

Research Need for Planning, Policy and Asset Management Technical Advisory Group

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1. Issue Identified:

The following proposal is to conduct research into the implementation of federally required performance measures for use by metropolitan planning organizations.

2. Summary of Problem:

The goal is to learn about best practices regarding how metropolitan planning organizations are utilizing performance measures in planning and programming projects. MPOs must establish targets for measures as they relate to the following topics: safety, bridge and pavement condition, performance of the national highway system, transit asset management, and public transportation agency safety plans. In addition to establishing targets, MPOs are required to monitor and track progress toward meeting these targets. The Illinois Department of Transportation would like a literature review, survey and interviews with MPOs nationwide to identify their process and tracking of implementation of performance measures and to compile best practices.

3. Desired Results/Outcome:

The outcome of the research is an in-depth understanding of the utilization, tracking and communication of these performance measures within the metropolitan planning process.