



2026 COMPASS Transportation Management Area (TMA) Certification Review



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What is a TMA Certification Review?

- The Transportation Management Area (TMA) Certification Review is a federal requirement for metropolitan planning areas over 200,000 population at least once every four years. (23 CFR 450.336)
- The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) jointly conduct the TMA Certification Review.
- The COMPASS TMA includes one Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) serving two counties:
 - Ada County
 - Canyon County



Why is Your Input Important?

- The public's opinions can help to shape the metropolitan area's transportation planning process.
- The public comment period will be open from April 15, 2026, through May 15, 2026.
- Comments received by email and by mail during the public comment period will be summarized in a report.
 - *Note: Email and mailing addresses are on the last slide.*



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Do You Have Comments on the MPO Planning Process?

Here are a few examples of topics you can provide comments on:

- Your experience navigating the MPO's website.
- Your experience with the MPO's planning process.
- Your experience receiving notifications about the planning process.
- Your opportunity to comment on the MPO's documents and the MPO's responsiveness to your comments.
- Your ability to access meetings and documents to meet your specific accessibility needs, including physical requirements.



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What is the Outcome of this Review? (23 CFR 450.336(b))

- After the Certification Review is conducted, the Federal Review Team will issue a report that summarizes the findings by July 31, 2026.
- The final report certifies the MPO's planning process for the next four years and could result in findings for the MPO to address.



What is the Planning Process?

(23 CFR Part 450)

- A process by which transportation decisions are made, and projects are planned and prioritized for implementation within the region.
- MPOs prioritize the needs within their metropolitan planning areas.
- The process lays the framework for the future transportation system.



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Who is Involved?

- Policy Committee
- Technical Committee
- Community Committee
- State Department of Transportation
- Public Transportation Operators
- Local Jurisdictions
- Local Residents
- Interest Groups
- FTA & FHWA
- ... and other Stakeholders



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What are the Planning Products?

Products	Product Description	Web Access
Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)	MPO budget	UPWP
Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)	20-year vision for transportation	CIM 2050
Congestion Management Process (CMP)	Strategies to solve traffic and transit congestion	CMP
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	4-year list of projects to be implemented	TIP
Public Participation Plan (PPP)	Describes how the public can be involved in planning process	PPP



How to Provide Comments on COMPASS' Planning Process:

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