

Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan (SWLRTP) Update
Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)
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SWLRTP Background Information

- **SWLRTP Development** – The Statewide Planning Section staff is in the early stages of developing a Performance-Based multimodal plan that:
 - Includes a minimum 20-year forecasting horizon;
 - Is fiscally constrained;
 - Considers 10-year needs;
 - Addresses national goals, and state planning factors;
 - Considers related studies;
 - Considers vision, needs and desired state of the system;
 - Includes strategies to ensure the preservation and most efficient use of the existing system;
 - Includes operational and asset management strategies to improve the performance of the existing system; and
 - Is web-based and public friendly.

- **Consultant Selection** – CDM Smith has been retained to assist with the development of the SWLRTP, and is recognized as an industry leader in performance-based planning, and in the development of performance-based, multimodal statewide transportation plans.

State and Federal Planning Requirements

- **MAP-21 Review and Analyses** – Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) was signed into law on July 6, 2012. Planning staff has reviewed the MAP-21 summaries that have been prepared to date, and will review FHWA’s upcoming Questions and Answers web site, and future Rulemaking to ensure that the planning process and plan development is consistent with MAP-21. The overall direction that the Division of Transportation Development (DTD) Planning staff has taken in the preliminary stages of Plan development is consistent with MAP-21, focusing on Performance-based Planning, Asset Management, Operations, Freight, etc.

- **Statewide Transportation Planning Rules (the “Rules”)**
 - August 15, 2012 - DTD received 126 individual comments on the revised Statewide Transportation Planning Rules. All comments have been responded to. A number of the comments required additional changes to the Rules.
 - August 2012 – DTD staff has looked at MAP-21 planning requirements to ensure that the revised “Rules” are consistent with any of the new provisions or direction.
 - September 12, 2012 – Public Rule Making Hearing will occur.
 - October 18, 2012 – Department anticipates requesting the Transportation Commission to adopt the “Rules”.

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- **Policy Directive 14**

- Policy Directive (PD) 14, Statewide Transportation Planning, will guide the development of the Statewide Transportation Long-Range Plan. Staff submitted the first draft of the revised Planning Principles of PD 14, to the STAC on June 15, 2012 and to the Transportation Commission (TC) on July 18, 2012 for feedback and comment. Overall, staff has received favorable feedback from the TC. Planning staff is working to address a handful of comments provided by planning partners. Another section of PD 14 will focus on Performance Areas for Highways, Bridges, Safety, Mobility, and Staff Efficiency with associated Performance Measures, Goals, and Objectives. Planning staff will be working on drafting this section in the months ahead. It is anticipated that a TC Workshop will occur in January, 2013 to consider revisions for all of PD 14. The Department will then seek TC adoption of the final PD in February, 2013.

Preparatory Work Prior to Consultant Coming on Board

- For over a year and a half, Planning staff has done preparatory work to establish a foundation for the development of the SWLRTP by identifying, at a high level, Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) staff roles and responsibilities, to more effectively, efficiently, (and elegantly) transition the consultant into this large project. Examples of work underway include:
 - **Planning Guidebook** – A Regional Transportation Plan Guidebook will be developed to assist and guide the Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs)/Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), in developing the Regional Transportation Plans (RTPs). The purpose of the guidebook is to promote and maintain consistency where possible in the development of the RTPs and ensure compliance with MAP-21. Areas of consistency considered will include, but will not be limited to, Performance Measures, National Goals, State Planning Factors, etc. It may be that contents of the guidebook will be shared as information becomes available as several key elements of the RTPs are in the development phase. Staff has developed an annotated outline for this document.
 - **State and Federal Planning Factors** – Research has been conducted on how these planning factors have been addressed by other DOT Plans (Policy-Based). Planning staff is currently working on an outline for developing a methodology to address all planning factors.
 - **Early Stakeholder Engagement** – Planning staff is in the process of developing strategies and a preliminary timeline to promote early engagement.
 - **Regional Plan Development** – Discussions have begun with MPOs regarding RTP development, Performance Measures, and potential opportunities for consistency in developing the SWLRTP and RTPs,
 - **Other Modal Plans – (example) State Transit Plan Development** – Planning staff and the Division of Transit and Rail (DTR) staff continue to coordinate and identify opportunities to share information/data in developing the SWLRTP and Statewide Transit Plan. Future discussions will focus on partnering opportunities for public outreach, multimodal corridors, and corridor visioning.