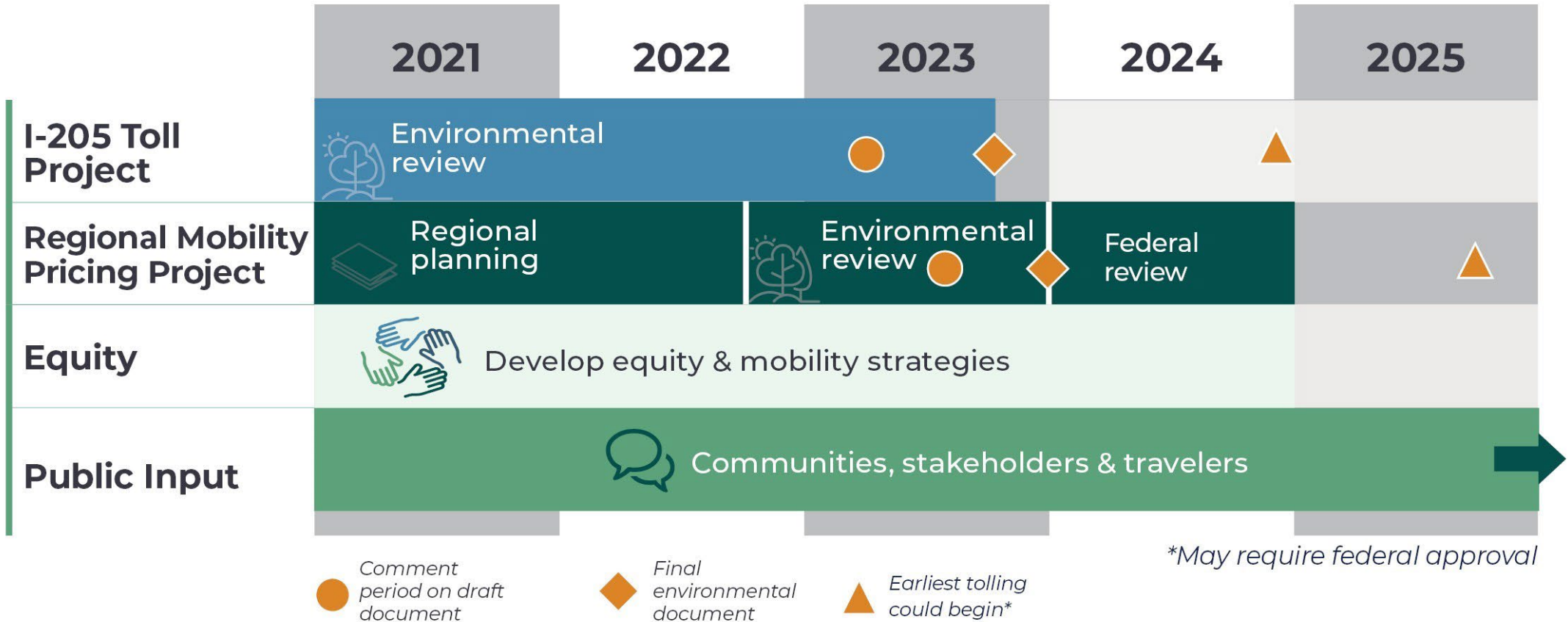
2021 Legislative Direction

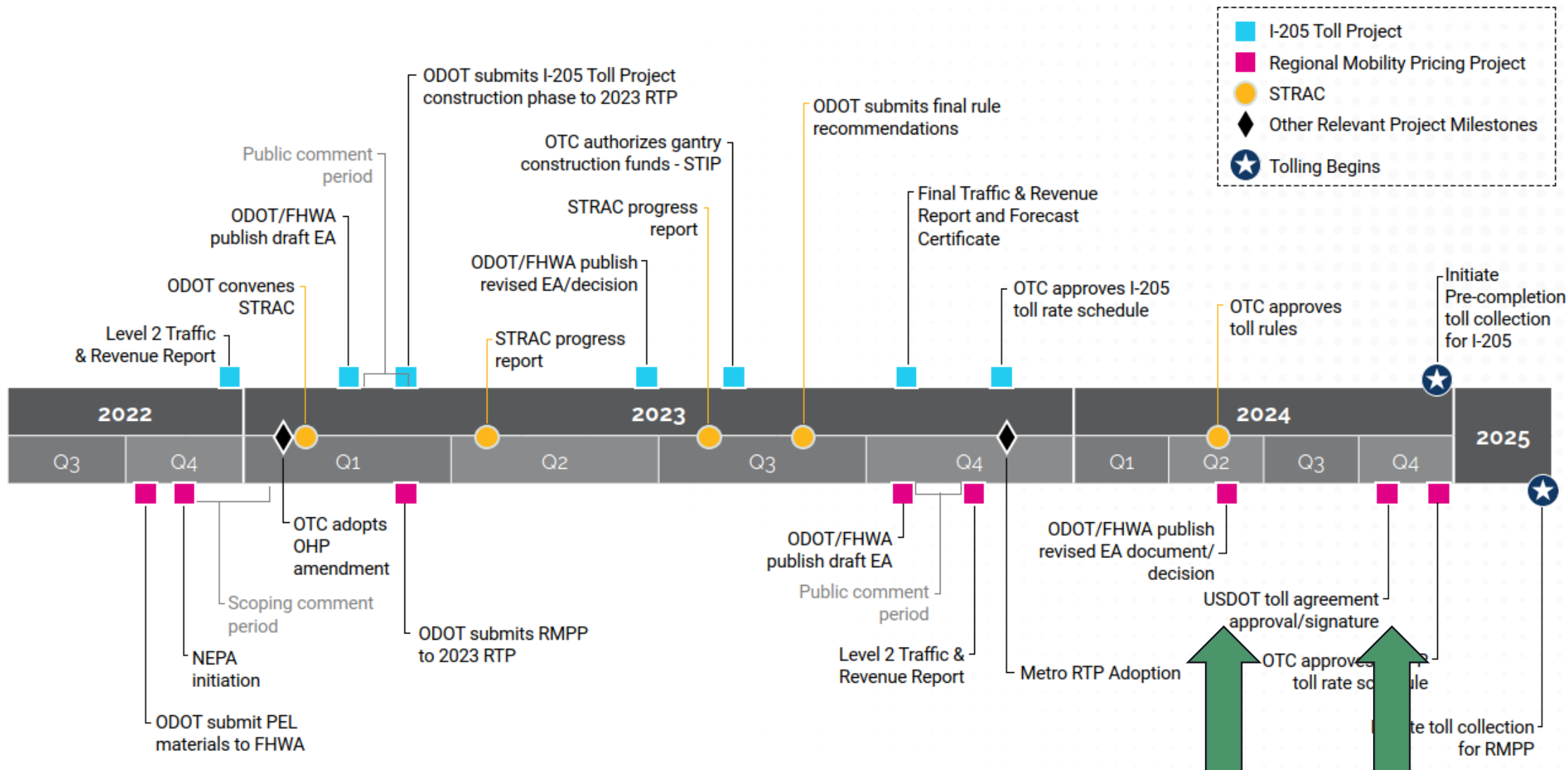
81st OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY--2021 Regular Session Enrolled House Bill 3055

383.001. The Legislative Assembly finds that:

- (1) The development, improvement, expansion and maintenance of an efficient, safe and well maintained system of roads, highways and other transportation facilities is essential to the economic well-being and high quality of life of the people of this state.
- (2) Public sources of revenues, including federal funding, to provide an efficient transportation system have not kept pace with the state's growing population and growing transportation needs, and all available alternative sources of funding should be utilized to supplement available public sources of revenues.
- (8) The funding of transportation facilities through the imposition of tolls on those who use such facilities is a fair and impartial means of assessing the costs of improvements against those who most benefit from such improvements, and is consistent with public policy.
- (10) Significant traffic congestion adversely impacts Oregon's economy and the quality of life of Oregon's communities. Where appropriate, variable rate tolls should be applied to reduce traffic congestion and support the state's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.

