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# **FY2012 Annual Report**

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# Introduction

Fiscal Year 2012 was an exciting year for transportation in the Valdosta Metropolitan Area, that was lead with the Transportation Investment Act of 2010 (more commonly known as T-SPLOST) becoming the topic of discussion in this community and throughout the state.

On July 31, 2012 (technically in FY2013, but recorded here) the voters in the Southern Georgia Special Transportation District voted to not enact a 1% sales tax for transportation which will force the region and the MPO to consider how transportation infrastructure can be funded differently in the future.

Since the founding of the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization (VLMPO or MPO), in 2003, the purpose has been to create a regional forum for decision making regarding transportation policy and projects. The debate of T-SPLOST this past year brought this regional forum to 18 counties in Southern Georgia, with Valdosta and Lowndes County playing a pivotal leadership role.



Figure 1 VLMPO Metropolitan Planning Area

FY2012 brought new challenges for the VLMPO committees as new membership led to changes in leadership as well. The Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) membership has had over 50% of its membership rotate on in the past two years and has become the go-to group for recommending transportation projects to local government agencies. This year a citizen brought forward an issue to the CAC about hazards she saw at the intersection of Huntley Drive and Bemiss Road, GDOT quickly moved into action and narrowed the concrete median at this intersection to allow more site distance for vehicles making left-hand turns to reduce the chance of collisions in this area.

In FY2012 the planning efforts of the VLMPO were recognized with a Regional Transportation Excellence Award by the National Association of Development Organizations for our efforts in freight planning. The freight planning efforts of the VLMPO have been the forefront of highlighting how investment in transportation infrastructure leads to job creation as will be detailed later in this report.

The staff of the VLMPO has also received recognition in FY2012 and will be working for several years in the future to further transportation planning throughout the state and nation with the following appointments: Vice President of Programs for the Georgia Planning Association, member of Association Metropolitan of **Planning** Organizations' Technical Advisory Committee, member of the Transportation Research Boards' Metropolitan Policy, Planning, and Processes Committee.





# **MPO Administration**

The VLMPO continued to be active in the Georgia Association of MPOs in FY2012. The VLMPO staff was instrumental in putting together a statewide training course for MPOs throughout Georgia on the use of the Travel Demand Modeling Software we all use called Cube. This training helped the MPOs be able to further provide data to visualize the impact of transportation improvements on a local region. The staff training was later utilized in the development of the JLUS Travel Demand Model described later in this report.



As highlighted later in this report, staff also attended several other conferences, webinars and events on behalf of the VLMPO. These conferences and events provided great insight for staff to implement new ideas and techniques into the planning process here locally in Valdosta and Lowndes County. Some lessons garnered from these events included researching different ways to analyze crash data, using social media to better inform the public about transportation issues facing the community, and how to conduct health impact assessments in transportation plans and projects.

VLMPO staff has made many presentations to community groups as noted later in the Public Participation Plan section of this report. Many of these presentations were regarding the proposed T-SPLOST, or transportation sales tax that was before the voters on July 31, 2012. Through these many presentations that staff

was able to build relationships with several organizations that will in the future aid in a more involved and engaged public.

During FY2012 local governments and the Georgia Department of Transportation began or completed construction work on three separate projects from the VLMPO 2035 Transportation Plan. Some pictures of the projects are below.



Figure 2 Bridge Replacement at Tucker Road Bridge



Figure 3 Davidson Road at Moody Air Force Base



Figure 4 I-75 Exit 18 Southbound Ramp

# **Public Involvement**

Public involvement continues to be an important goal for the VLMPO. Public involvement is required by federal regulation, but it is up to the VLMPO to engage the public through various outlets and to make sure the public is well informed and that the voice of the people is being heard.

The VLMPO reaches out to the public in a variety of manners including through a website (<a href="www.sgrc.us/transportation">www.sgrc.us/transportation</a>), newsletters (<a href="mailto:Transportation">Transportation in the Region</a>), through social media, on Facebook and Twitter, through public meetings, open houses, television, radio and newspaper interviews and other means.

In FY2012 transportation has been a hot topic in the news, more than 100 newspaper, television, and blog articles appeared in local and regional news outlets talking about transportation, most of them in reference to the T-SPLOST referendum. Below are some examples of the stories specifically relating to the work of the VLMPO.







Figure 5 Various News Articles from FY2012

# **Title VI Annual Report**

As required by its Title VI Compliance Plan the VLMPO must report on Title VI activities undertaken over the past year.

The VLMPO has not had any Title VI complaints and there have been no changes to the Title VI Plan during FY2012.

The VLMPO in partnership with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the City of Valdosta hosted a Title VI and ADA training for local governments from throughout Southern Georgia this past year.

In June 2012, the VLMPO began to work with local minority owned businesses to get them certified in the GDOT DBE program. About 15 individuals attended this training and the VLMPO is committed to continue to work with these individuals to bring jobs to our local community.

The VLMPO also began the preparation of a local DBE Program Plan that will be formally adopted in FY2013. This Plan will guide VLMPO staff in the selection of DBEs as consultants if that need arises in the future.

# **PPP Performance Measures**

Key parts of the VLMPO Public Participation Plan (PPP) are performance measures that have been put in place to gauge the effectiveness of our public outreach over the year.

Strategy 1: Raise public awareness and understanding of the transportation planning process including the functions, responsibilities and programs of the MPO and identify how interested citizens can become involved.

 Hosted 1 open house during the public comment period for the FY12-15 TIP, where 7 individuals attended the event throughout the day

- Delivered over 3,000 newsletters and meeting announcements
- 18 events where VLMPO staff was a featured speaker
- 38 meetings or events where staff attended but was not the featured speaker or hosted by the VLMPO
- At least 4 television, radio or newspaper interviews and articles

Strategy 2: Provide the public and others with early, ongoing and meaningful opportunities for involvement in the transportation planning process.

- The VLMPO makes updates to its social media websites (Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube) at least 2-3 times per week.
- The VLMPO updates its website (www.sgrc.us/transportation) 3-4 times per month, many times more frequently.
- The VLMPO formally responds to all public comments it receives from any public comment period.
- Began showing information about VLMPO on Metro 17, the City of Valdosta's television station.

Strategy 3: Maintain timely contact with key stakeholders and the public throughout the transportation planning process.

 While the VLMPO held no formal stakeholder meetings in FY2012, contact was made with the public on a weekly basis through website and social media updates and quarterly newsletters.

Strategy 4: Identify, involve and mitigate impacts on traditionally underserved communities (those communities with high concentrations of minority, low-income, elderly or disabled populations) in the transportation planning process.

 Early in FY2012 the VLMPO worked to update our mailing list to include a broader population than had previously been reached. In June 2012, the VLMPO hosted a DBE certification workshop for minority business owners to learn how to be eligible and compete for GDOT construction contracts.

