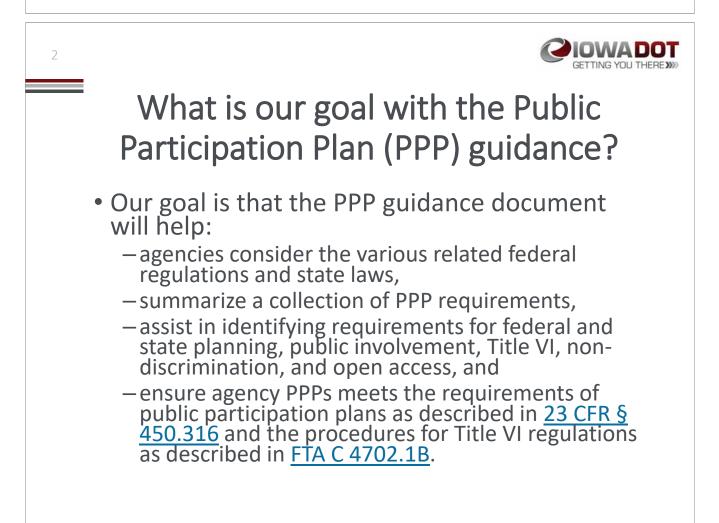


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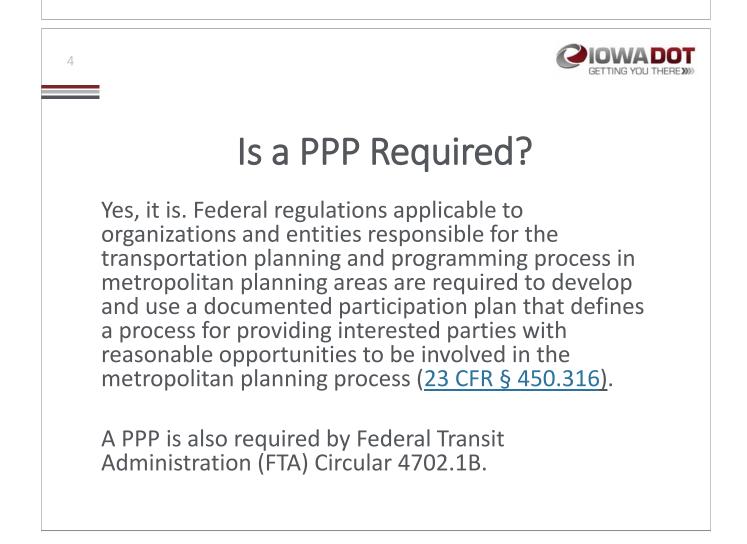




What is a PPP?

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This is the document developed by MPOs and RPAs that shows how they will engage the public and interested parties in the transportation planning process while explicitly describing the proactive strategies, procedures, and desired outcomes that underpin the agency's public participation activities.



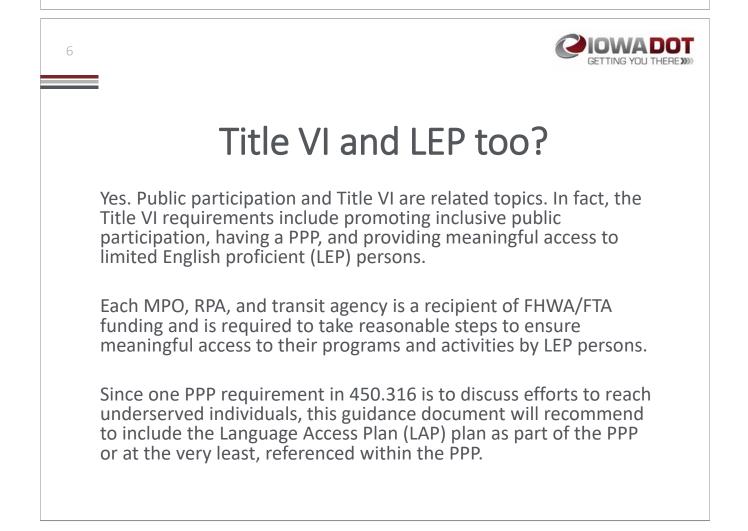


What will the guidance address for PPP requirements?

