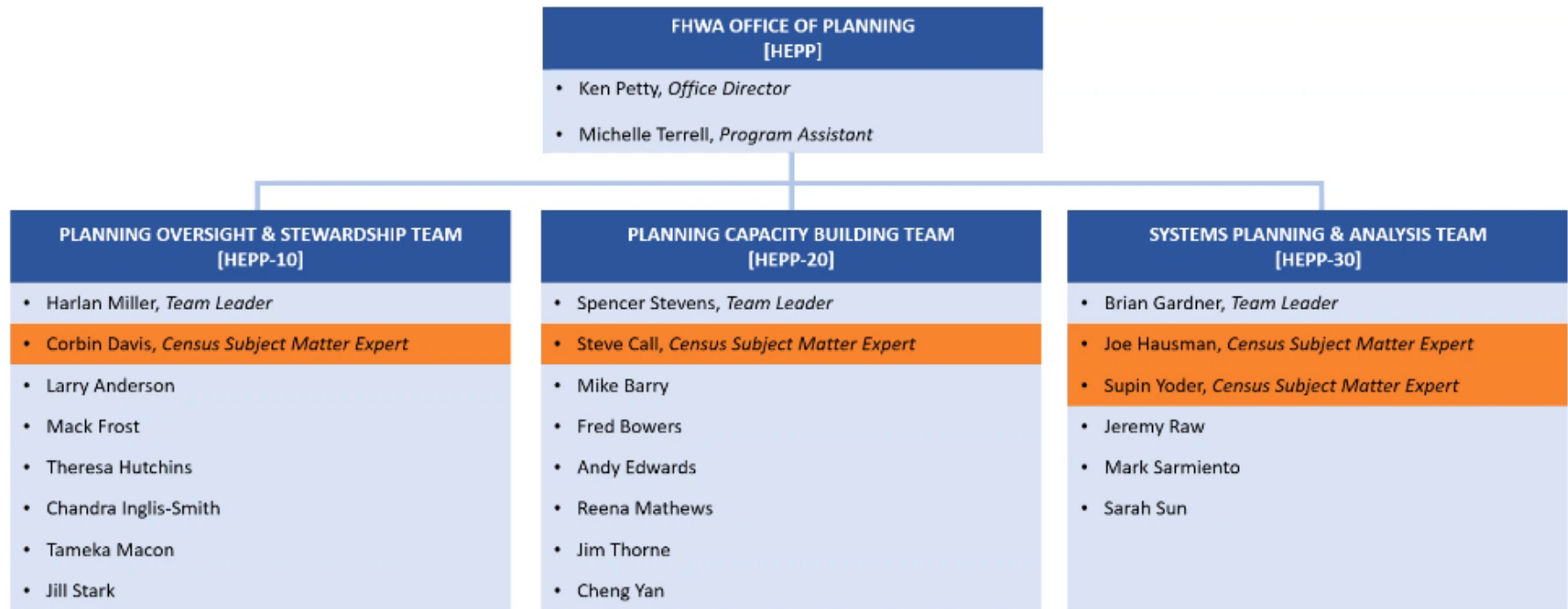


# Estimated Schedule of Activities for the 2020 Census Urban Areas\*

2021	2022	2023	2024	2026
<p><b>February 19, 2021</b></p> <p>The United States Census Bureau published a <a href="#">Federal Register</a> notice with proposed criteria for defining urban areas based on the results of the 2020 Decennial Census.</p>	<p><b>Spring/Summer 2022</b></p> <p>The Census Bureau will publish a Federal Register notice announcing the qualifying urban areas based on the results of the 2020 Decennial Census and release TIGER/Line geographic shapefiles on their website.</p>	<p><b>Spring/Summer 2023</b></p> <p>New MPOs must be designated by Governor(s) to represent all new urban areas with populations of 50,000 or more, as determined by the Census Bureau and the results of the 2020 Decennial Census.</p>	<p><b>Spring 2024</b></p> <p>New TMAs must have a Congestion Management Process (CMP).</p>	<p><b>Spring/Summer 2026</b></p> <p>New MPOs must have a formally adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).</p>
<p><b>Summer 2021</b></p> <p>The Census Bureau will review the comments received on the proposed criteria published in the Federal Register.</p>	<p><b>Fall 2022</b></p> <p>USDOT (FHWA and FTA) will publish a Federal Register notice designating Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) for urban areas with populations of 200,000 or more, as determined by the Census Bureau and the results of the 2020 Decennial Census.</p>		<p><b>April 15 and June 15, 2024</b></p> <p>Any adjustments to urban area boundaries must be approved by the Governor(s) (or Governor's designee) and FHWA Division Office(s). FHWA will consider all urban area boundaries final as of April 15, 2024 and will use the original 2020 Census boundaries for all urban areas that have not been adjusted. The 2024 Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) data submissions on April 15 and June 15, 2024 must conform to the approved urban area boundary.</p>	
<p><b>Fall/Winter 2021</b></p> <p>The Census Bureau will publish a Federal Register notice with the final criteria for defining urban areas based on the results of the 2020 Decennial Census.</p>	<p><b>Before October 1, 2022</b></p> <p>States should revisit their intra-State formulas for metropolitan planning (PL) funds allocations to MPOs to ensure that the new Census 2020 population figures are being used and that any new MPOs are part of the calculation.</p>			
	<p><b>After October 1, 2022</b></p> <p>Before next regularly-scheduled Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update, after October 1, 2022, or within 4 years of the designation of the new urban area boundary, whichever occurs first, existing MPOs must expand their Metropolitan Planning Areas (MPAs) to include all territory in urban areas with populations of 50,000 or more, as determined by the Census Bureau and the results of the 2020 Decennial Census (if necessary).</p>			

# FHWA's Planning Resources for the Census



**FHWA Census Issues Website**  
[https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/census\\_issues/](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/census_issues/)

**FHWA Planning, Environment, and Realty GIS (HEPGIS)**  
<https://hepgis.fhwa.dot.gov/fhwagis/>

**Internal FHWA Planning Discipline SharePoint**  
<https://usdot.sharepoint.com/sites/fhwa-dss-planning/SitePages/Census.aspx>