

VLMPO Committee Meeting Agenda

Citizens Advisory Committee: Tuesday, March 3, 2020; 3:00 p.m.

Technical Advisory Committee: Wednesday, March 4, 2020; 9:00 a.m.

Policy Committee: Wednesday, March 4, 2020; 10:30 a.m.

It is the Mission of the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization to encourage reliable funding of a safe and efficient, regional transportation system that includes public transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, highways, railroads, and airports for the movement of goods and people.

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| I. | Call to Order | Chair |
| II. | Introductions/Roll Call | Chair |
| | A. Review of Committee Attendance (all committees) | |
| III. | Approval of Minutes – December 3/4, 2019 (CAC, TAC, PC) | Chair |
| IV. | New Business (CAC, TAC, PC) | |
| | A. FY2021 UPWP and Budget – Resolution FY2020-6
Action: Recommend/Adopt | Corey Hull |
| | B. VLMPO Strategic Plan – Resolution FY2020-7
Action: Recommend/Adopt | Corey Hull |
| V. | Staff Update | Corey Hull |
| | A. 2045 Transportation Plan Update | |
| | B. Public Transit Updates | |
| VI. | Privilege of the Floor/Public Comment | Chair |
| VII. | Next Meeting Date | Chair |
| | A. CAC: Tuesday, June 3, 2020; 3:00 p.m.; at SGRC Office | |
| | B. TAC: Wednesday, June 4, 2020; 9:00 a.m.; at SGRC Office | |
| | C. PC: Wednesday, June 4, 2020; 10:30 a.m.; at SGRC Office | |
| VIII. | Adjournment | Chair |

**FY2020 VLMPO
Citizen's Advisory Committee Membership**

Name	Appointed By	Position
1. Ronald Skrine	Lowndes County	Chair
2. Clayton Milligan	Lowndes County	Vice-Chair
3. Mary Jane Yorke	City of Lake Park	Secretary
4. Vanessa Flucas	City of Valdosta	Member
5. William Branham	City of Valdosta	Member
6. Jim Parker	City of Valdosta	Member
7. Jim Blanton	City of Hahira	Member
8. Carroll Griffin	City of Remerton	Member
9. Stan Crance	VL Industrial Authority	Member
10. Chris Hamilton	VLCCTA	Member
11. Michael Cooper	Downtown Development Authority	Member
12. Myrna Ballard	VL Chamber of Commerce	Member
13. Jim Galloway	VL Airport Authority	Member
14. Ray Sable	Valdosta State University	Member
15. Steven Barnes	Leadership Lowndes	Member
16. Dr. William Cason	Valdosta Board of Education	Member
17. Shannon McConico	Wiregrass Technical College	Member
18. Wes Taylor	Lowndes Board of Education	Member
19. Phil Hubbard	Lowndes County	Member
20. Gary Wisenbaker	Lowndes County	Member
21. Debbie Hobdy	Lowndes County	Member
22. Kathleen Hodges	City of Valdosta	Member
23. Vacant	City of Dasher	Member

The CAC serves as a public information and involvement committee that represents a cross section of the community in diversity and interests.

The Citizen's Advisory Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 3:00pm the last month of each quarter (March, June, September, and December).

For more information please contact Corey Hull, MPO Coordinator at 229-333-5277 or at chull@sgrc.us.

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FY2020 VLMPO Transportation Advisory Committee Membership

Voting Members:Mike Fletcher
Patrick CollinsLowndes County, Engineer
City of Valdosta, EngineerChairman
Vice-ChairmanVan Mason
Vivian Canizares*GDOT District 4, Engineer
GDOT, Transportation PlannerMember
Member**Non-Voting Members:**Jeff Hill
Ricky Thomas
Vacant
Andrew Edwards
Danny WeeksLowndes County Schools
Valdosta City Schools, Trans. Director
Bicycle/Pedestrian Advocate
FHWA – GA Division
Lowndes County Emergency Mgmt. Dir.

* Tom McQueen is an alternate

The TAC is a technical committee of professionals advising the policy committee on technical matters relating to transportation plans and programs. The TAC is made up of city and county engineers, GDOT District engineers, GDOT planners, local school board representatives, bike and pedestrian advocates, and emergency response officials.

The Technical Committee meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 9:00am each quarter (March, June, September, and December).

For more information please contact Corey Hull, MPO Coordinator at 229-333-5277 or at chull@sgrc.us.

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FY2020 VLMPO Policy Committee Membership

Voting Members:

1.	Mark Barber	City of Valdosta, Manager	Chair
2.	Joe Pritchard	Lowndes County, Manager	Vice Chair
3.	Bill Slaughter	Lowndes County, Chairman	Member - Lowndes
4.	Brenda Exum	City of Ray City, Mayor	Member – Annual Small Cities
5.	Keith Sandlin	City of Lake Park, Mayor	Member – Bi-Annual Small Cities
6.	Scott Matheson	City of Valdosta, Mayor	Member - Valdosta
7.	Lisa Cribb	SGRC, Executive Director	Member - SGRC
8.	Russell McMurry*	GDOT, Commissioner	Member - GDOT
9.	Ronnie Gaskins	Berrien County, Chairman	Member – Annual Small Counties
10.	Alex Lee	Lanier County, Chairman	Member – Bi-Annual Small Counties

Non-Voting Members:

Moises Marrero	FHWA – GA Division, Administrator
Yvette Taylor	FTA Region IV, Administrator

All members are permitted to send a temporary or permanent proxy representative

*Tom McQueen is representative, Vivian Canizares is an alternate

The Policy Committee is the regional forum for cooperative decision-making by principal local elected officials, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and other planning partners.

The Policy Committee meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 10:30am each quarter (March, June, September, and December).

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Updated 1/17/2020

Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization Committee Attendance					
Name	Oranization	9/4/2019	12/3-4/19	3/3-4/20	6/2-3/20
Policy Committee					
Alex Lee	Lanier County	Y			
Bill Slaughter	Lowndes County	Y	Y		
Brenda Exum	City of Ray City				
Ronnie Gaskins	Berrien County	Proxy*	*		
Joe Pritchard	Lowndes County	Y	Y		
Scott Matheson	City of Valdosta	Y*	Y*		
Keith Sandlin	City of Lake Park		Y		
Lisa Cribb	Southern Georgia RC	Y	Y		
Mark Barber	City of Valdosta	Y	Y		
Tom McQueen	GDOT	Y	Y		
Moises Marrero	FHWA - Georgia				
Yvette Taylor	FTA - Region 4				
Technical Advisory Committee					
Vivian Canizares	GDOT Atlanta	Y	Y		
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County	Y	Y		
Patrick Collins	City of Valdosta	Y	Y		
Tim Warren	GDOT Tifton	Y	Y		
Vacant	Bicycle Advocate	*	*		
Danny Weeks	Lowndes County 911				
Jeff Hill	Lowndes Schools				
Ricky Thomas	Valdosta Schools	Y	Y		
Tamara Christion	FHWA- GA				
Citizen's Advisory Committee					
Carroll Griffin	City of Remerton		Y		
Chris Hamilton	VLCCTA	Y			
Clayton Milligan	Lowndes County	Y	Y		
Debbie Hobdy	Lowndes County	Y	Proxy		
Kathleen Hodges	City of Valdosta	*	*		
Dr. William Cason	Valdosta City Schools				
Gary Wisenbaker	Lowndes County	Y			
Jim Blanton	City of Hahira	*	*		
Jim Galloway	VL Airport Authroity		Y		
Jim Parker	City of Valdosta	Y			
Mary Jane Yorke	City of Lake Park	Y	Y		
Michael Cooper	CVDA				
Myrna Ballard	VLCOC	Y	Y		
Phil Hubbard	Lowndes County				
Ray Sable	VSU		Y		
Ronald Skrine	Lowndes County	Y	Y		
Shannon McConico	WGTC		Y		
Stan Crance	VLDA	Y	Y		
Steven Barnes	Leadership Lowndes	Y			
Vacant	City of Dasher	*	*		
Vanassa Flucas	City of Valdosta	Y			
Wes Taylor	Lowndes County Schools				
William Branham	City of Valdosta	Y	Y		

