

Traffic Operations Component of the TMP

The TMP for significant projects requires a component that addresses Traffic Operations issues during the project. Some examples of this are: an incident management plan for the work zone area; improvements to alternate routes to handle additional traffic; traffic signal retiming; temporarily removing parking to allow additional through lanes; the use of ITS; and adding service patrol vehicles. Also, reducing the traffic demand through the work area can reduce the impacts to traffic and improve the safety for workers and motorists.

The Process Review should select a project or two that contained a Traffic Operations component/plan and assess the appropriateness of the various alternatives used and the effectiveness of each. 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 the Traffic Operations component of the TMP is warranted.

- Has the TMP for each significant project contained a TO component?
- Are a variety of TO strategies being used?
 - Do the selected TO strategies seem appropriate for the project?
- Was the funding for the TO plan included in the initial estimate for the project or was it added through change orders?
- Was the implementation of the TO plan achieved correctly (e.g., did the construction personnel understand the goal of the TO plan)?