Module 1: Introduction to Intelligent Transportation Systems

Transit Standards

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Module Description

This introductory Module provides an overview of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Standards for practicing transit professionals and decision makers who are engaged in the deployment of ITS for transit.

1. Introduction/Purpose

This Module will highlight the program and organizational benefits, costs of the adaptation, and use of ITS Standards to support the deployment of interoperable systems. This module will also introduce the Systems Engineering Process (SEP) and articulate benefits of using SEP for ITS transit projects. Finally, the module will summarize and provide the context for the more detailed subsequent modules of transit standards training, and provide the audience with a useful roadmap of other standards modules they might want to view. As such, this module serves as a useful pre-requisite for Modules 2 through 11, and is also recommended for senior transit management due to its review of benefits and costs, which are key issues related to the implementation of ITS standards for transit.

2. Samples/Examples

The Context Diagram from the Data Exchange Format Specification (DXFS) shown in part on slide 14 is shown below:

![Context Diagram](image)
The Systems Engineering Vee diagram shown on slide 29 is shown below:

The comparison of the SEP with the traditional project development process shown on slide 29 is below:
Example regions from actual Regional ITS Architectures shown on Slide 34 are below. The regions are Mesilla Valley MPO (New Mexico), Florida DOT District 7, and West Virginia (an example of a “statewide” ITS architecture).

The top level interconnect diagram from the National ITS Architecture, from slide 35, is shown below:
The shaded area of the diagram below, from slide 36, shows where standards fit into the SEP.

3. Reference to Other Standards

Two FHWA Rules (one of which is also an FTA Policy) are referenced in the module. They are provided below:

3.1 FTA Policy on Architecture and Standards
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Transit Administration

Federal Transit Administration
National ITS Architecture Policy on Transit Projects

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the FTA National ITS Architecture Policy on Transit Projects, which is defined in this document. The National ITS Architecture Policy is a product of statutory changes made by the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) (Pub. L. 105-174) enacted on June 9, 1998. The National ITS Architecture Policy is also a product of the Request for Comment on the National ITS Architecture Consistency Policy for Project Development that was published in the Federal Register on May 25, 2000. Because it is highly unlikely that the entire National ITS Architecture would be fully implemented by any single metropolitan area or State, this policy requires that the National ITS Architecture be used to develop a local implementation of the National ITS Architecture, which is referred to as a "regional ITS architecture." Therefore, conformance with the National ITS Architecture is defined under this policy as development of a regional ITS architecture within four years after the first ITS project advancing to final design, and the subsequent adherence of ITS projects to the regional ITS architecture. At least one implementation of the architecture is required in the National ITS Architecture Consistency Policy for Project Development.

DATE: Effective Date: This policy is effective from February 7, 2001.

ADDRESSES: For FTA staff, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation (DOT), 400 Seventh Street, NW., Washington, DC 20590.


Electronic Access: An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded using a computer, modem and suitable communications software from the Government Printing Office’s Electronic Bulletin Board Service at (202) 512-1601. Internet users may reach the Office of the Federal Register’s home page at: http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara. The National ITS Architecture documents were developed by the US DOT, and are updated on an as-needed basis. Current work to update the National ITS Architecture is the Archive Data User Service, which provides the ability to store and process data over an extended period of time. FTA is pursuing the addition of a Rail ITS program for travel management, vehicles, and users. New versions of the documents, when they are issued, will be available from the US DOT on the DOT website at www.its.dot.gov.

Version 2.0.0 is the latest version of the National ITS Architecture. The first section of this policy contains a complete analysis of and response to the comments received in the docket. The remainder of the Notice contains the FTA National ITS Architecture Policy for Transit Projects.

