



## Caltrans Planning Horizons

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# April 22, 2009 Public Participation Presentation Pre-presentation questionnaire

Help us tailor this presentation to better meet your needs. This presentation will be designed to share best practices and methods in public participation and involvement. Please complete this short questionnaire and return it to Terri Bridges, e-mail address: [terri\\_bridges@dot.ca.gov](mailto:terri_bridges@dot.ca.gov) or fax number (916) 653-4570. **Please respond by Friday, February 27.**

The questionnaire is designed to provide our presenter with information about your experience with public involvement and give you an opportunity to identify topics of particular interest.

Please circle or place an X next to the letter that best matches your response:

### 1. What is your level of experience with public involvement?

- A. I work with the public on a regular basis (at least once a month)
- B. I work with the public on a semi-regular basis (once every couple of months)
- C. I seldom work with the public (once a year or less)
- D. I have not yet worked with the public

### 2. How would you describe your experience working with the public?

- A. Positive: Caltrans was successful at getting productive input from the community and the process went smoothly
- B. Moderate: Caltrans was successful at getting useful information, but the process could have been improved
- C. Fair: Caltrans got some feedback, not all of it useful, and we could have improved the process substantially
- D. Poor: Caltrans was not successful and we are hesitant to go out to the public again on this project and/or related issues
- E. Other: (please describe)

### 3. What do you want to learn more about? *Please circle all that apply*

- A. Workshops/Community Meetings
- B. Stakeholder Interviews
- C. Surveys
- D. Focus Groups
- E. Media relations
- F. Outreach/publicity techniques

- G. Print materials
- H. Websites
- I. Techniques that work best in rural areas
- J. Small group discussion exercises
- K. Others: (please describe or list below)

**4. What specific issues and challenges related to public involvement are you most interested in? Circle or place an X next to all that apply**

- A. Environmental Justice
- B. Working with non-traditional communities
- C. Working with non-English speaking communities
- D. Increasing attendance at meetings or required public hearings (especially for non-controversial projects)
- E. Overcoming local resistance to projects
- F. Managing meeting participation for controversial projects
- G. Generating usable information for decision-makers
- H. Achieving consensus or majority agreements
- I. Other (please describe)

**5. Do you have any current or future projects that may require or benefit from public involvement? If so, please describe the project here.**

**6. Would you be willing to share your project example during the presentation for use as a case study? Please check yes or no**

Yes     No

**7. How many years have you worked with Caltrans?**

**8. What is your Caltrans Position/Classification/Division District?**

***Thank you and we look forward to your participation on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.***