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Regular Session

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Report on the Public Participation Plan Update

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ISSUE

REPORT: Public Participation Plan Update

BACKGROUND

In accordance with 23 CFR 450.316, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) are required to develop and use a documented public participation plan that defines a process for providing various stakeholders with reasonable opportunities to be involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process. The current, and first, Public Participation Plan for the Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO) was adopted by the Policy Board in November 2015, and includes an amendment which was approved in February 2017.

The current GIAMPO Public Participation Plan indicates that an update of the Public Participation occurs at least every five years, prior to an update of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). *Journey 2040* is GIAMPO's first LRTP, which was adopted by the Policy Board in April 2016. In February 2021, GIAMPO completed an LRTP update with the adoption of the *2045 LRTP*. Since the current Public Participation Plan was adopted over five years ago and the process for the next LRTP will begin sometime in 2024, GIAMPO staff began developing the Public Participation Plan Update in December 2022.

GIAMPO staff has prepared the Draft Public Participation Plan Update 2024, which has been released for a 45-day public comment period from October 27 to December 13, 2023. This document is posted on the GIAMPO webpage at www.grand-island.com/GIAMPO.

GIAMPO staff will provide an update on the Public Participation Plan Update at the November 28 Policy Board meeting.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS/DISCUSSION

The Public Participation Plan Update 2024 is scheduled for approval by the Policy Board on February 27, 2024. Once adopted, the public involvement methods identified in the Public Participation Plan Update 2024 will serve as a guide for public involvement on GIAMPO transportation plans and documents in the Grand Island metropolitan region.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

The Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of the Draft Public Participation Plan Update 2024 on October 16, 2023.

The Policy Board last received an update on the Public Participation Plan Update in February 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

None. Information only.

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