Andrew Reovan: Good afternoon and welcome. Today's webinar begins at 1PM ET.

Andrew Reovan: For the best audio quality, we recommend dialing in to the conference line above.

Jan Williams: How do we print off a copy of the slides

Andrew Reovan: Hi Jan - apologies, the download should be available in the pod that just appeared.

Vickie Rusnak: can we download the presentation from a website?

Andrew Reovan: Hi Vickie - the presentation is available as a PDF from the "Presentation Download" pod above.

Vickie Rusnak: thank you

Evan: Where could I direct someone to the recorded presentation?

Oregon DOT 2: Lost connection....

Kenneth Petty: oregon, did you get reconnected?

Oregon DOT 2: Yes thanks.

Connecticut DOT: Is the intent of FHWA & FTA to finalize all related rules by the end of the current administration (by January 2017)?

VTA: The NTD Rule is not mentioned. Where is that rule in development?

Andrew Reovan: @Evan You will be able to access recordings once they are available via the following links: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tpm/rule.cfm

Andrew Reovan: https://www.planning.dot.gov/webinars.asp

Evan: Thank you!

John: will

Steven Gayle: Re: Integration of plans. There is no definition of "integrate". Can you provide guidance on the expectation of what MPOs will be expected to do to comply with this requirement?

John: Along the lines of what Steve Gayle asks--what support will FHWA provide related to trade off analysis to support the integration of targets included in the variety of plans now required
Doug Cox (WSDOT): for states with existing RTPOs, what is the incentive to redesignate them under the new rule?

Ann Schell: Will amendments (or supplements) to existing Long Range Plans need to be adopted to retain compliance with the new planning requirements? Or will that wait for our next planning process?

Michelle Eraut, Oregon Division: We are looking for examples of effective programmatic mitigation plans at an MPO level and at a state level.

Pragati Srivastava: Will there be guidance for MPOs that cover more than one State in establishing the PM Targets?

Chris Upchurch: If a TIP is developed and adopted under the SAFETEA-LU rules prior to May 27, 2018, can that TIP subsequently be amended on or after May 27, 2018? 450.340(d) talks about administrative modifications in this sort of situation, but not amendments.

Alaska DOT&PF: Can Programmitic Mitigation Plans be defined by Corridor Plans, Area Plans or must they be Statewide or MPO wide?

Iowa DOT: Let’s presume an MPO adopts the State targets and agrees to program projects that help support them. In this scenario, what is the geographic scope of the system performance report that they include in their MTP and the discussion of the anticipated effect of the TIP toward achieving the performance targets? Is it for the state as a whole or for their specific MPO (which may have performance that deviates considerably from the State’s and its targets)?

John Asuncion: Our MTP was recently adopted this month and is good for four years. Do STIPs and TIPs need to be updated to reflect the performance measures once the final rule is approved?

Gloria Jeff: Will the existence of a TMA supercede the potential for a RTPO when a broader area needs to be considered than the metropolitan area?

Idaho Transportation Department: Our LRTP was adopted in 2010 under SAFETEA-LU. When must we readopt or update the plan? When we do this, will we be required to meet the statewide planning rules and regulations outlined in FAST Act?

Idaho Transportation Department: Can our STIP be approved if we do not meet the planning regulations?

John: Can you provide

WATS: You mentioned changes to Conformity and Consideration...What are the changes?
SDDOT: Some planning activities need to be adopted 2 years from May 27, 2016. What happens if the performance measures final rule isn't released prior to December 1. This will cause the performance measure due date to be beyond the 2 year planning rule date.

Baltimore Metropolitan Council: In the Federal Register Section B. Summary of Major Provisions and Key Changes From NPRM, at the bottom of page 34051 there is a statement that "FHWA and FTA deleted proposed sections that would require the consideration of elements of these (performance based) plans in the development of the long-range statewide transportation plans, MTPs, TIPs and STIPs." Please describe this change.

