

# UPDATE ON FEDERAL RULEMAKING AND PERFORMANCE BASED PLANNING & PROGRAMMING

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# Federal Rulemaking Update and PBPP

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# MPO Area Reform NPRM – Extended Comment Period

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- On September 23, 2016, the US DOT reopened public comment on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Coordination and Planning Area Reform.
- Additional comment was invited on targeted issues, including:
  - The impacts of the proposed requirements for unified planning products where multiple MPOs serve the same urbanized area;
  - Potential exceptions that should be included in the final rule, and criteria for applying such exceptions;
  - The expected costs of implementing the rule.
- TPB staff submitted comments as requested by October 24.
  - Assumption of “Super MPA” with nine MPOs;
  - Estimated challenges, impacts, and costs of Unified Planning Products for a “Super-MPA”;
  - Proposed exception for large areas that would apply to TPB.



# PBPP Rulemaking Schedule

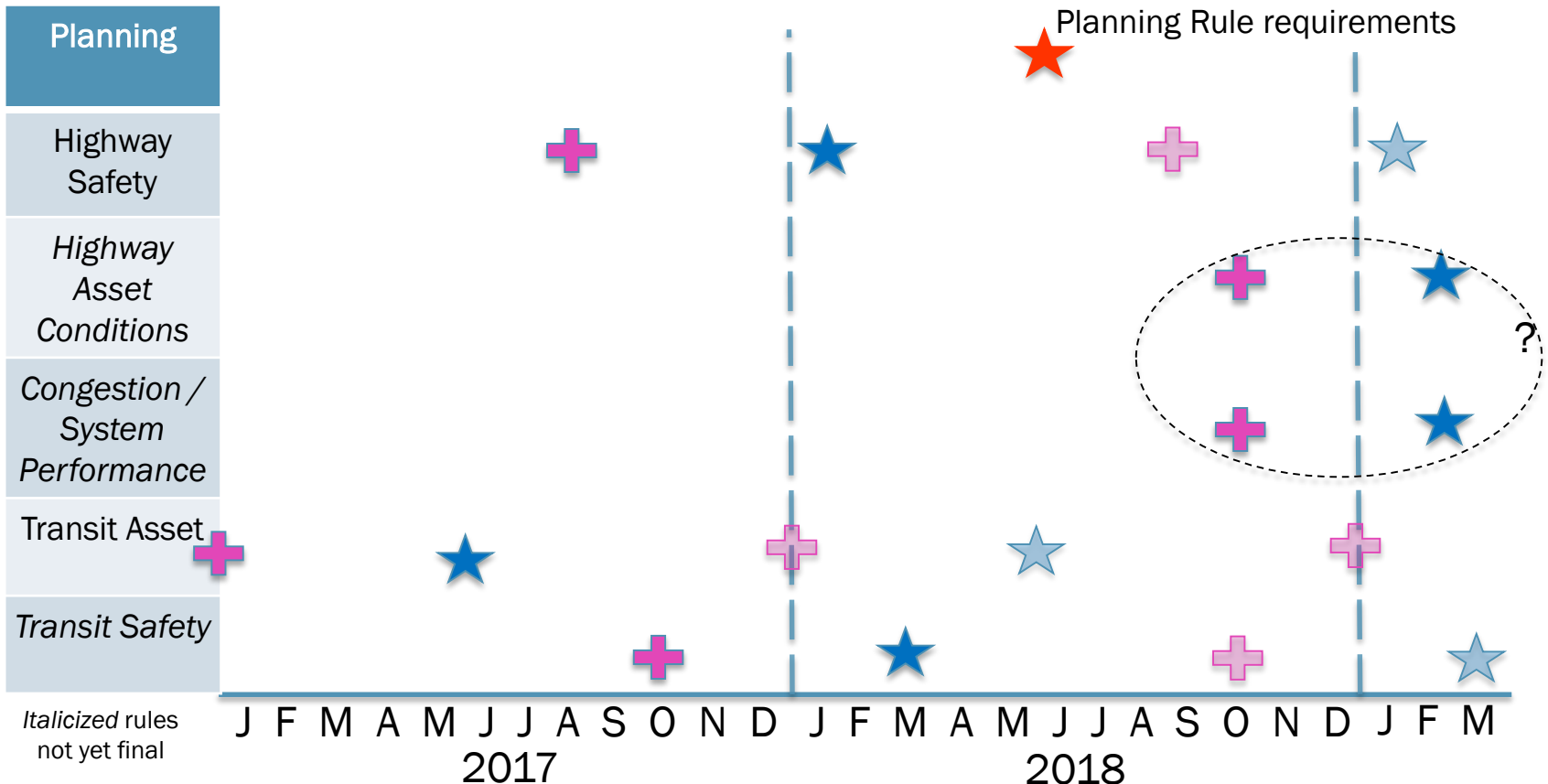
|                                 | <b>Planning Rules</b><br><i>USDOT Significant Rulemaking Report, October 2016</i><br><i>FHWA TPB website Schedule</i>                | Proposed Rulemaking  | Final Rulemaking  |
|---------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Planning                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statewide and Metropolitan and Non-metropolitan Planning</li> </ul>                           | June 2014  | May 2016  |
| Highway Safety                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety Performance Measure Rule</li> <li>Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)</li> </ul> | March 2014   | March 2016  |
| Highway Asset Conditions        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pavement and Bridges Performance Measurement</li> <li>Asset Management Plan</li> </ul>        | January/February 2015  | <i>December 2016</i>  |
| Congestion / System Performance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>System Performance Measures Rule (NHS, Freight and CMAQ)</li> </ul>                           | April 2016   | <i>December 2016</i>  |
| Transit                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transit Asset Management</li> <li>Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan</li> </ul>         | September 2015 (Transit Asset)<br>February 2016 (Transit Safety) | July 2016 (Transit Asset)<br><i>January 2017</i> (Transit Safety) |



