OUR MPO’S TRANSITION TO TMA STATUS

Transportation Management Area (TMA)

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2010 U.S. CENSUS FIGURES:

Population - 217,525

Hispanic or Latin - 93.19%
WE KNEW THIS DAY WOULD COME!
The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are required to jointly review and evaluate the transportation planning process for each urbanized area (UZA) over 200,000 in population at least every four years.
CERTIFICATION PURPOSE

• TO ASSURE THAT THE MPO’S PLANNING PROCESS SATISFACTORILY ADDRESSES THE FEDERAL PLANNING REQUIREMENTS.

• MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING HOW THE PROCESS MIGHT BE ENHANCED, AND

• IDENTIFY BEST PRACTICES TO SHARE WITH OTHER MPO.
FEDERAL REGULATIONS (RE: TMA’S)

HOW DO YOU LEARN IF & WHEN YOUR MPO ATTAINS TMA STATUS?

FEDERAL REGISTER

http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/census_issues/urbani zed_areas_and_mpo_tma/schedule/index.cfm

PRE-CERTIFICATION & FHWA: MPO CERTIFICATION
PRE-CERTIFICATION/

MPO

WEAKNESSES & STRENGTHS
CONGESTION MGT.
PROCESS
(CMP)
NOTEBOOK

(TMA QUESTIONNAIRE)
58. DOES BMPO COLLECT AND ANALYZE REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL GOODS MOVEMENT FLOW DATA? HOW DOES THE MPO CONSIDER AND EVALUATE LAND USE AND FREIGHT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THEIR MPA?
ON-GOING PARTNERSHIPS

(Do It & Document It)

• U.S.F.W.S
• NOTICE TO NATIVE AMERICANS
• EARLY COORDINATION/PLANNING RE:
  • ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
  • LAND USE
• NEW PARTNERS / WHO ELSE?
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

• EXTENSIVE DOCUMENTATION IS THE KEY

• ADDING “FUN” IS A GOOD STRATEGY

• “PIGGYBACK”
  A) OTHER MEETINGS
  B) OTHER EVENTS
GET SOME HELP!
OUTSIDE HELP & ASSISTANCE

- SOME STATE DOTS PROVIDE TRAINING
- OTHER MPO’S
- UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES
- TRANSPORTATION PLANNING CAPACITY BUILDING PEER PROGRAM (TPCB)

http://www.planning.dot.gov/peer_app.asp
GIVE YOURSELF LOTS OF TIME

(NOTEBOOK PREPARATION & DOCUMENTATION)
A COLLABORATIVE PROCESS IS GOOD.
WHAT CAN GO WRONG?

(THE DOG ATE MY HOMEWORK)
ANY QUESTIONS?