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## **Comment Due Soon on Public Involvement Policy Update**

Members of the public have just over a week left to submit comments on Spokane Regional Transportation Council's (SRTC) updated Public Involvement Policy (PIP). The PIP has recently been revised for its strategies for outreach to members of the public, including minorities and low income populations. The policy was last updated in 2008. The update is needed to meet federal and state public participation requirements in carrying out statewide transportation planning processes.

The PIP provides guidance to transportation planners on how to provide early, continuous, and effective involvement of communities, stakeholders, and the public in the development of plans and programs. In particular, it was updated to reflect the use of new technology in public outreach efforts at SRTC, such as social media websites.

The proposed draft revision is available for public comment through September 29, 2011. The revised policy can be viewed at [www.srtc.org](http://www.srtc.org) on the home page, or by contacting SRTC at (509) 343-6370. Comments can be submitted by emailing [contact.srtc@strc.org](mailto:contact.srtc@strc.org) or mailing to SRTC at 221 W. First Ave., Suite 310, Spokane, WA 99201.

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