Model Task Force: A Path Forward

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Where We Are



Changing Needs

»New travel choices
»New stressors or hazards
»New investment paradigms and parameters
»Evolving policy
»Different priorities areas

Where We Are (Continued)



New Opportunities

»Expanded availability of new types of data
»Increased processing power
»New technologies

Predictive Analytics
Artificial Intelligence
Dashboards / Quick to Deploy tools

Activities This Year



UNDERSTAND AND SETUP PROCESSES

DETERMINE PRIORITIES

» FTO NextGEN file share setup

» FSUTMS Elements Review

» **Coordination on feedback**

Relevancy and Timeliness

Accessibility and Communication

Consistency and Efficiency

EXPAND OUTREACH

» Seek more MPO involvement

» MTF & Committees

» New or expanding training opportunities



Relevancy and Timeliness – Why?

- Perception of non-responsiveness
- Need to prioritize investments
 - » Limited funds
 - » Many tools/approaches and demands
- Need to address clearly stated needs
- Need for buy-in with decision makers

Relevancy and Timeliness – How?



- Focus on big picture and needs
- Broaden audience and participation
- Scalability -
 - » Match geography / tool / methodology to need
- Incorporate new data types
 » Mobile derived data (GPS, Cellphone, Probe)
 » Web based data applications (Surveys etc.)



Accessibility and Communication – Why?



- Growing divide between
 - » Developers
 - » Users
 - » Decision makers

Usability

- » Difficulty interpreting outputs
- » Understanding data
- » Understanding tools / processes

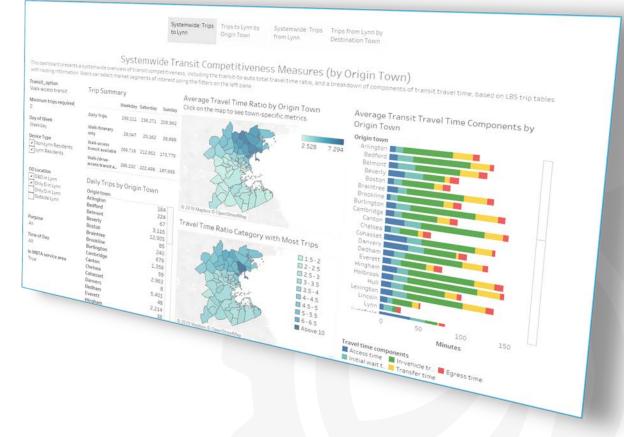
Accessibility & Communication – How?



Intuitive Visualization

- » Mapping
- » Dashboards
- » Publication quality reports

Increased Coordination
 Modelers work with stakeholders
 Workforce development



Consistency and Efficiency – Why?



Need for standard practices

- » Clearly defined expectations
- » Defendable against challenges
- » Broader audience
- » Aids accessibility
- Emphasis on greater bang for buck
- Quicker, more accurate decision making



Consistency and Efficiency – How?



GUIDANCE

SUPPORT

ASSISTANCE

FEEDBACK

ADVICE

- Updated guidance
 - » Network standards
 - » Standardized processes and recommendations
- Continuing Collaboration
 - » Review MTF working practices
 - » Seek opportunities to enhance knowledge sharing
 - » Enhance regional information sharing participation

MTF Charge



The Model Task Force, as a statewide collaborative of travel demand modelers and other transportation professionals, will exchange ideas and provide input for consistent and efficient data and methodology practices that advance transportation data forecasting, including travel demand modeling. The Model Task Force will maintain partnerships and collaborate on modeling and forecasting activities.

