



MEMORANDUM

TO: TPB Technical Committee
FROM: Eric Randall, TPB Transportation Engineer
SUBJECT: Draft Regional Transit Asset Management (TAM) Targets for 2022
DATE: January 28, 2022

This memorandum provides background on the purpose of **Agenda Item #6 - Performance-Based Planning and Programming: Draft Transit Asset Management Targets**, identifies associated regulatory deadlines, and provides a schedule for TPB action.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

As part of the performance-based planning and programming (PBPP) target-setting requirements under federal surface transportation regulations, each provider of public transportation (e.g., transit agency) is required to adopt targets annually for the performance of their transit assets. This requirement applies to any agency or parent jurisdiction receiving federal transit funds as a recipient or sub-recipient; includes all assets used in the provision of public transportation, with or without federal funds; and applies to transit assets for which the agency or jurisdiction has direct capital responsibility. Providers submit their targets, performance against past targets, and a narrative report on targets and performance to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as part of the annual National Transit Database (NTD) data submission.

Metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) are required to adopt regional TAM targets for providers in their metropolitan planning area. Under FTA planning guidance, MPOs should adopt TAM targets when adopting a new Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) or Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

The TPB has adopted regional TAM targets three times to date, initially in June 2017, and then in February 2019 and February 2020. The latter date enabled inclusion of the TAM targets in the FY 2021-2024 TIP approved in March 2020.

Approval of the regional 2022 TAM targets in March will enable inclusion of the new TAM targets in Visualize 2045 (2022) and the FY 2023-2026 TIP, scheduled for approval in June.

The TPB's TAM targets and process will be reviewed as part of the federal certification process early next year. Applicable guidance from the FTA is repeated below.

“The MPO does not send its established TAM targets to FTA for review and approval. However, through the certification review of MPOs in the transportation management areas undertaken every four years, FHWA and FTA will review whether the MPO is implementing a performance-based planning process that is consistent with the FHWA-FTA Final Rule on planning (Statewide and Nonmetropolitan Transportation Planning; Metropolitan Transportation Planning) and the Transit Asset Management Final Rule.

This review will focus on the development and implementation of written procedures by the MPO in coordination with the transit agencies that provide service in its metropolitan planning area and the state DOTs. With respect to the performance-based planning requirements, the review will examine whether the MPO's metropolitan planning process integrates (directly or by reference) the goals, objectives, performance measures, and targets described in the Transit Asset Management Plan, and that the system performance report measures progress toward achieving selected targets with each update of the MTP and whether the TIP includes a description of how the program of projects contributes to achieving the MPO's performance targets in the MTP, linking investment priorities to those targets.”¹

SCHEDULE

Key dates associated with the anticipated approval of the 2022 TAM targets are listed below:

- The TPB Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee was briefed on the draft 2022 TAM targets on January 25.
- The TPB Technical Committee will be briefed on February 4.
- On February 16, the TPB will receive an informational briefing on the set of draft 2022 TAM targets.
- Comments on the draft targets will be taken through the end of February, and the targets will be finalized.
- On March 16, the TPB will be asked to approve a resolution setting the regional 2022 TAM targets.

¹ <https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/transportation-planning/metropolitan-planning-organization-responsibilities#ref2>