The VLMPO has made efforts to maintain and update the information provided on its website and social media outlets regularly to help inform the public. Below are some of the statistics from the past year from our websites and social media.

# **Facebook**

- www.facebook.com/ValdostaLowndes
  MPO
- 108 Likes
- During FY13-16 TIP Public Comment Period ran 1.3 million ads for \$200, reaching 53,566 users

# **Twitter**

- www.twitter.com/VLMPO
- 53 followers
- 2 tweets per week on average

# YouTube

- www.Youtube.com/VLMPO
- 3 videos
- 47 views, 4 shares

## Website

- www.sgrc.us/transportation
- Averaging 230 visits per month
- Top searches: Valdosta Transit (20.5%), TSPLOST (16.8%)
- 5.8% of traffic is from mobile devices



# **Systems Management**

In FY2012 the VLMPO continued its efforts to explore freight movement and its impact on the local economy and transportation infrastructure. The second installment in the VLMPO Freight Report Series looked at the impact of Freight Rail in Valdosta and Lowndes County.

The report found that rail has had a tremendous impact on the economic activity of the community from its founding to today. More than 800 people are employed by companies that utilize rail and have more than \$700 million in annual sales that impact the local economy.

The report showed an additional 130 companies, employing more than 2,300, with more than \$900 million in additional annual sales are located on rail lines in the county but do not utilize them.

The report went on to look at rail infrastructure projects that are being built or are planned to be built that will impact travel patterns in the community and drive future economic development and job creation throughout the region.

The SGRC and VLMPO were recognized by the National Association of Development Organizations with a Regional Excellence in Transportation Award for the continuing freight planning efforts undertaken for the benefit of Valdosta and Lowndes County.



**Figure 6 NADO Award News Article from WTXL** 

The next report the VLMPO plan to undertake in this series looks at the location of commercial vehicle crashes and what improvements can be made to these locations to improve access to employment centers for freight users.

Not only does the VLMPO look at just freight related crashes, but annually prepares a report of all crashes in Lowndes County to look at ongoing trends to better inform the public, elected officials, and law enforcement about what impacts motor vehicle crashes have on our community.

In the FY2012 Crash Report the VLMPO looked back on 10-years worth of data rather than the traditional 3-years. By looking at more data the report was able to look more closely at trends over time, as population changed and travel patterns changed. The report continued the practice of comparing peer communities throughout Georgia to Lowndes County.

Crashes in Lowndes County over the past decade have averaged a downward trend while the population has continued to increase. Crashes in Lowndes County and the peer communities of Dougherty, Floyd, Houston, and Whitfield Counties have decreased on average by than 50% in the past decade, due to stronger enforcement, new laws (pick-up truck law) and usage by drivers.

DUI enforcement in Lowndes County has led to a low number of crashes caused by alcohol in the community over the past few decade, while crashes involving alcohol combined in the peer communities have been as much as 68 times higher.

The large student population Lowndes County (11.5%) shows there are more crashes in the teen and young adult age group (16-24) than in comparison to the other peer communities (7.5%). This growing population cohort in Lowndes County is significant and targeted education of these drivers is needed as data indicates crashes in this age group are continuing to increase as the population grows.

# **Transportation Plans and Studies**

As part of the adoption to the FY2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program the VLMPO included an Administrative Cost Update to the projects in the 2035 Transportation Plan. Through FY2012, one project from the 2035 TP was complete and two more were under construction, with at least four others set to begin construction in FY2013.

Priority 1: Develop a sustainable and safe regional transportation system that includes all modes for the transport of people and goods that promotes economic development.

1.1 Evaluate the level of service on roadways to and from activity centers, especially east-west routes.

The level of service (LOS) of a roadway is a rather static measure of the overall transportation system. It slowly changes over time, unless there is a major capital investment that either improves or declines the LOS. There have been no major improvements from the 2035 TP that have altered the LOS analysis completed at the time of Plan's adoption.

The intersection improvement on the Southbound Ramp at Exit 18 was completed and allows dual left turn lanes, which has anecdotally improved the operation of this intersection. No formal analysis has been completed however.

1.2 Evaluate number of jobs in freight intensive industries and conduct travel time studies to evaluate wait times at atgrade crossings.

In order to develop a baseline for job growth in freight intensive industries the 2009 US Census Bureau County Business patterns were used. In 2010, the employment in freight intensive industries was as follows:

Industry	2009	2010		
Forestry/Agriculture	105	118		

Utilities	100-249 (u)	192
Construction	2,694	2,325
Manufacturing	3,243	2,791
Wholesale Trade	1,600	1,080
Retail Trade	7,107	6,300
Transportation	1,989	2,222
Total	16,838	15,028

No travel time studies have been completed at this time.

# 1.3 Implementation of a coordinated public transit system in the Valdosta Urbanized Area.

In FY2011 the VLMPO through its consultants completed the implementation and financing studies for a fixed-route transit system in the Valdosta Urbanized Area. At this time however no local funding is available to proceed to fully implement the system. The VLMPO is committed to continuing to keep this issue on the minds of local officials and is continuing to research other funding and implementation options.

# 1.4 Work with local land use agencies to analyze future improvements to ensure they will accommodate planned multimodal improvements.

The VLMPO staff regularly works with local land use planners and other agencies to review development plans. The VLMPO completed a model ordinance for access management along the busy Inner Perimeter Road Corridor that was reviewed by the Technical Coordinating Committee. After feedback was received VLMPO staff is now revisiting the ordinance to examine how more land-use measures can be included rather than roadway specific measures.

# 1.5 Number of bike and pedestrian facilities implemented and/or interconnected.

In FY 2012 the City of Valdosta had nearly 96 miles of sidewalks, 2.6 miles of bike lanes, and 2.8 miles of multi-use trails. The City continues to expand their sidewalk network annually through road construction projects and as required for new developments. The City also has a sidewalk repair program where in 2012 nearly 750 linear feet of sidewalk was repaired. The VLMPO will continue to report data for all communities in our region as data becomes available.

# 1.6 Evaluate net number of jobs gained near transportation improvements.

In FY2012, over 3,700 jobs were created (from the baseline created last vear) transportation projects in the 2035 Transportation Plan. This information, which is available on our website, will be used to continually evaluate projects as they are developed and what economic development efforts are produced by these improvements. Transportation improvements can be one of many catalysts to increasing economic development in a community, it should be noted that other efforts are underway that may also promote jobs and economic development.

Priority 2: Encourage the MPO, SGRC and their member communities to cooperatively consider land use decisions by encouraging public participation and involvement in the transportation planning process.

# 2.1 Annually evaluate public involvement effectiveness through number of persons contacted and events held.

See the analysis of public involvement effectiveness under the Public Involvement section of this report.