It will not cover the universe of public participation requirements.

This guidance document is only meant to cover and outline the public participation *plan* requirements that are specific to the transportation planning and programming process (23 CFR 450.316) and Title VI/LEP (FTA Circular 4702.1B).

PPPs must cover the development of the TIP and LRTP. However, agencies will be highly encouraged to cover public involvement for UPWP, the PPP itself, and PTP.



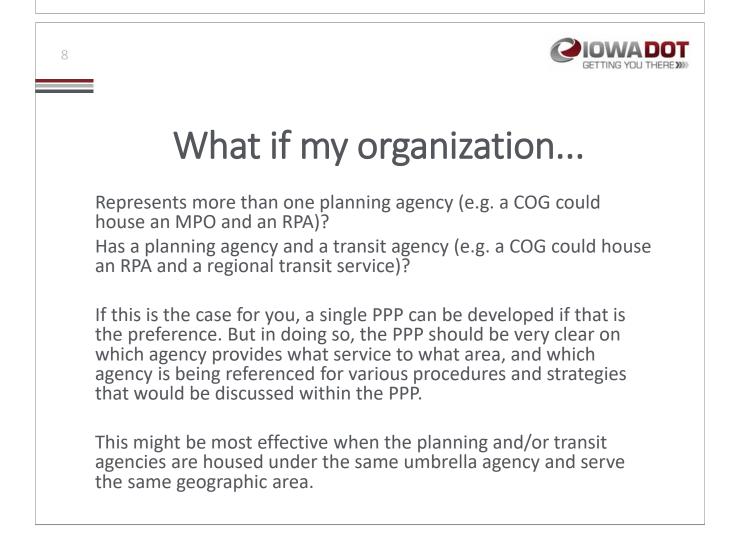


Did you mention transit agency?

Yes. Both planning and transit agencies must have a PPP to meet FTA Title VI requirements.

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Since both agencies have activities that involve requirements to seek public participation, or provide notice to the public, and the PPP is a logical place to document those procedures and processes, we will include basic public transit agency requirements in the PPP guidance document.





Does a transit agency need to meet all of those requirements referenced to federal transportation planning?

No. While a transit agency is required to have a PPP per Title VI requirements, they are not required to meet the federal transportation planning requirements. However, the guidance document may still be providing useful information for a transit agency as they develop/update their PPP.

The guidance document will include a requirements section structured such that the first section is specific to MPOs/RPAs, the second section outlines items that relate to Title VI for MPOs/RPAs and transit agencies, and the third section discusses transit agencyspecific requirements.

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	PPP Guidance Document The guidance document is being finalized and we hope to have a draft in your hands soon for your review. The document will summarize requirements for the development of PPPs and will outline public participation <i>plan</i> requirements specific to transportation planning and Title VI.
	 The PPP guidance will contain: Section discussing MPO/RPA-specific requirements. Section outlining items related to Title VI and LEP for MPOs/RPAs and transit agencies Section discussing transit agency-specific requirements. Example PPP outline Example content commonly found in existing PPPs Links to various federal regulations and resources on public participation, Title VI, and environmental justice guidelines, requirements, toolkits, etc. Guidance on analyzing LEP persons with American Community Survey data



Title VI Program – Planning Agency only

Once the PPP guidance is finalized, we will move onto a consolidated FTA/FHWA Title VI Program.

Because planning agencies receive and utilize FTA funds for transportation planning activities in the work programs, an FTA Title VI program is due every three years.

We are developing a unified Title VI template for MPOs/RPAs that covers the various requirements between FHWA and FTA. Hopefully this will create an opportunity for agencies to undertake one effort every three years as well as provide a clearer process and understanding of the roles for submittal, review, and tracking of planning agency Title VI materials.