H. Public Comment

Eighteen comments were submitted to the FTA National ITS Architecture Consistency Policy for Project Development docket by the September 23, 2000, close of the comment period. Comments were submitted by transit operators (3), state and local governments (1), planning organizations (2), industry associations (3), and consultants (3). As indicated earlier, a complete analysis and response to the docket comments is provided. In order to facilitate focused discussion, a series of questions about the policy, the public comment section is organized by topic, by analysis and response to the specific questions asked; second by responses to comments not specifically related to one of the nine questions; and finally by an explanation of other changes. In general, the comments received were positive. Therefore, the FTA has kept the scope of the policy and made appropriate clarifications to the text of the policy to address concerns raised in comments. In response to the many comments requesting it, the FTA, in association with the Phase II Program Office, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will also provide a program of guidance, training, and technical
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support to assist with the implementation of this policy.

Questions

1. Do reviewers understand the definition of major ITS investment as defined in Section IV, “Regional ITS Architecture,” or is there needed clarification needed, and if so please explain?

Comments: Nine commenters submitted responses to this question. In general, commenters found the definition confusing, and did not understand why major ITS projects need to be called out over other ITS projects. One commenter noted that small dollar projects can have a major impact on future development, while an expensive system may have no impact. Another commenter was unclear about the term “supporting national interoperability.”

Response: Of specific concern to the agency is the timing in which requirements for this policy are enacted. As such, the term “major ITS investment” and “major ITS project” were provided so as to distinguish between projects that will require immediate correlation to the regional ITS architecture and those that do not. The term “major ITS investment” was also found to be redundant to “major ITS project” and was removed from the policy. Guidance on classification of ITS projects and major ITS projects will be provided upon enactment of the policy.

2. Do reviewers understand the definition of an ITS project, or is more clarification needed, and if so please explain?

Comments: Nine commenters submitted responses to this question. Commenters found this term less confusing than “major ITS investment,” but requested more clarification. Some commenters proposed alternative language or asked for clarification on particular examples.

Response: The agency has clarified the definition by deleting the potentially ambiguous example provided and will develop guidance material that provides examples of projects that will be considered ITS projects and those that will not be considered ITS projects. In general, unless a technology project is implementing one of the ITS user services defined in the National ITS Architecture, it would not be considered an ITS project.

3. Do reviewers understand the difference between a “major ITS investment,” and an “ITS project,” or is more clarification needed, and if so please explain?

Comments: Eight commenters submitted responses to this question. Commenters had mixed responses, as some commenters found the differences to be clear, while others requested that the guidance be clarified. Commenters did suggest that a “project” is a “project” and should not be quantified in terms of dollar amounts.

Response: As described in the response to question 1, the agency has changed the term “major ITS investment” and will provide guidance on the term “ITS project.”

4. Are the requirements for development of a Regional ITS Architecture clear? If not, what is not clear about the requirement?

Comments: Nine commenters provided responses to this question. Most commenters found the requirements to be unclear and/or did not agree with the requirements. One commenter suggested that there may be different definitions. Commenters noted that a concept of operations and conceptual design are normally conducted at the project level. One commenter requested clarification as to the appropriate use of program projects in the regional ITS architecture, or in the planning process.

Response: Of specific concern to the agency is providing a flexible policy that allows the transportation stakeholders to define their region and the roles and responsibilities of each stakeholder during the development of a regional ITS architecture. As such, the agency has clarified the requirements of a regional ITS architecture and also removed the specific requirements for a Concept of Operations and a Conceptual Design. Instead, the agency has listed the specific requirements for a regional ITS architecture and has left the development, documentation, and maintenance of the regional ITS architecture to the stakeholders involved. As such, the region is defined as a “geographical area that is based on local needs for sharing information and coordinating operational strategies among multiple projects.” A region can be specified at a metropolitan, Statewide, multi-State, or corridor level. Additional guidance on this topic will be provided after enactment of the policy.

5. What additional guidance, if any, is required to explain how to implement this proposed policy?

Comments: Ten commenters provided responses to this question. All the comments called for additional guidance on the specifics of implementing this policy. Commenters requested guidance on the definition of a “region,” the ownership of the regional ITS architecture, determination of stakeholders, regional ITS architecture maintenance, certification and simplification of definitions. One commenter requested that the policy be limited only to the ITS Integration Requirements defined in the Metropolitan and Statewide Planning NPM.

