

TO: MPOs and STATE DOTs  
FROM: FHWA DIVISION OFFICES AND FTA REGIONAL OFFICES  
RE: PBPP IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

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The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region 10 and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) division offices in Washington, Oregon, Alaska, and Idaho would like to take this opportunity to remind State DOTs, MPOs and providers of public transportation of the need to adequately address the planning requirements identified in the final rule on metropolitan and statewide planning published in the Federal Register on May 27, 2016<sup>1</sup>. This final rule addresses changes to the metropolitan planning process stemming from Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21) and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST) including Performance Based Planning and Programming (PBPP). It provides that updates and amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan, Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and transportation conformity determination actions completed after May 27, 2018 must be compliant with the updated metropolitan and statewide planning rule.<sup>2</sup>

The final rule also provides that State(s), MPO(s), and providers of public transportation must jointly agree upon and develop specific written provisions for cooperatively developing and sharing information related to transportation performance data, the selection of performance targets, the reporting of performance targets, the reporting of performance to be used in tracking progress toward attainment of critical outcomes for the region of the MPO, and the collection of data for the State asset management plan for the National Highway System (NHS). These jointly written provisions can be documented either as part of the metropolitan planning agreements required under 23 CFR 450.314 or documented in some other means outside of the metropolitan planning agreements as determined cooperatively by the MPO(s), State(s), and providers of public transportation.

Similar to the other performance based planning requirements, State(s), MPO(s), and providers of public transportation are required to complete the jointly written provisions in accordance with the phase in schedules described in the planning final rule<sup>3</sup>.

With respect to FHWA safety performance measures and targets<sup>4</sup>, written provisions are due **May 27, 2018** (2 years after the publication date of the planning rule). With respect to the FHWA's Pavement and Bridge performance measures (PM-2 Rule<sup>5</sup>) and system performance

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<sup>1</sup> 23 CFR Parts 450 and 771 and 49 CFR Part 613 (Metropolitan Transportation Planning and Statewide and Non-metropolitan Transportation Planning )

<sup>2</sup> STIP and TIP administrative modifications are exceptions per 23 CFR 450.226(d) and 23 CFR 450.340(d).

<sup>3</sup> § 450.340 Phase-in of new requirements.

<sup>4</sup> 23 CFR Part 490

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measures (PM-3 Rule<sup>6</sup>), jointly written provisions are due **May 20, 2019** (two years after the effective date of those rules). With respect to the greenhouse gas performance measure, written provisions would be due **September 28, 2019**, two years after the effective date of September 28, 2017. For additional information on the schedule to implement the FHWA performance measures, please see <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tpm/rule/timeline.pdf>.

The jointly written provisions to address FTA's Transit Asset Management/State of Good Repair (TAM/SGR) performance measures must be completed by **October 1, 2018** (two years after the effective date of the TAM rule<sup>7</sup>). As information on transit asset conditions as reported by providers of public transportation to the National Transit Database (NTD) will not be available until October 2019, they will need to provide this information directly to their MPO. The schedule to address FTA's transit safety performance measures will be provided once the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Final Rule is published.

The FHWA Division Office and the FTA Regional Office will work with the MPOs individually to assure that the transportation planning process and jointly written provisions on performance measures and targets meet the requirements as noted above. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Scott Frey, FHWA Idaho Division at (208) 334-9180, Rachael Tupica, FHWA Oregon Division at (503)-316-2549, Sharleen Bakeman, FHWA Washington Division at (360) 753-9418, John Lohrey, FHWA Alaska Division at (208) 334-9180, or Ned Conroy, FTA Region 10 at (206) 220-4318.

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<sup>6</sup> 23 CFR Part 490

<sup>7</sup> 49 CFR Parts 625 and 630