

Public Involvement and the Transportation Planning Process

Public involvement is a vital part of the transportation planning process in Marion County. The **Ocala Marion Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)** relies on the public's input to better understand transportation needs and potential solutions throughout the region. The TPO works in conjunction with the public to ensure that transportation decisions are efficient and effective at serving the residents they impact.

Feedback from the public is incorporated into the planning process in a variety of ways. For example, the determination of goal weighting for the **2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)** was determined, in part, by the public via an online survey. The goal weights will determine how future projects will be prioritized in the TPO's service area. In addition to the LRTP, the public also serves an important role in

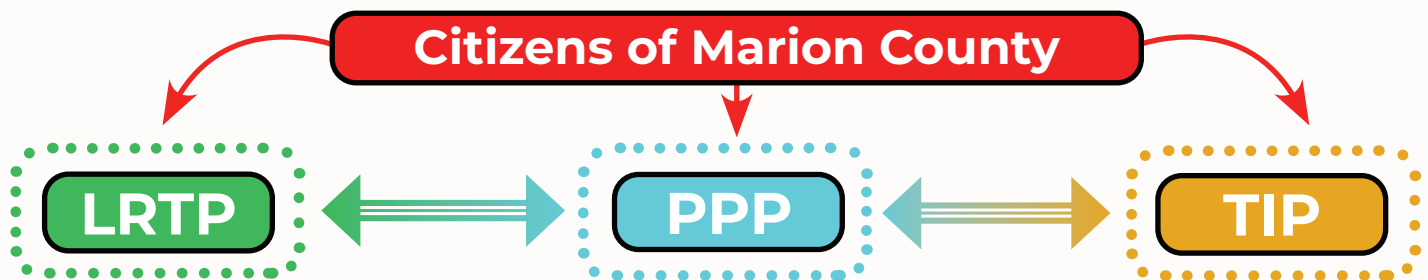
the annual update to the **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**, studies and all other planning documents.

To ensure compliance with federal and state anti-discrimination laws, the TPO has developed the **Public Participation Plan (PPP)**. This plan outlines how the TPO engages with the public throughout the transportation planning process.

To get involved with the TPO, follow us on **Facebook**, **Twitter** and **LinkedIn**; sign up for the TPO's **e-newsletters**; attend one of our **monthly meetings**; and/or volunteer on the **Citizen's Advisory Committee**.

For questions and concerns regarding public involvement, contact the TPO's Grants Coordinator/Fiscal Planner, Liz Mitchell, at (352) 438-2634 or liz.mitchell@marioncountyfl.org.

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