

Transportation Management Plan

All Federal-aid highway projects are required to have a TMP, and appropriate provisions for the TMP must be included in the PS&Es. For significant projects, the TMP must contain a Traffic Control Plan (TCP), and Traffic Operations and Public Information components. The TMP can consist of only a TCP on projects where the road user impacts are expected to be minimal. For projects that are not designated as significant projects, but for which the impacts are expected to be more than minimal, Traffic Operations and Public Information components are encouraged for use as appropriate.

The effectiveness of the TMP, both in the design as well as the implementation, should be reviewed during the Process Review. Some sample questions follow. The responses to these questions should give you an indication if the process is working or what needs to be improved, and can help the agency determine whether a more in-depth review of TMP development and implementation is warranted.

- Is there a well-defined process for developing TMPs?
 - Is it being implemented as envisioned?
- Is the TMP process becoming institutionalized or is it a struggle for each project?
- When does TMP development begin?
 - Is it early enough in the project development process to allow for adequate planning and budgeting to address impacts?
- Who is/what offices are involved in TMP development?
 - Are the right parties involved?
- Has a TMP been developed for every Federal-aid highway project?
- Do TMPs for significant projects contain all 3 required components (TCP, TO, and PI)?
- How have the strategies selected to be included in the TMP been determined?
- Have all of the strategies been identified?
- Effectiveness of strategies:
 - What strategies have been effective in minimizing the road user impacts?
 - What strategies have not worked?
 - Is this information being provided to the design staff for future projects?
- Is the overall quality of the plans sufficient to build the project? Has the number of change orders increased or decreased?
- Have post-construction evaluations been held?
 - Have the results of these been provided to all involved in the development of the TMP?