



# METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) TARGET SETTING & REPORTING

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program  
On-road Mobile Source Emissions Measure Targets

On-road mobile source emissions measure 2-year and 4-year targets reflect expectations for total emission reductions of all CMAQ funded projects. Those projects are in nonattainment or maintenance areas within the MPO planning boundary by applicable pollutant of precursor (ozone, carbon monoxide, or particulate matter).

## Any ozone, carbon monoxide, or particulate matter nonattainment or maintenance areas within MPO boundary?

YES

NO

This fact sheet does not apply to you.

### Determining MPO Requirements

#### Is MPO subject to the CMAQ Performance Plan requirement?

YES

MPO establishes its own 2- and 4-year targets.

Documented in MPO **CMAQ Performance Plan** and submitted with State DOT Baseline Performance Period Report

NO

MPO establishes its own 4-year targets or contributes to state's targets.

Documented in the **system performance report** in the **metropolitan transportation plan**

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Check Applicability Tables.

[https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/air\\_quality/cmaq/measures/cmaq\\_applicability/index.cfm](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/air_quality/cmaq/measures/cmaq_applicability/index.cfm)

### MPO Target Setting Process and Timeline



MPOs have the discretion to establish their targets. FHWA does not approve or reject MPO-established targets.

For baseline and four-year target setting, look at the four years of the previous performance period. Historical data provides a likely indication of emissions reductions for typical projects in the area.

The MPO Transportation Improvement Program provides an idea of what mix of CMAQ funded projects are expected in the future.

MPOs have 180 days after State DOTs establish their targets to establish their own targets. For Multi-State MPOs, it is 180 days after the last State DOT sets theirs.

States and MPOs must have written provisions for cooperatively selecting targets.

### MPO Reporting



MPOs must meet reporting deadlines as applicable, including preparation and submittal of CMAQ performance Plans.

Four-year targets can be adjusted at the Mid-Point.

If targets were not met, the final performance report includes an explanation of why.

Performance reporting for the emissions measure must use emissions extracted from the CMAQ Public Access System.

There is no significant progress determination for the CMAQ measures, CMAQ funds are not lost if the target(s) is not met.

### Resources

For additional information, visit the FHWA CMAQ Performance Measures website:  
[https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/air\\_quality/cmaq/measures/](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/air_quality/cmaq/measures/)

23 U.S.C. §150(c)(5), 23 U.S.C. §149(l), 23 C.F.R. Part 490, 40 C.F.R. 81

Note: This fact sheet focuses on MPO target setting and reporting requirements and does not cover similar State DOT requirements.