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MPO Administration

FY2010 was a busy year for the VLMPO, the development of the 2035 Transportation Plan required many more committee meetings and input than other years. Each of the MPO Committees stepped up to the challenge to develop a regional transportation plan that would put Valdosta and Lowndes County on top for the next 25 years.

GAMPO

Georgia Association of MPOs

The Georgia Association of MPOs (GAMPO) continued to be a forum for state and national transportation issues, where MPO staff from around the State of Georgia could network and share challenges and new ideas. The GAMPO members meet twice each year, and more often via conference call, and maintain an active email list where questions and ideas are discussed. In these difficult financial times, GAMPO in partnership with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) worked to develop new ways to fund and support MPOs through in-kind match scenarios in future funding cycles (currently VLMPO does not anticipate using in-kind match funding scenarios).

In FY2010 the VLMPO staff was able to attend and learn new strategies and ideas in three different GAMPO meetings, the Georgia Planning Association, the national Association of MPOs, the Georgia Association of Regional Commissions, the Georgia Transit Association, and the Transportation Research Board. These conferences and meetings help staff to stay on the forefront of new ideas in transportation

planning and bring those ideas back to the Lowndes County for implementation. In FY2010 the VLMPO implemented a new public outreach and engagement opportunities, added performance measures to the 2035 Transportation Plan, and brought to light new funding opportunities for local jurisdictions to take advantage of.

The MPO continued its oversight of consultants in the ongoing implementation of transit services in the Valdosta Urbanized Area. In FY2010 the MPO staff and consultants prepared two funding proposals to local governments. In August 2009, the local governments determined that the operations costs of implementing a transit system were too great to be included in the local budget. The VLMPO Policy Committee and Transit Steering Committee asked the consultants to go back to the drawing board and propose other ways to fund transit operations. In the spring of 2010, Grice and Associates proposed new hotel and alcohol taxes to pay for the implementation of transit services. The local governments once again decided against implementing transit due tight budgets and the depressed economy.

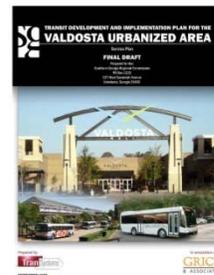


Figure 2 Transit Service Plan for Valdosta Urbanized Area

The VLMPO continues to include the implementation of public transit services in the 2035 Transportation Plan; however there is no timeline or funding outlined for the future implementation of these services.

Public Involvement

Public outreach and involvement is an important role of MPOs. The VLMPO takes this responsibility seriously and has continued to develop new ways to engage the public and solicit comments on various documents or proposals.

Some significant additions to the VLMPO website include information on access management proposals and best practices, an updated committee hand book, new information on rural public transit services in the region, more information on bike and pedestrian safety and planning. Many other additions and updates are made throughout the year to make sure the website is up-to-date with the most current information.



Figure 3 VLMPO and SGRC Transportation Webpage

The VLMPO hosted several public meetings and open houses in FY2010. An access management open house drew about thirty persons interested in the future development of a major arterial corridor in Lowndes County. The unveiling of the 2035 Transportation Plan project list drew between 25 and 35 individuals who were interested in seeing what the proposed transportation investment were going to be in Lowndes County. The VLMPO finds that open houses are a good way to engage the public and help people quickly get their questions answered and without involving a formal public hearing process or presentation.



Another way the VLMPO has tried to further engage the public is through using technology and the internet and social media sites like Facebook. In FY2010, VLMPO launched its Facebook webpage to

further solicit input from the public, the Facebook page has been slow to start, but has gained momentum in recent weeks, likely due to the publicity surrounding the 2035 Transportation Plan.

The VLMPO continues to inform the public throughout the Southern Georgia Regional Commission service area through a quarterly newsletter highlighting transportation projects, safety programs and initiatives throughout the region. This newsletter is distributed to more than 400 individuals, companies, churches, etc. throughout the region.

