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To: Metropolitan Policy Committee  
From: Kelly Clarke, Paul Thompson  
Subject: Item 6.a: Central Lane Planning Through 2026

**Action Recommended:** Information and discussion; provide direction to staff

### **Issue Statement**

MPC has requested Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (CLMPO) staff to:

1. Provide a list of all efforts and new requirements occurring at all levels that will impact transportation planning through the next four years and beyond; and
2. Bring the Regional Transportation Plan, including the project list, back regularly to MPC for information, discussion, direction, and more.

### **Purpose**

CLMPO staff appreciate this opportunity to discuss both the state and federal efforts and requirements following the recent adoption of the RTP. Upcoming efforts and requirements will have significant impacts on our region's planning efforts at both the local and MPO levels. To keep our plans consistent across the region and comply with state and federal requirements/regulations, we must continue to coordinate.

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide a list of all local, MPO, state, and federal efforts and requirements that will impact transportation planning through the next four years and discuss options for regular RTP-related and other engagement with MPC.

### **Discussion**

#### Upcoming Transportation Planning & Regional Programs

The following attachments to this memo lay out planning efforts and regional programs anticipated over the next four years. At the March 3<sup>rd</sup> MPC meeting staff will walk MPC through these materials.

- Attachment 1: *Central Lane Planning List Through 2026* contains a descriptive list of CLMPO, state, federal, and associated local planning efforts and new requirements.
- Attachment 2: *Central Lane Planning Timeline Through 2026* lays out all of the projects on the previous list along a timeline, showing projected due dates, engagement opportunities with MPC, and links with other plans (the RTP in particular).
- Attachment 3: New federal planning emphasis areas.

### Re-Engaging in the RTP

The Regional Transportation Plan is a centerpiece of the CLMPO's work. It must be updated every 4 years at a minimum to keep funding flowing to our planning, projects, and programs. The RTP adopted in January 2022 represented a major comprehensive update to the RTP, including new goals and objectives, and a brand new performance-based planning and programming framework. This framework now allows the CLMPO and partner agencies to monitor progress towards the goals and objectives and make changes as part of an iterative and continuous planning process. The new RTP also incorporates strategies from the new Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Plan and Congestion Management Process documents.

The goals, objectives, performance-based planning and programming, and ITS strategies reflect direction received during the community engagement process over approximately the past two years, including:

- 1) A project website with an online open house featuring project information, a survey, and an interactive tool for prioritizing investments;
- 2) Direct contact with multiple stakeholder groups within the region;
- 3) Targeted mailings to over 5,000 households located within areas that met all four of the area's [equity criteria](#);
- 4) Direction from MPC; and
- 5) Coordination and feedback from the CLMPO's jurisdictional partners.

CLMPO staff recognize the need for continued future conversation and decision making around the regionally significant projects listed in the RTP's constrained and illustrative lists. Public feedback during the recent update emphasized these as the top four priorities for projects:

- 1) Improved pedestrian paths, sidewalks, and crosswalks
- 2) Improved bike paths, crossings, and systems
- 3) Improved road safety through lighting, speed, design, etc.
- 4) Preservation and maintenance of existing roads

The primary focus of RTP-related MPC agenda items currently scheduled through the remainder of 2022 will be on the allocation of the MPO's discretionary funding. This periodic call for, evaluation and prioritization of, and funding of projects with the MPO's federal funds is one of the most impactful ways that the RTP is implemented. CLMPO staff will seek MPC direction on how funding decisions reflect the RTP goals and objectives, starting with the very next agenda item at the March, 2022 MPC meeting.

Staff is also requesting specific direction from MPC on what other specific elements of the RTP, or RTP-related activities included in Attachments 1 and 2, MPC wishes to engage in first. The proposed timeline in Attachment 2 is only a starting point for this discussion.

### **Attachments**

1. Central Lane Planning List Through 2026
2. Central Lane Planning Timeline Through 2026
3. New Federal Planning Emphasis Areas