# 2.2 Produce documents for education and public information, including annual crash reports and intersection safety audits.

The VLMPO annually produces a Crash Report that highlights crash statistics in Lowndes

County. More detail is available earlier in this report on the specific research done this year. The VLMPO has worked to promote transparency and public education in the transportation planning process through frequent website update, utilizing social media and other outreach efforts.

# 2.3 Develop criteria for implementing transportation investments.

A project selection criterion was developed for the 2035 TP, where it is described in detail. It includes evaluating projects in five primary categories: Congestion Management, Safety and Security, Land use, Economic and Multimodal Development, and Public Input and Community Impact.

# 2.4 Evaluate number of public/private partnerships accomplished.

To date there have been no locally implemented public/private partnerships in this region. GDOT has however begun the process for a public/private partnership for rest areas and welcome centers throughout the state; this includes the one near Lake Park in Lowndes County on I-75.

# 2.5 Evaluate land development outside of urban service areas

In order to start the development of land outside of the urban service area in Lowndes County a baseline for data collection was determined to be the year 2009, after Lowndes County had adopted its new Unified Land Development Code (ULDC). Using the zoning classifications in the ULDC, it was determined that between July 2011 and June 2012 thirty-four acres of land changed zoning classifications from less dense land uses to more dense land uses. Most of this development was in the form of low- to medium-density single family residential development. Further research and data analysis will be completed in the future as more data becomes available.

# 2.6 Number of multi-jurisdictional or coordinated transportation improvement projects/policies

In the FY13-16 Transportation Improvement Program only two of the projects have coordination envisioned by this strategy (Jerry Jones Drive and Forrest Street). Other projects all require general coordination with various jurisdictions as usual. However, one project in particular is a true coordination of two jurisdictions; the replacement of the SR 31/Madison Highway Bridge at the Florida State Line over the Withlacoochee River is a multijurisdictional project with the Georgia and Florida Departments of Transportation.

Priority 3: Promote an aesthetically pleasing, sustainable, transportation system that respects the needs of, and mitigates and/or enhances the impacts on disadvantaged populations and the context of the nearby built and natural environments.

# 3.1 Evaluate context sensitive solutions implemented in transportation projects and policies

The VLMPO regularly works with local and state jurisdictions and project managers to ensure that transportation projects and policies mitigate their impacts on surrounding communities and the environment. The VLMPO staff regularly speaks to community groups about transportation projects and programs to help ensure that the public is aware of the transportation planning process.

# 3.2 Report use of alternative fuels and infrastructure projects for alternative modes of transportation

The only known public, retail alternative fuel station (E85) in Lowndes County is a Flash Foods in the 4100 block of Bemiss Road. It was announce in June 2012 by Atlanta Gas Light that a potential CNG fueling station would be locating at The Langdale Company on James P. Rogers Drive in Valdosta. See the description of

improved bike and pedestrian facilities listed previously.

# 3.3 Report on signs installed and public acceptance of new signage.

At this time no new way-finding signs have been installed.

This past year the VLMPO and the SGRC have been working with local and regional partners to produce project lists and inform the public and elected officials on the proposed transportation sales and use tax (TSPLOST). As a result of the TSPLOST referendum the VLMPO may have to reevaluate its LRTP and TIP within FY2013.

The VLMPO also worked with other staff from the SGRC on a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) with Moody Air Force Base. This study was the implementation phase of a previous study completed by the SGRC in 2009. The intent of the JLUS is to mitigate impacts from the surrounding communities on the mission of the AFB and vice-a-versa. This year the SGRC and VLMPO worked to develop a Travel Demand Model for the area around Moody AFB that can analyze land use policy changes and their impact on the transportation infrastructure for Lowndes, Lanier and Berrien Counties. This model used the VLMPO Travel Demand Model as a base and was added onto by consultants from LSL Planning and LAI Engineering.



**Figure 7 Travel Demand Model Network for JLUS** 

# **Safety Trends**

Below are examples of some of the crash data available to the MPO. This data shows general characteristic of crashes in Lowndes County. Source: GDOT and CARE 9.

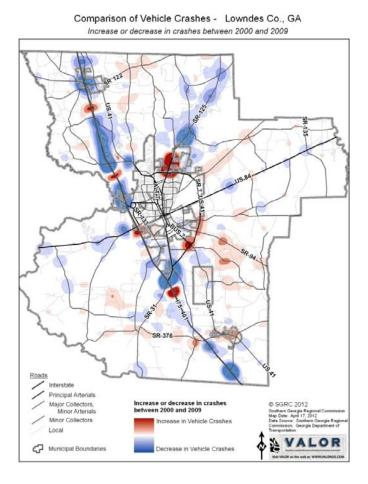


Figure 8 2000-2009 Crash Density Change Lowndes County

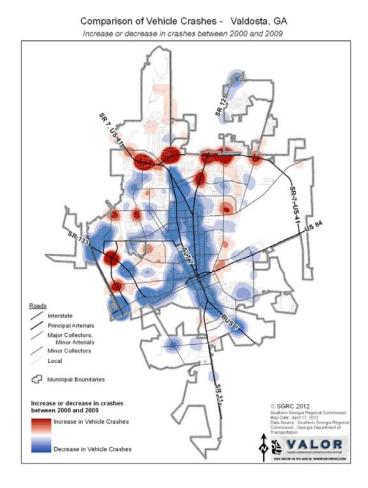
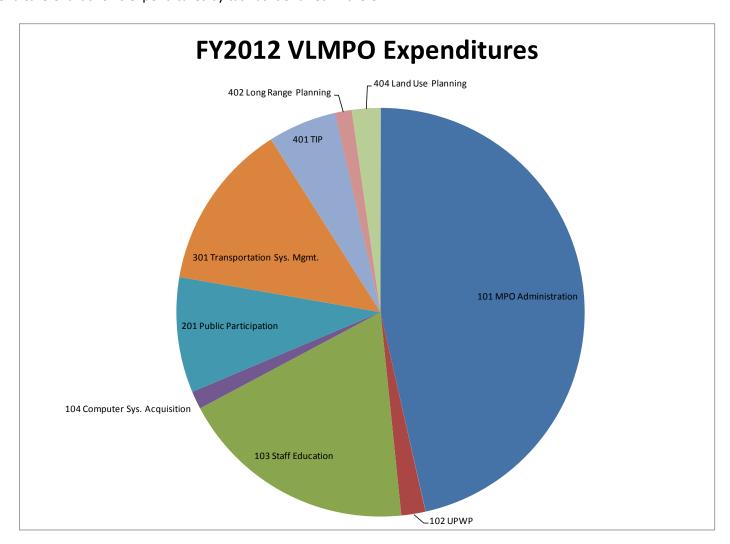


Figure 9 2000-2009 Crash Density Change City of Valdosta

# **Financials**

The Valdosta-Lowndes MPO expends funds through projects that are identified in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP identifies and outlines the planning activities which the MPO plans to undertake for the following year. The Valdosta-Lowndes MPO receives its funds through Federal and State grants and Local matching funds. Federal funds make up the majority of the revenues at 80%, with State funding at 10%, and the Local matching funds at 10%. The accompanying Expenditure Chart shows expenditures by task as identified in the UPWP.



