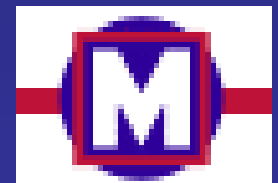
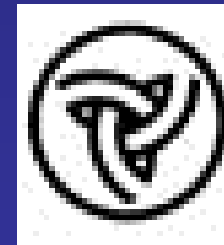
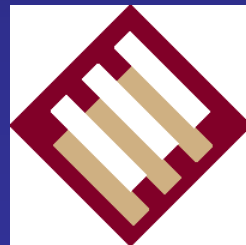




U.S. Department of Transportation Planning Certification Review

St. Louis, MO-IL Transportation Management Area
January 22-24, 2013





What are Certification Reviews?

- FHWA / FTA jointly review and evaluate the transportation planning process for each Transportation Management Area (no less than once every four years) to determine if the process meets the requirements of 23 CFR 450.334(b). These reviews include seeking the public's input.



Why are Reviews Conducted?

- Required by Law (23 USC 134(i)(5))
- Verify compliance with current transportation law and planning regulations
- Opportunity to enhance and refine planning processes



Where Are Reviews Conducted?

- Transportation Management Areas (TMAs)
 - Areas With Population Greater Than 200,000 Persons
 - Missouri
 - St. Louis, MO-IL
 - Kansas City, MO-KS
 - Springfield
 - Illinois
 - Chicago
 - St. Louis, MO-IL
 - Rockford
 - Quad Cities, IA-IL
 - Peoria



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Who Is Involved With These Reviews?

- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Transit Administration
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations
- State Departments of Transportation
- Public Transit Providers



What is Reviewed?

- Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

A process by which transportation decisions are made and projects are planned, selected and prioritized for implementation within the region.



Planning Regulations

- Organization
- Boundaries
- Agreements
- Continuing, Coordinated, Comprehensive (3C) Process
- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- Fiscal Constraint
- Public Participation
- Congestion Management Process (CMP)
- Regional Transportation Plan 2040
- Management and Operations
- Environmental Consultation and Mitigation
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)



Federal Planning Emphasis

- Safety for all Motorized and Non-Motorized Users
- Economic Vitality including Global Competitiveness
- Homeland Security and Personal Security
- Accessibility and Mobility of Users and Freight
- Environment, Energy Conservation, and Quality of Life
- Connectivity Across and Between Modes
- Efficient System Management and Operation
- Preservation of Existing System



Phases of the Review

- Ongoing Oversight
- Federal Actions Taken
- Desk Review
 - Review of Planning Products
 - Questionnaire
- Site Visit
- Final Review Report with Federal Findings



Potential Outcomes

- Full Certification
 - Recommendations for Future Improvement
 - Commendations for Progress or Best Practices
- Conditional Certification
 - Resolution of Corrective Action(s)
- Partial Certification
 - i.e. ITS Architecture Incomplete
- De-Certification



2013 Review Schedule

- Tuesday – Staff Interviews, EAC, Public Meeting
- Wednesday – Staff Interviews
- Thursday – Staff Interviews, Closeout Meeting
- March 8th – Preliminary Draft Report Circulated
- April 12th – Release of Final Report
- May – Presentation to EWG Board of Directors



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