

ITEM 11 – Information
January 22, 2025

Performance Based Planning and Programming:
Draft 2025 Transit Asset Management Targets

Background: The board will be briefed on the federal requirements for setting transit asset management targets by metropolitan planning organizations and a draft set of 2025 transit asset management targets for the National Capital Region will be presented. The board will be asked to approve final 2025 transit asset management targets at its February meeting.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Pierre Gaunaurd, TPB Transportation Planner
SUBJECT: Draft Regional Transit Asset Management (TAM) Targets for FY25
DATE: January 16, 2025

This memorandum provides background on the purpose of **Agenda Item #11 - Performance-Based Planning and Programming: Draft FY25 Regional Transit Asset Management Targets**, identifies associated regulatory deadlines, and provides a schedule for TPB action.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

As part of the performance-based planning and programming (PBPP) target-setting requirements under federal surface transportation regulations, each provider of public transportation (e.g., transit agency) is required to adopt targets annually for the performance of their transit assets. This requirement applies to any agency or parent jurisdiction receiving federal transit funds as a recipient or sub-recipient; includes all assets used in the provision of public transportation, with or without federal funds; and applies to transit assets for which the agency or jurisdiction has direct capital responsibility. Providers submit their targets, performance against past targets, and a narrative report on targets and performance to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as part of the annual National Transit Database (NTD) data submission.

Metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) are required to adopt regional TAM targets for providers in their metropolitan planning area. Under FTA planning guidance, an MPO may update its TAM targets when adopting a new Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) or Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) but is not required to revise them. Also, MPOs are not required to set annual performance targets or submit their targets to the FTA like transit agencies. Applicable guidance from the FTA is repeated below.

“The MPO does not send its established TAM targets to FTA for review and approval. However, through the certification review of MPOs in the transportation management areas undertaken every four years, FHWA and FTA will review whether the MPO is implementing a performance-based planning process that is consistent with the FHWA-FTA Final Rule on planning (Statewide and Nonmetropolitan Transportation Planning; Metropolitan Transportation Planning) and the Transit Asset Management Final Rule.

This review will focus on the development and implementation of written procedures by the MPO in coordination with the transit agencies that provide service in its metropolitan planning area and the state DOTs. With respect to the performance-based planning requirements, the review will examine whether the MPO’s metropolitan planning process integrates (directly or by reference) the goals, objectives, performance measures, and targets described in the Transit Asset Management Plan, and that the system performance report measures progress toward

achieving selected targets with each update of the MTP and whether the TIP includes a description of how the program of projects contributes to achieving the MPO's performance targets in the MTP, linking investment priorities to those targets.”¹

REGIONAL TAM TARGET SETTING AT TPB

The TPB has adopted regional TAM targets four times to date, initially in June 2017, and then in February 2019, February 2020, and March 2022. The February 2020 cycle enabled inclusion of the TAM targets in the FY 2021-2024 TIP approved in March 2020.

Approval of the regional FY25 TAM targets in February 2025 will enable inclusion of the new TAM targets in the upcoming Visualize 2050 MTP and the FY 2026-2029 TIP.

SCHEDULE

Key dates associated with the anticipated approval of the FY25 TAM targets are listed below:

- The TPB Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee was briefed on the TAM target setting process on November 26.
- The TPB Technical Committee was briefed on January 10.
- On January 22, the TPB will receive an informational briefing on the most recent draft of FY25 TAM targets.
- The TPB Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee will be briefed on the draft FY25 TAM targets on January 28.
- Comments on the draft targets will be taken through February 7. The targets will thereafter be finalized.
- On February 19, the TPB will be asked to approve a resolution setting the regional FY25 TAM targets.

¹ <https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/transportation-planning/metropolitan-planning-organization-responsibilities#ref2>