

The Capital Region Congestion Management Process



Field Visits and Problem Statements

As part of the ongoing Congestion Management Process, Transportation Council staff will conduct field visits to congested locations as identified through data analysis, stakeholder input, and/or public input. The purpose of the field visits will be to complete a checklist of field observations and prepare a brief Problem Statement memo. The Problem Statement will document observed multi-modal operational issues and highlight opportunities for future study, with emphasis on identifying cost-effective “low hanging fruit” opportunities.

The scope of each field visit will be as follows:

- **Before the field visit**, Transportation Council staff will coordinate with state and local stakeholders to get input on local context, known issues, operational challenges, safety concerns, future planned projects and developments, and relevant prior studies. Transportation Council staff will compile public input received through the Congestion Management Process, review available travel time and traffic volume data, and review crash data at the site.
- **During the field visit**, Transportation Council will complete a checklist of observations, including: traffic signal timing and phasing, signal coordination, turning lanes and queue storage, transit operations (if present), freight operations, access management, safety, pedestrian crossings, bicycle operations, infrastructure condition, and physical characteristics of the site.
- **Following the field visit**, the site context and checklist findings will be summarized into a Problem Statement memo to be shared with the roadway owner.

To request a field visit, please contact Andrew Tracy at info@capitalmpo.org or call 518-458-2161. For more information on the Congestion Management Process, please visit <https://www.capitalmpo.org/what-we-do/operations>.