

I-375 RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PROJECT

LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS AND PROCEDURES

This content was presented at the LAC Meeting #2 for feedback and finalized in presentation of the following summary sheet at LAC Meeting #3. These functions and procedures are posted for reference for both current and new advisory committee members, and function as a charter as described in appendix D of the project's Finding of No Significant Impact environmental document.

LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES

1. Maintain a transparent and inclusive process that gathers input from the broader community.
2. Provide meaningful input and ideas while assisting MDOT and the City of Detroit in the development of the Aesthetic Design Guide, Community Enhancements Plan, and Land Use Framework.
3. Provide ongoing guidance on community placemaking, maintenance of traffic plans, and pedestrian non-motorized access improvements.

AESTHETIC DESIGN GUIDE: Provide recommendations on final design elements such as public art installations, roadside and median elements, and the naming of the new boulevard and other roadways.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENTS PLAN: Recommend ways to pay tribute to the Black Bottom and Paradise Valley neighborhoods, provide ideas for public realm enhancements, develop strategies to ensure affordable housing opportunities and encouragement of minority-owned businesses, identify project partners to administer the plan, and develop an implementation strategy.

LAND USE FRAMEWORK: Identify locations to be set aside for community enhancements and provide recommendations for potential land use configurations and zoning recommendations for remaining parcels that will be developed.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND EXPECTATIONS

- Attend and actively engage in all meetings.
- Fully prepare for meeting discussions, review all meeting materials in advance, and complete assignments, as needed.
- Participate in sub-committee meetings and work, as needed.
- Share feedback from your organizations, function as the liaison between your organization and the Committee, sharing information and gathering feedback from your respective network.
- Keep an open mind and participate openly, honestly, and respectfully.
- Work collaboratively and cooperatively to seek a consensus solution.

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- Treat each other with respect and dignity.
- Work together for the common good of the City of Detroit and southeast Michigan.
- Fully and respectfully engage in discussions and decision-making processes.
- Take on assignments and follow through to ensure quality, timely decisions.
- Encourage public participation, engage with the public regularly, and actively listen to public feedback and provide that feedback to the Project Team.
- Be an advocate of the project to the public, family, friends, co-workers, and acquaintances.
- Understand and accept that final project decisions will be made by MDOT and/or the City of Detroit and/or FHWA.

DECISION MAKING AND INPUT

- A consensus-driven decision-making model will be used for most informal and directional types of activities by a show of hands at meetings or surveys through email.
 - Consensus is defined as “when a majority of the stakeholders agree on a particular issue, and the remainder of stakeholders agree that their input has been heard and duly considered through a fair process.”
- Responses to comments/questions on draft documents will be done electronically.
- Final documents will be approved by the LAC through a survey or show of hands.