



# 2016 Knoxville TMA Certification Review

Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization

Executive Board Meeting

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## □ AGENDA

- Purpose and Participants
- 2016 Knoxville Transportation Management Area (TMA) Certification Review Final Report
- Results of the Review
- Questions





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## □ Purpose of TMA Certification Review

- To satisfy the Federal rules and regulations of 23 U.S.C. 134 and 23 CFR 450.
- Every four (4) years, FHWA and FTA jointly review the “3-C” planning process for areas over 200,000 in population.
- A key component of the Review is to seek public comment on the planning process in the Knoxville Region.





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## □ Participants

- Federal Highway Administration, TN Division (FHWA)
- Federal Transit Administration, Region IV Office (FTA)
- Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV Office (EPA)
- Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT)
- Knoxville Regional TPO Staff
- Regional Transit Agencies
- The Public





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## □ What did we do?

- Public Meeting: December 7, 2015
- On-site visit with TPO: December 8-9, 2016
  - Listening session with Knoxville TPO Technical Committee
  - Listening session with Knoxville Mayor, Madeline Rogero
  - Two days of comprehensive discussions and presentations
- Development of Knoxville TMA Certification Review Final Report





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## TMA Certification Review

### □ What planning process products are reviewed?

- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP);
- Regional Transportation Plan (RTP);
- Congestion Management Process (CMP);
- Regional Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Architecture;
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP);
- Participation Plan;
- Corridor/Sub-area studies; and
- Other





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## □ Final Report

- Findings will be considered during planning process evaluation as:
  - Observations
  - Commendations
  - Recommendations
  - Corrective Actions
- Public comments are summarized in the Review's final report.
- The planning process is:
  - Certified;
  - Certified subject to corrective actions; or
  - Certified for use of only some funding categories.





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## □ Outcomes of the Review

- The Knoxville Regional TPO substantially meets the requirements of 23 CFR 450 and 49 CFR 613. **FHWA and FTA jointly certify** the TPO's metropolitan transportation process.
  
- Findings
  - 0 Corrective Actions
  - 8 Commendations
  - 11 Recommendations







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## □ Highlighted Commendations

- Embracing the Partnership for Sustainable Communities' livability principles and seeking ways to improve access to affordable housing, increased transportation options, and lower transportation costs while protecting the environment.

### **Overview of Recent Activities**

- Increased focus in identifying and supporting Environmental Justice communities through the TPO's Title VI Plan and PlanET's Equity Report Card, which is recognized by the USDOT as a national best practice. **Transit**
- Integrating travel time reliability and performance management into business processes, specifically through coordination with TDOT and the University of Tennessee in the Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2) Reliability Data and Analysis Tools project. **CMP**





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## □ Highlighted Recommendations

- Explore resources to help TPO members maintain transition plans consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). **UPWP**
- Evaluate the potential need and benefits of reestablishing the TPO's Planning for Operations Committee for activities such as the update to the 2040 Mobility Plan, Regional ITS Architecture and Deployment Plan, and CMP. **Organizational Structure**
- Reexamine existing local sponsor project application for Mobility Plan 2040 and TIP projects for consistency with current regional priorities, preferred growth scenarios, and consistency with MAP-21 and FAST Act requirements. **RTP**





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# QUESTIONS??

