



# **Every Day Counts (EDC) & Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs)**

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# Agenda

- **Planning Emphasis Areas**
- **About EDC – History/How it Works**
- **EDC Planning Initiatives**
- **Where to Find More Info**



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# Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs)

- 2014 Letter from FHWA and FTA encouraging priority to certain “emphasis” areas
- Planning Emphasis Areas were:
  - MAP-21 Implementation
  - Regional Models of Cooperation
  - Ladders of Opportunity
- Part of Secretary Foxx’s Strategic Objectives for the Surface Transportation Program
- Reiterate and Emphasize again in FY2016



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# Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs)

## MAP-21 IMPLEMENTATION

- Performance-based Planning and Programming
  - Transportation performance measures
  - Setting Targets
  - Reporting Performance
  - Programming Transportation Investments
- Part of UPWP Work Tasks
  - Collection of performance data
  - Selecting/Reporting Targets for Metro Areas
  - Reporting actual system performance



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# Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs)

## MAP-21 IMPLEMENTATION RESOURCES

- *Performance Based Planning and Programming Guidebook*
- *Model Long Range Transportation Plans Guidebook*
- *Small Metropolitan Areas: Performance Based Planning Guide*



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# Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs)

## LADDERS OF OPPORTUNITY

- About providing Access to Essential Services
  - Employment, health care, schools/education, and recreation.
- State DOTs, MPOs and Providers of public transportation form partnership to identify transportation connectivity gaps during planning process
- Part of UPWP Work Tasks
  - Develop/implement analytical methods to identify transportation system connectivity gaps
  - developing infrastructure and operational solutions that provide adequate access to essential services



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# Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs)

## LADDERS OF OPPORTUNITY

- Part of UPWP Work Tasks(cont.)
  - Evaluating effectiveness of public participation plans for engaging transportation disadvantaged communities in the transportation decision-making process
  - Updating the Section 5310 Coordinated Human Service Public Transportation Plans
  - Assessing the safety and condition of pedestrian and bicycle facilities
  - Evaluating compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act





# History of EDC

- **Launched in 2009 with AASHTO**
- **Stakeholder-based model to identify and rapidly deploy proven but underutilized innovations**
- **Faster, Better, Smarter**
- **Two-year cycle**
- **Regional Summits**



# What Makes “Every Day Counts” Work?



**Stakeholder-based model to identify and rapidly deploy proven innovations**



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# Creating an Innovation Culture



[www.fhwa.dot.gov/stic/](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/stic/)

- State-based leadership and management of innovation deployment
- Engages highway community stakeholders
- National innovation deployment network





# **EDC 1 Planning Initiative**

## **Planning and Environmental Linkages**

- **Incorporates information developed during project planning in the NEPA review process.**
- **Reduces duplicative work and costs**
- **Leads to more informed and faster project decisions, more transparent planning practices and better coordination among stakeholders.**



# EDC 1 Planning Initiative

## Enhanced Technical Assistance with Ongoing Environmental Impact Statements

- Provides additional FHWA technical assistance to identify major challenges and implement solutions on stalled EIS
- FHWA teams focus on facilitating interagency coordination and collaboration to resolve outstanding issues and provide peer-to-peer activities, workshops, training, or specialized on-site assistance.



# **EDC 3 Planning Initiative**

## **Regional Models of Cooperation**

- **Help coordinate transportation planning across jurisdictions to cut project delivery times**
- **Promotes a framework and process for developing multijurisdictional agreements**
- **Facilitates information sharing among project delivery stakeholders**
- **Improves the quality and speed of project decisions.**
- **Facilitates project collaboration by sharing information online**



# Regional Models of Cooperation

## **BENEFITS**

### **Effective Decision-Making**

- allow agencies to achieve more by working together

### **Improved Communities**

- spur economic development through faster construction, improved freight movement, and reduced traffic congestion, improving communities' quality of life.

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# For More Information...

[www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/everydaycounts/](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/everydaycounts/)

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