# **FY2012 Funding**

This chart is a breakdown of the expenditure of FHWA PL and FTA 5303 funds utilized by the Valdosta-Lowndes MPO in FY2012.

FY2011 Revenue and Expenditures											
	E	Budgeted	Expended		Expended		Expended		E:	Expended	
Work Element		Total	Total		Federal Total		State Total		Lo	ocal Total	
101 MPO Administration	\$	81,257.20	\$	55,428.76	\$	44,343.01	\$	5,542.88	\$	5,542.88	
102 UPWP	\$	5,500.60	\$	2,298.41	\$	1,838.73	\$	229.84	\$	229.84	
103 Staff Education	\$	22,503.00	\$	22,470.48	\$	17,976.38	\$	2,247.05	\$	2,247.05	
104 Computer Sys. Acquisition	\$	4,500.60	\$	1,677.32	\$	1,341.86	\$	167.73	\$	167.73	
201 Public Participation	\$	21,252.70	\$	10,903.58	\$	8,722.86	\$	1,090.36	\$	1,090.36	
301 Transportation Sys. Mgmt.	\$	81,010.80	\$	15,818.05	\$	12,654.44	\$	1,581.81	\$	1,581.81	
401 TIP	\$	12,251.50	\$	6,440.05	\$	5,152.04	\$	644.01	\$	644.01	
402 Long Range Planning	\$	4,500.60	\$	1,564.71	\$	1,251.77	\$	156.47	\$	156.47	
404 Land Use Planning	\$	23,503.00	\$	2,706.65	\$	2,165.32	\$	270.67	\$	270.67	
Total	\$	256,279.99	\$	119,308.01	\$	95,446.41	\$	11,930.80	\$	11,930.80	

# FY2012 FHWA PL Funds by Quarter

This chart is a breakdown of the expenditure of FHWA PL funds by quarter utilized by the Valdosta-Lowndes MPO in FY2012.

FY 20112FHWA PL Expenditures by Quarter														
Work Element	Fir	st Quarter	Se	cond Quarter	Th	ird Quarter	Fo	urth Quarter	To	tal Year End	Со	ntract Total	Cor	ntract Balance
101 MPO Administration	\$	9,968.91	\$	4,064.98	\$	2,528.87	\$	12,034.51	\$	28,597.27	\$	54,007.20	\$	25,409.93
102 UPWP	\$	891.64	\$	277.02	\$	(14.07)	\$	(2.28)	\$	1,152.31	\$	4,500.60	\$	3,348.29
103 Staff Education	\$	12,924.96	\$	1,980.23	\$	2,752.59	\$	4,812.70	\$	22,470.48	\$	22,503.00	\$	32.52
104 Computer Sys. Acquisition	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,677.32	\$	-	\$	1,677.32	\$	4,500.60	\$	2,823.28
201 Public Participation	\$	3,127.59	\$	1,905.38	\$	1,846.43	\$	3,044.08	\$	9,923.48	\$	20,252.70	\$	10,329.22
301 Transportation Sys. Mgmt.	\$	1,123.40	\$	4,818.14	\$	5,754.64	\$	4,121.87	\$	15,818.05	\$	81,010.80	\$	65,192.75
401 TIP	\$	1,930.92	\$	24.63	\$	(13.81)	\$	3,594.19	\$	5,535.93	\$	11,251.50	\$	5,715.57
402 Long Range Planning	\$	1,077.00	\$	21.37	\$	469.43	\$	(3.09)	\$	1,564.71	\$	4,500.60	\$	2,935.89
404 Land Use Planning	\$	225.66	\$	1,317.95	\$	203.53	\$	(3.29)	\$	1,743.85	\$	22,503.00	\$	20,759.15
Totals	\$	31,270.08	\$	14,409.70	\$	15,204.93	\$	27,598.69	\$	88,483.40	\$	225,029.99	\$	136,546.59

# **FY2012 UPWP Work Element Summary Reports**

# 101.1 - MPO Administration

# Objective:

To coordinate and conduct the transportation planning activities of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws regulations and requirements.

## **Project Description:**

Maintain proper records as required under the PL contract, 5303 and any other contracts administered by the MPO, includes preparation of budgets, financial records, reimbursement requests and an annual performance report. Coordinate MPO Committee meetings and overall transportation planning efforts in the Region. Continue to work with GAMPO and other state and national organizations on the role of MPOs in statewide and metropolitan transportation planning. Continue to work with GDOT and surrounding jurisdictions to develop a comprehensive, coordinated and continuous regional transportation planning process. Work with other SGRC staff to ensure compliance with FTA regulations regarding DBE and other procurement policies. Coordinate a balanced and comprehensive approach to transportation planning across all modes including highway, public transit (urban and rural), bike and pedestrian, freight and others for the movement of goods and people to meet the needs of the region. Coordination efforts shall include not only surface transportation planning, but also encompass the relationships among land use and all transportation modes.

## **Quarter 1 Report:**

Staff prepared meeting agendas and minutes for committee meetings. Staff met with new MPO committee members and provided orientation sessions for them. Staff participated in GDOT Intermodal Transit Division conference calls throughout the quarter. Staff attended meetings of the Southern Georgia Regional Transportation Roundtable throughout the SGRC region. Staff prepared and executed contracts with GDOT for PL and 5303 funds (still awaiting final 5303 contract). Staff attended the GAMPO summer workshop in Atlanta. Staff researched FTA DBE requirements, for further potential processes to be developed later in the year.

# **Quarter 2 Report:**

Staff held a meeting with the Citizen's Advisory Committee and coordinated to move the TCC/PC date to January due to conflicting schedules. Staff executed agreement with GDOT for 5303 contract. Staff met with new PC members for an orientation session.

# **Quarter 3 Report:**

Staff prepared agendas and minutes for Policy, Technical and Citizen's meetings in January and March. Staff met with the Chair of the Citizen's Committee to review committee attendance and membership. Staff met with new elected officials who will serve on the Policy Committee. Staff participated in the SGRC elected officials orientation for newly elected officials and SGRC Council members to tell them about the role of the VLMPO in the region and Lowndes County. Staff attended meetings of the SGRC Council.

#### **Quarter 4 Report:**

Staff prepared agendas and minutes for Policy, Technical and Citizen's meetings in June. Staff met with new Citizen Advisory Committee members.