Response: The agency will provide guidance material to address the comments suggested. The ITS Integration Requirements, as defined in the NPM, is part of the planning process and as such does not necessarily involve project level requirements.

6. The proposed rule allows regions to develop a Regional Architecture as a separate activity, or incrementally, as major ITS investments are developed within a region. Do reviewers anticipate particular difficulties with implementing and documenting either approach?

Comments: Nine commenters provided responses to this question. Commenters largely did not favor one approach over the other. One commenter suggested that a regional ITS architecture with a twenty year time horizon is impractical and inflexible. One commenter suggested that either approach would require additional staff resources.

Response: The agency was concerned about the time horizon required. Development process using a regional ITS architecture within the time period required and as a result suggested both an incremental and initial comprehensive approach. Based on the responses, the agency has incorporated the results into the regional ITS architecture, the effective date of the requirements, and the catalyst for requiring the development of a regional ITS architecture.

7. Do reviewers understand the relationship between the Interregional Planning Strategy, the Regional ITS Architecture, and the ITS Project Architecture?

Comments: Seven commenters provided a response to this question. In general, commenters did not understand the relationship between the Interregional Planning Strategy, regional ITS architecture, and the ITS Project Architecture. One commenter suggested that flexibility in application of project architecture must be maintained to accommodate legacy systems and to take advantage of technological innovation, while maintaining the outcomes of interoperability, where applicable.

Response: The agency is concerned with the entire system, maintaining the planning process and the project development process. However, this policy only deals with the project level requirements.
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Planning level requirements, including the integration strategy, will be explained as the Metropolitan and statewide planning process maturing process is advanced. This policy only requires that the regional ITS architecture be consistent with the transportation planning process. A definition for a project level ITS architecture has been added to the policy.

a. Additional guidance if any is required regarding phasing of this task?

Comments: Six commenters submitted responses to this question. In general, the commenters stated that the phasing was clear. However, one commenter requested a three-year phase-in period. Several commenters requested that existing projects be exempt from the policy.

Response: The agency has clarified the policy statements refer to the project status and the applicability of this policy. Projects that have reached final design by the date of this policy are exempt from the policy. The agency has extended the time period for regional ITS architecture development to three years. Any region that is currently implementing ITS projects shall have a regional architecture within four years of the effective date of the final policy. All other regions not currently implementing ITS projects shall have a regional ITS architecture in place within five years of the first ITS project for that region advancing to final design.

b. Are the overall documentation requirements clear? If not, what is not clear about the requirements?

Comments: Eight commenters submitted responses to this question. Commenters in general suggested that the proposed guidance is unclear and the documentation requirements are not. One commenter suggested that the proposed guidance is unclear and the documentation requirements are not. Commenters in general suggested that the proposed guidance is unclear and the documentation requirements are not. One commenter suggested that the proposed guidance is unclear and the documentation requirements are not.

Response: The agency will continue to use normal existing oversight procedures to review grantee compliance with the policy. The agency has also added the following definition to the policy: The policy requires that the definitions provided in TEA-21 for the following definitions be included in the policy. The agency has also added the following definition to the policy: The policy requires that the definitions provided in TEA-21 for the following definitions be included in the policy.
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I. Definitions

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) means electronics, communications or information processing used singly or in combination to improve the efficiency or safety of a surface transportation system.

ITS project means any project that in whole or in part funds the acquisition of technologies or systems that provide or significantly contribute to the provision of one or more ITS user services as defined in the National ITS Architecture.

Major ITS project means any ITS project that implements part of a regional ITS initiative that is multi-jurisdictional, multi-modal, or otherwise affects regional integration of ITS systems.

