

Eastern Connecticut Transportation Consortium, Inc (ECTC)

Public Participation Plan

Introduction

This plan is designed to describe a long-term vision for how ECTC will develop in the coming years, and may be modified as necessary. Our Mobility Specialist acts as a Title VI agent when presenting at public forums allowing engagement in the greater community in an effort to provide transportation resources to the elderly, disabled and low-income community. We will gather information on the needs and barriers faced by this population as well as non-English speaking residents.

Objectives for Public Involvement

Public participation is intended to achieve the following objectives to the greatest extent possible:

- Give the public access to information related to services provided through ECTC.
- Give the public meaningful opportunities to provide input.
- Engage people of all races, ethnic backgrounds, and income levels.
- Strengthen the sense of community and civic engagement.
- Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to be involved throughout the process.
- Produce better planning decisions.
- Support and add credibility to the decision-making processes.
- Strengthen the relationship between decision makers and consumers.

Public Participation Opportunities

1. **Website.** ECTC may post information on its website or other social media, including documents, surveys, etc
2. **Press Releases.** ECTC may issue press releases and other public information pieces at key points in the process to facilitate awareness and education of events and overall plan creation progress.
3. **Written comments.** ECTC will always welcome written comments. ECTC may respond to written comments as appropriate.
4. **Meeting with Staff.** Agency representatives may meet with the public at our office by appointment in an effort to and allow opportunities for public comments. Staff also presents in the community at senior centers, social service organizations etc. These events will encourage public participation whenever possible.
5. **Meeting Notices.** ECTC will post notices for events in a timely manner at accessible locations regarding date, time, location, etc.
6. **Other activities.** ECTC may in its discretion employ other means to involve the public in the review and development of programs and services.