

# Online Engagement Platform Comparison Guide

Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TPP) Public Involvement Section

TxDOT's TPP Public Involvement Section offers three online engagement platforms that include Bang the Table, Social Pinpoint and MetroQuest. This at-a-glance comparison guide highlights key features. More information on each platform is available at: <https://tntoday.dot.state.tx.us/tp/Pages/Public-Involvement-Resources.aspx>



**Bang the Table**



**Social Pinpoint**



**MetroQuest**

		Bang the Table	Social Pinpoint	MetroQuest
 <p><b>Engagement Tools</b></p>	Surveys	●	●	●
	Forums	●	●	
	Idea Boards	●	●	
	Budgeting Activities		●	●
	Tools for Community Dialogue - Stories (Sharing Personal Narratives), Guestbook (Standalone Public Comment), Q&A (Dialogue with Project Team)	●		
	Tools for Rating Options and Expressing Preferences on Images and Themes	◐ *	◐ *	●
 <p><b>Interactive Mapping</b></p>	Interactive Mapping Tool	●	●	●
	Add Map Layers and Interactive Map Objects	●	●	●
	Enable Adding Images or Links to Pins	●	●	
	Feedback Across Multiple Map Views in Survey Format		●	
	Ability to Compare Mapped Alternatives		●	●
 <p><b>Data Analysis</b></p>	Integrated Reporting Tools with Downloadable Reports and Data Export to Excel	●	●	●
	Export Map Data to GIS		●	●
	Automatic Sentiment Analysis for Comments	●	●	
	Combined Reporting from All Engagement Activities	●	●	
	Access Data While Engagement is Live	●	●	●

\* All tools can be used to have participants rate images and themes but MetroQuest can provide a more robust way of rating preferences.



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 <b>Public Interaction</b>	Reacting and Commenting on Others' Input (Optional)	●	●	
	Live Display of Survey Results (Optional)	●		
	Tools to Encourage Real-Time Public Dialogue	●		
	Tools for Q&A Between Public and Project Team	●		
	Moderation Tools for Obscene Content	●	●	
 <b>Accessibility</b>	Features for ADA Compatibility	●	●	◐ *
	Accessible on Mobile and Tablets	●	●	●
	Convert Digital Surveys to Print for In-Person Outreach	●		
	Google Translate Integration	●	●	●
	Support for Manual Translations	●	●	●
 <b>Engagement Lifespan</b>	Edit Engagement Tools in Progress	●	●	
	Introduce Additional Tools as Project Evolves	●	●	
	Tools to Facilitate Project Updates and Newsletters	●	●	
 <b>Additional Features</b>	YouTube and Video Integration	●	●	●
	Source and User Tracking	●	●	●
	Allow Public to Promote Outreach on Social Media	●	●	●
	Allow Public to Promote Their Input on Social Media	●	●	

\* While MetroQuest surveys are not ADA accessible, MetroQuest does offer options to address ADA accessibility. (Please refer to the MetroQuest fact sheet for details.)

\* Although no formal online registration process is required, Bang the Table does require the public to provide a user name and email address if they want to contribute to any tool, with the exception of the poll and survey tools.

To incorporate an online engagement platform on your project, please contact your assigned PI Specialist <https://tntoday.dot.state.tx.us/tpp/Pages/Public-Involvement-Contacts.aspx>. Consultant partners, please contact TPP Public Involvement Director Susan Howard at [Susan.Howard@txdot.gov](mailto:Susan.Howard@txdot.gov).