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Dear TSMO Stakeholder,

The Statewide TSMO Strategic Plan was issued on August 21, 2017 which established a statewide framework for district/regional TSMO program planning. Based on subsequent input received from stakeholders around the state, as well as lessons learned during the development of the Austin District TSMO Program Plan, the Statewide TSMO Strategic Plan was revised. The revised plan can be found at the TSMO website: https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/traffic/tsmo.html

Starting in the fall of 2018, the remaining District TSMO Program Plans will begin being developed through a set of statewide engineering consultant contracts. Additionally, the Traffic Safety Division will lead efforts to further mainstream TSMO at the statewide level, collaborating with the districts as well as other divisions.

The District TSMO Program Plans will define specific processes, institutional arrangements and projects that need implementation to support Traffic Management System (TMS) performance. Each of the 25 TxDOT districts have appointed a TSMO Coordinator and a TSMO Champion who will respectively coordinate the development of the District TSMO Program Plan and provide leadership support for the advancement of the program. For the program to be successful, early endorsement is needed from the senior leadership in the district, with participation from each of the districts' core functional groups (planning, design, construction, operations, maintenance, etc.). It is also important to have participation from the external partner agencies (cities, first responders, toll authorities, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), etc.)

The Traffic Safety Division will facilitate a statewide kick-off meeting in late October 2018 for the purposes of reviewing the scope of work to develop the District TSMO Program Plans, introducing the engineering consultant firms that will be involved, convening a statewide TSMO planning steering committee, and providing instructions on executing contract work authorizations.

If you have any further questions, please contact Marco Cameron at (512) 506-5151 or me at (512) 416-3200.

Please share this information with your state, regional, and local partners. We look forward to your continued participation in this initiative.

Sincerely,

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