Timeline





ACRONYMS

EA Environmental Assessment
FHWA Federal Highway Administration
NEPA National Environmental Policy Act
ODOT Oregon Department of Transportation

OHP Oregon Highway Plan
OTC Oregon Transportation Commission
PEL Planning and Environment Linkages
RMPP Regional Mobility Pricing Project

RTP Regional Transportation Plan
STIP State Transportation Improvement Program
STRAC Statewide Rulemaking Advisory Committee
USDOT United States Department of Transportation

RMPP Critical Path Milestones

- **NEPA decision:**
 - Current schedule: Updated Environmental Assessment Quarter 2 in 2024

- **Finalizing the USDOT/ODOT Cooperative Agreement**
 - Current schedule: Quarter 4 in 2024

Reducing the implementation gap:

- **Complete Regional Mobility Pricing Project environmental analysis (NEPA) on schedule and with regional support**
 - Early partner engagement on Purpose and Need Statement and Proposed Action (complete)
 - Include other toll projects in comprehensive RMPP analysis
 - Regional partnership and collaboration during the environmental review, including development of any associated monitoring and mitigation plans
 - Implement equitable public engagement activities

Reducing the implementation gap:

- **Concurrent USDOT approval of cooperative agreement with NEPA process**
 - Begin and finalize development agreement in parallel with environmental review
 - Regional support voiced for VPPP cooperative agreement
- **Create policy alignment**
 - Adoption of updated toll policies in Oregon Transportation Plan that reflect regional input (complete)
 - Update 2023 Regional Transportation Plan and Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan to include I-205 and RMPP on schedule

Discussion



Public Comment



- We will start with those who are providing public comment in person. Then we will move to those who have raised their hands to comment virtually.



- We will call on you when it is your turn to speak. Please **raise your virtual hand** so the Project Team can unmute you when they call on you.

To provide comments at any time:

Email oregontolling@odot.oregon.gov with “RTAC Public Comment” in subject line to provide written comments.

Call 503-837-3536 and state “RTAC Public Comment” in your message to provide verbal comments.

Thank you for your participation.

Program Updates

Mandy Putney, ODOT

EMAC Update

- EMAC Meeting #20 held Dec. 7
 - New members welcomed
 - Previewed 2022-2025 Work Plan
 - Received general update on Toll Projects
- EMAC Meeting #21 Feb. 1
 - Continued 2022-2025 Work Plan discussion
 - Begin preparation for ODOT-EMAC Workshop in July
 - Update from ODOT on Advancing Equity

Regional Mobility Pricing Project: Scoping Comment Period

- 50-day comment period: Nov. 18, 2022 - Jan. 6, 2023.
- Invited feedback on Draft Purpose and Need, Proposed Action, and topics to study in the Environmental Assessment.
- Approximately **4,700** public comments received.
- **100** participants at public webinars and **dozens** of community and agency conversations.
- Webinar topics of interest: minimizing **rerouting**, **low-income discounts**, specifics of **how tolling and toll payment will work**, **funding**, and **I-205 Toll Project**.



Learn more, share your voice!

We're studying tolling on **I-5** and **I-205** to **reduce traffic** and make everyday **travel safer for you**. Tell us what you think!

[Click here to submit your comments](#)
by **January 6, 2023**



Regional Mobility Pricing Project: Next Steps

- Ongoing **review of public comments** and draft report to summarize what we heard and how it will be used during the NEPA process.
- **Consider input received** before conducting analyses for the Environmental Assessment.
- Ongoing **public updates and engagement**.
- **Publish Draft Environmental Assessment** in fall 2023 for public review and comment.



I-205 Environmental Assessment Engagement

- Notification tools include:
 - News release and media briefing
 - Social media and digital/print ads
 - Partner and CBO emails and toolkits
 - Flyers
- Engagement tactics include:
 - Website, interactive map and online comment form
 - Public hearing opportunity
 - In-person outreach
 - Briefings and presentations to partner agencies and community-based organizations

Upcoming EA
Comment Period:
45 days

Next Steps

- Next meeting: February 27
- Action items
- Complete meeting evaluation



Thank you!

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