EWGCOG 2017 TMA Certification Review

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Introduction of the Federal Team

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Certification Review Focus:

Certification Reviews are required every 4 years

- Substantial Compliance with the Federal Planning Regulations
- Evaluate Planning Process-15 topical areas
  - Outreach, transit, land use, freight
  - Civil Rights, EJ, Safety, Air Quality and others
- Discuss local transportation issues\challenges and plan development
- Best Practices
- Opportunities for improvement

Key Definitions of Findings

- **Corrective Actions:** items that fail to meet one or more requirements of the federal planning statute and regulations.
- **Recommendations:** Items that address technical improvements to processes or procedures, that are not regulatory.
- **Commendations - Noteworthy Practices**: Elements that demonstrate well thought out procedure for implementing the planning requirements.

2017 Certification Review

- The CR onsite portion of review was conducted January 2017 – More than 50 people participated in the interview portion of review.
- Allowed opportunities for public involvement at the Board of Directors Meeting, Air Quality Advisory Committee, Intergovernmental Air Quality Committee, and Public Hearing.

Resolution of 2013 Certification Review – Corrective Action

- One Corrective Action in 2013 – Congestion Management Process – federal regulations required in **areas with over 200,000 population**
- EWGCOG developed timely and functioning CMP
- Working committees include Congestion Management Operations Committee and Technical Action Committee
- Transportation agencies working together to improve technical coordination of projects and technologies

2017 Findings

0 Corrective Actions

19 Recommendations

- Most are technical relating to the TIP

8 Commendations

- 6 areas

2017 Commendations

Metropolitan Transportation Plan:

1. MoDOT has taken a leadership role in monthly webinars on implementation of Performance Measure and target setting.
2. Overall partnering for development and implementation of FAST Act requirements

2017 Commendations

Transit Planning:

3. Madison County Transit has implemented innovative strategies to eliminate access gaps to the Gateway Commerce Center

Transportation Improvement Program:

4. EWGCOG has taken efforts to enhance outreach efforts in TIP development & project selection, including FAQ's section

2017 Commendations

Freight:

5. EWGCOG ongoing efforts to integrate freight movement into overall planning process

6. EWGCOG, MoDOT and St. Louis Regional Freightway worked to develop the St. Louis regional element of the Missouri Statewide Freight Advisory Committee framework

2017 Commendations

Integration of Land Use and Transportation:

7. EWGCOG continuous efforts to engage agencies early in the planning process to help reduce or avoid impacts to key ecological priorities while advancing transportation program goals (OneSTL Plan, TOD)

2017 Commendations

Congestion Management Process/Management and Operations:

8. EWGCOG developed a functioning CMP and developed working committees that share information and provide assistance to member agencies to encourage Intelligent Transportation System investments in the region. High level of coordination also provides education and training to the members.

2017 Recommendations

- The Review Team is working with EWG on ensuring recommendations from the review will add local value as well as developing an action plan on any recommendations EWG may want to implement.
- Review Team has requested an EWG response within 60 days of receipt of the Final Report
- A follow up meeting with EWGCOG staff will be scheduled

2017 Certification Review Outcome:

EWGCOG is certified as substantially meeting the planning requirements defined in federal regulation.

Certified until April 15, 2021

Next Certification Review

Comments?

- Next Review will be held in 2021
- Will include Performance Measures for State DOT's and MPO's (FAST Act)

Thank you – Questions?

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