National ITS Architecture (also "national architecture") means a common framework for ITS interoperability. The National ITS Architecture comprises the logical architecture and physical architecture which satisfy a defined set of user services. The National ITS Architecture is maintained by U.S. DOT (Department of Transportation) and is available on the DOT web site at http://www.its.dot.gov.

Project level ITS architecture is a framework that identifies the institutional agreement and technical integration necessary to interface a major ITS project with other ITS projects and systems.

Region is the geographical area that identifies the boundaries of the regional ITS architecture and is defined by and based on the needs of the participating agencies and other stakeholders. A region can be specified at a metropolitan, Statewide, multi-State, or corridor level. In metropolitan areas, a region should be no less than the boundaries of the metropolitan planning area.

Regional ITS architecture means a regional framework for ensuring institutional agreement and technical integration for the implementation of ITS projects or groups of projects.

Systems engineering is a structured process for arriving at a final design of a system. The final design is selected from a number of alternatives that would accomplish the same objectives and consider the total life-cycle of the project including not only the technical merits of potential solutions but also the costs and relative value of alternatives.

III. Policy

ITS projects shall conform to the National ITS Architecture and standards in accordance with the requirements contained in this part. Conformance with the National ITS Architecture is interpreted to mean the use of the National ITS Architecture to develop a regional ITS architecture in support of integration and the subsequent adherence of all ITS projects to that regional ITS architecture. Development of the regional ITS architecture should be consistent with the transportation planning process for Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning (49 CFR part 613 and 621).

IV. Applicability

(a) All ITS projects that are funded in whole or in part with the Highway Trust Fund (including the mass transit account) are subject to these provisions.

(b) The Secretary may authorize exceptions for:

1. Projects designated to achieve specific research objectives outlined in the National ITS Program Plan under section 5205 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century or the Surface Transportation Research and Development Strategic Plan developed under section 5208 of Title 23, United States Code;

2. The upgrade or expansion of an ITS system in existence on the date of enactment of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century if the Secretary determines that the upgrade or expansion—
   a. Would not adversely affect the goals or purposes of Subtitle C (Intelligent Transportation Systems) of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century and
   b. Is carried out before the end of the useful life of such systems;

3. Any agreements (existing or new) required for operations, including but not limited to those affecting integration of ITS projects; interoperability of different ITS technologies, utilization of ITS-related standards, and the operation of the projects identified in the regional ITS architecture;

4. Any agreements (existing or new) required for implementation of the regional ITS architecture.

5. Any agreements (existing or new) required for implementation of the regional ITS architecture.

6. The sequence of projects required for implementation of the regional ITS architecture.

7. Any agreements (existing or new) required for implementation of the regional ITS architecture.

(c) Those provisions do not apply to funds used for Operations and Maintenance of an ITS system in existence on June 9, 1998.

V. Regional ITS Architecture

(a) A regional ITS architecture shall be developed to guide the development of ITS projects and programs and be consistent with ITS strategies and projects contained in applicable transportation plans. The National ITS Architecture shall be used as a reference in the development of the regional ITS architecture. The regional ITS architecture shall be on a scale commensurate with the scope of ITS investment in the region. Provision should be made to include participation from the following agencies, as appropriate, in the development of the regional ITS architecture: highway agencies; public safety agencies (e.g., police, fire, emergency/medical); transit agencies; federal land agencies; state motor carrier agencies, and other operating agencies necessary to fully address regional ITS integration.

(b) Any region that is currently implementing ITS projects shall have a regional ITS architecture February 7, 1999.

(c) All other regions not currently implementing ITS projects shall have a regional ITS architecture within four years of the first ITS project for that region advancing to final design.