## Comparisons of Actual to Date performance to stated goals:

Actual to Date performance matches stated goals.

# Progress in meeting schedules:

All schedules met during this quarter.

Budget \$54,007.20 Actual to Date \$28,597.27 Percent Expended 53%

**Percent of Project Complete: 100%** 

# **Budget Revisions:**

Yes, added FY2011 carryover, pending GDOT contract process, for a new total amount of \$54,007.20.

# **102.1 UPWP**

# Objective:

Develop annual work program to guide staff in the transportation planning activities of the MPO as directed by the Policy Committee in compliance with all federal, state and local laws, regulations and requirements.

## **Project Description:**

The UPWP is an annual document that includes a brief description of tasks, work products, responsible agencies, and identifies the funding sources to accomplish planning efforts. MPO staff will draft a FY2013 UPWP by February 2012 for review by GDOT/FHWA. The Final UPWP will be reviewed by the TCC and CAC which then recommends it to the Policy Committee for adoption (by March 2012). Develop a UPWP and work tasks that promote and analyze all modes of transportation including alternative modes such as bike and pedestrian and public transit.

## **Quarter 1 Report:**

Staff prepared FHWA PL and FTA 5303 contracts for execution (still awaiting final 5303 contract from GDOT). Staff prepared FY2011 Annual report and FY2011 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter report. Annual Report was published on the SGRC website.

## Quarter 2 Report:

Staff prepared the FY2012 Quarter 1 report and sent to GDOT for review and reimbursement. Staff prepared the draft FY2013 UPWP and budget and sent to GDOT, FTA, FHWA and local partners for review and comment.

# **Quarter 3 Report:**

Staff completed the draft FY2013 UPWP and presented it for adoption at the March Policy Committee meeting. Staff prepared the FY2012 Q2 report, this reimbursement request has been delayed pending a supplemental agreement from GDOT (see below).

# **Quarter 4 Report:**

Staff completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Reports for FY2012 and submitted both the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter reimbursement requests.

# Comparisons of Actual to Date performance to stated goals:

Actual to Date performance matches stated goals.

# Progress in meeting schedules:

All schedules met during this quarter.

Budget \$4,500.60 Actual to Date \$1,152.31 Percent Expended 25.6%

**Percent of Project Complete: 100%** 

# **Budget Revisions:**

Yes, added FY2011 carryover, pending GDOT contract process, for a new total amount of \$4,500.60.

# 103.1 Staff Education

# Objective:

Develop MPO staff knowledge of transportation planning procedures through relevant workshops, conferences, and seminars.

# **Project Description:**

To provide continued education and training for MPO staff that will enable the MPO to effectively carry out the planning process in the Greater Valdosta - Lowndes Urbanized Area. Some of the conferences the staff may attend are: GPA, APA, FPA, GTA, TRB, GAMPO, AMPO, NADO, NARC, GOHS, GA ITS. Attendance at other meetings and events not listed here shall also be considered eligible. Other out of state travel not listed here will require advance permission from GDOT. For in state travel as requested by GDOT or FHWA for conferences or training shall not require advance permission. Consider training for Cube software package in cooperation with GAMPO and GDOT. MPO will continue membership in AMPO, and will consider other association memberships as needed. Provide staff with necessary training to operate software and produce data and analysis relative to the needs of the MPO.

# **Quarter 1 Report:**

Staff attended the GAMPO Summer Workshop in Atlanta in July. Staff also attended and provided organization support for the GAMPO hosted training in Atlanta for the CUBE software package in July. Staff attended the Georgia Highway Safety Conference in Savannah in July. Staff attended the Georgia Planning Association Conference in Savannah in September and attended a TRB sponsored 'Using Social Media for Public Engagement" Online Conference in September.

# **Quarter 2 Report:**

Staff attended the FTA EJ/Title VI webinar on 10/28 regarding new proposed rules affecting our public participation plan. Staff attended a NEPA 101 webinar on 10/27, learning about how the planning process can be improved to aid in NEPA reviews. Staff attended the PEL 101 webinar on 11/1, building on the previous session on how to improve the planning process for environmental reviews. Staff attended the Georgia Transportation Summit in Atlanta. Staff attended the GAMPO and GTA annual conferences in Macon.

## **Quarter 3 Report:**

Staff attended the Georgia Logistics Summit in Atlanta to learn about freight and economic development issues impacting the state and local governments. Staff attended Title VI/ADA training in Valdosta hosted by GDOT. Staff also presented information about the VLMPO Title VI Plan at this training. Staff attended the Georgia Planning Association Spring Conference in Dunwoody.

#### **Quarter 4 Report:**

Staff attended the NADO Rural Transportation Conference in Vermont where the VLMPO was presented with the Excellence in Regional Transportation Award for our Freight Planning efforts. Staff attended several conference calls with AMPO and NADO regarding the federal transportation reauthorization. Staff attended a conference call on Community Impact Assessments. Staff attended a Complete Streets seminar in Macon along with a planner from the City of Valdosta. Staff attended the FHWA Health Impact Assessment training in Atlanta.

# Comparisons of Actual to Date performance to stated goals:

Actual to Date performance matches stated goals.

# Progress in meeting schedules:

All schedules met during this quarter.

Budget \$22,503.00 Actual to Date \$22,470.48 Percent Expended 99.9%

**Percent of Project Complete: 100%** 

# **Budget Revisions:**

Yes, added FY2011 carryover, pending GDOT contract process, for a new total amount of \$22,503.00.

# 104.1 Computer System Acquisition

# Objective:

Acquire relevant computer systems and software and train staff as related to the transportation planning process.

# **Project Description:**

This element allows the SGRDC to purchase computer systems and software for ITS and GIS activities relative to the MPO planning process. Update and/or purchase Arc GIS, Arc View, CUBE 5, CORSIM, Synchro and other transportation related software packages as needed. Consider purchasing upgrades to Cube 5 traffic modeling software in coordination with GDOT and other GAMPO members. Provide staff with necessary training to operate software and produce data and analysis relative to the needs of the MPO. Coordinate purchases of computer systems, software and training with GDOT.

# **Quarter 1 Report:**

No work was completed in this quarter.

## **Quarter 2 Report:**

Staff began to research the purchase of new computer equipment for general staff use as part of maintaining useful and capable technology.

#### **Quarter 3 Report:**

SGRC acquired a new laptop for use by VLMPO staff; this purchase also included software upgrades from Microsoft, and new hardware peripherals.

# **Quarter 4 Report:**

No work was completed this quarter.

## Comparisons of Actual to Date performance to stated goals:

Actual to Date performance matches stated goals.

# Progress in meeting schedules:

All schedules met during this quarter.

