



MEMORANDUM

TO: Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council Board of Directors
FROM: Matt Ransom, Executive Director
DATE: May 31, 2016 *MR*
SUBJECT: **2015 Congestion Management Process - Update**

BACKGROUND

The Congestion Management Process (CMP) is a federal planning requirement. All metropolitan planning organizations with a population over 200,000 must have a process for developing performance measures, system monitoring, and identifying strategies. As part of our regional congestion management process, RTC staff prepares an annual monitoring report that uses multiple measures. Multiple measures are used because the use of one measure can never fully capture the complexity of the transportation system.

At the May RTC Board meeting, staff provided the Board with initial data from the 2015 Congestion Management Process. With RTC Board direction, staff has completed the analysis of data, begun the coordination of action items with member agencies, and prepared a draft 2015 Congestion Management Report.

The purpose of this memorandum is to report on the progress of the 2015 Congestion Management Process. At the June RTC Board meeting, staff will provide a comprehensive overview of the draft 2015 CMP Summary Report. RTC staff will then return in July with the final report and to seek endorsement of its findings.

2015 CMP SUMMARY REPORT

The CMP Report includes transportation system performance measures that address volume, capacity, speed, occupancy, safety, and other multimodal performance measures. When tracked over time, performance measures provide quantitative information to decision makers. When viewed collectively, these performance measures provide a more comprehensive view of the needs of the transportation system.

In an effort to keep the report up to date and relevant, the 2015 CMP Summary Report has been reformatted to a more reader-friendly look. A side dashboard (summary of facts) has been added to provide a quick comprehensive review of regional and I-5 corridor data.

I-5 CORRIDOR OPERATION STUDY

At the May RTC Board meeting, staff was directed to investigate an I-5 Corridor Operations Study. RTC staff has met with member agencies, including WSDOT, to begin discussion on the scope of work and potential funding. RTC staff will continue to develop this process further and report back to the RTC Board.

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