(d) The regional ITS architecture should include, at a minimum, the following:

1. A description of the region;

2. Identification of participating agencies and other stakeholders;

3. An operational concept that identifies the roles and responsibilities of participating agencies and stakeholders in the operation and implementation of the systems included in the regional ITS architecture;

4. Any agreements (existing or new) required for operations, including but not limited to those affecting integration of ITS projects; interoperability of different ITS technologies, utilization of ITS-related standards, and the operation of the projects identified in the regional ITS architecture;

5. System functional requirements;

6. Interface requirements and information exchanges with planned and existing systems and subsystems (for example, systems and architecture as defined in the National ITS Architecture);

7. Identification of ITS standards supporting regional and national interoperability;

(e) The sequence of projects required for implementation of the regional ITS architecture.

(f) Any agreements (existing or new) required for implementation of the regional ITS architecture.

(g) Any agreements (existing or new) required for implementation of the regional ITS architecture.

(h) The agencies and other stakeholders participating in the development of the regional ITS architecture shall develop and implement procedures and responsibilities for maintaining the regional ITS architecture, as needs evolve within the region.

VI. Project Implementation

(a) All ITS projects funded with mass transit funds from the highway trust
(a) Prior to completion of the regional ITS architecture, any major ITS project funded with highway trust funds that advances to final design shall have a project level ITS architecture that is coordinated with the development of the regional ITS architecture. The final design of the major ITS project shall accommodate the interface requirements and information exchanges as specified in this project level ITS architecture. If the project final design is inconsistent with the project level architecture, then the project level ITS architecture shall be updated to reflect the changes. The project level ITS architecture is based on results of the systems engineering analysis, and includes the following:

(1) A description of the scope of the ITS project;

(2) An operational concept that identifies the roles and responsibilities of participating agencies and stakeholders in the operation and implementation of the ITS project;

(3) Functional requirements of the ITS project;

(4) Interface requirements and information exchanges between the ITS project and other planned and existing systems and subsystems; and

(5) Identification of applicable ITS standards.

(b) All ITS projects funded with Mass Transit Funds from the Highway Trust Fund shall use applicable ITS standards and interoperability tests that have been officially adopted through rulemaking by the United States Department of Transportation (USTC).

(c) Any ITS project that has advanced to final design by effective date of policy is exempt from the requirements of VI.

VII. Project Oversight

(a) Prior to authorization of Mass Transit Funds from the Highway Trust Fund for acquisition or implementation of ITS projects, grantees shall self-certify compliance with sections V and VI. Compliance with this policy shall be monitored under normal FTA oversight procedures, to include annual risk assessments, triennial reviews, and program management oversight reviews as applicable.

(6) Compliance with the following FTA Circulars shall also be certified:

- C-2000.1C, Grant Management Guidelines
- 06-100-01B, Application Instructions and Program Management Guidelines

VIII. FTA Guidance

FTA will develop appropriate guidance materials regarding the National ITS Architecture Consistency Policy. Issued on January 2, 2001.

Nuria I. Fernandez, Acting Administrator.
3.2 Rule 23 CFR 511- Real Time System Management Information Program

§511.303

The purpose of this part is to establish the provisions and parameters for the Real-Time System Management Information Program. These provisions implement Subsections 1291(a)(1), (a)(2), and (c)(1) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) (Pub. L. 109-59; 119 Stat. 1144), pertaining to Congestion Relief.

§511.306 Definitions.

Unless otherwise specified in this part, the definitions in 23 U.S.C. 101(a) are applicable to this subpart. As used in this part:

Accuracy means the measure or degree of agreement between a data value or set of values and a source assumed to be correct.

Availability means the degree to which data values are present in the attributes (e.g., speed and travel time) that require them. Availability is typically described in terms of percentages or number of data values.

Congestion means the level at which transportation system performance is unacceptable due to excessive travel times and delays.

Data quality means the fitness of data for all purposes that require such data.

Full construction activities mean roadway construction or maintenance activities that affect travel conditions by closing and reopening roadways or lanes.

Metropolitan areas means the geographic areas designated as Metropolitan Statistical Areas by the Office of Management and Budget in the Executive Office of the President with a population exceeding 1,000,000 inhabitants.

