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CMAQ Program Measures: Draft Targets for 2022–2025

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CMAQ Program Performance Measures

The three CMAQ Program targets are set regionally:

- 1. Peak Hours of Excessive Delay (PHED)
- 2. Mode Share (Non-SOV)
- 3. Emissions Reductions: VOCs and NOx
- TPB staff are coordinating with the State DOTs in developing the 2022-2025 CMAQ Program targets
 - Must be identical targets adopted by the three State DOTs as well as adjoining MPOs (FAMPO, BRTB)
 - Anticipate briefing TPB in May with approval in June
 - Complete draft of two MPO CMAQ Performance Plans in July
 - 2018-2021 Final Report
 - 2022-2025 Baseline Report



CMAQ Program: Traffic Congestion

	Performance Measures
CMAQ Program: Traffic Congestion	Peak Hour Excessive Delay (PHED) – Annual hours of peak hour excessive delay per capita
	Mode Share - Percent of Non-SOV Travel on the National Highway System (NHS)

Performance Measures for the Washington DC-MD-VA urbanized area	CY 2018 – 2019 Two Year Target	CY 2018 – 2021 Four Year Target
Peak Hour Excessive Delay (PHED)	Not Required	26.7 Hours
Mode Share (Non-SOV)	36.9%	37.2%

Targets set by the TPB on June 20, 2018



Traffic Congestion: PHED Performance vs. Target





2022-2025 Draft PHED Target Methodology

- Use same general methodology as used in 2018
 - Average of observed trends and short-term predictions of TPB travel demand model
 - Observed trends captured recent influences
 - Model captures the impacts of increased population and travel demand vs. road and transit changes
 - The impacts of the pandemic on the PHED performance measure is evident
 - Exclude data from pandemic years (2020, 2021)
 - Use trend data for 2016-2019 (four years) and project from 2019



2022-2025 Draft PHED Graph and Target



DRAFT	CY 2022 - 2023	CY 2022 - 2025
	Two Year Target	Four Year Target
Peak Hour Excessive Delay (PHED)	22.5	22.7



Traffic Congestion: Mode Share (Non-SOV) Performance vs Target





2022-2025 Draft Mode Share Target Methodology

- Recommended methodology:
 - Use only observed trend
 - Uncertainty over impacts of telework and other factors affecting transportation mode choice
 - The impacts of the pandemic on the Mode Share performance measure is evident
 - Exclude data from pandemic year (2020)
 - Note 2021 data not available until early CY 2023
 - Use trend data for 2016-2019 (four years) and project from 2019



2022-2025 Draft Mode Share Graph and Target



DRAFT	CY 2022 - 2023	CY 2022 - 2025
	Two Year Target	Four Year Target
Mode Share (Non-SOV)	37.4%	37.7%



CMAQ Program: Emissions Reductions

		FFY 2018 - 2019	FFY 2018 - 2021
		Two Year Target	Four Year Target
Total Emissions Reductions for the TPB portion of the Washington DC-MD-VA nonattainment area	Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)	1.8376 Kg/Day	2.1950 Kg/Day
	Nitrogen Oxides (NOx)	4.0194 Kg/Day	4.7026 Kg/Day

Targets set by the TPB on June 20, 2018



On-road Emissions Reduction - Overview

- Applies to criteria pollutants in nonattainment or maintenance areas^{*}
- Emissions reductions data are estimates from projects that have received CMAQ funds
- Forecast emissions reductions are estimates based on projects anticipated to receive CMAQ funds
- TPB targets reflect the anticipated cumulative emissions reduction to be reported by MDOT, VDOT, and DDOT for the region

* Targets for Calvert County set by Calvert-St Mary's MPO (outside TPB planning area).