Budget \$4,500.60 Actual to Date \$1,677.32 Percent Expended 37.3%

**Percent of Project Complete: 100%** 

# **Budget Revisions:**

Yes, added FY2011 carryover, pending GDOT contract process, for a new total amount of \$4,500.60.

# 201.1 Participation Plan and Community Outreach

#### Objective:

To implement the Participation Plan (PP) that outlines the goals of the VLMPO and opportunities for interaction amongst units of government and the public as they relate to the planning process.

# **Project Description:**

To effectively obtain input concerning the MPO planning process through a framework encouraging public participation. MPO plans will be developed in consultation with local, state, and federal agencies to ensure intergovernmental coordination. Review and update the Public Participation Plan as appropriate. Continue to engage the Citizen's Advisory Committee through innovative and new public involvement techniques to increase participation. Continue previous efforts of SGRC to engage the Greater Lowndes Growth Advisory Committee as a resource for community input for the MPO, SGRC, Greater Lowndes Planning Commission, Lowndes County, Valdosta, Remerton, Hahira, Dasher, and Lake Park. Continue to work on transit implementation and services through public marketing and outreach and education. Continue to support existing public transit systems through marketing, outreach and education in efforts to increase ridership and awareness. Continue to maintain and update websites and documents for public consumption with the most recent and relevant data. Continue to develop visualization tools and techniques to better communicate MPO plans, programs, and public involvement.

# Quarter 1 Report:

Staff attended and participated in several meetings of the Southern Georgia RTR throughout the SGRC region in this quarter. Staff made weekly updates to our website: <a href="www.sgrc.us/transportation">www.sgrc.us/transportation</a>; Facebook: Valdosta-Lowndes MPO; and Twitter @VLMPO online pages. Staff completed the follow-up from a comment filed in the last FY regarding Title VI discrimination. This follow-up involves sending GDOT regular updates of our mailing list, and other public notices. Staff also met in person with the group filing the comment and talked to them about how the public can be involved in the transportation planning process. Staff presented information in general on the MPO and the TIA to one of the Valdosta Kiwanis Clubs in August. Staff attended several meetings of the SGRC Council and spoke about (then in force) retro-reflectivity requirements and the TIA. Staff answered several requests for interviews and questions from local television and newspaper outlets regarding the TIA. Staff hosted a public comment period for an amendment to the FY12-15 TIP.

## **Quarter 2 Report:**

Staff participated in National Planning Month activities sponsored by the City of Valdosta including: a Tour of the Valdosta Traffic Management Center; a charrette at Moody Air Force Base regarding the closure of a public road for expanded military operations; the VLMPO hosted a lunch and learn on the TIA; Staff participated in a community workshop called 'For the Love of Valdosta' which brought together business and local leaders to discuss how to brand Valdosta. Staff participated in the SGRC Transit Day in Waycross highlighting public transit throughout the region. Staff updated the VLMPO website with information on bike and pedestrian safety, TIA, TIP, meeting minutes/agendas, and other information. Staff continued to update the VLMPO Facebook and Twitter accounts.

#### Quarter 3 Report:

Staff attended the Lowndes County Bird Supper in Atlanta to represent the SGRC at this event. Staff attended a ribbon cutting for a local freight hauler (Southeastern Freight) the manager of this business is very active on the VLMPO Citizen's Committee and in local freight planning efforts. Staff participated in the Youth Leadership Lowndes event where staff presented information on transportation planning and answered questions of the youth. Staff continued to update the VLMPO website, Facebook and Twitter feeds with current information about transportation planning and issues in Lowndes County and the State of Georgia. Staff presented information at local civic club meetings regarding current transportation planning and policy issues.

# **Quarter 4 Report:**

Staff continued to update the VLMPO website, Facebook and Twitter with weekly updates. Staff made presentations to the following civic groups: Kiwanis (2x) Lowndes County Utility Council, and Rotary (2x). The VLMPO hosted GDOT who put on a DBE workshop for local minority owned business.

# Comparisons of Actual to Date performance to stated goals:

Actual to Date performance matches stated goals.

# Progress in meeting schedules:

All schedules met during this quarter.

Budget \$20,252.70 Actual to Date \$9,923.48 Percent Expended 49%

**Percent of Project Complete: 100%** 

# **Budget Revisions:**

Yes, added FY2011 carryover, pending GDOT contract process, for a new total amount of \$20,252.70.

# **301.1 Transportation Systems Management**

# **Objective:**

Promote the safety, security, preservation, maintenance, and operations of the existing transportation system through the integration and connectivity of modes, for people and freight. Provide data for local and state officials to implement programs to improve the overall safety and efficiency of the transportation system.

# **Project Description:**

Incorporate traffic management and other strategies to improve system efficiency into MPO plans. Consider the development of an Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) plan for Valdosta UZA. Continue to integrate freight and goods movement into long range and short range planning efforts; including development of LRTP/TIP projects and policies. Continue to review and update previous freight planning efforts (2009 Freight Movement Study). Continue to work with local and regional transit providers in developing Coordinated Transit Plans. Continue to develop alternative transportation methods and facilities like bike and pedestrian paths. Research and develop in cooperation with local public agencies, GDOT and FHWA bike safety programs and materials for school-aged children. Work with local communities to develop bike/ped funding opportunities and plans through TE, SRTS, GATEway, and other state and federal programs. Continue to actively participate in the Valdosta Chamber's Gateway Planning Committee. In cooperation with GDOT, FHWA and US Census Bureau complete TAZ delineation for 5-year CTPP data products, for all counties included within the Metropolitan Planning Area. Develop GIS layers as needed for better and more integrated land use and transportation planning. Consider, in consultation with GDOT, local public agencies and FHWA to develop comprehensive traffic count database for better use in developing local and state projects. Consider developing public website to display transportation and economic development related data and TIP and LRTP projects. Continue to develop annual crash report and crash data to identify potential safety projects. See also section 403 Special Studies.

# **Quarter 1 Report:**

Staff has completed a major update of our bike and pedestrian section of our website, including route information, safety information and funding programs for local governments. Staff participated in conference calls with the Georgia Safe Routes to School Resource Center on planning Walk to School Days and promoting school involvement. Staff developed several GIS maps and data layers for the TIA effort for public outreach and internal use. Staff met with GDOT crash reporting staff to prepare a presentation for the SGRC Council and promote the use of electronic crash reporting by local governments.

# **Quarter 2 Report:**

Staff began working on a freight study report looking at the impact of railroads on the local Valdosta economy; this report should be finished in January. Staff began to prepare and collect data for the annual crash report.

# **Quarter 3 Report:**

Staff participated in conference calls and webinars with consultants hired by the GDOT Intermodal Dept. to develop brochures to highlight public transit services in the SGRC Region. Staff commented on these brochures and provided feedback to GDOT and the consultant. \*\*Under a separate contract not using PL funds, but impacting the VLMPO, staff completed field work analysis of GA Bike Route 15 through Valdosta and Lowndes County. This analysis will produce a report that will contain recommendations to GDOT for improving this bike route in the MPO area.