* Prior Appointee

**Minutes
Citizen's Advisory Committee
December 3, 2019
3:00 PM**

Members Present	Organization
Bill Branham	City of Valdosta
Jim Galloway	Valdosta Regional Airport
Tyler Willett (Debbie Hobdy)	Lowndes County
Ray Sable	VSU
Ronald Skrine	City of Valdosta
Stan Crance	VLDA
Myrna Ballard	VLCOC
Clayton Milligan	Lowndes County
Carroll Griffin	City of Remerton
Shannon McConico	WGTC
Mary Jane Yorke	Lake Park
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Kathy Hodges	
JD Dillard	SGRC

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Skrine called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

Mr. Skrine asked those present to introduce themselves and state their affiliation with the committee.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Skrine asked the members to review the minutes from the September 4, 2019 joint meeting of the VLMPO committees. A motion was made by Mr. Crance and seconded by Mr. Branham to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #4– New Business

A. Technical Advisory Committee Elections

Does not apply to CAC.

B. 2045 Travel Demand Model Resolution FY2020-3

Does not apply to CAC.

C. 2045 Project Prioritization and Selection Methodology

Does not apply to CAC.

D. VLMPO Participation Plan Update – Resolution FY2020-4

Mr. Hull presented the results of the Participation Plan update and public comment period. He noted one significant comment received from FHWA that highlighted the need to refine the Title VI (civil rights) complaint procedures to better reflect the VLMPO roles and responsibilities. This section will be updated. Several questions were asked about why parts of the document are now published in additional languages; Mr. Hull responded that this was to meet the minimum requirements of the Federal Transit Administration for Limited-English Proficiency requirement compliance. A motion was made by Ms. Ballard to recommend approval of the Participation Plan to the Policy Committee; Mr. Crance seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

E. FY2021 FTA 5303 Application – Resolution FY2020-5

Mr. Hull presented the FY2021 budget and description of work activities for the Federal Transit Administration 5303 planning grant. He noted that much of the work would be the same as it has been in prior years but there would be a focus on implementation of urban transit in the community. A motion was made by Mr. Crance to recommend approval of the 5303 application to the Policy Committee; Mr. Milligan seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

F. FY2021 FTA 5307 Application – Resolution FY2020-6

Mr. Hull presented the FY2021 application for 5307 funds from the Federal Transit Administration. He noted there were two parts proposed for the application. The first was for the Southern Georgia Regional Commission to operate urban transit inside the Valdosta Urbanized Area on an interim basis to compliment the proposed rural transit service the SGRC is considering to operate in Lowndes County and 17 other rural counties. The second part of the application was an implementation planning effort to help a local government entity set-up a permanent solution

to urban transit in the Valdosta Urbanized Area. A lengthy discussion ensued, topics of this discussion included: local funding availability for operations and capital needs, local government commitment to follow-through on implementation, estimated costs and annual trips for a proposed system, electric vehicle technology to reduce long-term costs, would a consultant be required to complete the implementation planning effort, and is Valdosta ready for an urban transit system. A motion was made by Mr. Galloway to recommend approval to the Policy Committee of the application. The motion also included a request for staff to provide the Policy Committee a summary of the discussion at the CAC meeting to aid in their decision-making. Ms. McConico seconded the motion. The motion carried with eight voting in favor and three (Mr. Branham, Mr. Sable, and Ms. Yorke) voting against.

G. VLMPO Strategic Plan Report Draft

Mr. Hull presented the report of comments from the strategic plan workshop held in September. He noted that all comments had an idea or recommendation for improving the VLMPO processes or products. Mr. Hull asked the committee members to review the document and submit any comments they have. The comments will be compiled a final report presented at the March 2020 meeting.

Agenda Item #5– Staff Update

A. FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget

Mr. Hull presented the UPWP budget page and asked the committee to review the entire documents that had been sent the week before by email. He noted that after a review period a formal comment period will be held for federal, state, and local partners prior to the anticipation adoption of the UPWP and budget in March 2020.

B. Innovative use of 2045 Socioeconomic Data

Mr. Hull shared with the CAC the recent use of the VLMPO Socioeconomic Data by Mr. Milligan for the planning for water and sewer infrastructure improvements in Lowndes County. The data was used to estimate population growth in an area of the county and determine the size of water and sewer infrastructure needed for future growth. Committee members were reminded to use this data for planning purposes.

Agenda Item #6 – Privilege of the Floor/Public Comment

None.

Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time

Mr. Skrine noted the next meet on March 3, 2020.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Branham and seconded by Mr. Crance to adjourn the meeting.at 4:07 p.m.

**Minutes
Technical Advisory Committee
December 4, 2019
9:00 AM**

Members Present	Organization
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County
Pat Collins	City Of Valdosta
Ricky Thomas	Valdosta City Schools
Matthew Risher (via phone)	GDOT
Tim Warren	GDOT
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC
JD Dillard	SGRC
Dennis Carter	GDOT
Tom McQueen	GDOT
Habte Kassa	GDOT
Vivian Miller-Cody	City of Valdosta

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Fletcher called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

Mr. Fletcher asked those present to introduce themselves and state their affiliation with the committee.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Fletcher asked the members to review the minutes from the September 4, 2019 joint meeting of the VLMPO committees. A motion was made by Mr. Risher and seconded by Mr. Fletcher to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #4– New Business

A. Technical Advisory Committee Elections

Note: Mr. Collins had not yet arrived. Mr. Fletcher noted that in Mr. Collins' absence that recommended the current committee officers remain. With no objections, Mr. Fletcher will remain the chair with Mr. Collins as vice-chair for 2020.

B. 2045 Travel Demand Model Resolution FY2020-3

Mr. Kassa with GDOT presented the 2015 Base Year and 2045 N0-Build Model results for use for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan update. Mr. Collins joined the meeting during this presentation. Mr. Fletcher requested that GDOT review the traffic volume data for Val Del Road for the base year. Mr. Hull requested that GDOT review the 2015 level of service map to clarify if Alden Ave. really had an LOS of F. Ms. Cody requested that GDOT review the traffic volume data for Forrest Street. Mr. Fletcher made a motion to recommend approval of the travel demand model scenarios to the Policy Committee with the stipulation that they review the requests previously made, Mr. Collins seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

C. 2045 Project Prioritization and Selection Methodology

Mr. Hull noted that the committee meeting was running over time and said that he would send this information to the TAC members for their review and comment after the meeting. He did note that the project scoring methodology had been revised since the last transportation plan to better address performance-based planning best practices.

D. VLMPO Participation Plan Update – Resolution FY2020-4

Mr. Hull presented the results of the Participation Plan update and public comment period. He noted one significant comment received from FHWA that highlighted the need to refine the Title VI (civil rights) complaint procedures to better reflect the VLMPO roles and responsibilities. This section will be updated. A motion was made by Mr. Collins to recommend approval of the Participation Plan to the Policy Committee; Mr. Fletcher seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

E. FY2021 FTA 5303 Application – Resolution FY2020-5

Mr. Hull presented the FY2021 budget and description of work activities for the Federal Transit Administration 5303 planning grant. He noted that much of the work would be the same as it has been in prior years but there would be a focus on implementation of urban transit in the

community. A motion was made by Mr. Fletcher to recommend approval of the 5303 application to the Policy Committee; Mr. Collins seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

F. FY2021 FTA 5307 Application – Resolution FY2020-6

Mr. Hull presented the FY2021 application for 5307 funds from the Federal Transit Administration. He noted there were two parts proposed for the application. The first was for the Southern Georgia Regional Commission to operate urban transit inside the Valdosta Urbanized Area on an interim basis to compliment the proposed rural transit service the SGRC is considering to operate in Lowndes County and 17 other rural counties. The second part of the application was an implementation planning effort to help a local government entity set-up a permanent solution to urban transit in the Valdosta Urbanized Area. He shared with them the comments from the CAC meeting the day before. A discussion ensued raising some doubt about available funding for transit and decisions that needed to be made by elected officials and not staff. A motion was made by Mr. Collins to recommend approval to the Policy Committee of the application. M Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

G. VLMPO Strategic Plan Report Draft

Mr. Hull presented the report of comments from the strategic plan workshop held in September. He noted that all comments had an idea or recommendation for improving the VLMPO processes or products. Mr. Hull asked the committee members to review the document and submit any comments they have. The comments will be compiled a final report presented at the March 2020 meeting.