The VLMPO has continued to engage the public through speaking engagement and other presentations at various meetings and conferences. In FY2010, the VLMPO staff spoke in panel presentation to the Georgia Transit Association on implementing new transit services in South Georgia. The VLMPO staff has continued to keep local officials informed about the transportation planning process through speaking engagement with the Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce Local Legislative Committee, the Valdosta and other local City Councils and the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners.

Systems Management

Crash report

This year VLMPO and the Southern Georgia Regional Commission (SGRC, VLMPO parent agency) partnered with many other local agencies and business to promote a 'Share the Road' bike ride developed by local Eagle Scout Michael Jacobson. This opportunity led to the development of a bike safety brochure the MPO and SGRC each plan to continue to distribute.

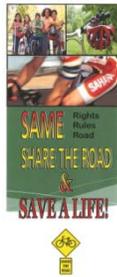


Figure 5 Brochure used for 'Share the Road' bike ride, now used by MPO and SGRC.

Other efforts in bicycle and pedestrian planning have led to the continued development and improvement of the VLMPO website to include more information on bike and pedestrian safety as well as maps of safe trails and paths throughout the region.

The VALOR GIS (Valdosta-Lowndes Regional GIS) program at the SGRC has worked hand in hand with developing GIS layers and maps for the MPO over the past year. These maps help the public better visualize transportation proposals from the local jurisdictions and the overall regional transportation system. Below are some examples of the maps created. Many of these maps can be found on the VLMPO website as well.

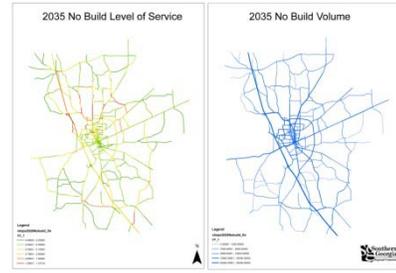


Figure 4 Example Map: 2035 No Build Travel Demand Model

In early 2010, the Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce formed a Gateways Committee of public and private sector representatives to work on beautifying the entrances into Lowndes County to help make the community for physically attractive to potential businesses and tourists. The MPO staff plays an active role on this committee and the Technical Task Force. The Gateways Committee, in the past year, has ranked the various gateways locations in the community, begun to work on the development of a community-wide Gateways Master Plan, and served as a regional stakeholder group for the City of Valdosta and Lowndes County as they work to implement gateway improvements and designs throughout the community.

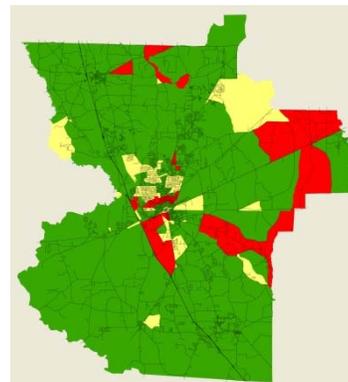


Figure 6 Example Map: 2023 Transportation Plan Population Change

Transportation Plans and Studies

In FY 2010, the VLMPO adopted two Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) in order to remain on the schedule with GDOT and other MPOs around the state. The TIP is the short-term work program for transportation projects in the Metropolitan Planning Area. The projects in the TIP are the projects that are currently or soon to be under the phase of development listed. This document draws its projects from the first few years of the prioritized long range transportation plan, which the VLMPO also updated this year.

Over the past 18-months the VLMPO has been involved in the process of updating and developing a new 25-year transportation plan. The 2035 Transportation Plan (TP) was completed in FY2010 (final adoption will occur in FY2011). This TP contains priorities, implementation strategies, performance measures, regional policies regarding: land use, safety, economic development, multi-modal transportation, and highway, bike and pedestrian and transit project listings.

Most of FY2010 staff time was devoted to working cooperatively with state and local agencies to complete this TP.

To begin the process, the MPO staff worked with the Citizen's Advisory Committee and the Greater Lowndes Growth Advisory Committee to develop a set of priorities and implementation strategies to be undertaken over the 25-year life of the TP.

