

**P802.3ar Congestion Management
Task Force
*Closing Plenary Meeting Report***

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Activity this week (1/3)

- Heard detailed proposal on rate limiting in support of first TF objective
- Took straw poll “Do you support proposal?”
 - Y: 7 N: 2 A: 13
- Supporters decided to spend additional time gathering support and resolving concerns
- Expect to hear proposal in May meeting

Activity this week (2/3)

- **Heard presentation on congestion in Ethernet backplanes**
 - Proposes defining new Type field for Congestion Notification tag for BCN, FCN and DCN
 - Supports notion of extending 802.3x flow control to include class information
- **Heard presentation discussing congestion management in Enterprise and backplanes**
 - Proposes creation of Congestion Notification frame in either 802.1/802.3
- **Feedback provided by the TF**
 - Interesting concepts, but likely require 802.1 involvement
 - Can not solve within TF
 - Future presentations should describe complete proposals
 - Also, must not presuppose switch/backplane implementation

Activity this week (3/3)

- **Heard brief update on congestion notification**
 - **The proposal presented in January will be developed further and presented in May**
- **Heard preview of presentation to 802.1 proposing traffic differentiation (also known as “virtual links”)**
 - **Agreed that no action required by TF**

Thank you!