# PBPP Calendar: 2017-2018

**+** DOT / TA set targets (annual or biennial)

**★** TPB sets targets (within 180 days)



# PBPP Next Steps

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1. Initial System Performance Reports
  - Collected from each DOT. No significant findings to report. Look forward to more information in Highway Asset Management Plans currently being developed in Maryland and Virginia.
2. Highway Asset Management Plans
  - Final rule published October 24.
  - No significant requirements for MPOs, but will inform Highway and Bridge Condition performance measurements.
3. Highway and Bridge Condition Performance
  - New analysis completed with 2015 pavement data (which became available in October).
  - Anticipate sharing with DOTs shortly and then presenting results to Technical Committee in December.



# PBPP Next Steps (2)

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4. Transit Asset Management target-setting
  - Still requirement for transit agencies to set targets by the end of the year.
  - TPB to set transit asset management (TAM) targets for the metropolitan area in the May 2017 timeframe.
  
5. PBPP Agreement on Coordinated Process
  - Letter in development to all agencies asking for coordination on documenting PBPP process.
  - Leading to formal documentation of responsibilities as required in the new Statewide and Metropolitan Planning rule.



# Coordination of PBPP with Metropolitan Planning

- MPOs, NHS asset owners, and the providers of public transportation must **jointly agree upon and document in writing** the coordinated processes for:
  - Collection of performance data
  - Selection of performance targets for the metropolitan area
  - Reporting of metropolitan area targets
  - Reporting of actual system performance (related to those targets)
- The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the metropolitan transportation plan (i.e., TPB's CLRP) must consider programming of projects in each area and how they affect performance.
  - Describe progress toward achieving targets in each update.





# Federal Grant Opportunity

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## FASTLANE Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects

- Discretionary funding for “freight and highway projects of national or regional significance”. Projects should address critical freight issues for highways and bridges or for freight infrastructure.
- Up to \$850 million available (likely \$787 million pending final appropriations)
- Large grants are \$25 million or more (90% of funding); smaller grants at least \$5 million (10% of funding). Maximum 60% federal share.

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) published November 3.  
Applications due: December 15



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