

Public Involvement



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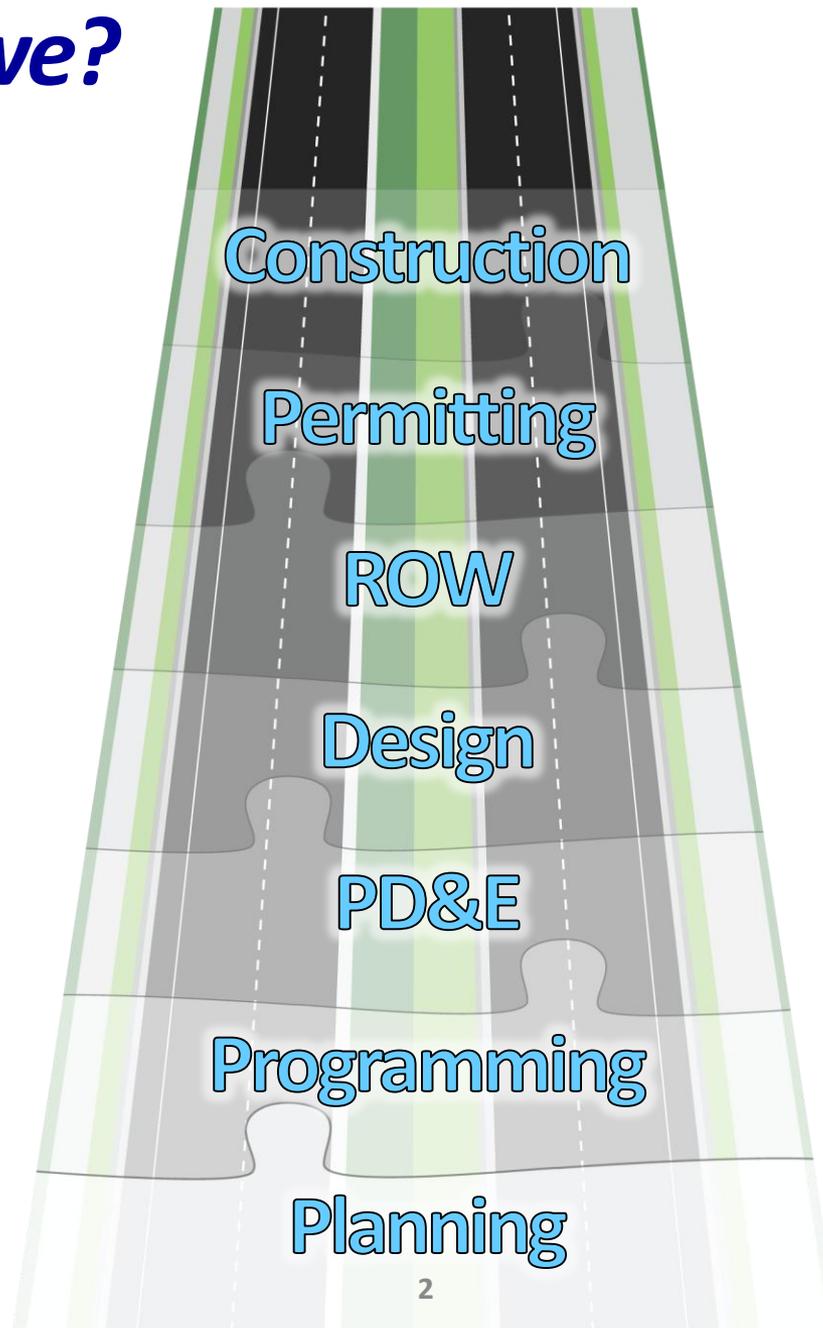
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Where are we?



What is Public Involvement?

- ◆ Two-way communication
 - Solicitation of public comments
 - Responding to public comments
- ◆ Gain understanding of community issues and needs, which can help inform transportation design/decision-making
- ◆ Comply with federal and state requirements
- ◆ Public Participation = Public Ownership
- ◆ Collaboration reflects community values and better projects



Who is the Public?

- ◆ People who live, work, go to school, visit a business in the area
- ◆ People who use the roadway, sidewalk, transit
- ◆ People who have a business on the corridor
- ◆ People who own property
- ◆ People who regulate an aspect
- ◆ Anyone who is affected by or interested in the project



NEPA

- ◆ National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)-1969
- ◆ Requires consideration of environmental effects and reasonable alternatives
- ◆ Environmental - natural, human, physical
- ◆ FDOT's Project Development & Environmental (PD&E) process is state procedure for complying with NEPA regulations



Some noteworthy federal regulations...