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B. Innovative use of 2045 Socioeconomic Data

Mr. Hull shared with the TAC the recent use of the VLMPO Socioeconomic Data by a local engineering firm for the planning for water and sewer infrastructure improvements in Lowndes County. The data was used to estimate population growth in an area of the county and determine the size of water and sewer infrastructure needed for future growth. Committee members were reminded to use this data for planning purposes.

Agenda Item #6 – Privilege of the Floor/Public Comment

Mr. Thomas asked the City of Valdosta to look into areas at Park Avenue and Forrest Street and Jaycee Shack Road and Northside Drive where school bus drivers have problems with site distance and turning movements. Mr. Collins agreed to look into these areas.

Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time

Mr. Fletcher noted the next meet on March 4, 2020.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Fletcher to adjourn the meeting.at 10:22 a.m.

**Minutes
Policy Committee
December 4, 2019
10:30 AM**

Members Present	Organization
Keith Sandlin	Lake Park
John Gayle	Valdosta
Bill Slaughter	Lowndes County
Joe Pritchard	Lowndes County
Mark Barber	Valdosta
Tom McQueen	GDOT
Lisa Cribb	SGRC
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Habte Kassa	GDOT

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Barber called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

Mr. Barber asked those present to introduce themselves and state their affiliation with the committee.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Barber asked the members to review the minutes from the September 4, 2019 joint meeting of the VLMPO committees. A motion was made by Mr. Slaughter and seconded by Ms. Cribb to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #4– New Business

A. Technical Advisory Committee Elections

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C. 2045 Project Prioritization and Selection Methodology

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Southern Georgia Regional Commission to operate urban transit inside the Valdosta Urbanized Area on an interim basis to compliment the proposed rural transit service the SGRC is considering to operate in Lowndes County and 17 other rural counties. The second part of the application was an implementation planning effort to help a local government entity set-up a permanent solution to urban transit in the Valdosta Urbanized Area. He shared with them the comments from the CAC meeting the day before and from the TAC earlier in the morning. A discussion ensued about the timeliness of this application given current transit operating issues and new elected officials coming on board in the city. Mr. Slaughter made a motion to table the 5307 application; Mr. Gayle seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

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Agenda Item #6 – Privilege of the Floor/Public Comment

None.

Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time

Mr. Barber noted the next meet on March 4, 2020.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Slaughter and seconded by Mr. Pritchard to adjourn the meeting.at 11:22 a.m.

Mark Barber, Chair VLMPO Policy Committee
City Manager, City of Valdosta

RESOLUTION FY2020-6
VALDOSTA-LOWNDES
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION TO Adopt the FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program

WHEREAS, in accordance with the U.S. Bureau of the Census officially designated Urbanized Area Boundaries established May 1, 2002, and updated on November 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Georgia Regional Commission has been designated by the Governor of Georgia as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Valdosta-Lowndes Urbanized Area in accordance with Federal requirements of Title 23, Section 134 of the United States Code to have a Cooperative, Comprehensive and Continuous transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the MPO conducts federally-required transportation planning activities that will improve the transportation system and help coordinate the area's future growth within the area bounded, at minimum, by the existing Urbanized Area plus the contiguous area expected to become urbanized within the next 20 years; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization's Policy Committee adopts FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program as required by Title 23 USC 134 Section 450.308.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee at a regular meeting held on March 4, 2020.

Mark Barber, City Manager, City of Valdosta
Chair, Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization

1. Program Administration

1.1 MPO Administration

Objective	To implement the MPO’s overall transportation planning vision by administering the activities identified in the UPWP and managing the organization.	
FHWA Planning Factors		FHWA/FTA Planning Emphasis Areas
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10		1, 2, 3
FTA Activity Line Items		CCV and 2040 TVP Goals
44.21.00		1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18
Previous Work	MPO Committee Meetings, and Contract Compliance, VLMPO MOU, Strategic Plan	
FY21 Activities		
<p>Maintain proper records as required under Federal and State regulations for contracts administered by the MPO. Coordinate MPO Committee meetings and overall transportation planning efforts in the Region. Update the MPO MOU as necessary to include all parties and regulatory requirements. Update the MPO Committee orientation handbook as appropriate to introduce new committee members to the MPO transportation planning process.</p> <p>Continue to work with Georgia Assoc. of MPOs (GAMPO) and other state and national organizations on the role of MPOs in statewide and metropolitan transportation planning. Support GAMPO activities through participation in meetings and events.</p> <p>Continue to report on and implement the goals of the Common Community Vision, especially as they relate to transportation and accessibility/improvements to: economic and workforce development, education, housing, land use, and health. Implement the VLMPO Strategic Plan recommendations. This plan will be used to guide the development of the 2045 Transportation Vision Plan goals and future UPWP work elements. Implement any recommendations to improve the processes of the SGRC as the MPO identified during the FY20 GDOT Certification Review of the MPO transportation planning process.</p> <p>Staff will continue to inform the MPO committees of legislative and regulatory actions impacting transportation planning and funding.</p> <p>SGRC will continue membership in AMPO (organizations dues estimated to be \$500) and NADO (organization dues are paid by other non-MPO related funding sources), and will consider other organization memberships as appropriate. Please note the above are organizational memberships not personal.</p> <p>The SGRC will continue to provide staff that will be the local expert in transportation areas, assisting planning partners in transportation project development, building consensus and value in alternatives analysis, shared planning products, and providing a forum for regional decision making. Continue to work with GDOT and surrounding jurisdictions/agencies to maintain a comprehensive, coordinated, continuous, regional, multi-modal transportation planning process. The SGRC will continue to maintain a planning document schedule for local officials to understand the planning process better.</p>		
Products	Committee Agendas/Minutes, Annual Report, Contract and Financial Management, Personnel Management, Planning Document Schedule	
Agency	Southern Georgia Regional Commission	
Schedule:	July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021	

1.1 MPO Administration						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
MPO PL	FHWA	\$ 34,783.75	\$ -	\$ 1,739.19	\$ 6,956.75	\$ 43,479.69
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ 27,326.00	\$ 3,415.75	\$ 683.15	\$ 2,732.60	\$ 34,157.50
Total		\$ 62,109.75	\$ 3,415.75	\$ 2,422.34	\$ 9,689.35	\$ 77,637.19
FY22 FTA 5303 Estimated						
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ 27,326.00	\$ 3,415.75	\$ 683.15	\$ 2,732.60	\$ 34,157.50

1.2 Operations/Unified Planning Work Program

Objective	To identify work tasks to be undertaken by the SGRC as the MPO and ensure compliance with applicable federal, state and local requirements.				
FHWA Planning Factors			FHWA/FTA Planning Emphasis Areas		
			3		
FTA Activity Line Items			CCV and 2040 TVP Goals		
44.21.00			1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18		
Previous Work	FY21 UPWP, FY20 Quarterly Reports and Invoices for FHWA PL and FTA 5303/5307 funds, FY19 Annual Report				
FY21 Activities					
Prepare and amend (as needed) an annual UPWP (draft due: November; final due: March), including the preparation of work tasks, cost estimates and financial reports.					
Prepare quarterly reports, invoices and reimbursement requests to submit to GDOT and local partners.					
Prepare annual report reviewing activities of the past fiscal year.					
Prepare applications/resolutions for the GAMPO PL Funds Review Committee to apply for additional PL funds as requested by local governments (see Element 4.4).					
Develop scopes of work and/or purpose and need statements for each item in the five-year business plan that may require future consultant work.					
Prepare scopes of work and procurement items for projects listed in Element 4.4 of this UPWP as requested by local governments.					
Products	FY21 UPWP Amendments (if any), FY22 UPWP, FY21 Quarterly Reports, FY20 Annual Report				
Agency	Southern Georgia Regional Commission				
Schedule:	Quarterly Reports in July 2020, October 2020, January 2021 and April 2021; FY22 Draft for Review in November 2020, FY22 Approval in March 2021.				

