

Planning updates

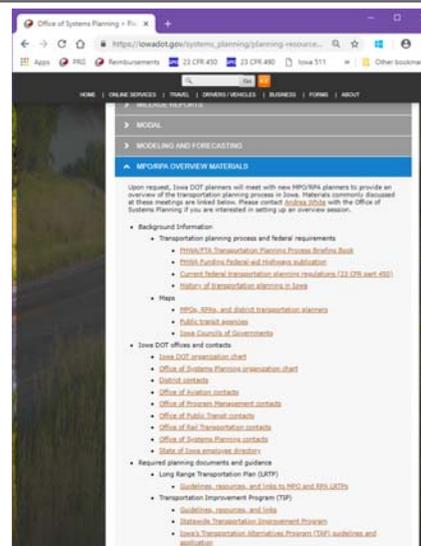


MPO/RPA Quarterly Meeting

December 19, 2018

MPO/RPA overview materials

- Upon request, an overview of the MPO/RPA transportation planning process in Iowa will be provided to new planners
- Materials commonly discussed at these meetings have been added to the planning resource guide



L RTP guidelines update

- L RTP guidelines to be updated in early 2019
 - Minimum content that the system performance report in MPO L RTPs should include
 - Additional financial constraint guidance
 - Guidance on amendments vs. administrative modifications
 - Discussion regarding public review, plan approval, and post-adoption changes
 - The draft plan made available for public comment and board review needs to be substantially complete; federal code requires an additional comment period if the final plan differs significantly from the version made available to the public.
 - Minor clean-up or formatting improvements are acceptable post-adoption; significant enhancements or changes to the plan are not. Any final edits need to be completed in a timely manner.
 - It is critical to have review opportunities for state and federal partners throughout document development, and not solely when public comment period begins.

Regional project selection

- Updating 2010 report *Best Practices for Regional Transportation Project Selection*
 - Additional discussion regarding steps RPAs can take to move away from suballocation and have a more transparent project selection process
 - Clarification on minimum requirements of selection process, including that all eligible projects must be submitted to the RPA itself, and that a suballocation structure must still allow for consideration of all eligible projects that are submitted

Public participation plan guidelines

- Creating guidance document for PPPs that will cover requirements for MPOs, RPAs, and transit agencies
- Also working to clarify Title VI requirements for MPOs and RPAs
- Aiming for draft guidelines document in early 2019

Questions?