

National Goals & Performance Measures US Code Title 23 Section 150 MAP-21 – Section 1203

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MAP-21 creates a new section in law (Title 23 Section 150) which serves as a declaration of Federal interest in transportation and outlines national goals and performance targets. The goals are:

- **Safety** – To achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads
- **Infrastructure Condition** – To maintain the highway infrastructure asset system in a state of good repair
- **Congestion Reduction** – To achieve a significant reduction in congestion on the National Highway System
- **System Reliability** – To improve the efficiency of the surface transportation system
- **Freight Movement and Economic Vitality** – To improve the national freight network, strengthen the ability of rural communities to access national and international trade markets, and support regional economic development.
- **Environmental Sustainability** – To enhance the performance of the transportation system while protecting and enhancing the natural environment
- **Reduced Project Delivery Delays** – To reduce project costs, promote jobs and the economy, and expedite the movement of people and goods by accelerating project completion through eliminating delays in the project development and delivery process, including reducing regulatory burdens and improving agencies' work practices

The section also requires the Secretary to establish performance measures and standards within 18 months of passage of MAP-21 (Jan 6, 2014). MAP-21 specifically limits the rulemaking process to measure only the performance measures listed by the section, specifically performance measure for:

1. National Highway Performance Program (Title 23 Section 119 – MAP-21 section 1106)
 - Minimum standards for states to use in developing and operating bridge and pavement management
 - Minimum levels for the condition of Pavement on the interstate system and National Highway System¹
 - Condition of Bridges on the National Highway System
 - Performance of the Interstate System

¹ The Secretary has the authority to recognize in this rule making that different regions suffer from different geographic challenges and thus minimum standards may vary

- Performance of the National Highway System
- 2. Highway Safety Improvement Program (Title 23 Section 148 – MAP-21 section 1112)
 - Serious injuries and fatalities per vehicle mile travelled
 - The number of serious injuries and fatalities
- 3. Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Program (Title 23 Section 149 – MAP-21 section 1113)
 - Traffic congestion
 - On-road mobile source emissions
- 4. National Freight Movement

Not less than 1-year after the Secretary has issued the final rule (no later than Jan 6, 2015) each State is required to set performance targets for the issues highlighted above. No later than 4-years after the enactment of MAP-21 (Jul 6, 2016) each State is required to submit a report to DOT describing:

- The condition and performance of the National Highway System in the State;
- The effectiveness of the investment strategy document in the State asset management plan for the National Highway System;
- Progress in achieving performance targets identified by DOT; and,
- The ways in which the State is addressing congestion at freight bottlenecks, including those identified in the National Freight Strategic Plan, within the State.

Additionally, there are a number of ways in which the planning process and individual programs tie back into the performance measures and targets mentioned in this section.