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

- **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.**
- **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.**

The MPO staff led the effort to identify future residential, commercial and industrial growth areas throughout the region. The VLMPO hired the Valdosta State University Center for Business and Economic Research to develop base-year and future-year socioeconomic data forecasts including: population, employment, income, and school enrollment.

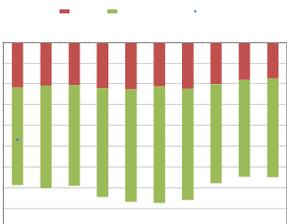
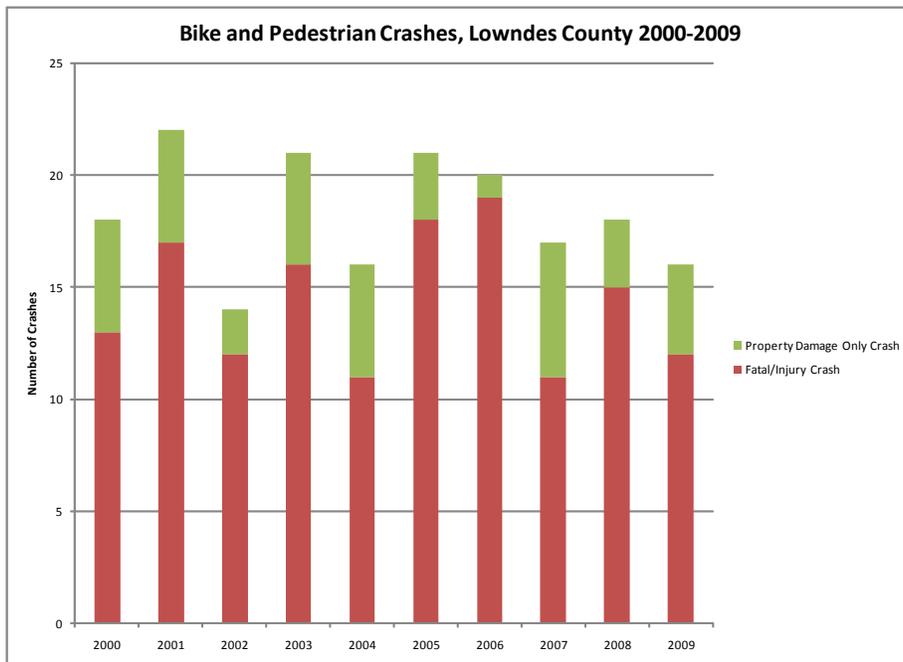
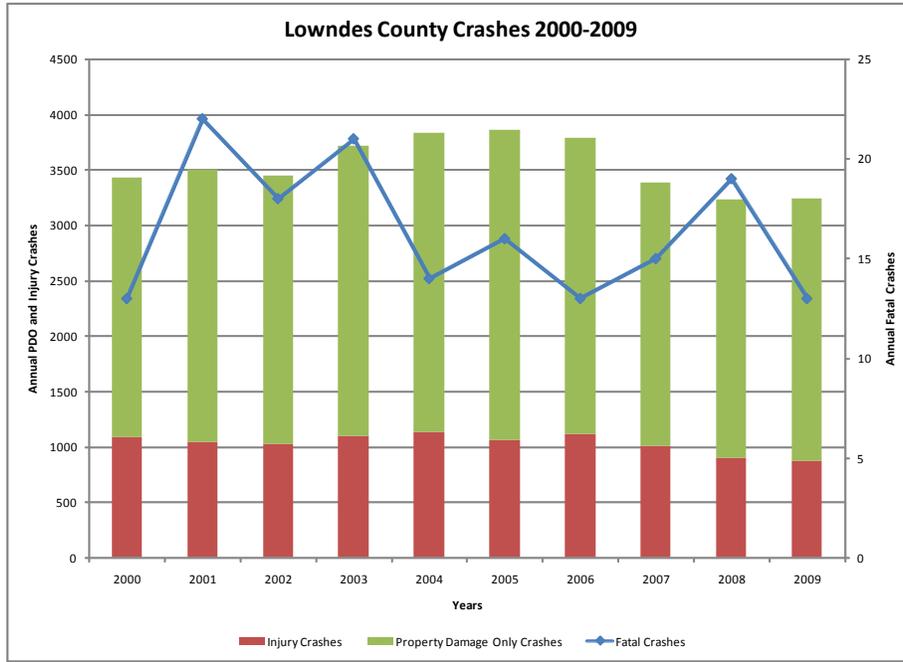
The SGRC VALOR GIS department then took the future growth maps and socioeconomic data and aggregated it to Traffic Analysis Zones for use by GDOT and the Travel Demand Model.

