



## 2040 Regional Transportation Plan

### Supporting PAG Studies/Reports/Projects (current)

#### **Congestion Management Process**

Federal transportation legislation requires that each metropolitan planning area in the United States develop a Congestion Management Process or CMP. The goal of the CMP is effective management of new and existing transportation facilities using both operational and travel demand management strategies. For example, improvement of a congested corridor might incorporate strategies that augment or reduce the need to widen the roadway by providing more transit and alternate mode options, utilizing new technologies or managing access to make the existing facility work better. The CMP process will provide information on system performance and the effectiveness of implemented strategies. Although major capital investments still will be needed to meet travel demand, the process will help identify when and where lower cost or alternative strategies should be considered. This will lead to more efficient transportation systems and increased mobility as well as better leveraging of limited transportation resources.

PAG will launch a project to develop its Congestion Management Process in October 2008. The project is scheduled to take twelve months and will include a process for identifying, selecting and programming non-capacity congestion management projects. The project will also include a performance measurement program that will enable the region to measure congestion, its impacts and the impacts of congestion management strategies. The CMP is intended to assist in identifying system deficiencies and in analyzing and selecting alternative strategies to address congestion for inclusion in the long-range transportation plan. Beyond the Federal requirements placed on PAG for CMP development and maintenance is the recognition that a congestion management process constitutes good planning practice especially in such a fast-growing metropolitan area. Because the CMP aims to identify proposed congestion management strategies for inclusion in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the integration of the CMP development with the RTP process will be closely coordinated with the 2040 RTP development.