



MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER

Statewide Public Involvement Plan approved

NCDOT is pleased to announce the new [Statewide Public Involvement Plan](#). Intended for use by NCDOT staff, partner agencies, municipalities, public and private organizations and companies as well as residents of North Carolina, this is the first plan to encompass the complete decision-making process throughout the entire life cycle of projects.

Public involvement is an integral part of project development at NCDOT. Early and continuous public involvement brings diverse viewpoints and values into the decision-making process and builds trust between NCDOT and the public we serve. This Plan replaces the previously used NCDOT Unified Public Engagement Process for Public Involvement (UPEP) and Local Official Consultation (2016). While the UPEP met all federal requirements and provided policy, it lacked guidance on implementing public involvement processes and procedures. The vision for this new Plan is to:

- Shift focus toward a how-to guide by providing information on best practices and procedures
- Meet requirements of all applicable laws and regulations
- Be inclusive of all modes of transportation
- Cover the entire project life cycle from conception to completion
- Provide a central portal for PI policies

NCDOT staff, partner agencies, municipalities, and public and private organizations and companies involved in the planning and development of transportation facilities are encouraged to use this Plan on projects requiring public involvement. In addition, a Practitioner's Guide to be available this Spring will outline the procedures, provides checklists, links to document templates and guidance. This document is intended as a desk reference for practitioners, providing access to Public Involvement Materials and guidance at their fingertips.

Development of the Statewide Public Involvement Plan was a collaborative, multi-year effort between the NCDOT Communications Office, NCDOT Environmental Analysis Unit, NCDOT Transportation Planning Division and Consultants. If you have any questions about the Plan, please email publicinvolvement1@ncdot.gov.

Project Management site redesigned!

We are excited to announce the recent launch of the redesigned [Project Management site](#). This redesign strives to create a more user-friendly experience. Our goal is to provide

a site that serves as a one-stop shop for Project Managers.

We have restructured the site by categorizing and grouping content to streamline navigation and help users access project management resources quickly and easily. Four categories were added on the site and are displayed in tabs. In addition, resources with multiple content (guidance documents, training, etc.) are grouped together.

Policy/Resources

[Software Info](#)

[Tools and Templates](#)

[Training & Workshops](#)

- **Policy/Resources** provides documents and links to current policies (e.g. Complete Streets, Project Shelving, etc.)
- **Software Info** provides links to information pertaining to Bluebeam, OpenRoads Designer, ATLAS and ProjectWise
- **Tools and Templates** provides tools, guidance documents and training information related to the various project management activities (e.g. MS Project Schedule, Construction Contract Decision Matrix, Project Delivery Network)
- **Training & Workshops** provides training information for generalized training such as PM Training and the Preconstruction Workshop

More content will be added to this site as it becomes available. We want to make sure that this site is valuable to Project Managers, so please let us know if you have any questions, suggestions or general feedback [here](#).

Complete Streets Project Sheets (*corrected*)

The [Complete Streets Project Sheet](#) is the multi-modal transportation project sheet created as part of the Complete Streets Policy Update in August 2019. Complete Streets Project Sheets will be used to document the types of pedestrian, bicycle, public transit and other multimodal facilities to be evaluated in each roadway project.

The Project Sheet lays the foundation for [Complete Streets](#) facilities and serves as a starting point for projects selected for Strategic Prioritization submittal. The Complete Streets Project Sheet carries forward as a key document in the Project ATLAS (Advancing Transportation through Linkages, Automation, and Screening) workbench, allowing any personnel to access the project later in development. As a reminder, to help maintain project files in SharePoint, all documents uploaded to ATLAS are automatically saved to the project's SharePoint site.

The Complete Streets Project Sheet will be required for project submission in P6.0. For current projects that did not complete a final signed environmental document before August 2019, a Complete Streets Project Sheet should be completed and uploaded to the ATLAS workbench as well as sent to [Joe Furstenberg](#) in the Integrated Mobility Division for review.

MPO and RPO engagement with IPD

Engaging Metropolitan and Rural Planning Organizations (MPOs and RPOs) is a critical part of the upstream connections that [Integrated Project Delivery](#) is making in North Carolina. The MPO and RPO representatives are providing valuable contributions as they engage with the IPD Teams at meetings and bi-monthly teleconferences. Input has also been gathered through RPO and MPO association meetings.

MPO and RPO representatives participate in discussing the same topics as the IPD teams, including project initiation workflows, roles of Division Corridor Development Engineers, multimodal and area planning initiatives. MPO and RPO representation are invited to the monthly IPD team meetings and will continue to participate in other IPD meetings as the process continues to progress from concept to implementation.

Interactive Project Delivery Network (PDN)

The IPD Team is developing implementation and training plans to support the upcoming rollout of the first version of the Project Delivery Network (PDN) in April. Version 1.0 of the PDN, which will be about 70-80% complete will provide a scalable roadmap for Department staff, consultant partners and external stakeholders to use. After the 1.0 rollout, the IPD team will continue working with the NCDOT staff, consultants and stakeholders to identify opportunities to further streamline and integrate processes and deliver the second version of the PDN later this year.

The PDN will provide consistency and transparency throughout the project delivery process, enabling project teams to improve the reliability of delivering projects and, subsequently, deliver an efficient program. A recently updated [PDN diagram](#) provides a graphical representation of major activities in each stage of project delivery. We will enhance the diagram with an interactive guidance document that describes the tasks, deliverables and responsibilities for every activity by every member of the project team.

If you have questions or suggestions about the PDN, please [contact the IPD Team](#).

Coming up

June 3-7

- *2020 American Society of Highway Engineers National Conference, Raleigh Convention Center*

August 24-25

- *NCDOT Preconstruction Workshop, NCSU McKimmon Center, Raleigh*

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