

# 2000 Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Survey

Please examine the map on the previous page (Note: map provided for each agency surveyed) and make any changes to the metropolitan transportation planning boundary if necessary. Please review the first column containing information your agency provided in 1999. Enter any changes for 2000 in the second column or check the box at the bottom if there are no changes. (NR = No Response)

**1. An Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Plan or Strategy exists in your metropolitan area**

The plan is coordinated with the state

The plan is coordinated with any other Metropolitan Planning Organization

The plan addresses coordination of regional operations.

The plan describes general functions and integration between agencies and jurisdictions

The ITS plan or strategy is part of your twenty-year Transportation Plan

**2a. An ongoing forum exists in your metropolitan area for traditional agencies (i.e., freeway management and traffic signal control agencies) to meet to discuss ITS issues**

**2b. An ongoing forum exists in your metropolitan area for non-traditional agencies (i.e., police, fire, medical services, and human resource agencies) to meet and discuss ITS issues**

**3. Are there any written agreements that define or establish multi-agency programs, system development, management strategies, operational plans and procedures in your metropolitan area?**

No Go to question 4

Don't Know Go to question 4

Yes, please answer the following questions:

a. Do they exist for Incident Management?

Yes

No

b. Do they exist for Highway Traffic Operations?

Yes

No

c. Do they exist for Arterial Operations?

Yes

No

d. Do they exist for Special Event Management?

Yes

No

4. Are there technology agreements in place in your metropolitan area to use similar hardware, software, databases, protocol, configuration management, and system or regional standards to establish and maintain the ability to electronically share information between agencies?

Yes  
No  
Don't know

**QUESTIONS 5 THROUGH 12 RELATE TO THE NATIONAL ITS ARCHITECTURE.**

5. Have any members of your staff attended USDOT-sponsored National ITS Architecture training courses?

Yes  
No

Why not? (check as many as apply)

We are unaware of the availability USDOT-sponsored architecture training courses.  
We are aware of such training but have no funding to support staff participation.  
We plan to send a member of our staff to the training courses within the year.  
We are aware of such training, but it is not a priority to send staff to participate.  
Other (please specify)

Don't know

6. Is your agency involved in an organized effort to develop a regional ITS architecture?

Yes

What is the status of the regional architecture?

Our region has a fully developed regional ITS architecture undergoing continuing development and updating.  
Our regional ITS architecture is under initial development

No

Why not?

There is no such effort under way in our region. Go to question 11  
There is such an effort in our region, but we are not involved with it. Go to question 11

Don't know if my agency is involved with architecture development. Go to question 11

7. **If you answered yes to question 6, what other agencies are involved, and which one is the lead for the effort? Check the type(s) of agency involved in the effort (Do not check your own agency type unless there is another agency of your type that is involved with the effort.) Circle the agency that is leading the regional architecture effort (If you are the lead agency, circle your agency type; if it is also checked, we will know that you are the lead and there is another agency of your type involved in the effort.)**

State department of transportation  
County highway authority(s)  
City transportation department(s)  
Transit property(s)  
Rail agency MPO  
Fire department(s)  
Local police department(s)  
State police/Highway patrol  
Other emergency services provider(s) (please specify)  
Toll authority(s)  
Airport authority  
Other port authority (please specify)  
Freight shippers (private sector)  
Traveler information service providers (private sector)  
Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
Don't know

8. **What is the nature of the regional architecture?**

Encompasses a single county  
Encompasses more than one county  
Encompasses entire state  
Encompasses a corridor  
Don't know

9. **Have you attempted to develop project architectures within your regional architecture? If so, how many?**

Yes  
Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
No  
Don't know

10. **How long has your agency been involved with the region's architecture development effort?**

Less than one year  
One to two years  
Longer than two years  
Don't know

**11. Has any organization provided you with information concerning architecture development activities?**

No

Don't know

Yes, please indicate which organization and check if the information was useful.

FHWA.

ITS America State Chapter

FTA

ITS America (national)

APTA

ITE

AASHTO

APA

AMPO

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**12. Is the regional ITS architecture referenced in official planning documents, such as the regional transportation plan or the TIP?**

No

Yes

What is the year of the planning document in which the regional ITS architecture is first referenced?

**13. Does your region have a multi-year strategic plan that focuses on:**

a. Highway traffic operations and freeway management systems?

Yes

No

b. Arterial operations and traffic signal control systems?

Yes

No

c. Incident management and emergency services?

Yes

No

d. Traveler information?

Yes

No

If these plans exist, are they a component of the 20-year transportation plan for the region?

Yes

No

If these plans exist, are they a component of the ITS Strategy for the region?

Yes

No

**14. Is your agency willing to share cost information on ITS-related equipment (i.e., capital and O&M cost, and brief equipment description)? This information will be used to update the ITS JPO sponsored ITS unit cost database. This database provides ITS cost data for ITS implementation and is accessible at the following URL: <http://www.its.dot.gov/eval/itsbenefits.htm>.**

No

Yes, please provide name and phone number of the cost information contact if different from respondent. This person will be contacted for the cost information at a later date.

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**15. Is your agency willing to share information on BENEFITS from ITS deployment?**

No

Yes, please provide name and phone number of the benefits information contact if different from respondent. This person will be contacted for the cost information at a later date.

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**16. If there is anything else you want to tell us about any ITS efforts in your agency, please use this space for that purpose. Also, any comments you wish to make that you think may help us in future efforts to track ITS deployment will be appreciated, either here or in a separate letter.**

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**17. Your contribution to this effort is greatly appreciated. If you would like to receive a copy of your metropolitan area report and the national summary report, please indicate below. (Circle the number of your answer)**

Yes, send a copy of the reports to me.

No, do not send a copy