



MEMORANDUM

TO: TPB Technical Committee
FROM: Andrew Meese, TPB Systems Performance Planning Director
SUBJECT: 2020 Congestion Management Process Technical Report Activities Update
DATE: April 24, 2020

This memorandum provides an update on 2020 Congestion Management Process (CMP) Technical Report development activities. Staff is currently working to complete the report, with a goal of TPB Technical Committee review of the draft report in conjunction with the Committee's June 5, 2020 meeting, and acceptance of the document in July. (This technical document itself is not slated to be presented for review by the TPB, though information from the document will inform future presentations to the TPB regarding transportation planning and performance.) Although the document will not be available for Committee review until the June read-ahead package, a brief preview will be provided at the May 1 meeting.

BACKGROUND

A Congestion Management Process (CMP) is a federal requirement for metropolitan transportation planning in major metropolitan areas. Many generations of federal regulations for metropolitan planning, including the latest regulations pursuant to the FAST Act, have sustained CMP requirements. The National Capital Region's CMP itself is a wholly integrated component in the overall long-range transportation plan, Visualize 2045, and approved by the TPB via inclusion in Visualize 2045. In addition, as recommended in U.S. Department of Transportation federal certifications of the TPB's metropolitan transportation planning process, a separate CMP Technical Report has been compiled biennially since 2008 as a reference document, of which the 2020 CMP Technical Report will be the latest.

WHAT'S IN THE UPCOMING DRAFT CMP TECHNICAL REPORT

The structure of the 2020 CMP Technical Report will be the same as used for recent reports, but advised by new/updated data and program information as available. The report will feature a review of the state of congestion in the National Capital Region, as well as information on congestion management strategies pursued or studied in the region. Also included will be an executive summary, an introduction to CMP requirements, a conclusions chapter, and numerous technical appendices. Data analyses will address time periods no later than the end of calendar year 2019; more recent events, such as impacts of COVID-19, will have to be considered in separate or future documents, once all necessary more recent data and information become available.

The draft CMP Technical Report will also be discussed at upcoming meetings of the Systems Performance, Operations, and Technology Subcommittee, including at the Subcommittee's April 23 virtual meeting, and other subcommittees briefed following the Technical Committee's acceptance of the report.