125.37a Adoption of municipal plan; notice requirements; submission of information electronically.

Sec. 7a. (1) A municipal plan shall be adopted under the procedures set forth in this section and sections 7b and 8.

(2) Before preparing a plan, a municipal planning commission shall mail by first-class mail a notice, explaining that the planning commission intends to prepare a plan and requesting the recipient's cooperation and comment, to all of the following:

(a) The planning commission, or if there is no planning commission, the legislative body, of each township, city, or village located within or contiguous to the municipality.

(b) The regional planning commission for the region in which the municipality is located, if there is no county planning commission for the county where the municipality is located. If there is a county planning commission for the county where the municipality is located, the municipal planning commission may consult with the regional planning commission but is not required to do so.

(c) The county planning commission, or if there is no county planning commission, the county board of commissioners, for the county in which the municipality is located.

(d) Each public utility company and railroad company owning or operating a public utility or railroad within the municipality, and any government entity, that registers its name and mailing address for this purpose with the municipal planning commission.

(3) The notice to an entity under subsection (2) may request permission for the municipality to submit electronically any information required to be submitted to that entity under section 7b or 8. If the entity to which the notice is sent grants this permission, information submitted to or by that entity under section 7b or 8 may be submitted electronically. Otherwise, such information shall be submitted in writing by first-class mail or personal delivery.