

Transportation Performance Management / Performance Based Planning and Programming (Target Setting, Letters of Agreement)

§ 450.314 Metropolitan planning agreements, (h);
§ 450.324 Development and content of the metropolitan transportation plan, (f).

TPB Process

Over the past six years, TPB has worked cooperatively with State DOTs and providers of public transportation to implement the federal Transportation Performance Management (TPM) / Performance Based Planning and Programming (PBPP) requirements established by MAP-21 and expanded upon by the FAST Act and federal rulemaking. The TPB works with its partners to collect data on performance and future forecasts and uses this information in developing and setting targets for the metropolitan planning area or other area as required. Analysis of performance and the targets are incorporated into the metropolitan long-range transportation plan and Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP),

A provision of the PBPP requirements is the agreement on and documentation of the respective roles and responsibilities of individual stakeholders in the PBPP process. To meet this provision, in 2018 the TPB and its member agencies developed a PBPP Letter of Agreement (PBPP LOA) that defined PBPP responsibilities between the TPB and each State DOT and applicable provider of public transportation. Each LOA has an article covering general metropolitan planning responsibilities as well as articles with specific responsibilities for applicable PBPP areas.

What is New?

- The most recent plan Visualize 2045 (2022 Update, adopted June 2022) and its [System Performance Plan \(Appendix D\)](#) documents adopted targets and performance. Subsequently, a [newly revised Appendix D](#) was prepared in January 2023 to capture new data and newly adopted targets through the end of 2022.
- Through review of peer MPO websites (top 10) and participating in professional events, it appears the TPB is unique in developing and adopting numeric targets for all the PBPP performance measures.
- The incorporation of PBPP into the planning and programming processes of each organization continues to lead to changes in those processes, as well as new information becoming available, e.g., analysis, reports, etc.
- Project InfoTrak, the TPB's LRTP and TIP project information database application has recently been updated with a new module that enables TPB staff to add customized questions to project description forms. The responses provided to these questions by TPB member implementing agencies will provide insight on how investments in the TIP are being used to reach performance targets.

Products/Studies/Projects

- As part of the planned 2024 update of the LRTP – Visualize 2050 – a new system performance plan will be prepared.
- Now that actual data is available for the first quadrennial performance period (2018-2021), TPB is considering how to do more in-depth analysis of actual performance vs those targets, determine key factors, and make use of the findings to improve the accuracy of future target-setting as well as identify influential projects and programs.