

2040 RTP PLANNING FACTORS AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Background

Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act's (FAST Act) final planning rules for the Metropolitan Planning Process and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) will become effective on May 27, 2018. All amendments and updates to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan (SLRTP), and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) made after May 27, 2018 are required to be compliant with the new planning rule.

The 2045 RTP is currently under development and scheduled to be completed by September 2019. The 2040 RTP requires an amendment to be compliant with new FAST Act regulations between May 27, 2018 and approval of air quality conformity finding of 2045 RTP by FHWA. Staff proposes to add a new appendix to the 2040 RTP. This new appendix will include the new FAST Act requirements as listed below.

1. Incorporate two new planning factors:
 - a. Improve resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate storm water impacts of surface transportation.
 - b. Enhance travel and tourism
2. Include consideration of intercity buses in both MTPs (RTP) and Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plans.
3. MTP (RTP) includes description of the (Federally required) performance measures and performance targets used in assessing the performance of the transportation system.
4. MTP (RTP) includes a system evaluation report evaluating the condition and performance of the transportation system with respect to the (Federally required) performance targets including progress achieved by the MPO toward the performance targets.

A 30-day public comment period for this amendment will begin on April 10, 2018. Staff intends to preview the draft amendment to the 2040 RTP at April TAC and TPC meetings and will request for approval in May.

Action Requested

Information only.