John: How will the statewide system performance report be linked to the requirement for a congestion management process in TMAs

Spencer Stevens: Answer to Chris Upchurch: While 450.340(d) talks to administrative modifications – the following section covers amendments: (e) Two years from the effective date of each rule establishing performance measures under 23 U.S.C. 150(c), 49 U.S.C. 5326, and 49 U.S.C. 5329 FHWA/FTA will only determine the conformity of, or approve as part of a STIP, a TIP that is based on a metropolitan transportation planning process that meets the performance based planning requirements in this part and in such a rule.

John: so the STIP/TIPs do not need to take into account the financial information from the asset management plans? What is the expectation then?

Christopher Voigt: In the planning rule (page 34077, first paragraph), FHWA/FTA responded to a comment by stating that: “…environmental performance measures are not included in the list of performance measures that MAP–21 requires FHWA and FTA to establish. Title 23 U.S.C. 150(c)(2)(C) precludes FHWA from establishing any national performance measures outside those areas identified in 23 U.S.C. 150.” This would appear to preclude greenhouse gases as a performance measure. If that is not the case, can you explain why they would still be eligible as a performance measure?

Atlanta Regional Commission: Do the agreements related to developing measures and targets have to be finalized prior to actually adopting the targets (i.e., within one year of the final rule for states and 180 days later from MPOs)?

guest 41: Will FHWA have oversight for the Planning agreements between the DOT, MPO and transit providers? Will they ask for copies of those to be sent into the Divisions?

Natasha Longpine, OTO: What is the timeframe for developing a joint agreement between MPOs, States, and Transit Agencies regarding reporting of targets? The first target is due August 2017 (safety). Does that agreement need to be ahead of that date? Is there a recommended mechanism for this agreement (MOU, etc.)?
Connecticut DOT: Would you please elaborate on the TMA structure requirements outlined in the finalized rules pertaining to roles and responsibilities of transit providers, local officials and state officials, etc on MPO boards

Whatcom Council of Governments:

Natasha Longpine, OTO: Does LRTP need to also be in compliance to adopt a compliant TIP, per the May 27, 2018 date?

FTA Region VII: What are the ramifications of State DOTs not meeting the one year time frame for developing PMs and targets? Similarly, what are ramifications for MPOs not meeting the 180 days after the state?

Iowa DOT: Will the system performance report in the MPO’s MTP need to be any more current that the most recent biennial report for the relevant measures?

FTA Region VII: How can a transit agency be represented on the MPO Policy Board if the agency is a city or county department?

Gloria Jeff: There are areas where the boundaries are adjacent and the transportation system serves both the metropolitan area and the rural areas adjacent. Can a hybrid be established that includes the MPO and the establishment of a new RTPO?

NIRPC: When you say that the MTP has to be updated to include performance measures when it is amended, does that mean the update to the plan, or any amendment such as amending a project into the MTP or TIP?

WisDOT: CAN STATE performance plans be incorporated by reference into the state LRTP?

Alaska DOT&PF: What is required to comply with the directive that State shall cooperate with non-metro official when conducting statewide planning. Does this require agreement?

Ja: Doesn't the change also include intercity bus and vanpool operators

Fred: So there's a Congestion Management Plan and a Congestion Management Process with the same acronym?

Fred: Can you review the CMP requirements again? That was confusing.

Kevin Harrison: "MPO's serving a TMA "may" develop a CMP? I thought it was a requirement....

NDDOT: What is the definition of "Public Port"?
FL DIV: does this mean that all officials serving on the board have the same voting rights, including state DOT representatives? does this affect weighted votes on the board?

Brandon Buchanan: What does consideration of intercity buses mean? Is that more like trying to investigate, coordinate and consolidate existing operations into a matrix of travel solutions? Is there incorporation of intercity bus operations into NTD reporting?

DVRPC: Regarding transit agency representation, the draft rule include an exemption provision for MPOs established before December 18, 1991. Does that still apply?

DeLania Hardy, AMPO: Related to transit on MPO boards-- Please let us know about the impact from state laws & transit representation on MPO boards. Anything that ties in to grandfathering going back to Dec 1991 (I believe) that was noted in the ANRPM.

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Marisol Rivera: Can you please address all of the questions that have been asked live today and not at a later date?