1.2 UPWP						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
MPO PL	FHWA	\$ 3,864.86	\$ -	\$ 193.24	\$ 772.97	\$ 4,831.07
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total		\$ 3,864.86	\$ -	\$ 193.24	\$ 772.97	\$ 4,831.07
FY22 FTA 5303 Estimated						
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

1.3 Training/Professional Development

Objective	To develop staff professional and technical knowledge of transportation planning through relevant conferences, workshops, and webinars.				
FHWA Planning Factors			FHWA/FTA Planning Emphasis Areas		
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10			1, 2, 3		
FTA Activity Line Items			CCV and 2040 TVP Goals		
None			1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18		
Previous Work	Attendance at various FHWA, TRB, GPA, APA, GAMPO, and GDOT events.				
FY21 Activities					
Provide continuing education and training for MPO staff and committees that will enable the MPO to effectively carry out the transportation planning process, including but not limited to: performance measures, Environmental Justice/ADA/Title VI, transportation planning, GIS and visualization techniques, and other innovations as they are available.					
Some conferences the staff and committee members may attend include but are not limited to (parentheses indicate registration/travel/salary cost estimate): GA Planning Assoc. (\$2200 x2), GA Transit Assoc. (\$2200 x2), American Planning Assoc. (\$5000), Transportation Research Board (\$5000), GA Assoc. of MPOs, national Assoc. of MPOs (\$4000), GA Highway Safety Conference (\$2200), National Assoc. of Development Orgs. (\$4000), and other training provided by FHWA, FTA, GDOT, NTI or NHI. Travel will be subject to the SGRC Travel Policies, based on Federal per diem rates. Travel costs not associated with training and education events are included in other work elements of this UPWP.					
Staff will maintain a training tracker to report training hours and content to the GA Department of Community Affairs and for other purposes.					
Products	Attendance at various meetings and conferences (identified above).				
Agency	Southern Georgia Regional Commission				
Schedule:	Varies depending on events; July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021				

1.3 Staff Education						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
MPO PL	FHWA	\$ 15,459.45	\$ -	\$ 772.97	\$ 3,091.89	\$ 19,324.32
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 5,000.00
Total		\$ 19,459.45	\$ 500.00	\$ 872.97	\$ 3,491.89	\$ 24,324.32
FY22 FTA 5303 Estimated						
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 5,000.00

1.4 Computer Supplies/Technical Assistance

Objective	To maintain computer systems and office supplies used for relevant transportation planning activities.	
FHWA Planning Factors		FHWA/FTA Planning Emphasis Areas
		3
FTA Activity Line Items		CCV and 2040 TVP Goals
None		1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18
Previous Work	Annual ArcGIS licenses, other software maintenance fees, SGRC IT Dept. Technical Assistance (ongoing)	
FY21 Activities		
<p>The SGRC as the MPO will purchase and maintain relevant computer supplies (hardware, software), mobile communications (including service fees) to meet the needs of the staff to effectively carry out the MPO transportation planning process pursuant to the SGRC Procurement Policy. Computer supplies (computer, monitors, keyboard, mouse, etc.) and software (MS Office Suite, Adobe Reader Pro, ArcGIS, etc.) costs estimated to be \$2,200 per user.</p> <p>The SGRC IT Department will continue to provide technical assistance to staff to maintain computer supplies and software (regular updates, maintenance, troubleshooting).The SGRC as the MPO will also coordinate the purchase of supplies, computer systems, software and training with local governments for local traffic counting programs as requested.</p>		
Products	Software purchases and updates; purchase of computer supplies necessary to complete transportation planning activities, IT technical assistance.	
Agency	Southern Georgia Regional Commission	
Schedule:	Varies, depending on needs; July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021	

1.4 Computer Supplies						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
MPO PL	FHWA	\$ 3,864.86	\$ -	\$ 193.24	\$ 772.96	\$ 4,831.08
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total		\$ 3,864.86	\$ -	\$ 193.24	\$ 772.96	\$ 4,831.08

2. Participation Plan Implementation

2.1 Outreach/Education/EJ/Title VI/LEP

Objective	To implement the strategies and policies of the VLMPO Participation Plan including: Title VI Compliance, Environmental Justice, and LEP.	
FHWA Planning Factors		FHWA/FTA Planning Emphasis Areas
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10		2
FTA Activity Line Items		CCV and 2040 TVP Goals
None		12
Previous Work	FY19 Annual Report including Title VI, EJ and LEP sections, 508 website and document compliance, Update of Participation Plan, 2045 MTP outreach and engagement, language translation services, regular social media and website updates	
FY21 Activities		
Outreach and Education: Staff will continue to communicate, educate, inform, make transparent, and visualize how the transportation planning process impacts all of the FHWA planning factors through regular inclusionary public involvement opportunities associated with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Participation Plan (PP) and other documents for the public and elected officials. Engage and inform non-traditional community planning partners through the Citizen’s Advisory Committee about the transportation planning process and promote the Greater Lowndes County Common Community Vision as a strategic vision for the community. Staff will engage the community through techniques as identified in its Participation Plan. Develop and maintain websites and social media, with the most recent and relevant data and information about the MPO transportation planning process for the public and local government decision makers. Develop graphical, marketing and visualization skills and products to better communicate transportation data and concepts. Conduct public involvement strategies as outlined in the PP as needed for development of various documents, including but not limited to outlining participation objectives for the development of the 2045 Transportation Vision Plan. Participation Plan (EJ/Title VI/LEP) Implementation/Maintenance: Review, update and annually report on the status of the Participation Plan, Title VI compliance, EJ outreach, and LEP analysis. Staff will annually attend training events and continue to analyze EJ, LEP and Title VI populations to ensure that all populations have access to essential services. Continue to implement the PP and report on the performance measures in that document. Develop GIS-based data resources to analyze and evaluate social and environmental impacts of transportation improvements.		
Products	FY20 Annual Report PP Section, PP Updates (if any), Website/Social Media updates, PP implementation	
Agency	Southern Georgia Regional Commission	
Schedule:	Varies based on technique used from daily social media posts, weekly website updates, public comment periods as needed and other community events; July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021	

2.1 Public Participation						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
MPO PL	FHWA	\$ 1,288.29	\$ -	\$ 64.41	\$ 257.66	\$ 1,610.36
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 825.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 660.00	\$ 8,250.00
Total		\$ 7,888.29	\$ 825.00	\$ 229.41	\$ 917.66	\$ 9,860.36

