

## Valdosta - Lowndes MPO Committee Meetings December 2024

**VLMPPO Committees Joint Meeting:** Tuesday, December 3, 2024; 1:00 pm

**All meetings will take place at:**

SGRC Valdosta Office  
1937 Carlton Adams Drive  
Valdosta, GA 31601  
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**We will complete a formal Roll Call for all Committee members and guests when the meeting begins.**

**Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization**

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|------|---|------------------|
| I.   | Call To Order   | Chair            |
| II.  | Introductions/Roll Call   | Chair            |
| III. | Approval of Minutes   | Chair            |
|      | A. September 3 (CAC); September 4 (TAC); September 4 (PC)                                   |                  |
| IV.  | New Business (CAC/TAC/PC)   |                  |
|      | A. FY2024-2027 TIP and Amendment - MTP Resolution FY25-3 Action: Vote for Approval/Adoption | Amy Martin       |
|      | B. 2050 MTP Update  | Rob Schiffer     |
|      | C. VLMPO Project Updates  | Kourtney Fassler |
|      | D. Carbon Reduction Program Funds   | Amy Martin       |
| V.   | Staff Updates   |                  |
|      | • GTIB Grant/ Loan Program is Accepting Applications  | Amy Martin       |
| VI.  | Privilege of the Floor/Public Comment   | Chair            |

**Next Meeting Date**

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|      | A. Citizen's Advisory Committee: Tuesday, March 4, 2025; 3:00 PM |       |
|      | B. Technical Advisory: Wednesday, March 5, 2025; 9:00 AM         |       |
|      | C. Policy Committee: Wednesday, March 5, 2025; 10:30 AM          |       |
| VII. | Adjournment  | Chair |

## FY25 VLMPO Citizen’s Advisory Committee Membership

Name	Appointed By	Position
1. Clayton Milligan	Lowndes County	Chair
2. Vacant	Lowndes County	Vice-Chair
3. Vacant	City of Valdosta	Secretary
4. Vacant	City of Lake Park	Member
5. Ronald Skrine	Lowndes County	Member
6. Carroll Griffin	City of Remerton	Member
7. Debbie White	City of Valdosta	Member
8. Michael Cooper	Downtown Development Authority	Member
9. Brit McLane	VL Chamber of Commerce	Member
10. Jim Galloway	VL Airport Authority	Member
11. Ray Sable	Valdosta State University	Member
12. Steven Barnes	Leadership Lowndes	Member
13. Craig Lockhart	Valdosta Board of Education	Member
14. Shannon McConico	Wiregrass Technical College	Member
15. Sandra Wilcher	Lowndes Board of Education	Member
16. Phil Hubbard	Lowndes County	Member
17. Gary Wisenbaker	Lowndes County	Member
18. Tyler Willett	Lowndes County	Member
19. Kathleen Hodges	City of Valdosta	Member
20. Marshall Ingram	City of Hahira	Member
21. Jade Walton	VLCCTA	Member
22. Tanner Herrington	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 Amy Martin, Transportation Director, at 229-333-5277 or at [amartin@sgr.us](mailto:amartin@sgr.us).



**Minutes**  
**Citizens Advisory Committee**  
**September 3, 2024**  
**3:00 PM**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Kathleen Hodges	Citizen - Valdosta
Steve Barnes	Moody AFB/Leadership Lowndes
Deborah White	City of Valdosta
Marshall Ingram	City of Hahira
Gary Wisenbaker	Lowndes County
Clayton Milligan	Lowndes County
<b>Additional Persons Present</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Amy Martin	SGRC
Torrence Weaver	SGRC
Kimberly Hobbs	SGRC



**Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order**

Mr. Milligan called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

**Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call**

Mr. Milligan asked those present to state their name and affiliation with the committee.

**Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes**

The minutes were not approved as there was not a quorum present.

