

Update on MAP-21 Rulemaking

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Implementation of MAP-21 Performance Provisions

The federal surface transportation act, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP–21), was signed in July 2012.

- Although MAP–21 continued many of the provisions of earlier surface transportation acts, it included some changes and new provisions.
- The thrust of these changes and new provisions was to mandate "a transition to performance driven, outcome-based approaches" for the federal highway and transit programs.

MAP-21 Rulemaking Schedule

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are jointly issuing a total of 11 rules on MAP-21 performance provisions in five major areas.

Two of five areas (4 of 11 rules) have been published in draft form.

- Statewide and Metropolitan Planning Rule (comments closed Oct 2014)
- Highway Safety (comments closed Jun 2014)
 - Safety Performance Measure Rule
 - Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
 - Highway Safety Program Grants Rule

Subsequently, FHWA/FTA review and potentially adopt modifications based on the comments received, and issue the final rules. The rules then have two years to be implemented.

MAP-21 Rulemaking Schedule - Upcoming

Proposed rules typically have 90 days for comment.

- Highway Conditions
 - Pavement and Bridges Performance Measurement Rule (expected publication date: 11/14/14)
 - Asset Management Plan Rule (1/13/15)
- Congestion and System Performance
 - System Performance Measures Rule (2/20/15)
 - Includes Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Performance
- Transit Performance
 - Asset Management (Jun 2015)
 - Safety (National Program, Agency Plan, and Management Systems)

FHWA/FTA have indicated their intention for all of the final performance rulemakings to have a common date of effectiveness.

- Nominally, all rules would become effective in mid-2015, followed by two years for implementation (i.e., mid-2017) by MPOs, States, and providers of public transportation.
- Some rules (e.g., transit state of good repair and asset management) appear likely to be delayed beyond mid-2015 and their implementation would be correspondingly delayed.