- ◆ 23 CFR, Part 771 – Environmental Impact and Related Procedures – Early coordination, Public Involvement and Project Development
- ◆ Title VI and other non-discrimination statutes
- ◆ 42 USC, Chapter 126 – Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- ◆ 23 USC 109(h) – Highway programs must consider social/economic impacts
- ◆ 23 CFR, 450.316(b) – Public Involvement Process for metropolitan transportation planning



FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

SAFETEA-LU	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) - August 25, 2005
TEA-21	Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century - June 9, 1998
ISTEA	Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act - 1991
23 USC, Section 109(h)	Highways - Economic, Social, and Environmental Effects
23 USC, Section 128	Public Hearings
23 USC, Section 135	Statewide Planning
42 USC, Chapter 126, Section 12101	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Titles I and V
42 USC, Subchapter V, Sections 2000d-2000d-7	Public Health and Welfare - Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and Related Statutes
42 USC, Title 42, Chapter 55, Section 4321	National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA)
23 CFR, Chapter I, Part 450	Planning Assistance and Standards
23 CFR, Part 771, Section 771.111	Environmental Impact and Related Procedures - Early Coordination, Public Involvement, and Project Development
40 CFR, Chapter I, Part 93.105	Environmental Protection Agency, Transportation Conformity Rule Amendment - Consultation
40 CFR, Volume 31, Chapter V, Parts 1500-1508	Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (NEPA Requirements)
49 CFR, Subtitle A, Part 24	Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act
Executive Order 12898	Environmental Justice - Avoidance of actions that can cause disproportionately high impacts on minority and low income populations
Executive Order 13166	Improving access to services for persons with limited English proficiency
Technical Advisory 6640.8A	Guidance for preparing and processing Environmental and Section 4(f) documents - October 30, 1987

State Requirements

- ◆ Florida Administrative Law
- ◆ Florida Sunshine Law
- ◆ Florida Statutes
- ◆ Florida Civil Rights Act
- ◆ Jessica Lunsford Act

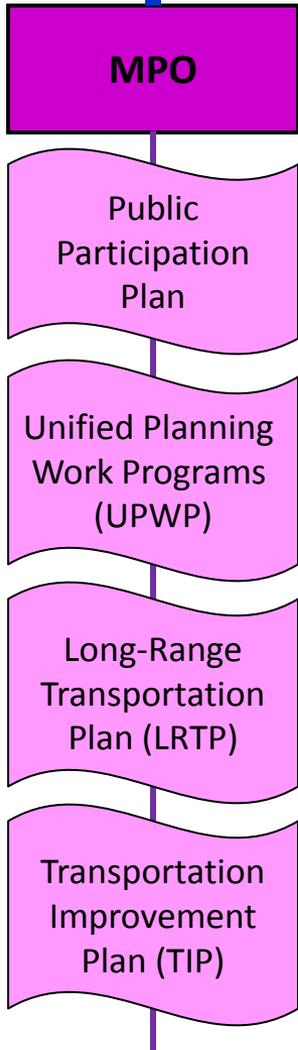


FDOT Public Involvement Policy

“... it is the policy of the Florida Department of Transportation to promote public involvement opportunities and information exchange activities in **all functional areas** using **various techniques** adapted to **local area conditions** and project requirements.” #000-525-050-f



