

MOITS Aspects of the February 14, 2007 Federal Final Rule for Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning

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New Federal Statewide & Metropolitan Planning Rule

- Final rule published in Federal Register on February 14, 2007
 - Draft published June 9, 2006
- Describes regulations pursuant to 2005 SAFETEA-LU legislation
 - Closely tracks language used in SAFETEA-LU
- Numerous impacts on TPB regional transportation planning process

Selected Impacts on MOITS Program Areas

- ITS Architecture
- Safety
- Security
- Congestion Management Process
- Inclusion of Operations and Management in the Regional Transportation Plan

Impacts on MOITS Program Areas: ITS Architecture

- The metropolitan transportation planning process shall (to the maximum extent practicable) be consistent with the development of applicable regional intelligent transportation systems (ITS) architectures, as defined in 23 CFR part 940
- Cross-reference from metropolitan planning, congestion management process
- TPB activities
 - Regional ITS Architecture update underway
 - Committee provides oversight

Impacts on MOITS Program

Areas: Safety

- Must be consistent with state Strategic Highway Safety Plan[s]
- Metropolitan transportation plan must include a safety element
- TPB activities
 - New FY2008 Safety Planning UPWP task
 - Assigned staff and ongoing work
 - Participation in state processes

Impacts on MOITS Program

Areas: Security

- Include “(as appropriate) emergency relief and disaster preparedness plans and strategies and policies that support homeland security (as appropriate) and safeguard the personal security of all motorized and non-motorized users”
- COG/TPB Activities
 - RESF-1 Committee; MOITS liaison
 - Overall public safety program

Impacts on MOITS Program Areas: Congestion Management Process

- Detailed requirements in the metropolitan planning rule
- Components
 - Identification and monitoring of congested locations
 - Consideration of both demand management and operations management alternatives
 - Post-implementation evaluation
- Must demonstrate how the transportation system will be operated and managed
- TPB Activities
 - New FY2008 UPWP task, preliminary work underway₇

Impacts on MOITS Program Areas: Inclusion of Operations and Management

- Mentioned in a number of places in the metropolitan planning rule
- Points to need for performance measurement, documentation of results
- TPB Activities
 - MOITS focus on management, operations, and performance measurement

Outlook

- CLRP to be developed Fall 2007 must be SAFETEA-LU compliant
- New resources begin with FY2008 UPWP on July 1, 2007
- Interim activities in the meantime
- Both policy and technical implications of these new regulations