

Submitting Comments in Response to USDOT Proposed Rulemakings on MAP-21 Performance Provisions

Guidance Applies to CTDOT and all Connecticut MPOs and FTA Grantees

- USDOT requests comments from States, MPOs and FTA grantees on specific aspects of the proposed rulemakings that USDOT publishes. A list of these aspects will be posted to CTDOT's MAP-21 webpage for each proposed rulemaking so that CTDOT, MPOs and FTA grantees may formulate comments.
- USDOT has advised that any comments submitted that remain silent or left blank on a specific aspect of the proposed rules that USDOT requests comments on will not be interpreted by USDOT as being in agreement with that specific aspect of the proposed rules. All comments submitted should clearly identify a position. If the position is neutral, it is important to clearly state that in the comments submitted and not to be left blank.
- USDOT also advises that comments submitted should address not only criticisms of the proposed rules, but also complements of the proposed rules as well. This is particularly important to USDOT in order to have an accurate and complete understanding of the various viewpoints and sentiments nationwide.
- **CTDOT strongly advises that all MPOs and FTA grantees register to receive MAP-21 E-alerts at the top of the CTDOT MAP-21 webpage.** E-Alerts will be generated only for the major actions that are underscored below.
- A copy of all USDOT proposed rulemakings will be posted to the CTDOT MAP-21 webpage. CTDOT strongly encourages all MPOs and FTA grantees to review each of USDOT's proposed rulemakings that pertain to them. An e-alert will be generated whenever a new proposed rulemaking gets published by USDOT and posted online by CTDOT.
- CTDOT has established departmental subject matter working groups that will formulate CTDOT's comments in response to the USDOT rulemakings in each of the MAP-21 performance areas.
- For most performance areas, CTDOT will submit preliminary comments to AASHTO and other industry organizations as necessary early in the commenting period. These preliminary comments will be posted to the CTDOT MAP-21 webpage for all MPOs and FTA grantees to review. An e-alert will be generated whenever CTDOT submits preliminary comments.
- CTDOT will consider any comments received from MPOs and FTA grantees when preparing submittal of final comments to USDOT. Deadlines for MPOs and FTA grantees to submit comments to CTDOT to consider will be posted on CTDOT's MAP-21 webpage for each proposed rulemaking. These comments for consideration will be posted onto the CTDOT MAP-21 webpage.
- All MPO and FTA comments submitted to CTDOT should be sent to peter.calcaterra@ct.gov. Peter is coordinating CTDOT's comments. Please feel free to call him with any questions or concerns at 860-594-2166.
 - MPOs should also copy their CTDOT RPO coordinator when submitting comments to CTDOT.
 - FTA Grantees should also copy their CTDOT program manager when submitting comments to CTDOT.
- All final MPO and FTA comments submitted to USDOT should be sent by the individual MPO and FTA grantee to USDOT's comments docket. See the CTDOT MAP-21 webpage for a link to the USDOT comments docket for each proposed rulemaking. A copy should also be sent to CTDOT to post on the CTDOT MAP-21 webpage.
- Final comments submitted to USDOT by AASHTO, GHSA, APTA and other related industry groups will also be posted to CTDOT's MAP-21 webpage.
- CTDOT's final comments will be submitted to USDOT towards the end of each commenting period. A copy will be posted to the CTDOT MAP-21 webpage for all MPOs and FTA grantees to review. An e-alert will be generated whenever CTDOT submits final comments to USDOT.