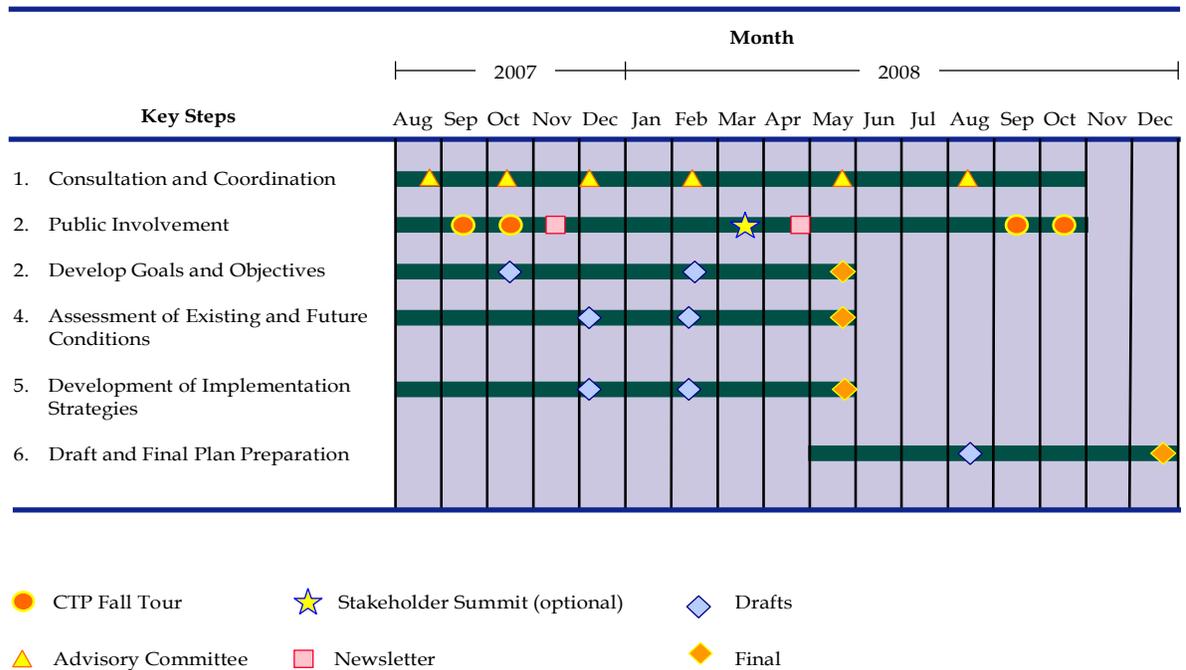


What is the Maryland Transportation Plan update schedule?



Consultation and Coordination (Key Step #1)

The MTP update will be developed in coordination with planning activities conducted by key Maryland government stakeholders. An internal Advisory Committee with representatives from the five modal administrations, the Maryland Transportation Authority (MdTA), and MDOT OP will be formed to guide the MTP update. Efforts will consist of:

- Advisory Committee Meetings
- MPO Interviews
- Modal Administration/Authority and MDOT Interviews
- Local Agency Coordination
- Transportation Plans and Studies Coordination

Public Involvement (Key Step #2)

The MTP update will ensure that the planning process is inclusive, sensitive, and responsive to the diverse issues of concern to stakeholders and the general public. To meet this goal and Federal requirements, the following techniques will be used:

- Interactive Meetings including MPO Public Meetings, Stakeholder/Interest Group Meetings, and Stakeholder Interviews
- Library Partnership (*tentative*)
- Newsletters
- Stakeholder Summit (*optional*)
- Interactive Web Site

Development of Draft Goals and Objectives (Key Step #3)

Draft goals and objectives will be based on knowledge of Maryland's transportation system, existing MPO and State plans, Advisory Committee guidance, Federal regulation planning factors, a scan of current long-range plans from 10 to 15 state DOTs, and the coordination/public outreach efforts.

Assessment of Existing and Future Conditions (Key Step #4)

Summary of the internal and external forces and issues shaping transportation in Maryland over the next 20 years (e.g., demographics, economics, travel usage, travel demand, performance of existing system).

Development of Implementation Strategies (Key Step #5)

Drafted under the guidance of the Advisory Committee and coordination/public outreach efforts. Federal regulation states that strategies should address capital, operations, management, environmental mitigation and multimodal connections.

Draft and Final Plan Preparation (Key Step #6)

Due January 2009
