MTECC Policy 2.0-v1

Metro Transportation Engineering & Construction Cooperative

Policy on Public Involvement

The Metro Transportation Engineering & Construction Cooperative (MTECC) is a public interlocal agency created by interlocal agreement pursuant to Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, among various cities in Broward County (the "Member Cities").

It is the policy of MTECC to engage with and involve the public when planning, designing, and constructing transportation facilities on behalf of Member Cities. The participation of the public is an integral part of the transportation process and results in:

- early and continuous opportunities for public input;
- consideration of public needs and preferences;
- making informed decisions through collaborative efforts; and
- mutual understanding and trust between MTECC and its partners.

MTECC will promote public involvement and engagement opportunities, as well as an exchange of information, with consideration to the community, local area conditions, and project requirements.

In carrying out this policy, MTECC will:

- develop and promote effective and efficient opportunities for public engagement throughout each plan or project phase;

- rely on procedures outlined in the following Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) materials:
    (1) Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Program Management Handbook, Chapter 6;
    (2) FDOT Public Involvement Handbook, the Project Development and Environment Manual, Part 1, Chapter 11; and
    (3) FDOT Design Manual, Chapter 104;

- promote effective communication and enhance relationships with all transportation partners, including affected residents and businesses, state agencies, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization, Broward County, Member Cities, community leaders, and other stakeholders;

- collaborate with the public and stakeholders through various methods of engagement; and
- strengthen partnerships in a proactive and collaborative manner.

MTECC will hold public meetings and deliver transportation projects on behalf of its Member Cities. The MTECC Board welcomes public involvement and comments on agenda items that propose action by the Board. Public comments shall be made with respect and common courtesy in accordance with principles of decorum. The Chair of the Board or leader of the public meeting may excuse a public participant from further comment or participation for disruptive comments or other unacceptable behavior.

Reference: 23 USC Section 109 (h); 23 USC Section 128; 23 USC Section 135; 23 CFR §450.210; 23 CFR Section 771.111 (a)(1); 23 CFR 771.111 (h); Sections 120.525, 286.011, Florida Statutes.

Approved by the MTECC Board:

Signed: _____
Board Chair

Effective Date: _____ (active until rescinded or updated)