FTA Region VII: Regarding Guest 41's question above, will FTA also have oversight on the Planning Agreements? Copies sent to FTA Regional Offices?

Ja: As I understand the FAST ACT changes, intercity bus and private vanpool operators are to be involved with the planning process....

Ja: correct?

guest 11: It is the strong preference of the Federal government that only one MPO be designated in a UZA or group of contiguous UZAs...designation of multiple MPOs may occur "only of the Governors and the existing MPO, if applicable, determine that the size and complexity of the urbanizes area make designation of one MPO appropriate. What is the mechanism for this designation?

Karen Miller, MoDOT: Since the first performance measure target (safety) is due Aug 2017, does the joint agreement between State, MPO& Transit agencies have to be in place prior to that date (Aug 2017)?

guest 23: ?

Sooraz Patro(RAPC): Will in the future federal funding be tied to performance measures target achievement?
guest 23: Why does USDOT approve some long range plans (like freight, and proposed for asset management) vs. approving the process for metro and statewide planning (where all these plans are supposed to be integrated)?

DeLania Hardy, AMPO: I still would like know about the state law piece and the board structure. Do MPOs need to change anything if the board has been the same prior to 91? If there was something done by a state law does that factor in to the structure?

TK: Designation or selection of MPO members in a TMA are determined through by-laws or enabling statute only? Our members are selected through signed agreement between the State and all member jurisdictions.

Gloria Jeff: Harlan, Can we talk offline after the webinar?

CMAP: will UWP or SPR funds be useable for resilience or travel/tourism research, or any of the other new factors?

guest 21: Please address all the questions today....There's 400 people on the line that would like to know these answers. The safety webinar was longer and was able to address more questions live.

Atlanta Regional Commission: How is the determination that the 'underlying planning process' is compliant actually made outside of a quadrennial certification process?

Sooraz Patro(RAPC): For small and medium sized MPO's who have their funding already stretched, Are there any plan to increase PL or SPR funds to incorporate PMs and related targetting setting?

guest 21: Good question from ARC. Will this now be done thru cert reviews, planning findings, something else?


Larry Anderson - FHWA Resource Center: Ann:

Kimberly: I hope we will still have time to answer questions today. I think the next webinar is sold out. This one should have been longer.

Larry Anderson - FHWA Resource Center: Final Rule was published on May 27, 2016, but goes into effect on June 27, 2016.

Ann Schell: Got it. Thanks.
Iowa DOT: Will the system performance report in the MPO’s MTP need to be any more current that the most recent biennial report for the relevant measures?

110996# 3: what about RTPOs?

Kimberly: so in the asset management NPRM there appears to be a certification role for FHWA for just the NHS asset management plan? Why is that needed for something so specific while we don’t have something like that for the LRPs?

Keith Miller, NJTPA: Does the “system performance report” have to be a single section of the MTP, or can it consist of a discussion of the performance of the system in various sections of the MTP? Does it need to be a stand-alone “report”?

Kimberly: thank you for addressing all the questions!

St. Lucie: Slide 23 of your presentation identifies “Updates or amendments to TIPS, STIPs, and plans adopted on or after 2 years after the date of the final planning rule must reflect the new emphasis”. Is the “date” May 27 or June 27?

Gloria Jeff: if an MPO undertakes Asset Management will it be required to received US DOT approval?

Gloria Jeff: When is the beta test for the NHI Training for Performance Based Planning Procesess

Kimberly: the asset management certification vs. the planning process oversight is confusing.

Guest 7: We are on track to adopt our LRP next month. It does include a section on System Performance, however, it may not be fully compliant with the tenets of this rule. As such, will it be sufficient for this Plan cycle, or will we have to update it?

Sallie Fahey: Please review how to download today’s PPT slides

Gloria Jeff: will do. Thanks for being responsive to all of the questions from the participants

Guest 7: Thank you.

Bill Austin: Download still doesn't work

St. Lucie: Thank you!

Andrew Reovan: @Bill - try opening the file in a different browser. If that doesn't work, the file will be posted to the web at a later point.

Andrew Reovan: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tpm/rule.cfm