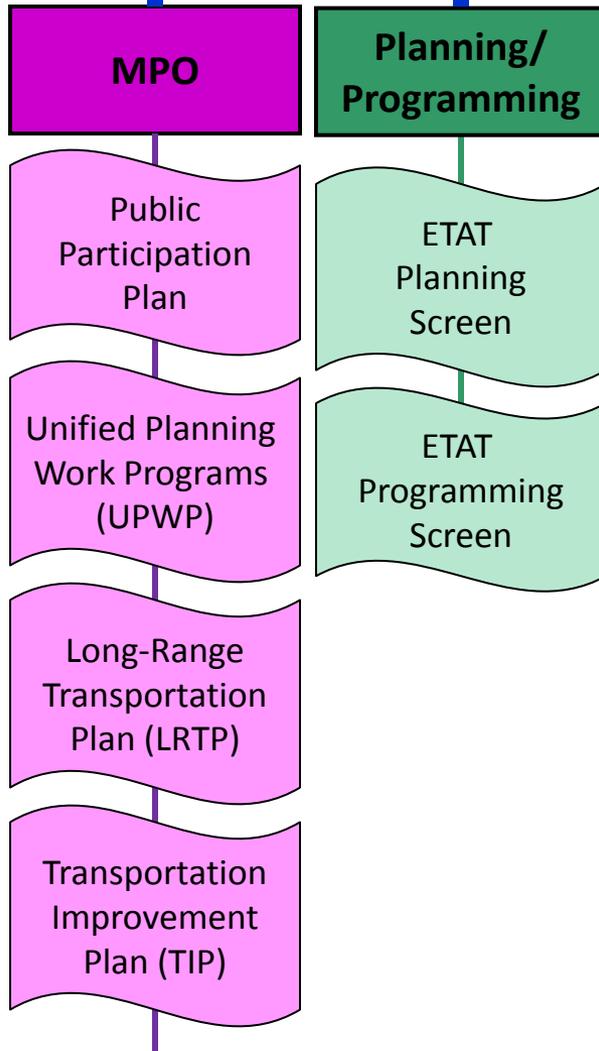
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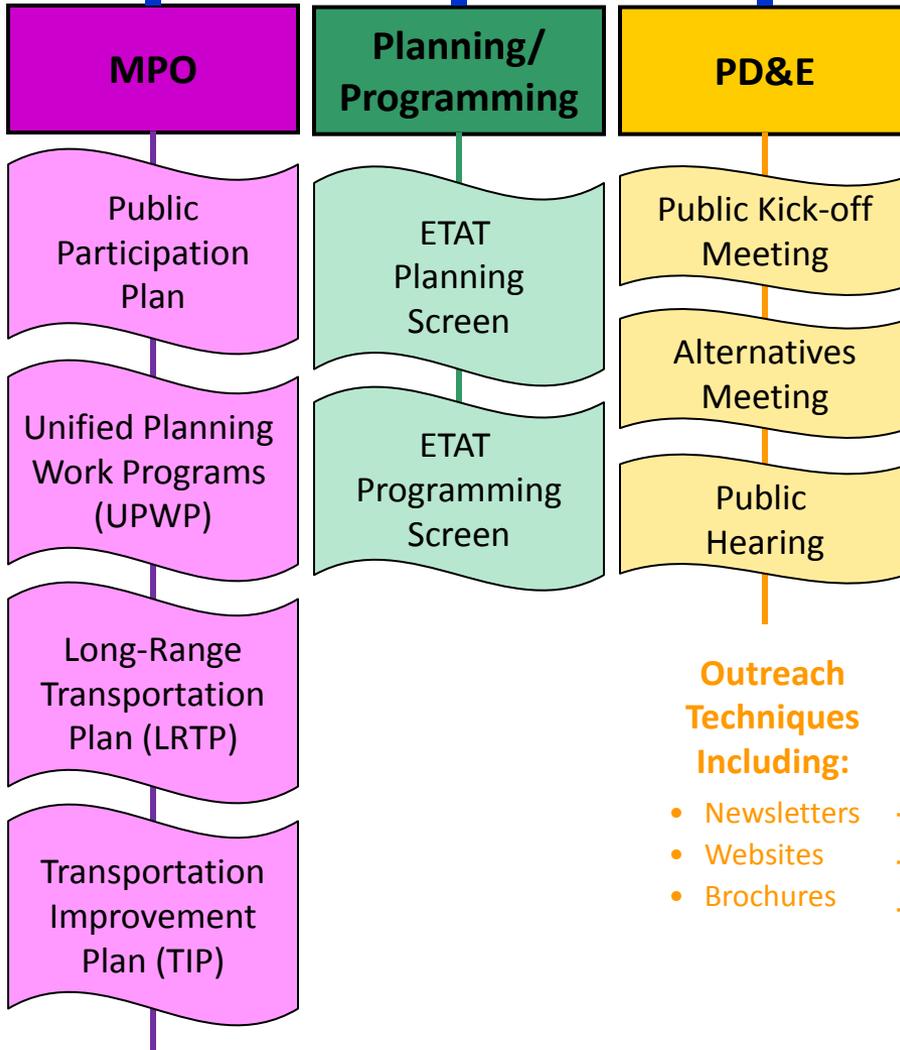