**Agenda Item #4– New Business - Committee Recommendation/ Approval Required**

**A. FY26 FTA 5303/5304 Transit Planning Grant Applications – Resolutions FY25-1 and FY25-2**

**Action: Motion/Approve**

Ms. Martin explained that the VLMPO team is currently working on applications for FTA 5303 and 5304 transit planning funds that will go towards urbanized and rural planning efforts. The total allocation for 5303 is \$65,206, and the total allocation for 5304 is \$95,848, both with 80% federal, 10% state, and 10% local match.

**B. 2050 MTP Update**

Ms. Martin updated the committee on the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan process. The consultants are currently analyzing the level of service for transportation projects for 5-year periods, and there is also a list of projects to be implemented over the next few years that are going in the Transportation Improvement Plan.

**C. Transit Oriented Development Plan**

Ms. Martin informed the committee that the TODP is completed and takes a look at transit origination and destination trips, service delivery agreements in the MPO area, and potential for development in other counties.

**Agenda Item #5 – Staff Update**

**A. SGRC/VLMPO Staff NADO Award**

Ms. Martin announced to the committee that the SGRC Transportation/VLMPO staff received a National Association of Development Organizations Impact Award for the 2050 VLMPO MTP Historical Equity Action Lens project in collaboration with Metro Analytics.

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

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024; 3:00 PM at the SGRC office.

**Agenda Item #7 – Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.

## FY25 VLMPO Transportation Advisory Committee Membership

### Voting Members:

Benjamin O’Dowd	City of Valdosta, Engineer	Chairman
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County, Engineer	Vice-Chairman
Scott Chambers	GDOT District 4, Engineer	Member
Cheyenne Thompson	GDOT, Transportation Planner	Member

### Non-Voting Members:

Jeff Hill	Lowndes County Schools
Travis Jones	Valdosta City Schools, Trans. Director
Vacant	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advocate
Joseph Longo	FHWA – GA Division
Ashley Tye	Lowndes County Emergency Mgmt. Dir.

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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 9:00am each quarter (March, June, September, and December).

For more information, please contact Amy Martin, Transportation Director, at 229-333-5277 or at [amartin@sgrc.us](mailto:amartin@sgrc.us).

7/01/2024



**Minutes**  
**Technical Advisory Committee**  
**September 4, 2024**  
**3:00 PM**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Scott Chambers	GDOT
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes
Cheyenne Thompson	GDOT Planning
<b>Additional Persons Present</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Brandon North	GDOT
Habie Kassa	GDOT
Kourtney Fassler	GDOT
Victoria Guan Hendrix	GDOT
Jason Willingham	GDOT
Dennis Carter	GDOT
Tasha Harris	GDOT
Peyton Moran	GDOT
Joseph Longo	FHWA
Rob Schiffer	Metro Analytics
Amy Martin	SGRC
Torrence Weaver	SGRC
Kimberly Hobbs	SGRC





**Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order**

Mr. Fletcher called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call**

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

**Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Scott Chambers made a motion to approve the minutes from June 5, 2024. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the minutes were approved.

**Agenda Item #4– New Business - Committee Recommendation/ Approval Required**

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**B. 2050 MTP Model Presentation**

**Action: Motion/Approve**

Mr. Brandon North from GDOT explained the travel demand model and how its data would be used to assist with the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Mr. Chambers made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Jason Willingham seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the resolution was approved.

**C. 2050 MTP Update**

Mr. Rob Schiffer representing Metro Analytics updated the committee on the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan process. The consultants are currently analyzing the level of service for transportation projects for 5-year periods. There are plans for another stakeholder committee meeting and public workshops for the near future.

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REGIONAL METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

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**B. GDOT Project Updates**

Kortney Fassler and Tasha Harris from GDOT provided status updates on current transportation projects going under construction and design.

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

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**Agenda Item #7 – Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.