3. Comprehensive Planning/Research

3.1 GIS/Travel Demand Model (TDM) Development

Objective	To develop and maintain GIS layers needed for the transportation planning process and to ensure effective use of the Travel Demand Model.				
FHWA Planning Factors			FHWA/FTA Planning Emphasis Areas		
2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9			3		
FTA Activity Line Items			CCV and 2040 TVP Goals		
None			3, 7, 12, 18		
Previous Work	Various GIS layers developed and updates (roads, bridges, etc.), GIS web apps for 2045 MTP, Transportation/Environment Analysis GIS application, GDOT updates to TDM and staff use of TDM for analysis				
FY21 Activities					
<p>The staff will work with the Valdosta-Lowndes Regional GIS Department (VALOR) at the SGRC to develop and maintain GIS data, and a website that shows transportation projects from the TIP and MTP. Develop a data update schedule for key layers used by the staff. Support the SGRC Regional Plan implementation of Goal ED-1 to develop GIS layers of infrastructure like stormwater and transportation infrastructure. Continue to educate local officials of the importance of the travel demand model and how it can be used for transportation planning decision making purposes. Develop GIS-based data resources to analyze and evaluate social and environmental impacts of transportation improvements that will be used to inform the prioritization of projects to be included in the 2045 TVP. Review GIS resources and the local Hazard Mitigation Plan to identify transportation infrastructure that might be susceptible to extreme weather events.</p> <p>Develop regional commuting maps (when Census data is available) to illustrate regional travel patterns that impact travel from surrounding communities on the MPO Planning Area.</p> <p>The SGRC as the MPO will use GIS to analyze data collected for performance measures to inform local officials of trends in data to set target areas and to analyze projects for inclusion in the LRTP and TIP. Staff will use GIS data analysis outputs and other visualization techniques to convey information about how transportation improvements can positively impact planning factors.</p> <p>The staff and TAC will review model outputs from the 2045 TDM that is produced by GDOT, and staff will use the officially maintained GDOT model to perform model runs as requested by local governments. Maintain the MPO 2035 Joint Land Use Study Travel Demand Model for analysis requests from local stakeholders as it relates to the mission of Moody Air Force Base and its impact on land use and transportation relationships in the Metropolitan Planning Area.</p>					
Products	Various GIS layers, commute pattern maps, website updates, TDM Output Reports				
Agency	Southern Georgia Regional Commission, GDOT (TDM only)				
Schedule:	Varies based on needs of the projects and available data; July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021				

3.1 GIS/Travel Demand Model						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
MPO PL	FHWA	\$ 12,882.87	\$ -	\$ 644.14	\$ 2,576.57	\$ 16,103.59
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total		\$ 12,882.87	\$ -	\$ 644.14	\$ 2,576.57	\$ 16,103.59

3.2 Land Use Planning

Objective	To analyze the impacts of land use and transportation improvements to ensure consistency with the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan.		
FHWA Planning Factors		FHWA/FTA Planning Emphasis Areas	
2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10		1, 3	
FTA Activity Line Items		CCV and 2040 TVP Goals	
None		3, 7, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18	
Previous Work	Weekly review of local land use changes/requests from local governments, Valdosta Neighborhood Plans		
FY21 Activities			
Coordinate with local land use planning staff to review local land use developments (zoning requests, subdivision plats, commercial developments, etc.) as to their effects on the local transportation infrastructure and consistency with the goals of the 2045 MTP. Provide technical assistance to local engineers and planners on topics relating to transportation and land use including: access management, transit oriented development, complete streets, etc.			
Coordinate with MPO jurisdictions to cooperatively develop updates and implement local comprehensive (and regional) plans and planning efforts as required by the GA Department of Community Affairs (transportation planning requirements and transportation-land use relationships). Continue to inform the public and stakeholders of the Greater Lowndes County Common Community Vision and promote its use as a strategic vision for the community.			
Continue to work with the SGRC and local land use planners to implement the Moody Air Force Base Joint Land Use Study recommendations that impact the transportation-land use relationship in the Metropolitan Planning Area.			
Develop at least one (1) neighborhood plan for the City of Valdosta that provides guidance for the growth and redevelopment of a neighborhood based on the 2040 TVP and 2045 MTP, local Comprehensive Plan, Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan, transit plans, and other local/regional plans/studies focusing on how public transportation infrastructure investment will benefit the redevelopment of neighborhoods.			
The MPO will continue to encourage the development of gateways into the community that improve visual appearance and mitigate natural/human environmental impacts of transportation.			
Staff will review, share and update as needed the 2045Socioeconomic Data Study for use by other organizations.			
Products	Participation in local Comprehensive Plan Updates, technical assistance provided to local jurisdictions, neighborhood plan		
Agency	Southern Georgia Regional Commission		
Schedule:	Varies based on local needs; July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021		

3.2 Land Use Planning						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
MPO PL	FHWA	\$ 12,882.87	\$ -	\$ 644.14	\$ 2,576.57	\$ 16,103.59
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total		\$ 12,882.87	\$ -	\$ 644.14	\$ 2,576.57	\$ 16,103.59

3.3 Inter-/Multi-Modal Transportation Planning

Objective	To improve the movement of goods and people through planning for freight, and bicycle and pedestrian modes.	
FHWA Planning Factors		FHWA/FTA Planning Emphasis Areas
2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8		1, 2
FTA Activity Line Items		CCV and 2040 TVP Goals
None		3, 7, 13, 14, 15, 18
Previous Work	School-based crash reports, GIS mapping of school zones and bike/ped infrastructure, Complete Streets Policy	
FY21 Activities		
<p>Continue to work with local and state jurisdictions to implement the Bike/Ped Master Plan. Report on the status of this implementation. Consider the development of Complete Streets Policies for the the City of Valdosta, and Lowndes County when they might be requested by local governments. Explore options for: improved data on bicycle and pedestrian usage in the region (traffic video analysis, fitness apps, etc.); funding bicycle and pedestrian projects (social impact bonds, etc.); improving transportation planning so that it can be used to improve health of the local population.</p> <p>With other SGRC transportation planning programs, coordinate efforts on Safe Routes to School participation, regional bicycle and pedestrian planning activities (like: complete streets workshops, health and transportation, etc.) within the MPO Planning Area (SGRC receives other funding for these programs outside the MPO, but the products may be coordinated where appropriate). Develop crash reports for each K-12 school to identify any problems associated with transportation safety in/around school zones (see SGRC Regional Plan Goal EDU-10).</p> <p>Implement ideas from the Transportation Demand Managemnet Report in the VLMPO Planning Area.</p> <p>Freight and Intermodal Activities: Continue to integrate freight and goods movement planning and analysis into long and short range planning efforts.</p> <p>Continue to update data and perform analysis of how freight and goods movement impacts economic development in the region. Coordinate MPO planning efforts with other local transportation modes: railroads, airports, seaports, etc. to inform and influence the 2045 TVP update process.</p>		
Products	Freight Report Series Updates, Bike/Ped Safety Information	
Agency	Southern Georgia Regional Commission	
Schedule:	other items vary based on local needs - July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021	

3.3 Inter-/Multi-Modal Planning						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
MPO PL	FHWA	\$ 12,882.87	\$ -	\$ 644.14	\$ 2,576.57	\$ 16,103.59
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total		\$ 12,882.87	\$ -	\$ 644.14	\$ 2,576.57	\$ 16,103.59

3.4 Systems Data Analysis and Research

Objective	To develop and maintain on-going data collection programs to monitor current and historic operational characteristics of the transportation network.	
FHWA Planning Factors		FHWA/FTA Planning Emphasis Areas
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9		3
FTA Activity Line Items		CCV and 2040 TVP Goals
None		3,7, 13, 18
Previous Work	FY20 Annual Crash Report, GIS data analysis and web app development	
FY21 Activities		
<p>Continue to develop an Annual Crash Report that analyzes crash data for local governments to identify safety improvements that can be implemented through new projects or educational programs. Conduct Road Safety Audits (RSAs) with local jurisdictions as requested to identify solutions to safety and operational concerns.</p> <p>Encourage and advise local governments to develop transportation asset management plans. Report on age and structural integrity of bridges in the region to highlight need for replacement, ongoing maintenance, future financial needs for repair/maintenance, etc.</p> <p>Continue to work with GDOT and local jurisdictions, as requested on the implementation of Intelligent Transportation Systems and architectures in the Metropolitan Planning Area.</p> <p>Coordinate data development and analysis with GIS resources to better visualize data for local decision makers for various MPO plans and projects.</p> <p>Identify data needs to implement MAP-21 and FAST Act Performance Measures and the 2045 MTP as required and in consultation with GDOT and local partners. Procure as needed and appropriate data needed for performance measurement and analysis of the transportation system and its impacts on regional economic development. Collect and analyze data as it is identified to develop data trends and targets for project selection and prioritization. Continue to report on various data trends that impact transportation planning in the region. Educate local officials on the importance and need for additional data and analysis to complete performance measure trend analysis and target setting.</p>		
Products	Annual Crash Report, RSAs as requested, other transportation data reports	
Agency	Southern Georgia Regional Commission	
Schedule:	Crash Report – June 2021; other items vary based on local needs - July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021	

