

## **Eco-Logical Pilot Project - Free Bridge Congestion Relief Community Participant Selection Criteria**

Over the next year, a wide range of interested stakeholders and community members will work together as part of the Free Bridge Area Congestion Relief Team. The Team will include 8-12 Citizen Representatives, with equal representation from the City and the County. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is looking for representatives who live within the study area who can meet the criteria below.

This document outlines the selection criteria developed to ensure meaningful community membership in the stakeholder planning process. In addition to this representative membership, the Project will use a variety of means to inform and seek input from community members who are not members of the stakeholder team.

### **Participant Responsibilities**

Members of the Free Bridge Area Congestion Relief Team are asked to be willing and available to undertake the following:

- Participate in seven full group meetings, scheduled approximately bi-monthly from November 2013 through November 2014. We also anticipate alternating these meetings with bi-monthly field trips/site visits and up to four additional public outreach sessions.
- Be willing to consider participating in potential workgroup sessions on an as-needed basis.
- Seek to identify and represent the interests of the community as a whole, rather than any single specific interest. These interests include multiple jurisdictions within the study area, a variety of neighborhoods, many types of transportation needs and multiple modes of transportation, as well as interests in ecological, cultural, and historical resources.
- Utilize the Regional Ecological Framework as a decision-making tool.
- Be willing to work towards a consensus package of solutions. Consensus building includes developing a shared definition of problems and needs, developing shared knowledge and understanding, identifying options, considering options, and working to satisfy the needs and concerns of all participants in the process.
- Entertain a wide range of potential improvements throughout the planning process.

**Overall Team Membership Characteristics**

The Free Bridge Area Congestion Relief Team will include a diverse range of interests. The invitation process will ensure that the Team is representative of overall community characteristics.

Project organizers will ensure the participation of the following specific interests as well:

- Residents and property owners from multiple neighborhoods within the study area.
- Individuals who use multiple modes of transportation (drivers, carpoolers, transit-users, bikers, and pedestrians)