## FY25 VLMPO Policy Committee Membership

**Voting Members:**

1. Paige Dukes	Lowndes County, Manager	Chair
2. Scott Matheson	City of Valdosta, Mayor	Vice-Chair
3. Bill Slaughter	Lowndes County, Chairman	Member - Lowndes
4. Cornelius Hosendolph	Remerton, Mayor	Member – Annual Small Cities
5. Bruce Cain	City of Hahira, Mayor	Member – Bi-Annual Small Cities
6. Richard Hardy	City of Valdosta, Manager	Member - Valdosta
7. Kimberly Hobbs	SGRC, Executive Director	Member - SGRC
8. Jannine Miller*	GDOT, Director of Planning	Member - GDOT
9. Patrick Folsom	Brooks County, Chairman	Member – Bi-Ann. Small Counties
10. Alex Lee	Lanier County, Chairman	Member – Annual Small Counties

**Non-Voting Members:**

11. Joseph Longo	FHWA – GA Division, Administrator
12. Yvette Taylor	FTA Region IV, Administrator

All members are permitted to send a temporary or permanent proxy representative  
 \*Vivian Delgadillo-Canizares is representative for Jannine Miller.

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.

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Updated 11/1/2024



**Minutes**  
**Policy Committee**  
**September 4, 2024**  
**10:30 AM**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Chad McLeod (Proxy)	GDOT
Scott Matheson	City of Valdosta
Richard Hardy	City of Valdosta
Kimberly Hobbs	SGRC
Bill Slaughter (Call-in)	Lowndes County
Ronnie Gaskins (Call-in)	Berrien County
Alex Lee (Call-in)	Lanier County
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Sandra Tooley	VCC
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Torrence Weaver	SGRC
Rob Schiffer	Metro Analytics



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Mr. McLeod called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

**Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call**

Mr. McLeod asked those present to state their name and affiliation with the committee.

**Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes**

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**RESOLUTION FY2025-3**

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

**RESOLUTION TO Amend the FY2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program  
and the Vision2045 Metropolitan Transportation 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 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 amends the FY2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program and the Vision2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan with updated FHWA and FTA regulations for TIP amendments and administrative modifications.

See attachments.

**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 December 3, 2024.

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Paige Dukes, County Manager, Lowndes County  
Chair, Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee



Russell R. McMurry, P.E., Commissioner  
One Georgia Center  
600 West Peachtree Street, NW  
Atlanta, GA 30308  
(404) 631-1000 Main Office

October 7, 2024

Amy Martin  
Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Director  
1937 Carlton Adams Drive  
Valdosta, GA 31601

**SUBJECT: CRP Carryover Apportionments**

Dear Ms. Martin,

The Department has completed a review of the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding allocated directly to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) through current, as well as past, Federal Transportation Authorization Acts.

The chart below outlines the available balances for each program as of 9/30/24.

Program	Total Available Funding	Federal Funding Subject to Lapse 9/30/2025
CRP	\$ 619,904.00(*)	\$ 209,635.00

*(\*) includes funds subject to lapse*

These balances represent unobligated funding from prior federal fiscal years. They do not include FFY 2025 funding. With approval, these funds can be requested for use in the current fiscal year if projects are identified to obligate the funding before April 1st.

Please review the available funding and provide an update to GDOT on actions to spend down balances and ensure no federal funding lapses. We encourage the MPO staff to coordinate with all MPO members to get a consensus on projects to move forward. If projects are identified, additional Obligation Authority will be provided from the FFY 2025 August Redistribution request to fund the projects with the balances provided in the table above.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheyenne Thompson at [Chthompson@dot.ga.gov](mailto:Chthompson@dot.ga.gov).





