

Common Challenges for Local Agencies in ADA Compliance

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Background

- Increasing number of ADA-related complaints filed with FHWA
- “Does the agency have a Transition Plan?”
- Findings of non-compliance for local agencies
- ADA identified as a Top 3 Civil Rights risk for FHWA NY

Common Challenges

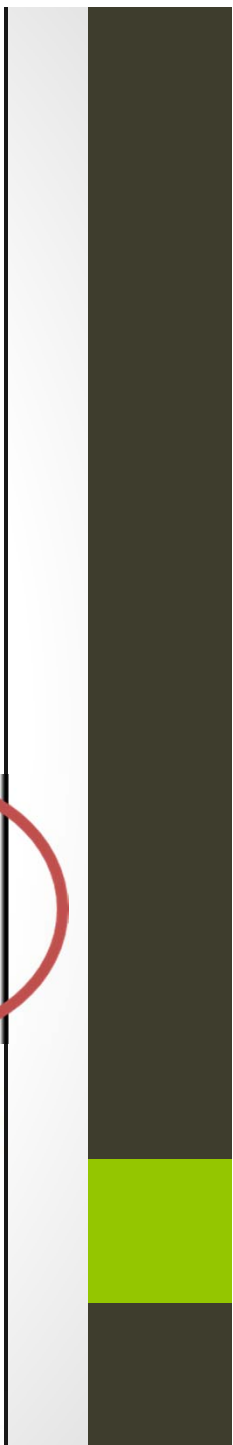
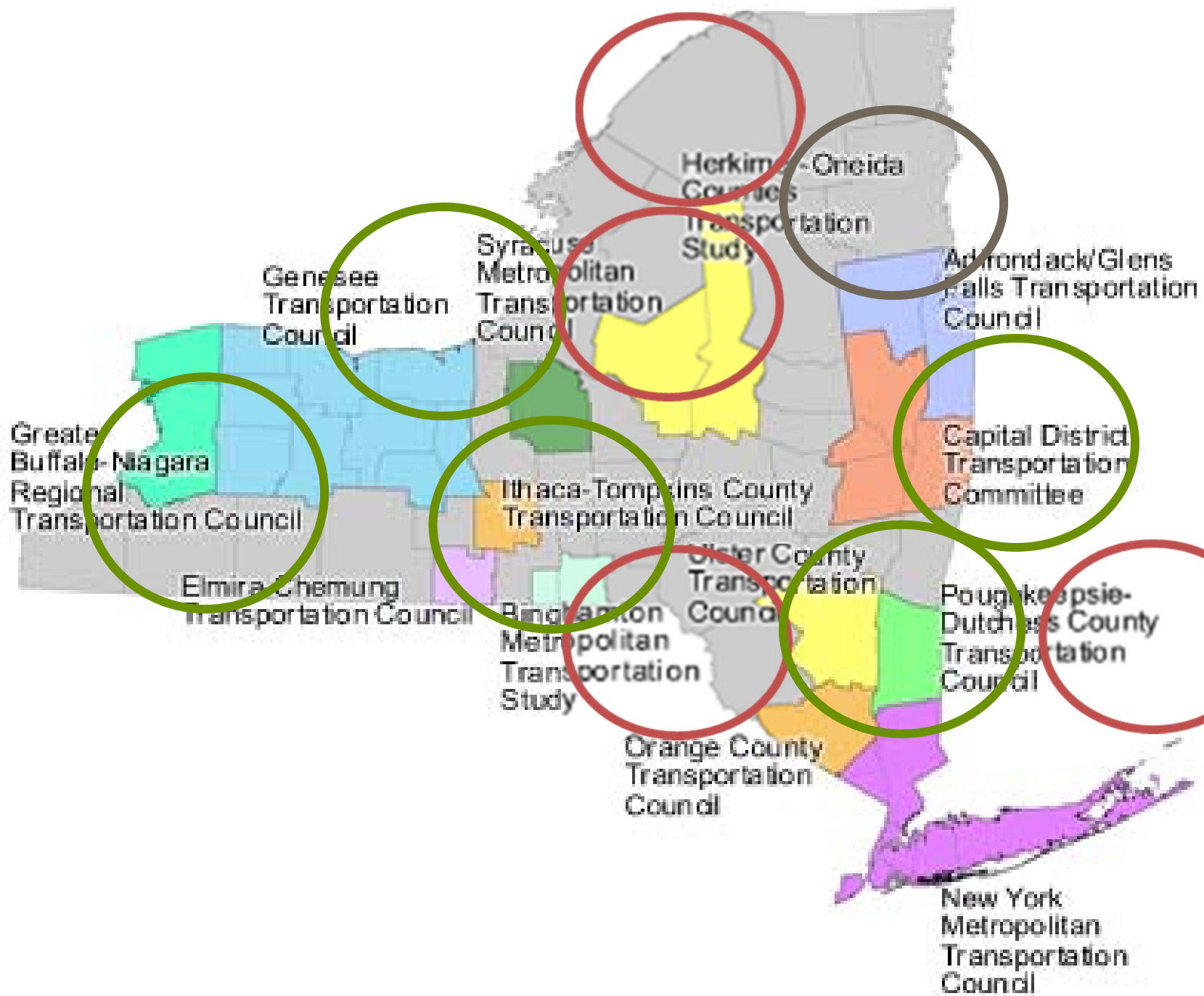
1. What does the plan need to have?
2. What do we need to do?
3. Who and how to conduct the self-evaluation?
4. Who will support this?

1. What does the plan need to have?

- PLAFAP contains template for ADA Transition Plans for local agencies developed by Indiana (FHWA Best Practice)

2. What do we need to do?

- January 2016 -NYSDOT/FHWA NY joint training for MPOs on Title VI and ADA requirements *for MPOs*
- Ongoing - Day long workshops hosted by the MPOs for their local agencies



4. Who will support this?

- ADA Work Groups
- Creating a support network (all meet together and provide updates, lessons learned)
- Creating a cohesive regional initiative (all collect same type of data, all share interns/costs)
- Then this information will be useful for other purposes too (i.e. regional planning, complete streets, etc.)

What happened to #3?

Who and how to conduct the self-evaluation?

Lessons Learned

- Regional initiatives – engage the MPOs as primary stakeholders
 - Public involvement, planning, and funding expertise
 - Cost saving
 - Political and Regional cohesion
 - Broader planning uses for the data
- Right sizing all elements