



# The Building Blocks of Transportation Planning & Public Input

## Key:

-  - Public
-  - Committees
-  - Agencies & Staff
-  - Governing Boards (Decision Makers)

### Final Plan ()

- **What:** The Final Plan incorporates comments on the draft plan and is adopted by the governing board.
- **Input:** All board meetings are open to the public, per the Brown Act and there is always an opportunity to comment on items on the agenda, however substantive comments on the plan are more helpful when made earlier in the process.

### Draft Plan ( )

- **What:** The draft plan combines the goals & policies, funding estimates, project lists and other relevant information into a cohesive short and long range transportation plan.
- **Input:** An extensive notification process is employed and a public hearing is held at this stage to solicit broad participation into the review of this plan.

### Project Lists ( )

- **What:** Generally, projects are initiated by the entity that will construct, operate and/or own it, however the public can also nominate projects. The project list is then prioritized and placed into two priority tiers: one called *Constrained* which consists of projects that are within the projected revenues and that are highest priority, and *Unconstrained* projects for which no funding source is projected within the planning timeframe.
- **Input:** There is a high level of interest at this stage when decisions about which projects/programs will be included prioritized.

### Funding Estimates ( )

- **What:** Planning agencies estimate the amount of federal, state and local transportation funding available for the next 25 years based on historical data, current trends and/or state and federal actions.
- **Input:** Partner agencies are involved in identifying and agreeing to the revenue projections.

### Goals & Policies ( )

- **What:** *Goals & Policies* provide a consistency framework, and are used to determine project priorities.
- **Input:** This is a chance for the public to participate in establishing a regional vision, defining tools to guide progress towards achieving this vision, and by which the expenditure of the projected funding will be consistent.