

## Transportation Performance Management

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### OVERVIEW

This document highlights key provisions of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) performance management requirements for state Departments of Transportation, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and transit providers, including target setting, performance reporting, and deadlines.

### PLANNING RULE FRAMEWORK

FHWA and FTA jointly issued a Planning Rule in 2016 to document changes in the statewide and metropolitan planning processes consistent with the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21) Act and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. Among other changes, this rule specifies the requirements for state DOTs and MPOs to implement a performance-based approach to planning and programming. Under this framework, the three FHWA performance measures (PM) rules and the FTA transit asset management and transit safety rules established various performance measures to assess roadway safety (PM1), pavement and bridge condition (PM2), system performance and freight movement (PM3), transit asset management (TAM), and transit safety. The Planning Rule and the performance measures rules also specify how MPOs should set targets, report performance, and integrate performance management into their Long-Range Transportation Plans (LRTP) and Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP). FHWA and FTA are expected to issue an updated planning rule in 2022 to incorporate changes introduced in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed in November 2021.



#### Long-Range Transportation Plans

The Planning Rule specifies how performance management is incorporated into the MPO's LRTP. The LRTP must:

- » Describe the federal performance measures and performance targets used in assessing the performance of the transportation system.
- » Include a System Performance Report that:
  - Evaluates the condition and performance of the transportation system with respect to performance targets.
  - Documents the progress achieved by the MPO in meeting the targets in comparison to performance recorded in past reports.
- » Integrate the goals, objectives, performance measures, and targets described in all the plans and processes required as part of a performance-based program.

#### Transportation Improvement Programs

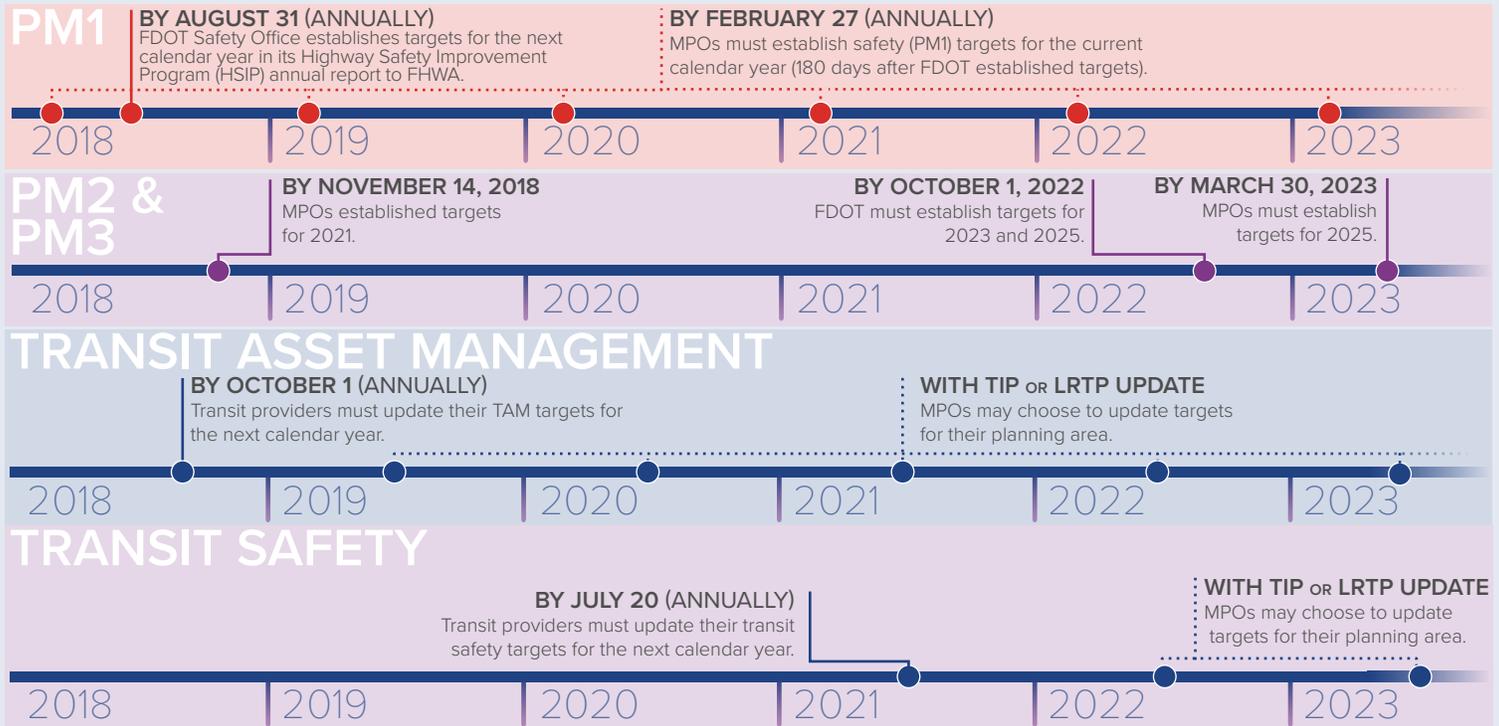
The TIP must:

- » Reflect the investment priorities established in the current long-range transportation plan.
- » Be designed such that once implemented, it makes progress toward achieving the performance targets established.
- » Include, to the maximum extent practicable, a description of the anticipated effect of the TIP toward achieving the performance targets identified in the LRTP, linking investment priorities to those performance targets.

FDOT and the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) have developed model language for inclusion of performance measures and targets in the LRTPs and TIPs

\*Please refer to the five accompanying fact sheets to obtain key information for the three FHWA performance measures rules and FTA transit rules.

# TIMELINE FOR MPO ACTIONS



## TARGET SETTING OPTIONS

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the MPOs, and providers of public transportation set their respective performance targets in coordination with one another. Each MPO establishes a target for each applicable performance measure. For the **PM1**, **PM2**, and **PM3** measures, each MPO establishes targets by one of two options:

### *Support the statewide target established by FDOT.*

If the MPO chooses to support the statewide target, the MPO provides documentation to FDOT stating that the MPO agrees to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward the accomplishment of FDOT's statewide target for that performance measure.

OR

### *Establish own target.*

If the MPO chooses to establish its own target, the MPO coordinates with FDOT regarding the approach used to develop the target and the proposed target prior to establishing a final target. The MPO provides documentation to FDOT that includes the final target and the date the MPO established the target.

MPOs must establish their targets no later than 180 days after FDOT sets its target.

For the **transit asset management and safety measures**, MPOs may support the targets established by transit providers or establish their own targets. Initial action by the MPO must take place within 180 days of the transit provider action to establish targets. Subsequent MPO transit targets must be established when the MPO updates the LRTP. MPOs will reflect current provider targets in the updated TIP.

## ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS

FHWA will not assess MPO target achievement. However, FHWA and FTA will review MPO adherence to performance management requirements as part of periodic transportation planning process reviews, including the Transportation Management Area (TMA) MPO certification reviews, reviews of adopted and amended LRTPs, and approval of MPO TIPs.

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