



# New Guiding Principles for Meaningful Public Engagement

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*Metro is updating the Public Engagement Guide in 2023. The first step was to refresh the guiding principles to bring them up to current best practices with input from the Public Engagement Review Committee, Committee on Racial Equity, Metro staff and the Metro Council.*



*Metro's Public Engagement Review Committee will oversee the update of the Public Engagement Guide.*

## **Metro's New Guiding Principles for Meaningful Public Engagement**

1. Public participation is an essential part of Metro's decision-making.
2. Transparency in decision-making is fundamental to successful public service and includes communicating about project outcomes and impact of community contributions to the process.
3. Meaningful public engagement processes apply equity, diversity and inclusion strategies and tools to help identify and address the needs of impacted, underserved, and historically excluded communities.
4. Engagement and communications are accessible, informative, timely and inclusive of a rich diversity of lived experiences and perspectives.
5. Collaboration and capacity-building efforts with community-based organizations, programs, initiatives, and individuals that are impacted, underserved, or historically excluded are essential to address regional issues equitably.
6. Intergovernmental collaboration, coordination, and consultation are essential to address regional issues holistically and efficiently.
7. Evaluation of engagement activities during and after a project encourages responsiveness, growth and process improvement.
8. Adaptive project timelines allow for meaningful engagement with the most impacted audiences early and throughout the project.