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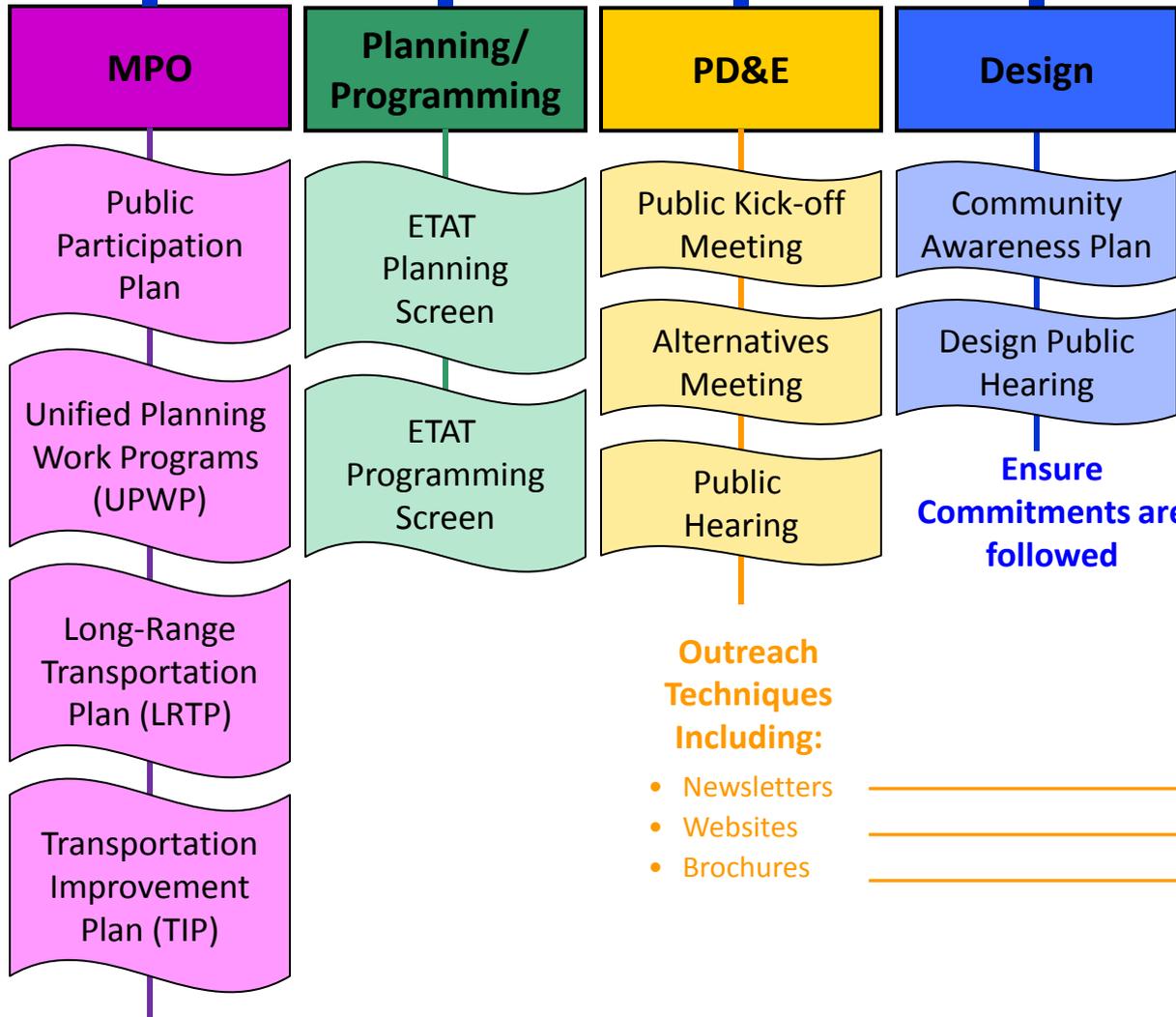


