



# **Federal Planning Requirements Update**

Regulation Status  
Planning Emphasis Areas

2015 Southeastern Regional Transit  
Conference

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## FHWA and FTA Highlights

MAP-21 Planning NPRM is now published in the Federal Register. The Planning NPRM proposes the following changes to statewide, nonmetropolitan, and metropolitan transportation planning:

- Performance-Based Planning and Programming
- New Emphasis on Nonmetropolitan Transportation Planning
- Additions to the Metropolitan Planning Process

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- <https://federalregister.gov/a/2014-12155>
- 90-Day Comment Period (extended to October 2, 2014)
  - Docket Number FHWA-2013-0037
  - <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=FHWA-2013-0037-0001>

Currently reviewing comments, Final Rule expected September 2016

# Metropolitan Planning

- Secretarial Priority
- Avenues for Continuous Improvement

## Three Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs):

1. MAP-21 Implementation
2. Regional Planning Cooperation
3. Ladders of Opportunity



# PEAs and the Planning Work Programs

- FHWA and FTA assistance
- UPWP Development –MPOs should include the PEAs in UPWP's
- State DOTs should consider PEA's in their SPR work programs

# Performance-Based Planning

- States and MPOs to establish and use a performance based approach to transportation decision making to support the national goal areas and the general purposes described in 49 USC 5301
- Each State and MPO to select and establish performance targets in coordination with each other for the performance areas described in 23 USC 150(c)

# Performance-Based Planning

- States and MPOs shall integrate into their planning processes the goals, objectives, performance measures, and targets in other State transportation plans and processes as well as any plans developed pursuant to chapter 53 of title 49 by providers of public transportation.



# Performance-Based Planning

- The statewide transportation plan should include a description of the performance measures and targets.
- The metropolitan transportation shall include a description of the performance measures and targets.

# Performance-Based Planning

- The Statewide plan should and metropolitan plan shall include a report evaluating the condition and performance of the transportation system with respect to the performance targets, including progress achieved in meeting performance targets in comparison with system performance recorded in previous reports.





# Performance-Based Planning

- The State STIP and the MPO TIPs shall include a description of the anticipated effect of the STIP and the TIP toward achieving the performance targets identified in the respective State and MPO long range plans

# Performance-Based Planning

- MAP-21 Web Site <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21>
- Transportation Performance Management Web Site  
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tpm>
- Performance Measure Rulemaking Direct Contact to FHWA [PerformanceMeasuresRulemaking@dot.gov](mailto:PerformanceMeasuresRulemaking@dot.gov)
- FHWA Safety Program website  
<http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/>
- Performance-based Planning and Programming  
[http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/performance\\_based\\_planning/](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/performance_based_planning/)



# Regional Cooperation

- Improve Regional Cooperation across MPO and State Boundaries
  - Planning Agreements
  - Coordinated Planning Products
  - Data Sharing
  - Performance-Based Planning

# Regional Cooperation

- Case Studies of Good Practices
- Certification Reviews
- Methods for Improving Regional Cooperation
- Every Day Counts
- Pilots

# Collaboration Techniques

- Multiple MPOs working together to coordinate
  - Regularly scheduled coordination meetings
  - Regional transportation plans
  - Congestion analysis and management and operations
  - Air quality conformity analysis
  - Safety plans

# Collaboration Techniques

- Multiple agencies work together Share Data
  - Sharing Data
  - Statewide MPO and RPO coordination meetings
  - Partnerships
  - Technology
  - Performance management
- Multiple States and/or MPOs working together to improve freight and goods movement

# Sampling of Examples of Best Practices

- MPOs creating a partnership to begin a problem-solving approach to the meet the regional needs
- Coalitions creating an alliance of transportation agencies, toll authorities, and related organizations, including public safety
- Congestions management process analysis coordinated to include multiple MPOs.
- Roundtable forums to foster communication and coordination between states and regions on mutual transportation issues
- State, MPO, and Tribal Coordination

# Concepts of Multi-jurisdictional Planning

- Multi-jurisdictional planning goes beyond the typical and historic planning structures and the functions of MPO's and statewide transportation planning
- Helps us understand the potential strengths and weaknesses of our regions
- Can add value with respect to achieving the overall goals of transportation planning by adding diverse viewpoints
- Identify new opportunities where multi-jurisdictional planning approaches can be incorporated at the MPO and State DOT level such as Performance Measures



## What Can You Do?

MPOs and DOTs can develop a framework for conducting multi-jurisdictional planning -

- Start discussions
- Identify your needs based on your situation
- Share ideas that are transferable to other regions
- Work cooperatively
- Collectively improve knowledge and capacity
- Organize quarterly joint planning meetings
- Develop a data sharing process
- Work together
- Develop measures for successful regional planning

# Ladders of Opportunity

The Administration is dedicated to enhancing opportunity for all Americans by investing in transportation projects that:

- Better connect communities to centers of employment, education, and services (including for non-drivers)
- Hold promise to stimulate long-term job growth, especially in economically distressed areas



# Ladders of Opportunity Exercise

- Identified Criteria for Underserved Populations & Essential Services
- Mapped Connectivity & Gaps in: Baltimore, MD and Portland, OR
- AMPO/NARC/NADO Survey
- Planned Activities



# Criteria

## Underserved Population

- Low Income
- Minorities
- Elderly
- Limited English Proficient Individuals
- Persons with Disabilities



## Essential Services

- Health Care
- Schools
- Supermarkets
- Employment Centers
- Voting/Polling Places
- Courthouses
- Recreational Areas
- Motor Vehicle Departments





# Questions?