Emissions Reduction (VOC): Performance vs. Targets





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Emissions Reduction (NOx): Performance vs. Targets





Observations on CMAQ: Emissions Reduction Performance

- Forecasting / target development based on past trends of CMAQ projects and their quantitatively estimated emissions reductions
- The impact of project selection with emissions reductions quantitative calculations now a major consideration is evident. Targets were vastly exceeded:
 - A single project in MD (SHA Adaptive "Smart" Signal Systemization) accounted for 80% of the reduced emissions



2022-2025 Draft Emissions Reduction Targets

Factors in 2022-2025 CMAQ Emission Reduction forecasting and target-setting

- Northern Virginia CMAQ Projects already selected through 2026
 - Not all have quantitative emissions calculated at this time
- Maryland and DC CMAQ projects still in development

Pending new information, preliminary draft targets would be based on average annual quantitative emissions reductions for 2018-2022 (excluding SHA Smart Signals project)

Draft	FFY 2022 - 2023	FFY 2022 - 2025
	Two Year Target	Four Year Target
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)	7.840 Kg/Day	15.680 Kg/Day
Nitrogen Oxides (NOx)	13.312 Kg/Day	26.624 Kg/Day



Next Steps

- Likely that draft targets will undergo refinement changes over next month!
 - Update information as received
 - Collect any comments on (current) draft targets
 - Present final recommended targets in June, along with report
- TPB is scheduled to adopt the CMAQ traffic congestion and emissions reductions targets at the June 15 meeting
- TPB staff complete the MPO CMAQ Performance Plans and submit to State DOTs by September
- State DOTs submit targets and MPO Performance Plans to FHWA by October 1, 2022



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PHED and Mode Share: Adjacent MPO Agreement



BRTB and FAMPO need to approve Washington UZA targets



PHED: Background & Data

- The PHED measure
 - The cumulative hours of excessive delay (travel speed less than 20 miles per hour or 60% of the posted speed limit) experienced by all people traveling through all reporting segments during peak hours in the applicable urbanized area for the full reporting calendar year.
- Peak travel hours are defined as:
 - Weekday morning peak: 6 a.m. to 10 a.m., and;
 - Weekday afternoon peak: EITHER 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.* OR 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 - DOTs and TPB Staff selected the 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. peak hour timeframe
- Data was collected using NPMRDS and MAP-21 widgets created by RITIS



PHED: Data Source - NPMRDS Widget





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PHED: 2018 Forecasting and Target Methodology

- Staff identified two basic methods that could be used for forecasting future performance
 - Extrapolation Extend current data using a trend line (straight or best fit curve)
 - 2. TDM Output Apply the rate of change of a relevant indicator from the TPB Travel Demand Model
- A third approach is to combine or average the two:
 - 3. Averaging of Extrapolation and TDM Output Methods
- Staff used Method #3 Averaging to forecast performance and set targets
 - Extrapolation captures recent trends
 - Travel Demand Model captures longer-term predictions based on model factors: population growth, projects completed
 - Combining the two captures short- and long-term indicators



Mode Share: Background, Data & 2018 Methodology

- Measurement of Non-SOV (Non-Single Occupied Vehicle) travel in specific urbanized areas
- Non-SOV travel includes carpooling, using public transit, walking, biking, and teleworking
- Source of data collection:
 - The American Community Survey (ACS), 5-year average, Table DP03
- In 2018, staff applied the same methodology as for the PHED measure to forecast performance and set targets: averaging trends and a travel demand model indicator



Emissions Reductions: Background, Data & 2018 Methodology

- Measure: Total Emissions Reduction
 - Total emissions reduction is calculated by summing 2-and 4year totals of emissions reductions of applicable criteria pollutant and precursor, in kilograms per day, for all projects funded with CMAQ funds
 - Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and Nitrogen Oxide (NOx)
- Calculation: Cumulative emissions reduction for CMAQ funded projects in federal fiscal years FY 2018-2019 (2-year) and FY 2018-2021 (4-year)
- Targets reflected the anticipated cumulative emissions reduction to be reported in the CMAQ Public Access System (PAS)



Emissions Reductions: Data

- CMAQ PAS is a national database containing CMAQ projects emissions reduction benefits
- State DOTs are required to provide FY data by the following March 1
- Data can be summarized by State or MPO area
- Projects are not required to have a quantitative benefit analysis
- Projects with a quantitative analysis list the project's benefits in the first year only
- No required method for conducting quantitative analyses, though there are federal guidebooks