**Russell R. McMurry, P.E., Commissioner**  
One Georgia Center  
600 West Peachtree Street, NW  
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Sincerely,

Matt Markham  
Deputy Director, Office of Planning

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**Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization  
2025 Meeting Schedule**

**Citizen's Advisory Committee**

March 4, 2025 at 3:00 PM

June 3, 2025 at 3:00 PM

September 2, 2025 at 3:00 PM

December 2, 2025 at 3:00 PM

**Technical Advisory Committee**

March 5, 2025 at 9:00 AM

June 4, 2025 at 9:00 AM

September 3, 2025 at 9:00 AM

December 3, 2025 at 9:00 AM

**Policy Committee**

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FY2024-2027 Vision2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment #10

## Appendix E – LRTP and TIP Amendment Procedures

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) issued the Final Rule to revise the Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning regulations incorporating changes from the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) with an effective date of July 2012. The revised regulations clearly define administrative modifications and amendments as actions to update plans and programs. 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 450.104 defines administrative modifications and amendments as follows:

- Administrative modification means a minor revision to a long-range statewide or metropolitan transportation plan, Statewide Improvement Program (STIP), or Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that includes minor changes to project/project phase costs, minor changes to funding sources of previously included projects, and minor changes to project/project phase initiation dates. An Administrative Modification is a revision that does not require public review and comment, re-demonstration of fiscal constraint, or a conformity determination (in nonattainment and maintenance areas).
- Amendment means a revision to a long-range statewide or metropolitan transportation plan, STIP, or TIP that involves a major change to a project included in a metropolitan transportation plan, STIP, or TIP, including the addition or deletion of a project or a major change in project cost, project/project phase initiation dates, or a major change in design concept or design scope (e.g., changing project termini or the number of through traffic lanes or changing the number of stations in the case of fixed guideway transit projects). Changes to projects that are included only for illustrative purposes do not require an amendment. An amendment is a revision that requires public review and comment and a re-demonstration of fiscal constraint. If an amendment involves “non-exempt” projects in nonattainment and maintenance areas, a conformity determination is required.

The following procedures have been developed for processing administrative modifications and amendments to the STIP and MPO TIPs and Metropolitan Transportation Plans (MTPs). The processes described below detail procedures that are to be used to update an existing approved STIP, TIPs, and associated plans, when applicable, and adhere to the guidelines stated above and below for administrative modifications and amendments.

### Administrative Modifications for Initial Authorizations

The following actions satisfy the Georgia Division and FTA Region 4 requirements for an Administrative Modification to the TIP/MTP:

- A. Air Quality – A TIP/MTP administrative modification can be processed on a project when it does not impact an air quality conformity determination.
- B. Cost Increase Threshold – A TIP/MTP administrative modification can be process on a project phase with a cost increase of up to \$4 million or 40% in federal share with a cap \$40 million of the amounts to be authorized. When:
  1. The Federal Share of the project phase amount in the TIP/MTP is \$10 million or

less, the cost may be increased by an amount up to \$4 million and fiscal constraint is not impacted as shown in Note (d) or

2. The Federal Share of the project phase amount in the TIP/MTP is greater than \$10 million the cost may be increased by a maximum of 40% up to a cost increase of \$40 million and fiscal constraint is not impacted, as shown in Note (d).
- C. Shifting Project Phase – A TIP/MTP administrative modification can be processed when shifting projects/project phase within the existing 4-year TIP/MTP.
- D. Public Review and Comment – A TIP/MTP administrative modification can be processed on a project phase if it does not require public review and comment.
- E. August Redistribution – A TIP/MTP administrative modification can be processed if an existing project is utilizing August Redistribution funding and is exempt from air quality conformity determination. If a project is non-exempt, it must follow all requirements for a TIP/MTP amendment.

### Amendments for Initial Authorizations

The following actions require an Amendment to the TIP/MTP when:

- A. The addition of a new project or the addition of a phase to an existing project. This includes any new projects that are funded with Congressionally Directed Spending, Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) funds, or Title 23 or Title 49 discretionary funding.
- B. Project changes that impact air quality conformity determination.
- C. Shifting a project or a project phase that falls outside the existing 4-year STIP/TIP range (i.e., existing STIP/TIP year is 2024-2027 but bringing in a project phase from a previous Fiscal Year (FY) or beyond the last year of the STIP period)
- D. A major change in total project length greater than 1 mile, if applicable. Changes in project termini lengths for project concepts or scopes such as bridge replacements, intersection improvements, passing lanes, resurfacing, etc. are not considered major change.