The MPO staff also worked with state and local engineers to develop a prioritization and ranking process that was objective to help rank and prioritize projects. Through a series of meetings with state and local engineers a final project listing was developed and approved for public comment by the Policy Committee.

MPO staff also participated in efforts to ensure strong local participation in the 2010 Census, as well as training opportunities on using Census data and the development of new transportation uses for the data being collected in 2010.

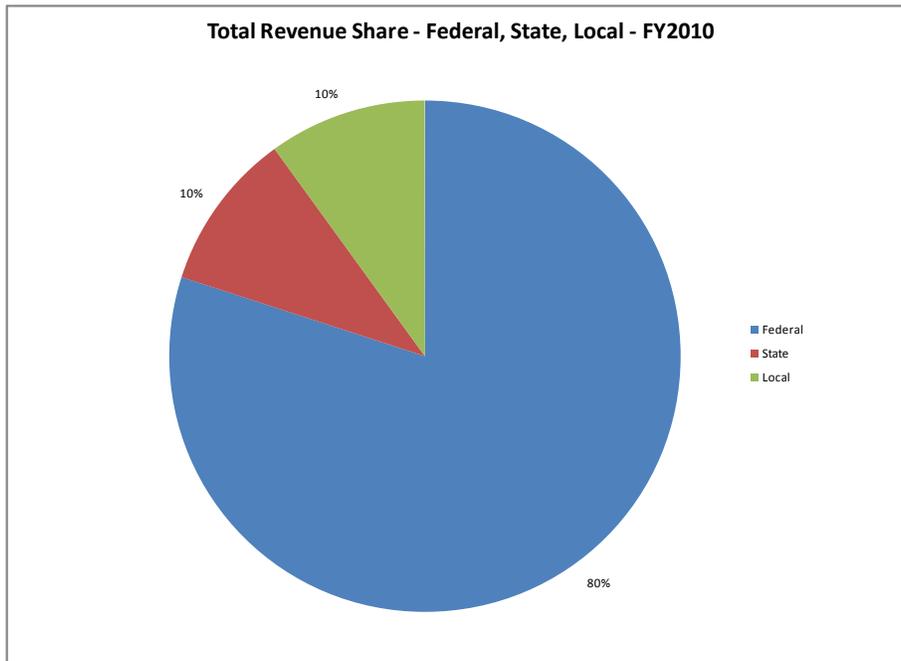
Safety Trends

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.

