



Highway 61
North Shore of Lake Superior

U.S. Department of Transportation (FHWA/FTA)

The Metropolitan Council

2016 TMA Certification Review

TAC Presentation - 7/5/17



Background

U. S. Department of Transportation (FHWA/FTA)

- Every four years, FHWA and FTA jointly review the Planning Process for MPOs with over 200,000 in population.
- Review Consists of:
 - Three Month Desk Review
 - Onsite Visit with a Public Meeting
 - Final Report



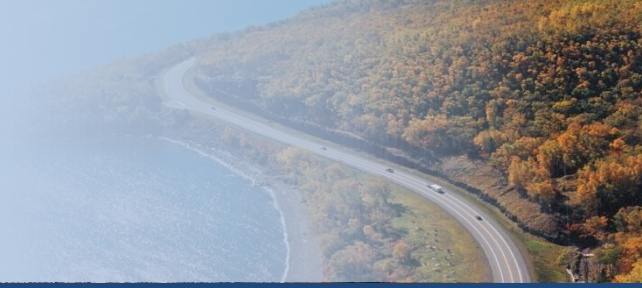
Findings

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- **Commendation:** A Noteworthy Practice
- **Recommendation:** Regulatory Compliance Could be Improved
- **Corrective Action:** Failure to Meet Federal Requirements



Results



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- Commendations: 4
- Recommendations: 14
- Corrective Actions: 0



Certification

U. S. Department of Transportation (FHWA/FTA)

- The Met Council's Transportation Planning Process was Certified
- Final Report completed 3/20/17
- Report Filed with U.S. D.O.T. in Washington, D.C.



Commendations

U. S. Department of Transportation (FHWA/FTA)

- APTA Award – Outstanding Public Transportation System 2016
- 2016 US DOT Ladders of Opportunity Every Place Counts Design Challenge (I-94)



Commendations

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- MnDOT's State Safety Engineer on Reviewing Committee for Metro HSIP Projects
- TIP – The Use of Equity as a Project Selection Criteria



Recommendations

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- TPP:
 - Collaboratively Develop Performance Metrics/Targets
 - Integrate Scenario Planning
 - Improve Procedures and Transparency of Rating/Selecting Capital Projects
 - Include Non-Expansion Regionally Significant Projects
 - Analyze Plan Impacts on Disadvantaged Communities (Benefits & Burdens)
- Projects in First Two Years of TIP Need Committed Federal Funding
- Determine Level of Performance/Investment Need for Regional Solicitation
- Update and Improve MOU
- Improve Environmental Coordination
- Explore More Detailed Corridor Planning Studies that Look at Lower-Cost Alternatives



Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

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- **Elevate and Recognize the UPWP as a Critical Planning Document by:**
 - Clarifying the Context of UPWP Studies
 - Specifying Work Task Relation to TPP Goals
 - Discussing the Project Ranking Process
 - Further Breaking Down Funding and Staff Time
 - Making the UPWP Available for Public Review Beyond TAC/TAB Meetings



Public Participation Plan (PPP)

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- **Update and Enhance the PPP by:**
 - Discussing Stakeholder Engagement Methods
 - Adding Greater Visualization
 - Demonstrating a Clear Process for Public Comment Consideration
 - Documenting a Process for Evaluating the PPP's Overall Effectiveness



Congestion Management Process (CMP)

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- **Improve to Fully Comply with 23 CFR 450.322 by:**

- Analyzing non-freeway principal and minor arterial roadways
- Including SMART regional objectives
 - (Specific, Measurable, Agreed Upon, Realistic, Time-Bound)
- Incorporating greater public transparency of CMP Implementation
- Documenting Steps Taken to Consider Potential CMP Strategies
- Evaluating Previously Implemented Strategies
- Integrating the CMP into the Project Selection Process
- Evaluating Benefits/Costs in Relation to Congestion Mitigation
- Defining Operation Problems and Expected Solutions/Benefits



Next Steps

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- Action Plan – Within Two Months of Final Report
 - Tasks
 - Responsible Parties
 - Timelines
- Quarterly Reporting
- Technical Assistance



Questions?

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