The following actions also require a redemonstration of fiscal constraint:

- A. Financial changes that exceed the above administrative modifications threshold.
- B. Annual rebalancing of the existing STIP to demonstrate fiscal constraint for the upcoming FY.
- C. Shifting project funding sources such as changing a non-federally funded project to a federally funded project.

Amendments require public review and responses to all comments, either individually or in summary form. For amendments in MPO areas, the public review process should be carried out by the procedures outlined in the Participation Plan. Georgia DOT will ensure that the amendment process and the public involvement procedures have been followed.

Except for Congressionally Directed Spending, FLAP, and Discretionary Grants, ALL other amendments to the STIP must be approved jointly by FHWA and FTA.

#### Notes:

- a) The date a TIP becomes effective is when the Governor or his designee approves it. For

nonattainment and maintenance areas, the effective date of the TIP is based on the date of the U.S. Department of Transportation's positive finding of conformity.

- b) The date the STIP or the STIP amendment becomes effective is when the FHWA and FTA jointly approve it.
- c) The STIP is developed on the state fiscal year, which is July 1-June 30.
- d) Funds for amendments and administrative modifications will come from the funds set aside in the STIP financial plan.
- e) Before the start of each State Fiscal Year, GDOT shall submit an Annual STIP Amendment that updates the STIP Financial Plan should show funding set aside for amendments and administrative modifications for the upcoming fiscal year. In the event the STIP amendment update is delayed, GDOT will submit the amendment no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- f) GDOT will submit to FHWA/FTA a detailed monthly Modification report, showing financial transactions and balances.
- g) GDOT will submit to FHWA/FTA accompanying Administrative Modification Authorizations Tables for review before requesting FMIS authorizations in advance of the monthly Modification report.
- h) Projects that are funded with Congressionally directed spending, FLAP funds, or Title 23 or Title 49 discretionary funding can be incorporated in the STIP/TIP/MTP via an informational appendix after the amendment process is complete.
- i) A public comment period is required for all projects funded under a Title 23 and Title 49 discretionary grant program. Public review for discretionary grant projects can be advertised as informational only and comments received will be forwarded to the project sponsor.

FY2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #3

# TIP Amendment Process

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) issued the Final Rule to revise the Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning regulations incorporating changes from the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) with an effective date of July 2012. The revised regulations clearly define administrative modifications and amendments as actions to update plans and programs. 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 450.104 defines administrative modifications and amendments as follows:

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The following procedures have been developed for processing administrative modifications and amendments to the STIP and MPO TIPs and Metropolitan Transportation Plans (MTPs). The processes described below detail procedures that are to be used to update an existing approved STIP, TIPs, and associated plans, when applicable, and adhere to the guidelines stated above and below for administrative modifications and amendments.

## **Administrative Modifications for Initial Authorizations**

The following actions satisfy the Georgia Division and FTA Region 4 requirements for an Administrative Modification to the TIP/MTP:

- A. Air Quality – A TIP/MTP administrative modification can be processed on a project when it does not impact an air quality conformity determination.
- B. Cost Increase Threshold – A TIP/MTP administrative modification can be process on a project phase with a cost increase of up to \$4 million or 40% in federal share with a cap \$40 million of the amounts to be authorized. When:
  1. The Federal Share of the project phase amount in the TIP/MTP is \$10 million or less, the cost may be increased by an amount up to \$4 million and fiscal constraint is not impacted as shown in Note (d) or
  2. The Federal Share of the project phase amount in the TIP/MTP is greater than \$10 million the cost may be increased by a maximum of 40% up to a cost increase of \$40 million and fiscal constraint is not impacted, as shown in Note (d).
- C. Shifting Project Phase – A TIP/MTP administrative modification can be processed when



shifting projects/project phase within the existing 4-year TIP/MTP.