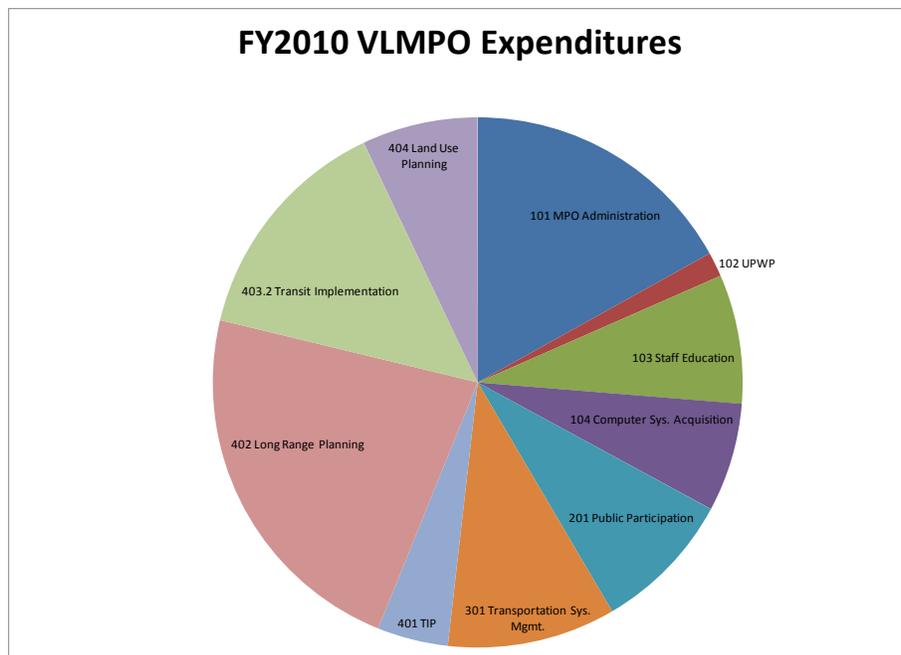


Financials

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 9.6%, and the Local matching funds at 10.4%. The accompanying Revenue Chart shows revenues by funding source.



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 accompanying Expenditure Chart shows expenditures by group tasks as identified in the UPWP.



FY2010 FHWA PL Funds

This chart is a breakdown of the expenditure of FHWA PL funds utilized by the Valdosta-Lowndes MPO in FY2010.

| FY2010 Revenue and Expenditures | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Work Element | Budgeted Total PL | Expended Total PL | Expended Federal PL | Expended State PL | Expended Local PL |
| 101 MPO Administration | \$ 23,986.50 | \$ 23,822.83 | \$ 19,058.26 | \$ 2,382.28 | \$ 2,382.28 |
| 102 UPWP | \$ 11,070.69 | \$ 2,648.54 | \$ 2,118.83 | \$ 264.85 | \$ 264.85 |
| 103 Staff Education | \$ 18,451.16 | \$ 13,930.23 | \$ 11,144.18 | \$ 1,393.02 | \$ 1,393.02 |
| 104 Computer Sys. Acquisition | \$ 20,049.15 | \$ 11,739.23 | \$ 9,391.38 | \$ 1,173.92 | \$ 1,173.92 |
| 201 Public Participation | \$ 16,606.04 | \$ 15,250.21 | \$ 12,200.17 | \$ 1,525.02 | \$ 1,525.02 |
| 301 Transportation Sys. Mgmt. | \$ 18,451.16 | \$ 18,129.03 | \$ 14,503.22 | \$ 1,812.90 | \$ 1,812.90 |
| 401 TIP | \$ 14,760.93 | \$ 7,634.11 | \$ 6,107.29 | \$ 763.41 | \$ 763.41 |
| 402 Long Range Planning | \$ 68,627.89 | \$ 40,101.18 | \$ 32,080.94 | \$ 4,010.12 | \$ 4,010.12 |
| 403.2 Transit Implementation | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 404 Land Use Planning | \$ 20,296.28 | \$ 12,515.17 | \$ 10,012.14 | \$ 1,251.52 | \$ 1,251.52 |
| Total | \$ 212,299.80 | \$145,770.53 | \$116,616.42 | \$14,577.05 | \$14,577.05 |

FY2010 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 FY2010.

