

PRO-6 - Adopt TIP by MPO

Description

At this key decision, the MPO adopts the TIP and makes a conformity determination in nonattainment and maintenance areas for transportation-related pollutants. Before the MPO can do this, comments on the draft TIP must be addressed and a final TIP must be produced. By adopting the final TIP, the MPO and the partner agencies agree that the projects are prioritized appropriately according to the available revenue sources, funding restrictions and/or agreements, the schedule, and project readiness.

There is information developed in prior key decisions that informs this step.

Purpose

To review comments received on the Draft TIP in order to determine appropriate action as well as necessary feedback to the public and stakeholders. To re-affirm commitments and intents of partners and stakeholders.

In nonattainment and maintenance areas for the transportation-related pollutants, to make a conformity determination demonstrating satisfaction of conformity requirements.

Outcome

An adopted MTIP (Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program) that meets all state and federal requirements; has support of the partners and DOT; is understandable and accessible to the public and stakeholders; and supports the LRTP.

Conformity determination in nonattainment and maintenance areas for the transportation-related pollutants.

Partner	Role Type	Description
MPO	Decision Maker (urban), No Role (rural)	Adopts a TIP that is consistent with the LRTP and is implementable.
FHWA/FTA	Advisor	Ensures the adopted TIP meets all federal requirements. Participates in interagency consultation process and ensures that MPO conformity analysis will support subsequent FHWA/FTA conformity determination.
State DOT	Advisor (urban), Decision Maker (rural)	Provides state perspective and information as needed to inform adoption.
Resource Agency	Observer	US EPA has a consultation role in the conformity process, along with the State air agency.
Public Transportation Operator(s)	Advisor	Provides transit perspective and information as needed to inform adoption.

Policy Questions

Questions are a way to elicit information and to validate that the information has been considered. The partners should discuss the listed questions to ensure a broad array of interests is considered at a key decision. Discussions arising from these questions support collaborative decision making.

Questions Partners Discuss

Questions about purpose and roles

- No specific questions

Questions about stakeholders, including modal and operational partners

- Have we communicated the outcomes to our engaged stakeholders?
- What did we do in response to the feedback from the stakeholders?
- What were the commitments of the stakeholders? Are they still being upheld?

Questions about the transportation process supporting the decision

- Does this analysis meet all federal requirements?
- Does this analysis meet our air quality goals as well as our air quality budget?
- Have operations data and analysis been included in the transportation conformity determination? If so, what additional data/analysis is needed to ensure project-level conformity?
- Have you addressed interagency consultation regarding transportation control measure implementation?

Questions about other phases

- No specific questions

Questions about non-transportation sectors/processes

- No specific questions

Stakeholder Inputs

'Questions to Gather Stakeholder Interests' allow staff to determine which stakeholders have interests at a key decision and to collect those interests for partner consideration. 'Questions to Incorporate Stakeholder Interests' ensure the interests of stakeholders are included in the decision. For more help with stakeholder collaboration visit the Stakeholder Portal

Questions to Gather Stakeholder Interests

- What comments do you have on the Draft TIP?

Questions to Incorporate Stakeholder Interests

- What did the stakeholders tell us?

Data

The following is a list of data needed to support the key decision. Practitioners collect this information for decision makers to consider.

Supporting Data for the Key Decision			
From other phases of transportation decision making	Long Range Planning	Conformity analysis LRTP fiscal constraint information	
	Programming	Prioritized projects with associated costs and funding sources	
	Corridor Planning	No Specific Data.	
	Environmental Review	No Specific Data.	
From other sectors and processes	Land Use	No Specific Data.	
	Transportation Conformity	Emissions analysis results SIP budget Transportation control measures	
		Natural Environment and Implementing Eco-Logical	No Specific Data.
		Capital Improvement	No Specific Data.
	Safety and Security	No Specific Data.	
	Human Environment	No Specific Data.	
	Economic Development	No Specific Data.	
	Greenhouse Gas Emissions	No Specific Data.	
Freight	No Specific Data.		
From the transportation technical process supporting this key decision	Project description and logical termini		
From stakeholder collaboration	Stakeholder input		
From public private partnership	No Specific Data.		

Links to Decisions

This table identifies how a key decision is connected to other key decisions. The linkages are a two-way transfer of information. Understanding and applying these linkages means that partners will recognize how a decision will impact other specific key decisions. Recognizing that the transportation processes are linked will: (1) encourage practitioners to produce information that can be used later and (2) remind them to look at information from previous key decisions.

linkages to other phases of transportation decision making

Key Decision	What is Linked?	Purpose of Linkage
From Long Range Transportation Planning		
LRP-10 - Adopt LRTP by MPO	List of fiscally constrained projects	To ensure consistency with the adopted LRTP, for air quality conformity and fiscal constraint
To Environmental Review/NEPA Merged with Permitting		
ENV-1 - Reach Consensus on Scope of Environmental Review	Information about available funding and schedule	To provide input to the Environmental Review phase scoping process input on information of available funding and support for the project

Examples

In-depth case studies of successful practices in collaborative decision making were used to develop the Decision Guide. Links in this table point to a specific paragraph or section of a case study that supports a key decision. It is not necessary to read through an entire case study to find the example; however, full versions are available in the Library.

PlanWorks Case Study Examples

- None

Other Examples

- None

Integrated Planning

Integrated Planning looks at the interaction between the transportation decision making process and other processes. Considering these inputs will ensure that important values and goals outside the transportation process are recognized and considered. For a full understanding of a specific process and how it influences transportation decisions, visit Applications.

Process	Integration Type	Integration Description
Land Use	None.	None.
Transportation Conformity	Process	Approve the conformity analysis. Purpose: Demonstrate and document that the preferred scenario meets conformity. Outcome: Conforming scenario. For conformity practices, please see: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/air_quality/conformity/practices/ .
	Data	Emissions analysis results
Natural Environment and Implementing Eco-Logical	Data To IEF Step 9 - Update Regional Ecosystem Framework & Plan	The prioritized project list drawn from the adopted TIP should inform any updates to the ecological plan.
Capital Improvement	None.	None.
Safety and Security	None.	None.
Human Environment	None.	None.
Economic Development	None.	None.
Greenhouse Gas Emissions	None.	None.
Freight	None.	None.
Bicycles and Pedestrians	None.	None.

Special Topics

This table provides an overview of the relationship between a key decision and individual special topics. A special topic may be an external process, a new regulation, or any emerging issue requiring collaboration. For a full understanding of a specific topic and how it influences transportation decisions, visit Applications.

Key Decision Relationship to Other Topics

Topic	Description
Streamlining a Congestion Bottleneck Project	Adoption of the TIP or TIP Amendment - To support project concept as it detailed and evaluated in Environmental Review and implementation with identified revenue source Data Transfer - To ENV-1 to provide funding for environmental review process and ENV-8 to identify revenue to support implementation of preferred alternative.