3.4 Systems Data Analysis						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
MPO PL	FHWA	\$ 11,594.58	\$ -	\$ 579.73	\$ 2,318.91	\$ 14,493.23
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total		\$ 11,594.58	\$ -	\$ 579.73	\$ 2,318.91	\$ 14,493.23

4. Transportation Systems Planning

4.1 Transportation Improvement Program

Objective	To develop, maintain and implement a fiscally constrained Transportation Improvement Program in cooperation with local and state planning partners.
FHWA Planning Factors	FHWA/FTA Planning Emphasis Areas
1, 6, 7, 8, 9	3
FTA Activity Line Items	CCV and 2040 TVP Goals
44.25.00	3, 12, 15, 18
Previous Work	FY2018-2021 TIP and amendments and modifications
FY21 Activities	
<p>The SGRC as the MPO will continue to work with GDOT and local planning partners in prioritizing, developing and implementing projects in the TIP, including attending meetings and conducting analysis where needed to select and prioritize projects. Implement national goals and performance measures in the TIP in coordination with local and state partners. Continue to process TIP amendments and administrative modifications according to adopted policies (including those in the PP) in coordination with GDOT and local jurisdictions. Continue to provide technical support for projects in the TIP.</p> <p>Continue to coordinate with GDOT and local transit providers to update and report on performance targets/measures in the TIP and System Performance Report.</p> <p>Continue to maintain a project tracking tool and GIS database to provide the public and planning partner's information about project development and timelines.</p> <p>Continue to work with the City of Valdosta in the prioritization and implementation of projects, plans and policies identified in the City of Valdosta Transportation Master Plan.</p> <p>Continue to explore new and innovative funding opportunities (unique grants, social impact bonds, etc.) for transportation improvements.</p>	
Products	FY2021-2024 TIP and/or any TIP amendments as needed
Agency	Southern Georgia Regional Commission
Schedule:	Anticipated New TIP – June 2020; other items vary based on local needs - July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

4.1 TIP						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
MPO PL	FHWA	\$ 10,306.30	\$ -	\$ 515.31	\$ 2,061.26	\$ 12,882.86
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 8,000.00
Total		\$ 16,706.30	\$ 800.00	\$ 675.31	\$ 2,701.26	\$ 20,882.86
FY22 FTA 5303 Estimated						
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 8,000.00

4.2 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Objective	To develop, maintain and implement a 20-year fiscally responsible metropolitan transportation plan.				
FHWA Planning Factors			FHWA/FTA Planning Emphasis Areas		
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8			3		
FTA Activity Line Items			CCV and 2040 TVP Goals		
44.23.01			1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18		
Previous Work	2040 Transportation Vision Plan Implementation Report and amendments and modifications				
FY21 Activities					
Finalize the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan as a performance-based planning document in partnership with GDOT and local partners in accordance with federal laws and regulations (in support of Lowndes Comp Plan Item 7). Continue to maintain (amend), update, and implement the 2045 MTP as needed in accordance with amendment procedures and public involvement procedures as outlined in the PP). Coordinate with GDOT and local transit operators to report and implement performance targets/measures in the MTP and System Performance Report. Monitor the implementation of the 2045 MTP through the MPO annual report and other reporting methods.					
Continue to work with GDOT and local partners in prioritizing and implementing projects in the MTP and TIP, this includes attending meetings and conducting analysis where needed for a comprehensive, coordinated and continuous MTP. Continue to inform the public and stakeholders of the Greater Lowndes County Common Community Vision and promote its use as a strategic vision for the community.					
Products	Maintain/Update 2040 Transportation Vision Plan as needed, Report on implementation of 2040 TVP in FY19 Annual Report, 2045 MTP Update				
Agency	Southern Georgia Regional Commission				
Schedule:	2040 Implementation Report July 2020, 2045 MTP adoption in August 2020 other items vary based on local needs - July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021				

4.2 Metropolitan Transportation Plan						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
MPO PL	FHWA	\$ 9,018.01	\$ -	\$ 450.90	\$ 1,803.60	\$ 11,272.51
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total		\$ 9,018.01	\$ -	\$ 450.90	\$ 1,803.60	\$ 11,272.51
FY22 FTA 5303 Estimated						
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

4.3 Transit Planning

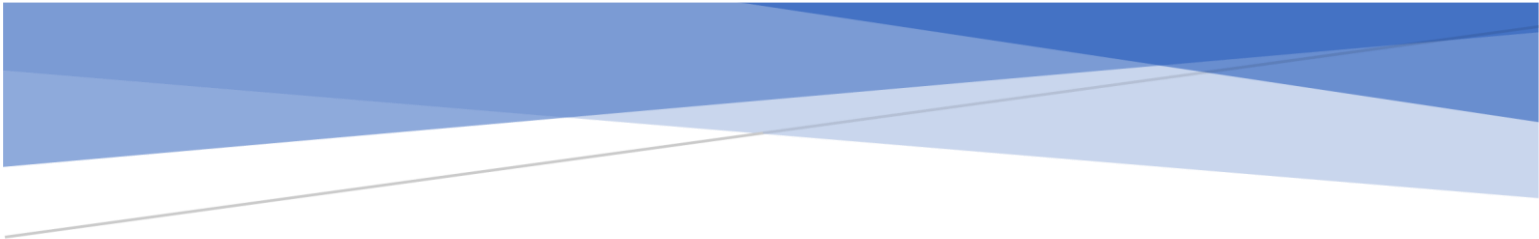
Objective	To plan for effective, affordable and accessible public transportation options and alternatives in the Metropolitan Planning Area.	
FHWA Planning Factors		FHWA/FTA Planning Emphasis Areas
2, 3, 4, 6, 7		2, 3
FTA Activity Line Items		CCV and 2040 TVP Goals
44.22.00		3, 18
Previous Work	Research on urban transit (resulting only in reports to MPO committees)	
FY21 Activities		
Provide transit planning administration and assistance to Lowndes, Brooks and Berrien Counties' Transit Systems (all 5311 rural systems) and any future rural regional and/or urban transit systems in the Metropolitan Planning Area and Valdosta Urbanized Area, respectively.		
Coordinate with GDOT and operators of local transit to update and amend the TIP, MTP, and System Performance Report to include but not limited to performance targets/measures and projects.		
Provide data analysis and reports as requested by local or state officials regarding current or future transit operations.		
Continue to coordinate transit planning with rural and human service providers. Includes coordination with GDOT, SGRC Coordinated Transportation Program, Department of Human Services, SGRC Area Agency on Aging, and other stakeholders.		
Continue to explore options to implement recommendations (if any) of the FY2016 Transit Implementation Study and other past studies Mitigation (see Lowndes County Comp Plan Valdosta Item 18). Consider developing a consultant-led survey/study to determine from the public in the Valdosta Urbanized Area the preferred way to locally fund public transit implementation. Continue to evaluate the accessibility and mobility of regional activity centers and the various population groups (focus on EJ areas) throughout the region and the impact various transportation modes might have accessibility and mobility.		
Products	Transit Development Plans, reports/analysis as requested by planning partners	
Agency	Southern Georgia Regional Commission/Consultant	
Schedule:	Varies, depending on needs; July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021	

4.3 Transit Planning						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
MPO PL	FHWA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 10,000.00
Total		\$ 8,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 10,000.00
FY22 FTA 5303 Estimated						
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,308.15	\$ 5,232.60	\$ 15,540.75

