



Date of Board P&C: February 4, 2026

## Community Engagement Assessment

*Please fill out this form if your project, program, or initiative includes community engagement. All Community Engagement Assessments should be filed as Petitions and Communications with the MPRB Board of Commissioners and submitted to the MPRB Engagement Portal on SharePoint.*

**Staff Lead:** Jon Duesman

**Division/Department:** Design & Project Management, Planning

**Level of Engagement:** Inform

**Project, Program, or Initiative Name:** Beach Stabilization and Modernization at Lake Harriet and Lake Nokomis

**Project Description (100 words recommended):** MPRB intends to improve Lake Harriet North Beach and Lake Nokomis 50<sup>th</sup> Street Beach to stabilize them from fluctuating water levels, better accommodate required maintenance activities, make improvements that provide standard beach amenities, meet critical life safety requirements, and provide better means of ADA compliant access.

Review the criteria to determine the level of engagement that your program, project, or initiative falls under. Provide an explanation of how your project meets the criteria in the Justification section below.

| Level of Engagement  | Inform  | Consult  | Involve  | Partner   |
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| <b>Engagement Goal</b>   | To provide stakeholders with factual, accessible, balanced, and timely information to help them understand the project, program, or initiative.   | To obtain stakeholder feedback on project, initiative, or program analysis, alternatives, or decisions.  | To work directly with stakeholders throughout the process to ensure that perspectives are consistently understood, considered, and reflected in project, program, or initiative decisions. | To partner with stakeholders in each aspect of decision making in order to develop and implement collaborative project, program, or initiative solutions.     |
| <b>Criteria to Determine Level of Engagement</b><br>(Which level of engagement best describes your project?) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is a decision that should be based on technical, operational, or safety constraints only.</li> <li>This is a project, program, or initiative that does not result in a change in the type, location, or extent of the current facility or service.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This project takes place in a park that has been master planned.</li> <li>This a new city-wide initiative or program.</li> <li>This is a new public policy or public policy update.</li> <li>The outcome is likely to change based on community input.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This project requires a CAC.</li> <li>This project does not have other policy guidance such as an existing master plan or public policy.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This program, project, or initiative is being developed in partnership with another agency or organization.</li> </ul> |
| <b>MPRB Promise</b>  | MPRB will keep you informed.  | MPRB will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge feedback, work to integrate stakeholder feedback into the alternatives, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.   | We will work with stakeholders for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and to incorporate recommendations to the extent possible.   | The MPRB and partner entity will be accountable to their roles as negotiated in the partnership and regularly evaluate overall success of the partnership.    |
| <b>Examples of project types</b>   | Repaving a parking lot, cutting down a tree, beach or swimming pool closures, ADA improvements, rehab   | Approved master plan design implementation, city or service area wide program development, public policy development, Participatory Project Scoping  | Master plans, any process that includes a formal public body making recommendations.   | Jointly owned and/or operated facilities, co-creation, public/private partnership, community led projects.  |

This engagement grid was adapted from the IAP2 International Federation 2014 Public Participation Spectrum.

**Justification (100 words recommended):** *Please explain how your project meets the criteria in the Engagement Grid on pg. 2. Provide a justification for each criterion corresponding to the Level of Engagement that will guide your project.*

*Community Engagement Plans are not required if the project results in no change in type, location, or extent of the current project, or if the project is a technical, safety or operations-based decision. The beaches will remain as their intended use and perpetuated in the same locations. The overall nature of this project is technical, and safety focused, with primary goals being stabilizing the beach areas to ensure they are usable and maintainable while providing necessary amenities to ensure they are accessible while providing important life safety requirements.*

**For projects, programs, or initiatives that fall under the Inform category of engagement:** what are your planned methods for informing the public? (i.e. posting on a project website, GovDelivery email blast, flyer onsite, multi-lingual and/or graphic information) *You do not need to answer this question if you are completing a CE Plan.*

*Two very targeted methods will be employed to inform the public on this project. A project page will be set up on the MPRB's website with key information about these two-beach improvements. The project page will provide periodic updates on the progress and visual aids to better understand proposed improvements. We also plan to reach out to local organizations and neighborhood groups, so they are directly made aware of the proposed improvements. Providing periodic email updates to neighborhood organizations as well as targeted MPRB email subscribers is an effective way to provide project specific information and also receive feedback.*