

Item #10

**Federal Certification of the
National Capital Region
MPO Planning Process**

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Introduction

- This briefing is to inform MOITS of the upcoming quadrennial federal review of the COG/TPB transportation planning process
 - Adapted from presentation given by Ron Milone to the Travel Forecasting Subcommittee Sept. 19
- This is a regular but important part of ensuring the success of our planning program
- Ongoing this fall, with certification-specific review meetings scheduled for late October
- This is for information, no specific action is needed from MOITS

What is a Federal Certification Review?

- A formal review of the approaches, activities and issues associated with the metropolitan transportation planning process
- Federal requirement for all Transportation Management Areas (TMAs)
 - SAFETEA-LU planning requirements are in effect; MAP-21 requirements will not take effect for another year or two
- Conducted by FHWA and FTA every four years
- Last review of the TPB was conducted in 2010

Sequential Phases of the Review

1. Desk review of planning products and processes
2. Issuance of desk review findings
3. Site visit
4. Verbal close out
5. Report of the finalized certification review

Scope of the Certification Review

A.	RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PREVIOUS REVIEW
B.	DESCRIPTION OF PLANNING AREA
C.	MPO BOUNDARIES
D.	ORGANIZATION/STRUCTURE
E.	AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS
F.	MPO ANNUAL SELF CERTIFICATIONS
G.	LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)
H.	PLANNING FACTORS
I.	TIP
J.	FINANCIAL PLANNING AND FISCAL CONSTRAINT
K.	UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)
L.	CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS (CMP)
M.	AIR QUALITY
N.	INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (ITS)
O.	TRAVEL DEMAND FORECASTING AND MODELS DEVELOPMENT
P.	FREIGHT PLANNING
Q.	LAND USE/MULTIMODAL/TRANSIT PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY
R.	PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT
S.	TITLE VI AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS
T.	CLIMATE CHANGE
U.	LINKING NEPA AND TRANSPORTATION/ENVIRONMENT
V.	OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
W.	LIVABILITY

Potential Topics that FHWA/FTA Will Discuss

- Compliance with Congestion Management Process law and regulations
 - Monitoring
 - Performance Measurement
 - Consideration of CMP Strategies
 - Importance of Commuter Connections and MATOC
- ITS Architecture and Systems Engineering
- Climate Change Considerations, including MOITS consideration of adaptation

Current Status

- TPB staff submitted responses to structured questions (same as those used in 2010)
- Certification meetings will occur October 28 & 29
- A certification report will be issued
- No action is required by MOITS