FY2021 UPWP Summary Reports

FY2021 Valdosta-Lowndes MPO UPWP Budget Summary Report													
	Work Element	Federal Highway Administration Funds					FHWA Total	Federal Transit Administration Funds				FTA Total	Grand Total
		Federal \$	%	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$		Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$		
1.1	Administration	\$ 34,783.75	27%	\$ -	\$ 1,739.19	\$ 6,956.75	\$ 43,479.69	\$ 27,326.00	\$ 3,415.75	\$ 683.15	\$ 2,732.60	\$ 34,157.50	\$ 77,637.19
1.2	UPWP	\$ 3,864.86	3%	\$ -	\$ 193.24	\$ 772.97	\$ 4,831.07	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,831.07
1.3	Staff Education	\$ 15,459.45	12%	\$ -	\$ 772.97	\$ 3,091.89	\$ 19,324.32	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 24,324.32
1.4	Computer Supplies	\$ 3,864.86	3%	\$ -	\$ 193.24	\$ 772.96	\$ 4,831.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,831.08
2.1	Public Participation	\$ 1,288.29	1%	\$ -	\$ 64.41	\$ 257.66	\$ 1,610.36	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 825.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 660.00	\$ 8,250.00	\$ 9,860.36
3.1	GIS/Travel Demand Model	\$ 12,882.87	10%	\$ -	\$ 644.14	\$ 2,576.57	\$ 16,103.59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,103.59
3.2	Land Use Planning	\$ 12,882.87	10%	\$ -	\$ 644.14	\$ 2,576.57	\$ 16,103.59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,103.59
3.3	Inter-/Multi-Modal Planning	\$ 12,882.87	10%	\$ -	\$ 644.14	\$ 2,576.57	\$ 16,103.59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,103.59
3.4	Systems Analysis	\$ 11,594.58	9%	\$ -	\$ 579.73	\$ 2,318.91	\$ 14,493.23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,493.23
4.1	TIP	\$ 10,306.30	8%	\$ -	\$ 515.31	\$ 2,061.26	\$ 12,882.86	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 20,882.86
4.2	Long Range Planning	\$ 9,018.01	7%	\$ -	\$ 450.90	\$ 1,803.60	\$ 11,272.51	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,272.51
4.3	Transit Planning	\$ -	0%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
	Total	\$ 128,828.72	100%	\$ -	\$ 6,441.44	\$ 25,765.74	\$ 161,035.90	\$ 52,326.00	\$ 6,540.75	\$ 1,308.15	\$ 5,232.60	\$ 65,407.50	\$ 226,443.40
	FY21 Allocation (final)	\$ 128,828.72		\$ -	\$ 6,441.44	\$ 25,765.74	\$ 161,035.90	\$ 52,326.00	\$ 6,540.75	\$ 1,308.14	\$ 5,232.60	\$ 65,407.50	\$ 226,443.40
4.4	Special Studies						\$ -						\$ -
	Special Available	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -						\$ -
	Available	\$ 128,828.72		\$ -	\$ 6,441.44	\$ 25,765.74	\$ 161,035.90	\$ 52,326.00	\$ 6,540.75	\$ 1,308.14	\$ 5,232.60	\$ 65,407.50	\$ 226,443.40
	Programmed	\$ 128,828.72		\$ -	\$ 6,441.44	\$ 25,765.74	\$ 161,035.90	\$ 52,326.00	\$ 6,540.75	\$ 1,308.15	\$ 5,232.60	\$ 65,407.50	\$ 226,443.40
	Difference	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

This table shows a summary of the different funding sources for planning by the SGRC in the Valdosta-Lowndes MPO Metropolitan Planning Area. Federal funds are matched at an 80% Federal, 20% local match (combination of sources), State may cover 10%, if any; any funding participation from GDOT will reduce the local commitment by same amount. The local match is shared by the SGRC (4% for PL and 2% for FTA); the remainder is split evenly between the City of Valdosta and Lowndes County.



VALDOSTA-LOWNDES METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

2020 Strategic Plan



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RESOLUTION FY2020-7

**VALDOSTA-LOWNDES
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY COMMITTEE**

Resolution to ADOPT the 2020 Strategic Plan

WHEREAS, in accordance with the U.S. Bureau of the Census officially designated Urbanized Area Boundaries established May 1, 2002 and updated on November 1, 2012 ; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Georgia Regional Commission (SGRC) has been designated by the Governor of Georgia as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Valdosta-Lowndes Urbanized Area in accordance with Federal requirements of Title 23, Section 134 of the United States Code to have a Cooperative, Comprehensive and Continuous transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the MPO will conduct federally-required transportation planning activities that will improve the transportation system and help coordinate the area's future growth within the area bounded, at a minimum, by the existing Urbanized Area plus the contiguous area expected to become urbanized within the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the MPO is required through the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) to incorporate the planning factors identified in 23 USC 134 (h); and

WHEREAS, the MPO adopted the Greater Lowndes County Common Community Vision on January 29, 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization's Policy Committee Adopts a Strategic Plan for the Valdosta-Lowndes MPO to improve upon its Common Community Vision and to improve transportation project, policy, and program implementation ahead of the development of the 2045 Transportation Plan, future Unified Planning Work Programs (UPWPs) and other reports and studies.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee at a meeting held on March 4, 2020.

Mark Barber, City Manager, City of Valdosta
Chair, Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization

Introduction

In 2014, the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization (VLMPO or MPO) adopted the Common Community Vision for Greater Lowndes County. This document outlined 18 topical goals for the community to work to achieve; these goals were made a part of the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan and the 2016 Greater Lowndes Comprehensive Plan. In 2019, staff recommended that the VLMPO develop a strategic plan to help identify ways to improve upon the Common Community Vision and to improve transportation project implementation ahead of the development of the 2045 Transportation Plan for Valdosta and Lowndes County.

“A resilient [transportation system and] community where partnerships and coordination promote regional success in economic development, education, infrastructure, and a high quality of life.” –Common Community Vision

It is the Mission of the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization to encourage reliable funding of a safe and efficient, regional transportation system that includes public transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, highways, railroads, and airports for the movement of goods and people.

While federal and state statutes for all MPOs set the purpose and core operations, they each develop their own ways to implement those requirements in their communities. This strategic planning effort helps to set the vision for transportation policies, projects, and programs for the 2045 Transportation Plan, future Unified Planning Work Programs (UPWPs), and other reports and studies the community desires to be done.

Process

The Citizen’s and Technical Advisory and the Policy Committee of the VLMPO met on September 4, 2019 in a joint session to conduct a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) Analysis of the VLMPO. This session was facilitated by a non-transportation Planner with the Southern Georgia Regional Commission (SGRC). After the SWOT Analysis, the transportation staff of the SGRC compiled the comments, and provided recommendations and timelines to achieve those recommendations within for comments back to the committee members. After comments were received the final strategic plan was presented to the MPO committees for adoption in March 2020.