#### **Quarter 4 Report:**

Staff completed the annual crash report for Lowndes County, analyzing 10 years of crash data. Staff presented on the VLMPO Freight Planning Efforts at the NADO Rural Transportation Conference in Vermont, where VLMPO/SGRC won an award for its freight planning efforts.

# Comparisons of Actual to Date performance to stated goals:

Actual to Date performance matches stated goals.

# Progress in meeting schedules:

All schedules met during this quarter.

Budget \$81,010.80 Actual to Date \$15,818.05 Percent Expended 19.5%

**Percent of Project Complete: 100%** 

# **Budget Revisions:**

Yes, added FY2011 carryover, pending GDOT contract process, for a new total amount of \$81,010.80.

# 401.1 FY2010-2013 TIP

# Objective:

Develop and maintain a fiscally constrained Transportation Improvement Program in cooperation with local and state planning partners.

# **Project Description:**

Update the existing TIP to include new projects and delete projects that have been completed.

Assist GDOT and local public agencies in developing projects in the TIP throughout the year, including processing TIP amendments and attending meetings with GDOT and local governments regarding projects in the TIP. Coordinate the development of the TIP to include projects for all modes of transportation. Consider development of project tracking program to provide Policy and Technical Committee representative's information about project development and timelines. Provide technical support for projects within the TIP and LRTP. Develop a project database that is compatible with GIS and web interfaces. 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. Continue to work with GDOT and local transportation partners on the implementation of the Transportation Investment Act of 2010. Attend meeting and conduct analysis where needed to select and prioritize projects for implementation of this law.

# Quarter 1 Report:

Staff prepared one administrative modification and one amendment to the FY12-15 TIP in this quarter. The amendment was presented for public comment and approved by the VLMPO Policy Committee.

# **Quarter 2 Report:**

Staff updated the SGRC/VLMPO website to include information about the TIP.

#### **Quarter 3 Report:**

Staff participated in a kick-off meeting for the construction of a SRTS project at JL Newbern School in Valdosta and the request of the City. This meeting was attended by the GDOT project manager, the school administration, the city and members of the public. This meeting was to discuss issues that were encountered by the GDOT design staff regarding environmental mitigation concerns not foreseen in the area and what steps needed to be taken to continue to develop the project on-time and on-budget.

# **Quarter 4 Report:**

Staff prepared and made available for public comment the FY13-16 TIP. Staff hosted a public open house where 7 individuals attended the event. Staff prepared the comments received and the draft TIP was presented and approved by the MPO committees at the June meetings. Staff attended meetings with GDOT to review the VLMPO TIP and STIP. Staff attended the GDOT Tifton District Quarterly review meetings

# **Comparisons of Actual to Date performance to stated goals:**

Actual to Date performance matches stated goals.

# Progress in meeting schedules:

All schedules met during this quarter.

Budget \$11,251.50 Actual to Date \$5,535.93 Percent Expended 49.2%

**Percent of Project Complete: 100%** 

# **Budget Revisions:**

Yes, added FY2011 carryover, pending GDOT contract process, for a new total amount of \$11,251.50.

# **402.1 Long Range Transportation Plan**

# Objective:

Develop and maintain a 20-year horizon fiscally responsible long range transportation plan. Develop data for ongoing long range planning efforts.

# **Project Description:**

Maintain and amend as needed the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. Work with USDOT, GDOT and possibly FDOT when new census socioeconomic information is released or needed in the development of the Travel Demand Model (TDM). Modify TDM in cooperation with GDOT to include new projects when needed. Continue to work with local governments and GDOT to develop project prioritization for projects in the LRTP. Provide technical support for projects within the TIP and LRTP. Continue to work with the US Census Bureau to ensure proper implementation and review of Census 2010 data locally including block, block group, tract, and TAZ revisions. Consider developing TAZs for counties into which the Urban Area may be expanding into based on 2010 Census data and the growth of the Valdosta Metropolitan Area into areas including but not limited to Brooks, Cook, Berrien, and Lanier Counties in Georgia and Hamilton and Madison Counties in Florida. Work with GDOT, FHWA, and Census Bureau to delineate TAZs based on new 2010 Census information. Develop GIS layers and models needed for development of land use patterns for travel demand model. Continue to coordinate with local public transportation providers to promote public transit. In cooperation with GDOT, FHWA and US Census Bureau complete TAZ delineation for 5-year CTPP data products, for all counties included within the Metropolitan Planning Area. Work with various stakeholders to participate in the completion of a traffic impact and land use study for Moody Air Force Base and the surrounding areas. Includes the development of a TDF Model, data gathering, socio-economic data preparation, and improvement recommendations to be included in future TIPs and LRTPs. This project will be funded by the Department of Defense. Work with GDOT, FHWA and surrounding jurisdictions to continue to develop and maintain a comprehensive, coordinated and continuous regional transportation plan. Continue to work with GDOT and local transportation partners on the implementation of the Transportation Investment Act of 2010. Attend meeting and conduct analysis where needed to select and prioritize projects for implementation of this law, amending the LRTP as needed.

# Quarter 1 Report:

Staff continued to participate in the Moody AFB Joint Land Use Study Implementation efforts by reviewing proposed plans and documents as well as meeting with consulting staff regarding project implementation and travel demand modeling which is a part of the implementation plan.

#### Quarter 2 Report:

Staff participated in meetings regarding the Joint Land Use Study around Moody Air Force Base.

#### Quarter 3 Report:

Staff participated in a webinar with consultants hired by the SGRC to complete a Joint Land Use Study with the Dept. of Defense. This webinar walked the staff through the process to develop the new VLMPO-JLUS Travel Demand Model. This TDM takes the current MPO model and adds on new areas that are adjacent to Moody AFB. Staff began to develop new socio-economic data for this model to be used for transportation and land use forecasting. Staff attended the Lowndes County Technical Review Committee to learn about changes Moody AFB is making to flight patterns that affect noise contours and potentially zoning and land use allowances. It was determined that the adjusted flight patterns would not have a significant impact on land use and development, so the socio-economic data in this area in the MPO TDM and LRTP will not need to be changed at the next update cycle.

# **Quarter 4 Report:**

Staff completed a administrative cost update to the projects in the 2035 LRTP. This cost update was approved by the VLMPO Policy Committee at the June meeting.

# Comparisons of Actual to Date performance to stated goals:

Actual to Date performance matches stated goals.

## Progress in meeting schedules:

All schedules met during this quarter.

Budget \$4,500.60 Actual to Date \$1,564.71 Percent Expended 34.8%

**Percent of Project Complete: 100%** 

# **Budget Revisions:**

Yes, added FY2011 carryover, pending GDOT contract process, for a new total amount of \$4,500.60.

