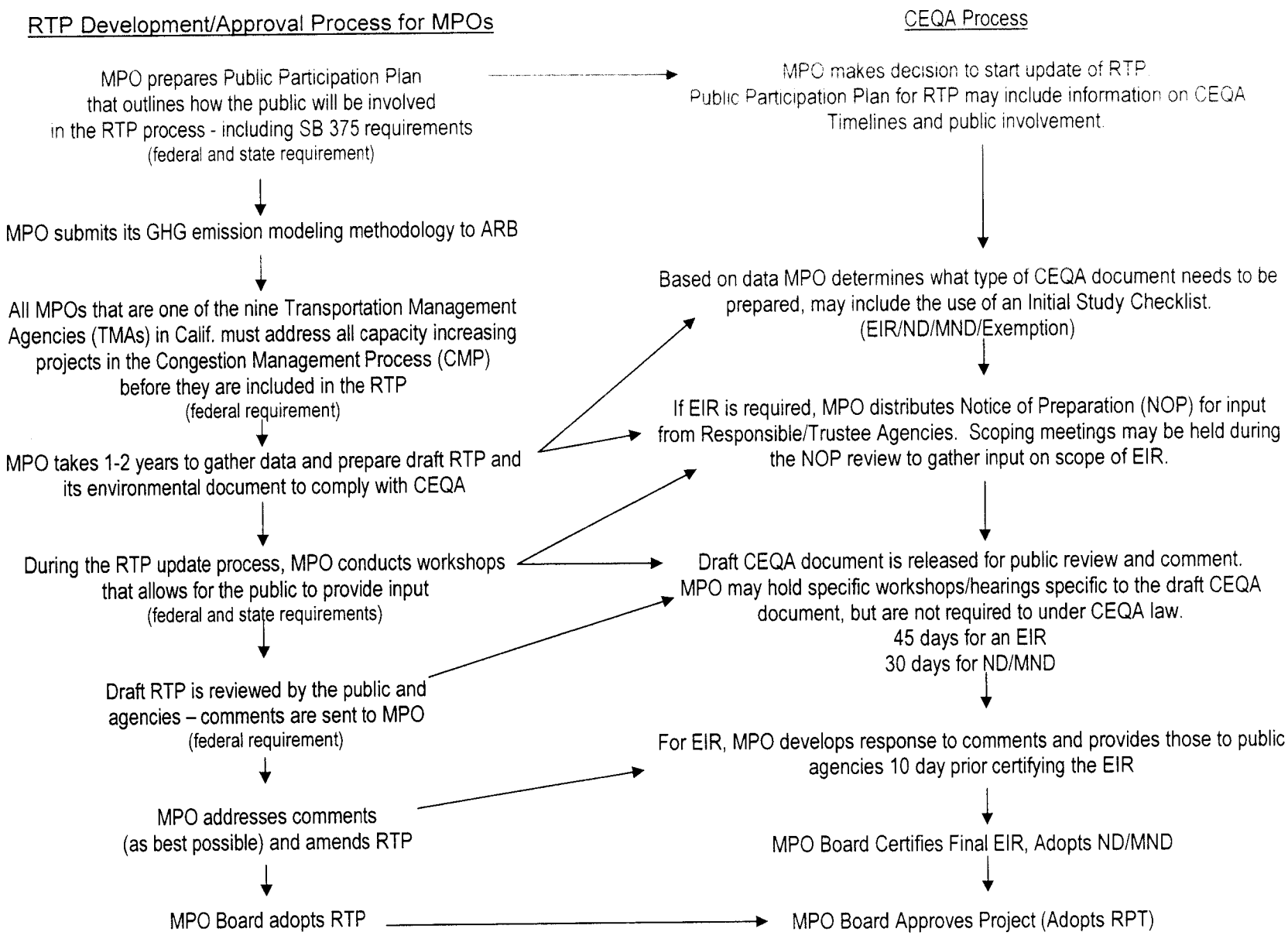
RTP Development/Approval Process for MPOs
CEQA Process
MPO prepares Public Participation Plan that outlines how the public will be involved in the RTP process - including SB 375 requirements (federal and state requirement)
MPO makes decision to start update of RTP. Public Participation Plan for RTP may include information on CEQA Timelines and public involvement.
MPO submits its GHG emission modeling methodology to ARB
Based on data MPO determines what type of CEQA document needs to be prepared, may include the use of an Initial Study Checklist. (EIR/ND/MND/Exemption)
All MPOs that are one of the nine Transportation Management Agencies (TMAs) in Calif. must address all capacity increasing projects in the Congestion Management Process (CMP) before they are included in the RTP (federal requirement)
If EIR is required, MPO distributes Notice of Preparation (NOP) for input from Responsible/Trustee Agencies. Scoping meetings may be held during the NOP review to gather input on scope of EIR.
MPO takes 1-2 years to gather data and prepare draft RTP and its environmental document to comply with CEQA
During the RTP update process, MPO conducts workshops that allows for the public to provide input (federal and state requirements)
Draft CEQA document is released for public review and comment. MPO may hold specific workshops/hearings specific to the draft CEQA document, but are not required to under CEQA law. 45 days for an EIR 30 days for ND/MND
Draft RTP is reviewed by the public and agencies – comments are sent to MPO (federal requirement)
For EIR, MPO develops response to comments and provides those to public agencies 10 day prior certifying the EIR
MPO addresses comments (as best possible) and amends RTP
MPO Board Certifies Final EIR, Adopts ND/MND
MPO Board adopts RTP
MPO Board Approves Project (Adopts RPT)