Strengths with ideas to Build on Strengths from Staff

- Staff is accessible and responsive; provides data for decision making; and keeps GDOT/local officials informed
- Staff and Committee members are passionate about transportation in the community
- Staff is well-qualified
 - Continue conference attendance and participation in state/national organizations; include participation/attendance in quarterly and annual reports.
- Citizen Advisory Committee is a good cross-section of the community

- Ensure new committee appointments represent community interests and make-up; staff will report on racial and ethnic committee make-up in annual report.
- Staff provides program/funding opportunities/updates
 - Continue to provide new ideas for funding/grants
- Local elected leaders coordinate their transportation decisions
 - Continue to inform elected leaders about transportation planning process; staff will continue to offer new member orientation and other opportunities for other members and local elected officials
- VLMPO staff/committees are informed and progressive
 - Continue to bring forth new ideas for planning and capital projects; staff will present ideas as a part of the UPWP Five Year Business Plan

Weakness with ideas to Address Weaknesses from Staff

- The Southern Georgia Regional Commission has limited resources to fulfill the needs of local governments
 - Identify and expand the technical capacity of SGRC staff to meet the specific needs of local governments; Staff will survey local elected officials and TAC members to determine what types of skills or analysis they desire of staff
 - Survey the VLMPO members on what they want the MPO staff to be doing; staff will complete this survey ahead of preparation of the annual UPWP in October
- The SGRC needs to communicate better the services they offer
 - Expand the overall communications of SGRC services; staff participates in SGRC 101 activities, staff will work to inform members of reports completed by staff regularly
- Difficulty in communicating with citizens, need to explain acronyms
 - Develop a communications plan that communicates the transportation planning process in plain English for the public to understand; staff will distribute the VLMPO Committee Handbook and FHWA Citizen Guide to Transportation Decision Making
 - Make available an acronym dictionary; staff will make this available on our website and common terms available in key documents.
 - Work with staff to not talk in acronyms
- Difficulty with public involvement (survey responses)
 - Consider a pilot a program in partnership with the SGRC, Lowndes County and Valdosta to use services like MetroQuest or Publicinput.com; staff will continue to interview vendors for potential services

- Lack of VLMPO presence/exposure in the community
 - Staff should actively participate in community activities like civic groups, public events like the Azalea Festival, etc.; staff will survey VLMPO members to determine which organizations we should be a part of by June 30, 2020
- Improve timeliness of notifications when communicating information to stakeholders
 - Staff will utilize the Asana project management tool to ensure better timing of communication
- Technology – surveys etc. don't always work right
 - Develop internal review mechanisms to test products before they leave the staff level; staff will document this in the Asana project management tool
 - Evaluate staff capacity to focus on specific issues (communications, administrative, technical, etc.)
- Need Better attendance from VLMPO committee members
 - Determine from individual committee members what it would take to remind them to attend meetings; staff will survey the VLMPO committee members before the June 2020 meetings and at each orientation thereafter for best practices
 - Survey committee members why they do not attend - make the meetings more meaningful; staff will survey the VLMPO committee members before the June 2020 meetings to find new ways to make the meetings more meaningful to members
 - Consider offering food at committee meetings (likely will require a sponsor or local government payment); staff will discuss this with SGRC leadership and local governments before September 2020

Opportunities with ideas to Support Opportunities from Staff

- More intergovernmental collaboration with other counties
 - Consider hosting a regional transportation champions event to highlight local/regional successes and future plans; Staff will research this and present ideas to local officials for an event in summer 2021
- Update Common Community Vision (CCV)
 - Continue to produce the CCV Annual Report to highlight the successes and challenges to achieving these goals
- Businesses, especially start-ups, often have transportation challenges
 - The VLMPO can develop partnerships with the Chamber, and Valdosta-Lowndes Development Authority to work with businesses to minimize transportation

challenges; staff will survey community partners to identify transportation challenges facing local economic development efforts by December 2020

- Autonomous Vehicles (AVs) are coming and we should be prepared for them
 - The VLMPO can prepare ordinances to prepare the local infrastructure to be ready for AVs; staff will work with local governments and other partners to complete a Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Assessment by June 30, 2021; based on the assessment prepare model ordinances by June 30, 2022
- There are more electric vehicles on the road and in the community
 - The VLMPO can prepare ordinances to require EV charging stations for new/renovated buildings; staff will work with local governments to prepare model ordinances by June 30, 2022
- More alternative fuel corridors like I-75
 - The VLMPO can work to promote alternative fuels in the community; staff will work with local partners and governments to determine what is needed to promote alternative fuels
- Public Transportation or other alternatives are needed
 - The VLMPO can apply for or work with local governments to apply for transit implementation funds
- The TIA (regional sales tax) initiative should be implemented again in the coming years
 - The SGRC and VLMPO should take a leading role in developing a regional transportation improvement plan; staff will continue to discuss this with local leaders
 - The SGRC and VLMPO should lead the discussion of a regional TIA and work to identify a local champion for this effort; staff will continue to discuss this with local leaders
- Better communicate the benefits of projects to the public
 - Develop talking points for each project to highlight project benefits - use social media to get this information out; staff will develop project data sheets for each project in the 2045 Transportation Plan
 - Develop 'street signs' for each 2045 MTP/TIP project like the city/county do for zoning cases; staff will develop these project street signs for each project in the 2045 Transportation Plan
- Develop better collaboration with Valdosta State University
 - Work with Darrell Moore at Center for South Georgia Regional Impact to identify ways the VLMPO can partner with VSU; staff will meet with Darrell Moore by September 2020 to identify projects to partner on

- Collaborate with the university on the development of transit system, utilizing their existing system; staff will continue to work with local governments and the University to include them as transit implementation progresses
- Micro-mobility devices like scooter and bike-share programs are becoming more popular in other cities, especially college towns
 - The VLMPO can identify if there is a need for micro-mobility (shared bikes/scooters); staff will work with potential vendors and local stakeholders to determine if there is a need for these devices in the community
 - If need identified encourage city to adopt local ordinances based on best practices for safety/access; staff will review state laws and other best practices to recommend changes for local governments
 - Develop RFP for companies to install bike share/scooters in Valdosta; staff will work with potential vendors and local stakeholders to determine if there is a need for these devices in the community, then develop an RFP when appropriate
- The VLMPO should be more involved with community organizations like Valdosta-Lowndes Parks and Recreation Authority
 - Identify key organizations staff should be a part of; staff will survey Committee Members to identify community organizations staff should be more involved in by October 2020
 - Develop formal mechanisms for staff to participation in other organizations; when appropriate develop formal partnerships for participation of staff in these organizations identified previously
- Offer food at meetings and open-houses
 - Evaluate the cost to the RC to provide this service. Alternatively consider requiring the cities/counties to pay for food at meetings and open-houses; staff will discuss this with SGRC leadership and local governments before September 2020

Threats with ideas to Meet Threats from Staff

- If we don't embrace/invest in newer technology we will be behind (block chain, micro-grids, broadband)
 - Utilize the resources of the SGRC Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Department and other new data (RITIS/NPMRDS) and technology
 - Consider developing a regional Intelligent Transportation Systems or similar plan; staff will engage GDOT and TAC members in this discussion by June 2020
- Paradigm shift in retail (from stores to online shopping) will lead to changes in the freight system

- Does the VLMPO need to study a shift in retail from local stores to deliveries, how does this change freight in the community; staff will develop a statement of work on identifying a study topic in this area by December 2020
- Truck Traffic hazards, logistics problems, increasing truck volumes, and lack of truck rest areas
 - Is there a role for the VLMPO to work with GDOT and others to look at some of these issues like truck parking; staff will engage GDOT on this topic and work to develop any statements of work on this study topic by December 2020
- Out of town private companies could disrupt this community
 - Identify transportation risks in the community that could lead to poor economic development outcomes or lack of achievement of performance measures; staff will survey local economic development partners to identify these risks by June 2021; staff will then develop statements of work to identify projects to mitigate these risks based on feedback from MPO committee members
- Lowndes High School bus traffic safety concerns
 - Educate local officials on how signal preemption can be used for school buses and well as emergency vehicles
- Need more well-rounded, open-minded participants, less focused on single issues; Lack of clear vision of mission/ values
 - The VLMPO can continue to promote the Common Community Vision report; Continue to produce the CCV Annual Report to highlight the successes and challenges to achieving these goals
 - The VLMPO can implement this strategic plan; staff will utilize the UPWP and internal project tracking tools to ensure implementation of this strategic plan
- Aging population
 - VLMPO should evaluate how transportation policies impact the local population. Implement changes to local policies to embrace the aging population; staff will work with the SGRC Area Agency on Aging to survey local policies, ordinances, etc. to recommend changes by June 2022
- Need bigger fonts
 - All VLMPO materials will be published in 12 point font when appropriate