- D. Public Review and Comment – A TIP/MTP administrative modification can be processed on a project phase if it does not require public review and comment.
- E. August Redistribution – A TIP/MTP administrative modification can be processed if an existing project is utilizing August Redistribution funding and is exempt from air quality conformity determination. If a project is non-exempt, it must follow all requirements for a TIP/MTP amendment.

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<sup>4</sup> MPO Public Participation Plan

### **Amendments for Initial Authorizations**

The following actions require an Amendment to the TIP/MTP when:

- A. The addition of a new project or the addition of a phase to an existing project. This includes any new projects that are funded with Congressionally Directed Spending, Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) funds, or Title 23 or Title 49 discretionary funding.
- B. Project changes that impact air quality conformity determination.
- C. Shifting a project or a project phase that falls outside the existing 4-year STIP/TIP range (i.e., existing STIP/TIP year is 2024-2027 but bringing in a project phase from a previous Fiscal Year (FY) or beyond the last year of the STIP period)
- D. A major change in total project length greater than 1 mile, if applicable. Changes in project termini lengths for project concepts or scopes such as bridge replacements, intersection improvements, passing lanes, resurfacing, etc. are not considered major change.

The following actions also require a redemonstration of fiscal constraint:

- A. Financial changes that exceed the above administrative modifications threshold.
- B. Annual rebalancing of the existing STIP to demonstrate fiscal constraint for the upcoming FY.
- C. Shifting project funding sources such as changing a non-federally funded project to a federally funded project.

Amendments require public review and responses to all comments, either individually or in summary form. For amendments in MPO areas, the public review process should be carried out by the procedures outlined in the Participation Plan. Georgia DOT will ensure that the amendment process and the public involvement procedures have been followed.

Except for Congressionally Directed Spending, FLAP, and Discretionary Grants, ALL other amendments to the STIP must be approved jointly by FHWA and FTA.

Notes:

- a) The date a TIP becomes effective is when the Governor or his designee approves it. For nonattainment and maintenance areas, the effective date of the TIP is based on the date of the U.S. Department of Transportation's positive finding of conformity.
- b) The date the STIP or the STIP amendment becomes effective is when the FHWA and FTA jointly approve it.
- c) The STIP is developed on the state fiscal year, which is July 1-June 30.
- d) Funds for amendments and administrative modifications will come from the funds set aside in the STIP financial plan.

- e) Before the start of each State Fiscal Year, GDOT shall submit an Annual STIP. Amendment that updates the STIP Financial Plan should show funding set aside for amendments and administrative modifications for the upcoming fiscal year. In the event the STIP amendment update is delayed, GDOT will submit the amendment no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- f) GDOT will submit to FHWA/FTA a detailed monthly Modification report, showing financial transactions and balances.
- g) GDOT will submit to FHWA/FTA accompanying Administrative Modification Authorizations Tables for review before requesting FMIS authorizations in advance of the monthly Modification report.
- h) Projects that are funded with Congressionally directed spending, FLAP funds, or Title 23 or Title 49 discretionary funding can be incorporated in the STIP/TIP/MTP via an informational appendix after the amendment process is complete.
- i) A public comment period is required for all projects funded under a Title 23 and Title 49 discretionary grant program. Public review for discretionary grant projects can be advertised as informational only and comments received will be forwarded to the project sponsor.