Real-time information program means the program by which States gather and make available the data for traffic and travel conditions. Such means may involve State-only activity (including cooperative activities engaging multiple State agencies), State partnership with commercial providers of value-added information products, or other effective means that enable the State to satisfy the provisions for traffic and travel time conditions reporting stated in this section.

Routes of significance are non-Interstate roadways in metropolitan areas that are designated by States as meriting the collection and provision of information related to traffic and travel conditions. Factors to be considered in designating routes of significance include roadway safety (e.g., crash rate, routes affected by environmental events), public safety (e.g., routes used for evacuations), economic productivity, severity and frequency of congestion, and utility of the highway to serve as a diversion route for congestion locations. All public roadways including arterial highways, toll facilities and other facilities that apply end user pricing mechanisms shall be considered when designating routes of significance. In identifying these routes, States shall apply the collaborative practices and procedures that are used for compliance with 23 CFR part 949 and 23 CFR part 409.
§ 511.305 Policy.

This part establishes the provisions and parameters for the Real-Time System Management Information Program for State DOTs, other responsible agencies, and partnerships with other commercial entities in establishing real-time information programs that provide accessibility to traffic and travel conditions information by other public agencies, the traveling public, and by other parties who may deliver value-added information products.

§ 511.307 Eligibility for Federal funding.

(a) Subject to project approval by the Secretary, a State may obligate funds apportioned to the State under Title 23 U.S.C. sections 104(b)(1), also known as National Highway System funds, 104(b)(2), also known as CMAQ Improvement funds, and 104(b)(3), also known as STP funds, for activities relating to the planning, deployment, and operation, including preventative maintenance, of real-time monitoring elements that advance the goals and purposes of the Real-Time System Management Information Program. The STP funds, apportioned according to 23 U.S.C. 505(a), may be applied to the development and implementation of a real-time information program.

(b) Those project applications to establish a real-time information program solely for Interstate System highways are entitled to a Federal share of 90 percent of the total project cost, pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 120(a). Those project applications to establish a real-time information program for non- Interstate highways are entitled to a Federal share of 80 percent of the total project cost, as per 23 U.S.C. 120(b).

§ 511.309 Provisions for traffic and travel conditions reporting.

(a) Minimum requirements for traffic and travel conditions made available by real-time information programs are:

(1) Constructive compliance. The timeliness for the availability of information about full construction activities that close or reopen roadways or lanes will be 20 minutes or less from the time of the closure for highways outside of Metropolitan Areas. For roadways within Metropolitan Areas, the timeliness for the availability of information about full construction activities that close or reopen roadways or lanes will be 10 minutes or less from the time of the closure or reopening. Short-term or intermittent lane closures of limited duration that are less than the required reporting times are not included as a minimum requirement under this section.

(2) Roadway or lane blocking incidents. The timeliness for the availability of information related to roadway or lane blocking traffic incidents will be 20
Federal Highway Administration, DOT

§511.311

Real-time information program establishment.
(a) Requirement. States shall establish real-time information programs that are consistent with the parameters defined under §511.309. The real-time information program shall be established to take advantage of the existing traffic and travel condition monitoring capabilities, and build upon them where applicable. The real-time information program shall include traffic and travel condition information for, as a minimum, all the Interstate highways operated by the State. In addition, the real-time information program shall complement current transportation performance reporting systems by making it easier to gather or enhance required information.

(b) Data quality. States shall develop the methods by which data quality can be assured to the data consumers. Use criteria for defining the validity of traffic and travel conditions made available from real-time information programs shall be established by the States in collaboration with their partners for establishing the programs. States shall receive FHWA’s concurrence that the selected methods provide reasonable checks of the quality of the information made available by the real-time information program. In requesting FHWA’s concurrence, the State shall demonstrate to FHWA how the selected methods gauge the accuracy and availability of the real-time information and the remedial actions if the information quality falls below the levels described in §511.309(a)(5) and §511.309(a)(6).

