

Transportation Management Area (TMA)

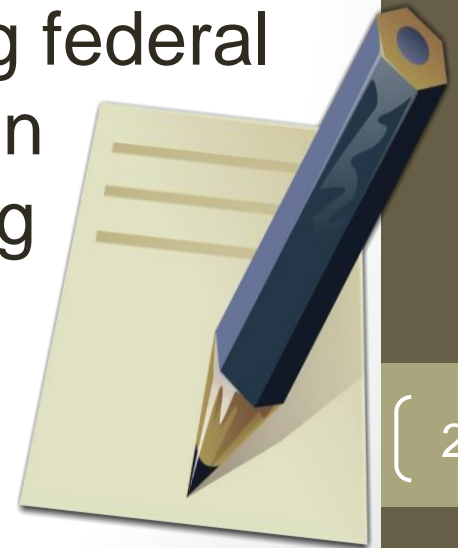
# Review of the DCHC MPO Transportation Planning Process

## TMA Federal Certification Review “Summary Findings”

MPO Board Meeting  
June 12, 2019

# Purpose of Certification Review

- FHWA and FTA are required to jointly review the metropolitan transportation planning process for Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) at least every 4 years.
  - *TMAs are MPOs with population of 200,000 or above.*
- To ensure that the TMAs are following federal policies, regulations and procedures in developing the transportation planning process.
- Quadrennial oversight of the MPO.



# Overview of the Certification Process

## The review consists of the following:

1. **Desk/Website Review** – a review of the planning documents and products of the DCHC MPO through the website
2. **Site Visit** – including discussions with MPO, NCDOT, and transit operators
3. **Closeout /Wrap-up** – Commendation
4. **Final Report** – by FHWA/FTA summarizing review findings and certification action(s) - Summer 2019.

# Major Objectives of the Certification Review and Site Visit

- Confirm the MPO's 3-C (continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive) process.
- Ensure that the transportation planning process is multi-modal.
- Ensure that the requirements and objectives of applicable federal laws are met.
- Ensure that MPO work program advances federal emphasis areas and priorities.
- Review of issues raised during the previous Federal Certification Review.

# Synopsis of Areas Covered in the Certification Review

- Organizational Structure of the MPO
- Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary
- Agreements and Contracts
- Unified Planning Work Program – UPWP
- Transportation Planning Process
- Metropolitan Transportation Plan – MTP
- Financial Planning/Grant Admin & Oversight
- Air Quality Planning and Conformity
- TIP & Project Selection
- Public Involvement
- Visualization Techniques

# Areas Covered – cont'd

- Self – Certification
- Annual List of Obligations/Authorizations
- Environmental Planning/Mitigation
- Consultation and Coordination (regional/State)
- Congestion Management Systems
- Management and Operations/System Preservation
- Transportation Safety Planning
- Freight Planning
- Resilience Planning
- Title VI/EJ/LEP

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# Public Comment / MPO Board

## One-on-One

- No public comment during site visit.

# Noteworthy Practices

- **Noteworthy practices in majority of the aforementioned planning areas/products**
- **Interactive MPO website**
- **Multi-modal and balanced transportation**
- **Quantity and quality of work products**
- **Compliance with regulations**

# Preliminary Comments

- “We passed with flying colors” - No Corrective Actions

**Awaiting final report and commendations only.**

# In Summary

- The DCHC MPO staff, TC members, and the Board were commended for their commitment in working together to ensure that the products of the transportation planning process are serving the citizens of the urbanized area.
- Overall, it was a successful review.
- FHWA to present final report to Board this summer.