# **403.1 Special Studies**

# Objective:

To conduct a planning level analysis of alternatives to resolves issues with truck traffic in downtown Valdosta.

# **Project Description:**

Continue to explore funding for and consider obtaining consultant services to conduct a planning level alternatives analysis of suggested solutions to issues of truck traffic in downtown Valdosta. Analysis would involve evaluation of the 'Western Perimeter', 'South Bypass', and 'Savannah Avenue' alternatives and any others that might be reasonable to relieve through truck traffic and congestion in downtown Valdosta. This would be a two fiscal year project so costs can be spread out over two budget cycles. This alternative analysis would recommend a project that would be evaluated by MPO committees for possible inclusion in the next LRTP update in 2015. MPO staff will work with local planning partners to develop funding sources for this project. This project may be consolidated with work element 301.

#### Quarter 1 Report:

No work has been completed at this time.

# **Quarter 2 Report:**

No work has been completed at this time.

# **Quarter 3 Report:**

No work has been completed at this time.

## **Quarter 4 Report:**

No work has been completed at this time.

## Comparisons of Actual to Date performance to stated goals:

Actual to Date performance matches stated goals.

# Progress in meeting schedules:

All schedules met during this quarter.

Budget \$0 Actual to Date \$0 Percent Expended \$0

**Percent of Project Complete: 100%** 

Budget Revisions: None.

# **404.1 Land Use Planning**

# Objective:

Development and review of local transportation plans and comprehensive plan elements and review/development of traffic impact analyses that are associated with land-use and zoning and directly affect or are affected by transportation plans of the MPO.

# **Project Description:**

Coordinate with local planning staff to review local land-use developments (e.g. zoning requests, subdivision plats, and commercial development) and affects to the transportation infrastructure. Review plans' compatibility with transportation plans. Continue previous efforts of SGRC to engage the Greater Lowndes Growth Advisory Committee as a resource for community input for the MPO, SGRC, Greater Lowndes Planning Commission, Lowndes County, Valdosta, Remerton, Hahira, Dasher, and Lake Park. Provide technical assistance to local land use planners and engineers on planning topics related to the integration of transportation and land use, including: access management, transit oriented development, etc. Continue to coordinate with local land use planning agencies and analyze local land use plans and patterns and their impact on all modes of transportation (also, conversely analyze the impact of all modes of transportation on land use). Continue to work with GDOT, FHWA and surrounding jurisdictions to continue to develop a comprehensive, coordinated and continuous regional transportation plan.

#### Quarter 1 Report:

Staff reviewed and delivered the Model Ordinance for the Access Management (developed in FY10 and 11) of Inner Perimeter Road to local planners and engineers to begin to review and modify to fit the needs of local governments.

#### **Quarter 2 Report:**

Staff solicited comments from the TCC on changes to the proposed model ordinance for access management on the Inner Perimeter Road corridor, it was determined that staff should revisit the ordinance and focus more on land use impacts.

## **Quarter 3 Report:**

The ongoing effort to develop an access management plan for Inner Perimeter Road was discussed at the TCC meeting this quarter. It was determined that the staff should continue to review a model ordinance and have more emphasis put on enforcing land use and access not just median cuts in the roadway. Staff participated in a conference call with the Central Yavapai MPO in Arizona sponsored by the National Association of Regional Councils to discuss combining local comprehensive plans and MPO LRTPs into one unified document. The VLMPO staff learned how other agencies in the nation are working to integrate land use and transportation policies and guidance into common documents adopted by local governments. Staff attended a City of Valdosta First Step meeting regarding the development of multi-family housing along the Jerry Jones Corridor. Staff met with the developer and city planner to discuss the proposed widening of this roadway and inform the developer of this project and the potential impact it might have on the proposed development. Staff met with Valdosta city planners to discuss a retail development and the proposed location of the Lankford Drive project in the 2035 TP. VLMPO staff provided the City and the developer new socio-economic and traffic data for this area because in the current 2035 TP, this areas was projected to be residential development. It was also discussed where this new road would go, based on current and planned development and a desire to continue this roadway over I-75 in the future.

# **Quarter 4 Report:**

Staff met with the Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority to discuss the development of a suitability analysis for land development that is adjacent to roadways and rail transportation. This analysis will continue into FY13.

# Comparisons of Actual to Date performance to stated goals:

Actual to Date performance matches stated goals.

# Progress in meeting schedules:

All schedules met during this quarter.

Budget \$22,503.00 Actual to Date \$1,743.85 Percent Expended 7.75%

**Percent of Project Complete: 100%** 

## **Budget Revisions:**

Yes, added FY2011 carryover, pending GDOT contract process, for a new total amount of \$22,503.00.

# **VLMPO Committees**

(as of July 2012)

Poli	icy Committee	Citizen's Advisory Committee					
Name	Agency	Name	Agency				
John Leonard	Southern Georgia RC	Blake Waagner	Lowndes County				
Joe Pritchard	Lowndes County	Bryan Almand	City of Valdosta				
Larry Hanson	City of Valdosta	Kenneth Sherrill	City of Lake Park				
John Gayle	City of Valdosta	Leggett Lovan	VL Chamber				
Ashley Paulk	Lowndes County	Steve Coleman	Lowndes Co. BoE				
Keith Golden	GDOT	Stephanie Joachim	Valdosta City BoE				
Ben Futch	City of Lake Park	Ray Sable	Valdosta State Univ.				
Rodney Barry	FHWA-GA	Angela Crance	Valdosta Tech. Coll.				
Yvette Taylor	FTA Region IV	Bernard Robinson	City of Valdosta				
Robert Jefferson	Citizen's Advisory Comm.	Edward Rawls	Lowndes County				
		Robert Jefferson	Lowndes County				
Technical Co	oordinating Committee	Harriet Crum	City of Hahira				
Name	Agency	Debbie Hobdy	Lowndes County				
Patrick Collins	City of Valdosta		City of Dasher				
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County	Carroll Griffin	City of Remerton				
Lesa Walker	GDOT Planning	Mary Culbert	Convention Center				
Brent Thomas	GDOT District 4	Amanda Peacock	Cntrl. Val. Dev. Auth.				
Roger Christie	Lowndes Co. Schools	Allan Ricketts	VL Industrial Auth.				
Edward Collins	Valdosta City Schools	Col. Clarence Parker	VL Airport Auth.				
Tracy Meyers	Bike/Ped Advocate	Steven Barnes	Leadership Lowndes				
Ann-Marie Day	FHWA-GA	Earl Wetherington	City of Valdosta				
Danny Weeks	Lowndes Co. EMA	Dr. Richard Saeger	City of Valdosta				
		Charlie Clark	Lowndes County				