Project ID	Short Description	Project Manager Name	Project Sponsor	City	Concept Text	Congressional District (Multi-value)	Districts (Multi-value)	Phase Code	Approved Program Year	MPO (Multi-value)	Lump Sum Year	Counties (Multi-value)	General Project Status Update	On Target for next approved Fiscal Year (ROW or CST)	Next Milestone	Detailed Project Status Update					
0010295	I-75 @ SR 376 - PHASE II	Kim, Joo	GDOT	Not City	INTERCH RECONST	008	4	CST	Outside STIP	Valdosta		Lowndes	Concept Development in Progress	Yes	Concept Approval	Project is behind schedule. The Concept Development task order received NTP in Q3 2024 and the PM has submitted an NTP shift request to shift the baseline schedule. The next milestone is PM Submit Concept Report.					
								PE	Outside STIP	Valdosta		Lowndes									
								ROW	Outside STIP	Valdosta		Lowndes									
								SCP	2024	Valdosta		Lowndes									
								UTL	Outside STIP	Valdosta		Lowndes									
0010296	I-75 @ CR 783/LOCH LAUREL ROAD - PHASE II	Kim, Joo	GDOT	Not City	BR REPL	008	4	CST	Outside STIP	Valdosta		Lowndes	Concept Development in Progress	Yes	Concept Approval	Project is behind schedule. The Concept Development task order is currently routing in CATS. The PM will submit an NTP Shift request to shift the baseline schedule once the task order receives NTP. The next milestone is PM Submit Concept Report.					
								PE	Outside STIP	Valdosta		Lowndes									
								ROW	Outside STIP	Valdosta		Lowndes									
								SCP	2024	Valdosta		Lowndes									
								UTL	Outside STIP	Valdosta		Lowndes									
0010298	I-75 @ SR 133 - PHASE II - TIA	Fassler, Kourtney Cotton	GDOT	Not City	INTERCH RECONST	008	4	CST	Outside STIP	Valdosta		Lowndes	In Preliminary Design Phase	No	ROW Authorization	This project is not on schedule. ROW authorization is anticipated summer of 2025					
								PE	2012	Valdosta		Lowndes									
								PE	2021	Valdosta		Lowndes									
								ROW	Outside STIP	Valdosta		Lowndes									
								UTL	Outside STIP	Valdosta		Lowndes									
			Valdosta	INTERCH RECONST	008	4	CST	Outside STIP	Valdosta		Lowndes										
							PE	2012	Valdosta		Lowndes										
							PE	2021	Valdosta		Lowndes										
							ROW	Outside STIP	Valdosta		Lowndes										
							UTL	Outside STIP	Valdosta		Lowndes										
0015445	SR 7 BU FROM CS 188/NORTH OAK STREET TO SR 7 ALT	Dechko, Jonathan	GDOT	Valdosta	ROUNDBABOUT	008	4	CST		Valdosta	2025	Lowndes	Final Design	No	Construction Authorization	Not on schedule due to insufficient Federal LUMP SUM OPERATIONS Funds. Will request let shift to FY 2026.					
								PE	2017	Valdosta	2017	Lowndes									
								ROW	2021	Valdosta	2021	Lowndes									
								UTL		Valdosta	2025	Lowndes									
0015614	CR 136/OLD QUITMAN ROAD @ CSX #637487Y 6 MI W OF VALDOSTA	Gill, Victor	GDOT	Not City	BR REPL	008	4	CST	2025	Valdosta		Lowndes	Final Design	Yes	FFPR	Currently on schedule for next milestone PM Request FFPR.					
								PE	2019	Valdosta		Lowndes									
								ROW	2019	Valdosta		Lowndes									
								ROW	2021	Valdosta		Lowndes									
								UTL	2025	Valdosta		Lowndes									
0016636	SR 7/SR 122 FROM UNION ROAD TO NEWSOME STREET IN HAHIRA	Slaughter, Lily	Hahira	Hahira	BIKE/PED	008	4	CST		Valdosta	2026	Lowndes	In Final Design Phase with ROW acquisition in progress	Yes	FFPR	This project is on schedule for next milestone PM Request FFPR by January 2025.					
								PE	2019	Valdosta	2019	Lowndes									
								ROW	2024	Valdosta	2024	Lowndes									
								UTL	2024	Valdosta	2024	Lowndes									
0016898	SOUTH VALDOSTA TRUCK BYPASS	Williams, Samuel Zavier	GDOT	Not City	WIDEN & RECONST	008	4	PE	2026	Valdosta		Lowndes	Concept Development in Progress	Yes	Concept Approval	The project is on schedule for Concept Approval. Public Involvement and developing alternatives for DEC 2024 ICTM is in progress.					
								ROW	Outside STIP	Valdosta		Lowndes									
								ROW	Outside STIP	Valdosta		Lowndes									
								SCP	2021	Valdosta		Lowndes									
			Valdosta	WIDEN & RECONST	008	4	PE	2026	Valdosta		Lowndes										
							ROW	Outside STIP	Valdosta		Lowndes										
							ROW	Outside STIP	Valdosta		Lowndes										
							SCP	2021	Valdosta		Lowndes										
0019937	JUMPING GULLEY ROAD @ BEVEL CREEK 6 MI SW OF LAKE PARK	Simmons, Odette	GDOT	Not City	BR REPL	008	4	CST	Outside STIP	Valdosta		Lowndes	Procurement Underway	yes	Concept Approval	Project anticipated to start around December, 2024. The Concept Team Meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2025.					
								PE	2024	Valdosta		Lowndes									
								ROW	2027	Valdosta		Lowndes									
								UTL	Outside STIP	Valdosta		Lowndes									
0020144	LAMAR STREET @ SUGAR CREEK IN VALDOSTA	Payne, Phillip	GDOT	Valdosta	BR REPL	008	4	CST	Outside STIP	Valdosta		Lowndes	Procurement Underway	Yes	Concept Approval	Project part to 2024 Batch 1, currently being advertised.					
								PE	2025	Valdosta		Lowndes									
								ROW	2027	Valdosta		Lowndes									
								UTL	Outside STIP	Valdosta		Lowndes									
0020358	WEIGH STATION @ I-75 SB IN LOWNDES COUNTY	Thelisma, Stanley Roberto	GDOT	Not City		008	4	CST	Outside STIP	Valdosta		Lowndes	Concept Development in Progress	Yes	Concept Approval	Developing Project Charter and preparing for schedule review.					
								PE	2025	Valdosta		Lowndes									
0020359	WEIGH STATION @ I-75 NB IN LOWNDES COUNTY	Thelisma, Stanley Roberto	GDOT	Not City		008	4	CST	Outside STIP	Valdosta		Lowndes	Procurement Underway	Yes	Concept Approval	PE funds in FY is 2026					
								PE	2026	Valdosta		Lowndes									

