Public Engagement Best Practices: Meeting 1 Recap and Further Discussion



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Roundtable Meeting 1 Recap



CTC's current public engagement practices
Commission meeting and workshop accessibility

Community engagement in planning and program guidelines

 Discussion: Enhancing community engagement practices – public meetings, workshops, and guidelines

Discussion Feedback



- Question 1: What barriers or challenges does your community, or the communities you work with, experience in engaging on transportation plans or projects?
 - Technology is a barrier (e.g. broadband connectivity).
 - Public meetings are frequently not inclusive for members of public who have disabilities.
 - Agencies often identify locations for public engagement rather than meeting communities where they are.

- Language that is overly-technical or includes jargon deters people from engaging.
- Government professionals don't acknowledge and value community expertise.
- Planning analysis and guidance doesn't always align with tribal community context and needs.

Discussion Questions Cont'd



How can we demystify the transportation decision making process and identify key opportunities to engage?



Discussion Questions Cont'd



What does good community engagement look like for large complex projects versus small neighborhood level projects that may apply for CTC funding?

Discussion Questions Cont'd



How to create an inclusive space for Community Voices at Commission meetings and workshops?

Thank You



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