

Item # 1B: Congestion Management Process

The Congestion Management Process (CMP) is defined as a systematic approach, collaboratively developed and implemented throughout a metropolitan region, to measure, monitor and manage traffic performance measures such as congestion and reliability, and to analyze alternative strategies for managing congestion in a manner consistent with federal requirements. SACOG is required under federal law to develop a formal CMP as part of its normal transportation monitoring, planning, and programming activities. In the past, SACOG met statutory requirements through its ongoing planning and public outreach efforts, and no additional, stand-alone process or document was required.

In SACOG's most recent MPO certification review, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) highlighted the need for a CMP more clearly aligned with federal guidance and connected to decision-making. In response, development of a CMP was amended into SACOG's FY2016-17 Overall Work Program. Work on the CMP has been underway, which will culminate in a final CMP Implementation Report to FHWA by June 30, 2017.

Since work started on the CMP, SACOG has

- Formed a working group of state, regional and city/county agency staff to assist in developing objectives and defining a multimodal network that includes roadways, transit routes and corridors, and bikeways.
- Identified multimodal performance metrics to quantitatively monitor the region's progress toward MTP goals related to transportation and congestion management.
- Submitted to FHWA two reports: a CMP Network and Performance Report (including objectives, CMP corridors, performance metrics and monitoring plan, and initial monitoring results); and a CMP draft Strategies Report (including identifying deficient corridors that need a strategic improvement plan).

SACOG will host a workshop for local agencies to provide more in-depth information on the performance measures and the methodology used to quantify congestion and reliability in the region, and obtain agency feedback to inform the final report.

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