Congestion Management Process
A Guidance Document
Status Update

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Current Status

- Six tasks
- 14-month timeframe

Task 1: Kickoff Meeting & Develop a Detailed Work Plan
  Initial discussion of approach and methodology.

Task 2a: Select MPOs for Process Model Documentation
  Recommend 8 MPOs based on specified selection criteria.

Task 2b: Identify Noteworthy Visualization Practices
  Recommend up to 10 noteworthy/exemplary practices.

Task 3a: Collect & Review CMP Information
  Obtain information on highly effective/noteworthy CMP practices.

Task 3b: Presentation & Summary Report on Visualization
  Showcase noteworthy practices in presentation and summary report.

Task 4: Draft CMP Process Model Guidebook
  Develop a draft CMP process model guidebook that provides guidance on how to create an effective CMP.

Task 5: Revise & Complete CMP Process Model Guidebook
  Vet document before selection of MPOs, DOTs, and other representatives.

Task 6: Develop 2 Executive Seminars
  Promote concepts and content of the Guidebook.

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1. Introduction

- What is a CMP?
- History of the CMP
- Why is a CMP useful?
- What is the Purpose of this Guidebook?
- The CMP as an Integral Part of the Metropolitan Planning Process

Have we clearly made the case for the value of the CMP?
Have we clearly described the role of the CMP in transportation planning?
Do the concepts of a performance-based approach, and a process integral to planning that accounts for livability considerations come through?
2. Process Model

- Eight Actions
  - Recognizes general sequence but also iterations and variations
  - Notes cyclical nature of process (related to planning process)
- For each action, guidebook notes:
  - Good practices
  - Case study examples

Do you agree with terminology “actions” vs. “steps”? Are the actions clear and logical? Are the case examples and resource information (e.g., examples of performance measures, data sources, etc.) helpful?
3. The CMP within the Regional Transportation Planning Context

• Collaboration among Stakeholders
• Livability and Multimodal Considerations
• SOV-Capacity Adding Projects and the Role of Demand Management and Operations Strategies
• Linkage to NEPA and Project Development Process
• Documentation of the CMP

Is the information provided sufficient?
This information is somewhat highlighted in the process model – is this the appropriate format for reiterating and expanding upon these topics?
4. Visualization as a Communication and Analysis Tool

- The Role of Visualizations in the CMP
- Data Used in Visualizations
- Visualization Methods Used in CMP Activities
  - Examples provided
- Lessons Learned on Effective Visualization

Is this the right level of information – not too little, not too much?
Next Steps

Task 4
• FHWA comments on draft guidebook – July 1
• Second draft guidebook – July 22

Task 5
• Select MPO review Committee July 23
• Web-based discussion group – Review Comments on Second Draft (August 9 – 12) [Need to finalize date/time]
Questions for Consideration

• Have we clearly described the role of the CMP in transportation planning and the value of the CMP?
• Is the description of the eight “actions” clear, and consistent with elements of your CMP?
• Do you believe the content information (including case examples, samples of performance measures, etc.) in the draft guidebook will be helpful to MPOs in developing a more robust CMP?
• Was anything missing that you think would be important to add?
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