What happens during PD&E?

- ◆ Meetings –
 - Department-sponsored: kick-off, informational, alternatives, hearings
 - Other groups' meetings: HOA, commissions, transportation fairs, etc.
- ◆ Websites
- ◆ Advertisements and press releases
- ◆ Newsletters
- ◆ Increasingly social media



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Ensure Commitments are followed →

Outreach Techniques Including:

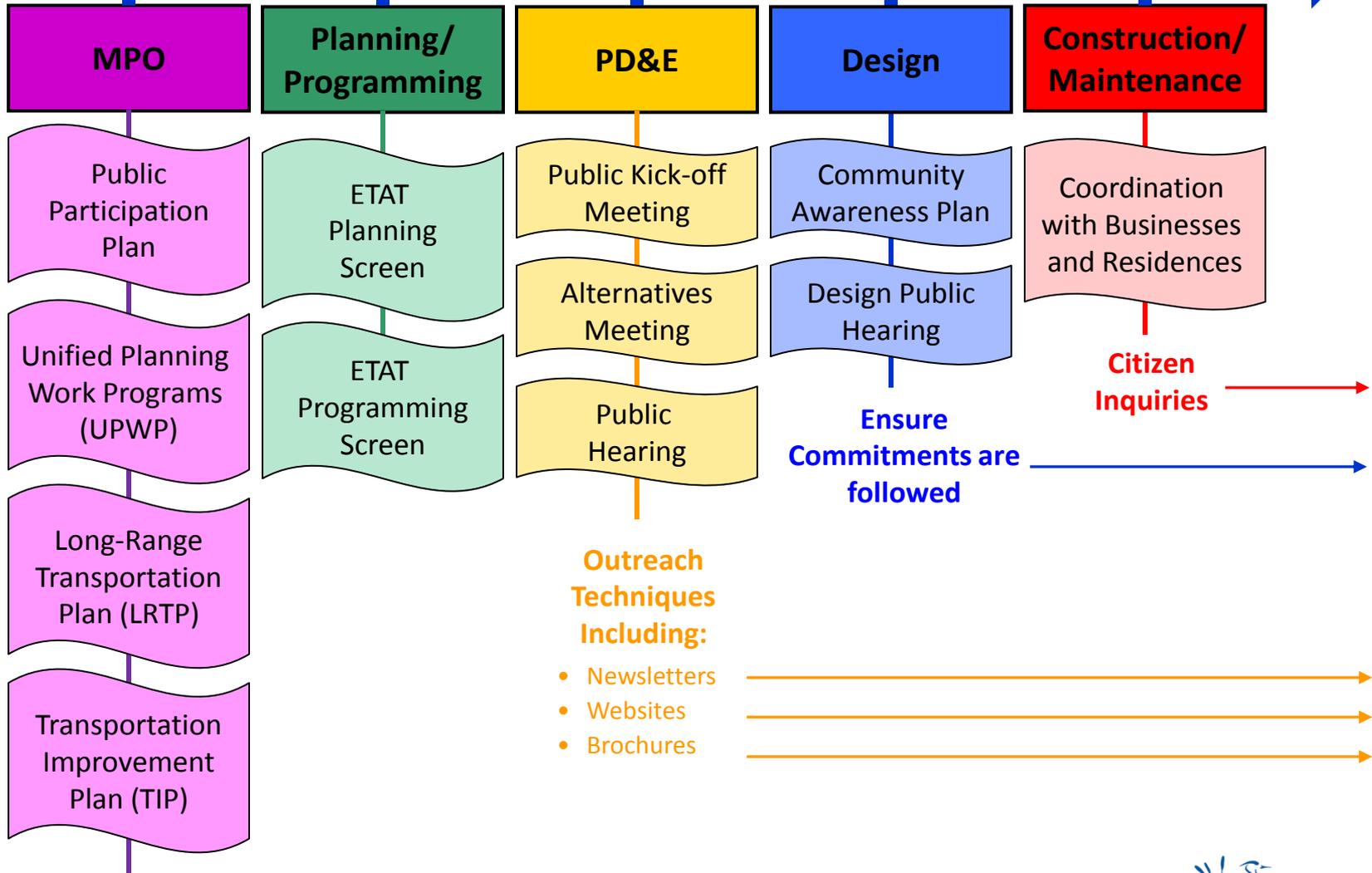
- Newsletters →
- Websites →
- Brochures →



Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)



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Other Activities Supported by Public Involvement

- ◆ Sociocultural Effects
- ◆ Context Sensitive Solutions
- ◆ Cultural Resources
- ◆ Roadway Design
- ◆ Access Management
- ◆ Local and Regional projects





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