

April 4, 2003

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Tom Schwetz
Subject: Item 4c: TMA Certification Review – Final Schedule and Key Issues

Overview

One of the changes associated with the transition to TMA status has to do with the certification of the MPO process. In the past, the MPO self-certified on an annual basis that the process meets all federal requirements. This certification was formalized each year as part of the adoption of the Annual Unified Planning Work Program.

With TMA status this process is conducted by representatives from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on a triennial cycle. The TMA certification review is much more rigorous, taking place over a three-day period. The scope of the review is comprehensive, covering the transportation planning process for the entire area and all agencies involved. The primary elements of the review are listed in the table below. During this period the federal representatives interview staff associated with the process and get input from both elected officials that are part of the process and members of the public.

The process is scheduled to take place on May 7th-9th. This coincides with the May 8th MPC meeting, which is where the federal representatives will get feedback from the MPC members on the MPO process. A public workshop is scheduled for the previous evening (May 7th) which will provide members of the public to make comments on the MPO process. Attachment 1 provides the final schedule for the certification review, including times and meeting rooms for each part of the schedule. The public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Springfield Council Chambers. The MPC meeting on May 8th will be held at the Eugene Library in the Bascom/Tykeson Room from 1:30-3:30.

Upon completion of the review and evaluation, FHWA and FTA must either:

1. Jointly certify that the transportation planning process meets or substantially meets the requirements of 23 CFR 450 Subpart B (the federal requirements for the MPO process);
2. Jointly certify the transportation planning process subject to certain specified corrective actions being taken;
3. Jointly certify the transportation planning process as the basis for approval of only certain categories of programs and projects or;
4. Withhold certification and the approval of certain apportionments and projects.

As noted in items 3 and 4 above, federal project funding and needed federal approvals on environmental documents can be limited or withheld from an area if it's MPO process is not certified.

Primary Elements of Certification Review
Study Area Organizational Structure
Metropolitan Planning Boundaries (450.308)
Agreements and Contracts (450.310 and 312)
Unified Planning Work Program (450.314)
Transportation Planning Process
Metropolitan Transportation Plan Development
TIP and Project Selection
Financial Planning/Fiscal Constraint
Public Outreach
Air Quality
TITLE VI and Related Requirements
Consideration of Intelligent Transportation Systems

Key Issues

Action Requested: Information and Discussion only.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Final Schedule for Certification Review

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CENTRAL LANE MPO CERTIFICATION REVIEW AGENDA

May 7-9, 2003

<u>Date/Time/Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Lead</u>	<u>Target Participants</u>
<p><i>Wednesday 5/7/03</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:00 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LCOG 4th Floor Small Conference Room</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:00 a.m.</p>	<p><i>Opening Session</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Review Purpose, Format & Schedule <p><u>LCOG Regional Overview</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision, Goals, • Challenges <p><i>Discussions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study Area Organizational Structure • MPO Boundaries • Agreements & Contracts • Unified Planning Work Program • Transportation Planning Process 	<p>Review Team</p> <p>LCOG, T. Schwetz</p> <p>Review Team</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCOG • LTD • ODOT • Open to others
<p><i>Wednesday 5/7/03</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1:00 p.m</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LCOG 4th Floor Small Conference Room</p>	<p><i>Discussions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPO Transportation Plan Development • TIP & Project Selection • Financial Planning/Fiscal Constraint • Public Outreach 	<p>Review Team</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCOG • LTD • ODOT • Open to others
<p><i>Wednesday 5/7/03</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:00-8:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Springfield Council Chambers</p>	<p><i>Public Meeting</i></p> <p><i>USDOT Introduction/Purpose</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public comments (How is transportation planning process working? What needs improvement?) 	<p>Review Team</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to all

MPC 4c - Attachment 1 – Final Schedule for Federal Certification Review

<u>Date/Time/Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Lead</u>	<u>Target Participants</u>
<p><i>Thursday 5/8/03</i> 8:00 a.m. LCOG 4th Floor Small Conference Room.</p>	<p><i>Discussions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Delivering/Project Monitoring • Self-Certifications • Title VI, ADA, EJ 	Review Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCOG • LTD • ODOT • Open to others
<p><i>Thursday 5/8/03</i> 11:30 a.m. Eugene Library – Bascom/Tykeson room on first floor.</p>	<p><i>Meeting with Local Officials MPC meeting</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>USDOT</i> <p><i>Introduction/Purpose</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy Official Comments (How is transportation planning process working? What needs improvement?) 	Review Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPC • Other Policy Officials • LCOG • LTD • ODOT • Open to others
<p><i>Thursday 5/8/03</i> 1:30 p.m. LCOG 4th Floor Large Conference Room</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congestion Management System • Intelligent Transportation Systems 	Review Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCOG • LTD • ODOT • Open to others
<p><i>Friday 5/9/03</i> 8:00 a.m. Off site</p>	<p><i>Review Team Work Session</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare Draft Findings 	Review Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDOT Review Team Only
<p><i>Friday 5/9/03</i> 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p><i>Closeout Session</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial Findings 	Review Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCOG • LTD • ODOT • Open to others