

MEMORANDUM

To: Capital Area MPO Executive Committee

Via: Capital Area MPO Technical Coordinating Committee

From: Crystal Odum, MPO Staff

Date: November 7, 2019

Subject: Capital Area MPO R.E.D. Priority Bus Lanes Study

The Capital Area MPO is undergoing a study to develop a methodology for determining the suitability of transit priority bus lanes or other corridor treatments in the CAMPO area, and a priority list of recommended application of these treatments. This study will provide a comprehensive review of best practices for transit priority lanes in peer areas with recommendations evaluating the applicability of transit priority lanes through qualitative analysis and developing and deploying a methodology for evaluating and prioritizing transit priority lane treatments in the CAMPO area. For this study, R.E.D. refers to red painted, right-hand turns, emergency vehicles and driveway access lanes.

A Notice to Proceed was issued last November to the consulting team of Renaissance Planning, Inc. and WSP, Inc. to conduct the work. The team, with input from a Core Technical Team (CTT) made up of regional transportation professionals, has completed a peer review of RED lanes and other bus priority implementations, conducted a comprehensive review of past and ongoing regional planning efforts. Technical reports on existing plans, studies and conditions analysis have been completed to date.

The CTT met with the project team in a series of five workshops, providing technical assistance, feedback and reviewing concepts and reports. The project team has developed the RED Priority Bus Lane Evaluation Methodology and quantitative tool that can be used to determine potential bus priority lanes in the region.

This report is submitted for informational purpose and comment. The attached performance indicators and metrics, a demonstration of RED lanes evaluation toolkit and a sample application of the evaluation methodology will be presented at the November 7th and 20th TCC and Executive Board Meetings.

This two-year study is on schedule to conclude in fiscal year 2020.