

# Planning Updates



MPO/RPA Quarterly Meeting

September 23, 2020

## MPO Performance Management Activities Reminder - PM1 and PM3

- Safety (PM1) target setting for 2017-2021 targets
  - Targets were set 8/31/2020 and formally sent to MPOs at that time; MPO targets will be due by 2/27/2021.
- Freight reliability (PM3)
  - State will be adjusting two of the State's PM3 targets at the end of September; any MPOs that supported State targets will have to reaffirm support or adopt their own targets;
    - Applies to all MPOs except MAPA, which has set their own PM3 targets
  - State will notify the MPOs when adjusted targets have been officially submitted and the 180-day clock to establish PM3 targets for MPOs begins.

# MPO Performance Management

## Activities Reminder - Transit safety

- Large urban transit systems (5307 recipients) were originally required to approve their PTASPs by July 20, 2020
- In light of the extraordinary operational challenges presented by the COVID-19 public health emergency, FTA issued a Notice of Enforcement Discretion effectively extending the PTASP compliance deadline from July 20, 2020 to December 31, 2020
- MPOs should be in contact with their transit agencies regarding when they approved or will approve their PTASP; transit agencies should provide their MPO a copy of the plan, including targets
- MPOs are required to set their initial transit safety targets no more than 180 days after receipt of the agency safety plan from public transportation providers
  - Documentation of MPO targets needs be transmitted to Systems Planning

# Non-Metropolitan Local Officials

## Consultation Update

- Every 5 years, the Iowa DOT is required to provide a documented process for the cooperation with nonmetropolitan local officials participation in the development of the Statewide LRTP and Statewide TIP.
  - The Iowa DOT is required to solicit comments for a period of no less than 60 days on the agency's effectiveness in its process for cooperating with nonmetropolitan local officials as it relates to the statewide transportation planning process.
  - The next update is due February 2021 to FHWA and FTA .
  - Expect to see more information come out mid-October.

# Misc. Updates

- DBE Semi-Annual Reports
  - For the second half of FFY 2020 (April 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020), reports will be due from MPOs and RPAs by November 1, 2019.
  - Look for a notice around October 1
- CARES Act Update (via Public Transit)
  - Most of the remaining CARES funds went to providing further operating assistance for the transit systems.
  - Capital projects were covered under this grant such as:
    - Vehicle purchases, farecard systems, internal building renovations to facilitate social distancing and modernize old features, security equipment, and software.