

USDOT Implementation of MAP-21 Transportation Performance Measures (TPM)

BACKGROUND

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) requires the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) to establish, within 18-months, transportation performance measures in the areas of the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP), Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), and National Freight Movement (Freight).

Section 150 of Title 23 establishes national goals for:

- 1) Safety,
- 2) Infrastructure condition,
- 3) Congestion reduction,
- 4) System reliability,
- 5) Freight movement and economic vitality,
- 6) Environmental sustainability, and
- 7) Reduced project delivery delays.

Also, the Secretary must develop performance measures for transit state of good repair and safety.

These measures and standards will be developed through the rulemaking authority of USDOT. Once a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) is published in the Federal Register, the public may provide comment before the final rule. Once final, states, MPOs, and providers of public transportation will coordinate target setting to reflect the measures.

TIMING

USDOT, through both the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), have provided industry and stakeholders with projected timelines for these rules.

FHWA will develop three performance measure rules:

- 1) Safety,
- 2) Pavement & Bridge Conditions, and
- 3) Other (congestion, air quality, freight, performance of the Interstate and non-interstate NHS).

The NPRM for each category of measures will be released in three-month intervals with the first released by the end of 2013. After a 90-day comment period, final rules will be promulgated, again in three-month intervals. The first notice is expected in the 4th quarter of 2014 and the last in early 2015. (Note: this schedule is an estimate and may change). USDOT will establish one effective date for all measures.

FTA will release an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rule Making (ANPRM) for Asset Management in early 2013 with a final rule promulgated by the end of 2013. The schedule for the safety performance rule is pending.

For further details regarding highway performance, see the USDOT TPM website at: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tpm/>.

