

## 8-19-09 I&C Team Meeting – Theme and Statement Work

### Bigger Picture (Possible Mission Statement)

- Trust, Improving decision making
- Assumption on power – “We the people”
- Make decision making better
- Shared responsibility
- Civility
- Civic engagement is essential to grow and support effective and engaged citizenry

## Themes

### Public Participation/Process (Means)

- Meetings – convenient, inclusive, diversity, effective listening, more dialogue, abundant
- Communicate from perspective of citizen
- Open, 2-way dialogue
- Community based

### Meetings (Means)

- Convenient, inclusive, effective listening, open dialogue
- More, better, varied
- Include citizen organization led forums

### Civic Education (Tactic)

- Leadership; data; community; earlier; more opportunities; appropriate
- How government works and How to be involved

### Training and Teaching (Tactic)

- Data evaluation
- Better listeners

### Information Gathering/Surveys (Tactic)

- Surveys; polls; input; frequent

## Overarching Statements

Public Participation/Process - ***True public participation means a welcoming citizen focused dialogue via a variety of communication avenues for the purpose of improving trust and empowering citizens.***

Meetings - ***Have convenient opportunity for respectful 2-way exchange of information and viewpoints between Government and Citizens in a meaningful way before decisions are made.***

Civic Education / Training & Teaching – ***Early and widely provided civic education is essential for effective civic leadership including the capacity to make better decisions.***

Information Gathering/Surveys – ***Information and data needs to be gathered frequently and in various ways.***