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To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Tom Schwetz

Subject: Item 4e(1)(ii): Interim Congestion management System Status Report

Action Requested: None – Information Only

Issue Summary

The Congestion Management Plan is a federal requirement for TMAs and is meant to provide for “effective management of new and existing transportation facilities through the use of travel demand reduction and operation management strategies”. A Congestion Management System (CMS) is a systematic process that provides information on transportation system performance and alternative strategies to alleviate congestion and enhance the mobility of persons and goods. The intent of the CMS is to protect the region's investment in, and improve effectiveness of, the existing and future transportation networks. The initial CMS needs to include: Identification of current and future system deficiencies, identification and evaluation of needed improvements including roadway options and non-auto alternatives (transit, bike, TDM, etc.), and identification of options to preserve new capacity (Access Management, TDM, land use changes, etc.).

Status Report

Staff has been working with Reinhard Transportation Consulting to develop the interim Congestion Management System Plan. Based on direction provided by USDOT during the MPO's Certification Review, this plan is interim in that it reflects the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) as adopted back in 2002. This plan will be updated as part of the RTP update process to completed in December 2004.

Attached is an executive summary of the Interim Report on the Congestion Management System. This summary provides an overview of the federal requirements for a CMS, the purpose and scope of the initial CMS for this area, identification of congested corridors, and a set of congestion-related performance measures.

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Interim Report on the Congestion Management System for the Central Lane Transportation Management Area.