(c) Participation. The establishment, or the enhancement, of a real-time information program should include participation from the following agencies: Highway agencies; public safety agencies (e.g., police, fire, emergency/medical); transit operators; and other operating agencies necessary to sustain mobility through the region and/or the metropolitan area. Nothing in this subpart is intended to alter the existing relationships among State, regional, and local agencies.

(d) Update of Regional ITS Architecture. All States and regions that have created a Regional ITS Architecture in accordance with Section 940 in Title 23 CFR shall evaluate their Regional ITS Architectures to determine whether the Regional ITS Architectures explicitly address real-time highway and transit information needs and the methods needed to meet such needs. Traffic and travel conditions monitoring needs for all Interstate system highways shall be considered. If necessary, the Regional ITS Architectures shall be updated to address coverage, monitoring systems, data fusion and archiving, and accessibility to highway and transit information for other
§511.313 Metropolitan Area real-time information program supplement.

(a) Applicability. Metropolitan Areas as defined under this subpart.

(b) Requirement. Metropolitan Areas shall establish a real-time information program for traffic and travel conditions reporting with the same provisions described in §511.311.

(c) Routes of significance. States shall designate metropolitan areas, non-Interstate highways that are routes of significance as defined under this subpart. In identifying the metropolitan routes of significance, States shall collaborate with local or regional agencies using existing coordination methods. Nothing in this subpart is intended to alter the existing relationships among State, regional, and local agencies.

(d) Effective date. Establishment of the real-time information program for traffic and travel conditions reporting along the Metropolitan Area Interstate system highways shall be completed no later than November 8, 2014. Establishment of the real-time information program for traffic and travel conditions reporting along the State-designated metropolitan area routes of significance shall be completed no later than November 8, 2016.

§511.315 Program administration.

Compliance with this subpart will be monitored under Federal-aid oversight procedures as provided under 23 U.S.C. 106 and 133, 23 CFR 1.56, and 23 CFR 945.15.
4. Glossary

To include additional descriptions/acronyms used primarily in the module.

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<td>Concept of Operations</td>
<td>A document that describes the purpose for a system project, including a description of the current and proposed system, as well as key user needs that the new system is required to address.</td>
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<td>Real-Time System Management Information Program (RTSMIP)</td>
<td>The real-time system management information program (RTSMIP) was defined in Section 1201 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), published in August 2005, to provide in all states, the capability to monitor, in real-time, the traffic and travel conditions of the major highways of the United States and to share that information to improve the security of the surface transportation system, to address congestion problems, to support improved response to weather events and surface transportation incidents, and facilitate national and regional highway traveler information.</td>
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<td>Standards Development Organization (SDO)</td>
<td>Organizations that develop, publish, and revise technical standards.</td>
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<td>Systems Engineering Process (SEP)</td>
<td>An inter-disciplinary approach and means to enable the realization of successful systems.</td>
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http://www.standards.its.dot.gov

SEP FHWA Guidance:
http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/int_its_deployment/sys_eng.htm

Regional ITS Architecture:
http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/its_arch_imp/index.htm

ITS ePrimer Module 7: Public Transportation:

ITS ePrimer Module 2: Systems Engineering
http://www.pcb.its.dot.gov/eprimer/module2.aspx#opsmgmt

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6. Study Questions

1. What are some benefits of using ITS Standards?
   a) Facilitates regional interoperability
   b) Supports compliance to FTA Policy on ITS Architecture and Standards
   c) Facilitates systems integration
   d) All of the above

2. What is the relationship between the steps on the left of the Vee and the right?
   a) No relationship between left and right
   b) System definition left used to verify system on right
   c) Items on left performed after items on right

3. ITS Standards are typically first used in what step in the SE Process?
   a) Concept of Operations
   b) Requirements
   c) Design – High Level and Detailed
   d) HW and SW development

4. Agencies have found which of the following to be a technical challenge of using ITS Standards?
   a) Inconsistent industry support
   b) Needed standards are not mature
   c) Using standards is a paradigm shift for agency
   d) All of the above