

# Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission

## Public Participation Plan

This document is intended to guide the public participation procedure for the Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission in relation to the Rural Regional Long Range Transportation Plan.

The Rural Regional Long Range Transportation Plan covers all aspects of transportation planning for roadways, bike and pedestrian, air, rail, and travel demand over the long term. The proposed projects in the plan is limited by the funds expected to be available over the next 20 years.

The purpose of this plan is to provide the opportunity for interested parties to be engaged in the transportation planning process. Local officials, the general public, low income, minority and disabled communities are encouraged to participate in the process.

### **INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

The Cumberland Plateau PDC will:

- Hold a meeting to gather data and input at the beginning of the planning process or when updating the Rural Long Range Transportation Plan.
- Hold all meetings at convenient, accessible times and locations.
- Use maps, charts, graphs and other tools to visually convey information presented.
- Advertise meetings for public input and listening sessions at least 14 days prior, by posting in newspaper and on website.
- Provide comment cards and an email for public input.
- Provide accommodations for the disabled if needed.

### Communications and Information

- All meeting dates and documents will be available on the PDC website.
- All draft and final plans will be available for viewing at the PDC office.
- Flyers will be available at local libraries and posted on community bulletin boards as necessary.

### Response

- The draft plan will be posted to the Cumberland Plateau PDC website and a 30 day comment period will be offered.
- Copies of the draft document will be available at local libraries for review.

- Staff will hold public meetings throughout the region to discuss the document and gather feedback.
- All comments will be reviewed by staff and will receive a response before action on the plan.
- Once all phases of the plan are complete, a final draft will be presented to member localities for a majority vote. Upon adoption, the plan will be updated every five years for inclusion in the Six Year Improvement Plan.