Module Outline

- TMPs and the WZ Rule
- What is a TMP?
- Why TMPs?
- When to Develop TMPs
- State-of-the-Practice
  - Tools
  - Tips

TMP Beginnings

- Idea for TMP provision in WZ Rule came from Caltrans
  - Caltrans began requiring TMPs in 2000 for all planned activities on the State highway system
  - Implementation of TMPs in CA has helped to significantly reduce delays in work zones

In Caltrans District 7, on the I-10 Long-Life Pavement Project, the TMP helped reduce traffic demand by an estimated 57 percent, queue lengths to 2 miles from the originally projected 44 miles, and projected delays from an estimated 1,000,000 to 16,000 total vehicle hours of delay.
TMPs and the WZ S&M Rule

- Requires development and implementation of TMPs for all Federal Aid highway projects
- Required content depends on significance
  - Must always include a Temporary Traffic Control (TTC) Plan
  - For significant projects, TMPs must also have:
    - Traffic operations (TO) component
    - Public information and outreach (PI) component

In brief, a significant project is one that the agency expects will cause a relatively high level of disruption.

TMPs and the WZ Rule (cont.)

- Agencies should coordinate with appropriate stakeholders in developing a TMP
- Provisions for a TMP shall be in the project’s Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&Es)
- DOT and contractor shall each designate a responsible person for implementing the TMP

TMPs and PS&Es

- PS&Es shall either contain:
  - All the applicable elements of a DOT-developed TMP, or
  - Provisions for a contractor to develop a TMP (e.g., for design-build jobs)
- DOT must approve contractor-developed TMPs
- DOT must approve contractor-proposed TMP changes
Responsible Persons

- Both the DOT and the contractor are required to designate a responsible person:
  - At the project-level
  - Who is appropriately trained
  - Who has primary responsibility and sufficient authority for implementing the TMP and other safety and mobility aspects of the project

What is a TMP?

Transportation Management Plan

- Set of coordinated strategies implemented to manage the WZ impacts of a project
- Scale-able – projects with more expected impacts may need more analysis and more strategies

"TMPs would streamline the process through which road user impacts due to work zones can be properly analyzed and addressed." - MD SHA

TMP vs. TCP

- TCP – plan for handling traffic through the use of traffic control devices
  - Once strategy is determined, TCP implements
- TMP – more comprehensive - incorporating broader issues -
  - Public awareness
  - Mobility and safety impacts
  - Stakeholder involvement

If not a “Significant project”, then TMP can equal TCP
What is a TMP?

- DOTs create design documents to show how they are going to build a project
- The TMP shows how the DOT is going to manage transportation needs during a project
- With today’s WZ challenges, a TTC plan may not be enough

TMPs = a more comprehensive approach to managing WZ safety and mobility

TMPs are a Tool

Part of overall WZ management

Effective WZ management requires:

- Understanding the likely impacts of a WZ
  - Safety and Mobility Impacts
- Choosing a combination of strategies
  - That will address the impacts for that project
- Implementing those strategies

The TMP outlines all that for a project

TMP Strategies to Manage Work Zone Impacts

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Potential TMP Components

- Introductory material
- Executive Summary
- TMP Roles and Responsibilities
- Project Description
- Existing and Future Conditions
- Work Zone Impacts Assessment

Potential TMP Components (con’t)

- Work Zone Traffic Management Strategies
  - TTC Plan
  - Traffic Operations Plan
  - Public Information Campaign
- TMP Monitoring Requirements
- Contingency Plans
- Implementation Costs

May be a single document, or several documents/plans compiled together

Example: Wisconsin TMP Components

- Type 1
  - Traffic Control Plan
  - Public Information and Outreach
- Type 2, 3, 4
  - Traffic Control Plan
  - Public Information and Outreach
  - Transportation Operations
  - Incident Management
Example: Michigan TMP Template

Table of Contents:
- Executive Summary
- Temporary Traffic Control Plan (TTCP)
- Transportation Operations Plan (TOP)
- Public Information Plan (PIP)
- Delay Calculation Details
- Alternative Traffic Control
- Vicinity Map or Location Diagram

Michigan TMP Executive Summary
- Basic description - Location, work type
- Specific Project Data:
  - Letting Date
  - Anticipated Project Duration (Construction Start Date and Completion Date)
  - Existing Lane Widths
  - Existing Paved Shoulder Widths
  - Existing Aggregate Shoulder Widths
  - Threshold Criteria
    - Which criteria were exceeded?
    - How was delay calculated?
    - What is the source of traffic volumes?
  - Facility Details (e.g., ADT, lanes)
  - Crash Analysis and Safety Review

TMP Formats
TMPs need to be documented
- Options include:
  - Single document with all included material
  - Brief document with summaries of analysis results and decisions, where the full documentation is in the project files or similar
  - Powerpoint format has been used
  - Others?
- Scope, content, level of detail may vary based on DOT policy and impacts
Why TMPs?

- **WZ management is increasingly complex**
  - Increasing traffic volumes using the same roads that agencies need to maintain and rehabilitate
  - Requires traffic management efforts beyond TTC plans

- **Key issues:**
  - Safety
  - Mobility
  - Constructability

**Objective:** Achieve constructability without compromising safety and mobility

Importance of a TMP

What are the benefits of having a well thought-out approach to managing traffic during a construction project?