**LEGEND & DEFINITIONS**

- A3M - Avoidance and Minimization, Measure Meeting
- AOE - Assessment of Effects
- B/C Ratio- Benefit/Cost Ratio
- BFI - Bridge Foundation Investigation Report
- BL-Baseline
- CE-Categorical Exclusion (environmental document)
- CFPPR - Corrected Final Field Plan Review
- CR - Concept report
- CST - Construction
- EA - Environmental Assessment

- LG- Local Government
- NTP-Notice to Proceed
- PCE - Post Construction Evaluation
- PCRFP-Project Change Request Form (revised schedule request)
- PPFR-Preliminary Field Plan Review
- PIOH-Public Information Open House
- PM - Project Manager
- PS&E - Plans, Specifications, and Estimate
- PTIP - Project Team Initiation Process
- ROW - Right of Way

**ESB** - Environmental Survey Boundary  
**FFPR** - Final Field Plan Review  
**FHWA** - Federal Highway Administration  
**FY** - Fiscal Year  
**GDOT** - Georgia Department of Transportation  
**H&H memo** - Hydrology & Hydraulics  
**ICE** - Intersection Control Evaluation  
**L&D** - Location and Design  
**LAP** - Local Administered Project  
**LET** - Bid Opening

**SC DOT** - South Carolina DOT  
**SFFPR** - Supplemental Preliminary Field Plan Review  
**SRC** - Schedule Review Committee  
**STIP** - State Transportation Improvement Program  
**TO** - task order (contract)  
**USFWS** - United States Fish & Wildlife Services  
**UTL** - Utilities  
**WFI** - Wall Foundation Investigation