



Rural Officials Survey - 2021

Evaluating the Effectiveness of: Consultation with non-metropolitan officials in the transportation planning process

FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) ACT legislation provides for States to consult with and consider the concerns of non-metropolitan officials when making transportation decisions in their Statewide Transportation Planning and Programming processes. The law requires States to document their non-metropolitan local officials' consultation process. These processes provide for the participation of non-metropolitan local officials in a statewide transportation planning and programming process, and that it is separate and discrete from the public involvement process.

At least every five years (as of February 24, 2006), States are required to review and solicit comments from non-metropolitan local officials and other interested parties regarding the effectiveness of the consultation process. This survey will be used as a tool to measure the effectiveness and overall satisfaction of rural officials in planning and programming transportation improvements in rural areas.

Your input is very important. Please take a moment to complete the eight-question survey below and return the completed form to your COG representative. Please rate each statement according to how effective you think the process is.

1. Check the box that best describes how you are involved in transportation planning decisions:

- Elected Official Appointed Other (please specify)

2. The current process for engaging rural, non-metropolitan officials in the development of the Statewide Multimodal Plan involves input from the 10 Council of Governments, a resource committee comprised of federal, state, regional, and local transportation agencies/organizations, state and regional economic development agencies, chambers of commerce, and numerous special interest groups. The current process allows an opportunity for you to provide input and direction in determining long range transportation priorities for the state.

- Most Effective Effective Least Effective

3. The current process of long range planning, administered by the COG, allows an opportunity for you to provide input and direction in determining the future transportation projects for your region.

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4. The current process of prioritizing projects allows for an equitable and comprehensive evaluation of project priorities.

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