- **Consider your stakeholders:**
  - Contractors
  - Motorists
  - Property owners
  - Project owners
  - Businesses
  - Environment
  - Event organizers, etc.
Why TMPs? – Key Benefits
A well-planned method for managing traffic flow during construction can:

- Address safety and mobility impacts of work zones at corridor and network levels
- Promote efficient and effective construction phasing and staging, minimize contract duration, and control costs
- Improve safety for workers and road users
- Minimize traffic and mobility impacts of a work zone

Why TMPs? – Key Benefits (cont.)
A well-planned method for managing traffic flow during construction can:

- Minimize:
  - Circulation, access, and mobility impacts to local communities and businesses
  - Complaints from road users, businesses, and communities
- Improve:
  - Intra- and inter-agency coordination
  - Improve public awareness
Why TMPs? – Key Benefits (cont.)

- Earlier assessment of work zone impacts
  - Can lead to reduced project costs
- Better documentation of analysis and mitigation of impacts
- Better coordination and scheduling of projects
- More basis for reviewing MOT changes requested by the contractor

TMPs Lead to Satisfied Drivers

- In RI, the number of customer complaints about roadwork has decreased
- In MI, customers have been calling with positive comments about work zones

TMP Development Process

(from Developing and Implementing TMPs for Work Zones)
When is a TMP Developed?

TMP development should begin during systems planning and progress through design.

- Conducting TMP analyses early in project development helps ensure:
  - Systems planning and preliminary engineering: TMP development and implementation costs included in the project budget
  - Design: Agencies consider WZ impacts in evaluation and selection of design alternatives. For some projects it may be possible to choose a design alternative that alleviates many WZ impacts

- Final TMP development occurs during DESIGN.

Caltrans TMP Development Process

- Conceptual Planning & Design
- Identify WZ Impacts
- TMP Strategies
- Prepare Initial TMP
- Update, Implement, Monitor
- Evaluate After Project

Wisconsin TMP Process

- Process
  - Work Zone Impacts Assessment
  - Determine Type of TMP
  - Prepare Initial TMP
  - Update, Implement, Monitor
  - Evaluate After Project
During Design…

- Final assessment of WZ impacts is done, which should affect the choice of:
  - Best construction/staging option(s)
  - Most suitable design and contracting approach
  - Most appropriate WZ traffic management strategies

State-of-the-Practice, Tools, and Tips

TMP Development and Implementation

- WZ Self Assessment
  - Most agencies (94%) had a policy for developing TMPs to help manage the WZ impacts of a project
    - 20% score increase from 2006 to 2007 and 2007 to 2008, 8% in 2009, 3% in 2010
  - A number of agencies have developed TMP teams and tools
Use of TMP Strategies

- The agency is expanding WZ management beyond traffic safety and control to address mobility through the consideration and use of transportation operations (TO) and public information (PI) strategies.

![ TMP Overview Chart ]

Virginia TMP Requirements

- VDOT developed a TMP Guide:
  - Guidelines for acquiring information to develop TMPs
  - Guidance on each Project Team member's role and responsibilities in the development of TMPs
  - Covers Project Managers, Roadway Designers, Traffic Engineers, WZ Safety Coordinators, Public Affairs Managers

Maryland TMP Development

- TMP Guidelines
- WZ Design Checklist

![ MOT Red Flag Summary ]
Maryland TMP Development

- Summary of Work Zone Impact Management Strategies
- Public Information and Outreach Plans Development Guidance
- Public Information and Outreach Template

Missouri DOT TMP Strategy Database

- Helps MoDOT staff select WZ management strategies and develop TMPs in a more systematic way
- Suggests possible appropriate WZ management strategies based on user inputs
  - Time concerns
  - Public impact
  - Location
  - Traffic flow

Missouri DOT TMP Strategies Database

The TMP Database is meant to be used at the very beginning of WZ planning, to choose the most effective methods from the start, with re-evaluation occurring in the design stage.
TMPs Need to Be…

- Well-thought out
- Started early in project development
- Use a multi-disciplinary approach
- Coordinated with other projects nearby
- Contain a combination of strategies
- Fit the expected level of WZ impacts
- Funded
- Updated as needed after project award
- Implemented!
- Monitored – and adjusted as needed

Some Considerations

- Agency WZ policies
  - E.g., Maximum WZ queue lengths/delays allowed
- Lane Closure policies/charts
  - Specify when lane closures are permitted
  - Twin Cities Lane Closure Manual
- Analytical/modeling tools used by the Agency
- Concerns of stakeholders

Key TMP Development Questions

- Was a TMP developed for the project?
- Does the TMP consider the expected impacts of the project?
- Did the agency determine if this is a significant project?
- Does the TMP contain strategies to manage the identified impacts?
- Are the strategies reasonable for the level of expected impacts?
Key TMP Development Questions (cont.)

- Were key stakeholders involved?
- Is implementation of the TMP funded?
- Has a responsible person been designated for the DOT?
- Has the DOT approved the TMP per its policies/procedures?
- Are the relevant parts included in the bid package?

TMP Resources

- WZ Safety and Mobility Rule Web Site
  - Example TMPs, development resources
- Developing and Implementing TMPs for Work Zones
  - Includes a TMP Checklist and matrix of strategies
- Templates and Samples
- Online Training – coming in 2011
- FHWA

www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/wz/resources/final_rule.htm