



## **Public Involvement Policy**

Public involvement is central to achieve the TJPDC vision for a sustainable region, and we rely on it for all of our planning activities. In conducting its business as a Commission, TJPDC will make it convenient for the public to obtain agendas, minutes, and reports through its webpage and upon request. In order to equip citizens to effectively engage in the planning process; we educate, inform, and train community groups and staff about regional issues and innovative solutions. We recognize that public involvement is an essential component of the planning and programming process and believe that input from the public and partners results in better plans and successful implementation.

The Planning District ensures that the public has various opportunities to provide comment and feedback on planning projects, which are conducted at the direction of the localities and our agency funding partners. We engage partner staff and community groups in designing, publicizing, and facilitating community workshops. Since each project, client and funding source has different requirements, TJPDC's approach to public involvement is adaptable to the individual needs of the project and can encompass a variety of basic components, including interagency teams, facilitator training, community education, hands-on charrette-style workshops, engaging presentations, group workbooks, and inspiring and buildable plans.