

AGENDA ITEM IV - ACTION

November 18, 2009

2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The core SAFETEA-LU metropolitan and statewide transportation planning requirements will more than likely remain intact under the next transportation bill. Subsection §450.322 of the Federal Register 23 CFR Part 450, 49 CFR Part 613/Statewide Planning; Metropolitan Planning; Rules.....*The metropolitan transportation planning process shall include the development of a transportation plan addressing at least a twenty year planning horizon. The plan shall include both long-range and short-range strategies/actions that lead to the development of an integrated intermodal transportation system that facilitates the efficient movement of people and goods. The transportation plan shall be reviewed and updated at least triennially in nonattainment and maintenance areas and **at least every five years in attainment areas** to confirm its validity and its consistency with current and forecasted transportation and land use conditions and trends to extend the forecast period. The metropolitan transportation plan must be approved by the MPO.*

The *draft* 2035 MTP has been updated in accordance with federal planning rules for attainment areas. A series of public involvement meetings have been held between February and August of this year to present the plan to the general public for input. The final document must be approved by the TPB no later than December 1, 2009.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) is requested to review and approve the draft 2035 MTP for submittal to FHWA, FTA and TxDOT for implementation.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Draft 2035 MTP