| FY 2010 Expenditures by Quarter | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Work Element | First Quarter | Second Quarter | Third Quarter | Fourth Quarter | Total Year End | Contract Total | Contract Balance |
| 101 MPO Administration | \$ 7,846.97 | \$ 4,552.59 | \$ 8,552.80 | \$ 2,870.47 | \$ 23,822.83 | \$ 23,986.50 | \$ 163.67 |
| 102 UPWP | \$ 584.12 | \$ 380.54 | \$ 842.90 | \$ 840.98 | \$ 2,648.54 | \$ 11,070.69 | \$ 8,422.15 |
| 103 Staff Education | \$ 2,467.30 | \$ 6,739.29 | \$ 2,637.69 | \$ 2,085.95 | \$ 13,930.23 | \$ 18,451.16 | \$ 4,520.93 |
| 104 Computer Sys. Acquisition | \$ 7,893.94 | \$ 460.41 | \$ - | \$ 3,384.88 | \$ 11,739.23 | \$ 20,049.15 | \$ 8,309.92 |
| 201 Public Participation | \$ 977.36 | \$ 1,362.14 | \$ 3,150.48 | \$ 9,760.23 | \$ 15,250.21 | \$ 16,606.04 | \$ 1,355.83 |
| 301 Transportation Sys. Mgmt. | \$ 3,137.63 | \$ 5,660.70 | \$ 5,469.61 | \$ 3,861.09 | \$ 18,129.03 | \$ 18,451.16 | \$ 322.13 |
| 401 TIP | \$ 1,392.40 | \$ 377.06 | \$ 2,079.68 | \$ 3,784.97 | \$ 7,634.11 | \$ 14,760.93 | \$ 7,126.82 |
| 402 Long Range Planning | \$ 15,470.73 | \$ 15,135.57 | \$ 6,230.24 | \$ 3,264.64 | \$ 40,101.18 | \$ 68,627.89 | \$ 28,526.71 |
| 404 Land Use Planning | \$ 2,952.47 | \$ 1,354.07 | \$ 388.47 | \$ 7,820.16 | \$ 12,515.17 | \$ 20,296.28 | \$ 7,781.11 |
| Totals | \$ 42,722.92 | \$ 36,022.37 | \$ 29,351.87 | \$ 37,673.37 | \$ 145,770.53 | \$ 212,299.80 | \$ 66,529.27 |

FY2010 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 and 5303 contract, 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 plan.

Quarter 1 Report:

Staff held meetings with the Policy, Technical and Citizen’s Committees. Staff completed reimbursement requests and prepared the annual report for FY2009. Staff has continued to work with GAMPO to meet the needs to the MPOs in Georgia. Staff continued to work with consultants and committee members on the implementation of public transit services for the Valdosta Urbanized Area.

Quarter 2 Report:

Staff held meetings with the Policy, Technical and Citizen’s Committees. Staff has continued to work with GAMPO to meet the needs to the MPOs in Georgia. Staff continued to work with consultants and committee members on the implementation of public transit services for the Valdosta Urbanized Area. Staff met with new committee members to brief them on VLMPO policies and the functions of the MPO. Staff attended receptions for GDOT staff and leadership at the Valdosta Chamber.

Quarter 3 Report:

Staff held meetings with the Policy, Technical and Citizen’s Committees in February and March. Staff has continued to work with GAMPO to meet the needs to the MPOs in Georgia. Staff continued to work with consultants and committee members on the implementation of public transit services for the Valdosta Urbanized Area. Staff met with new committee members to brief them on VLMPO policies and the functions of the MPO.

Quarter 4 Report:

Staff held meetings with the Policy, Technical and Citizen’s Committee’s in April and June. Staff continued to work with GAMPO to meet the needs of MPOs in the State of Georgia. Staff continued to work with consultants to complete the implementation of public transit services in the Valdosta Urbanized Area. Staff participated in a GDOT/FTA review. Staff met with new committee members to inform them about the MPOs roles and responsibilities.

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| Budget | \$23,986.50 | Actual to Date | \$23,822.83 | Percent Expended | 99% |
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Percent of Project Complete: 100%

Budget Revisions: None

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. The draft 2011 UPWP is due by December 2009 for review by GDOT/FHWA. The Final UPWP gets reviewed by the TCC and CAC which then recommends it to the Policy Committee for adoption (by March 2010). The Final UPWP is forwarded to GDOT by April 15th for their subsequent review and approval.

Quarter 1 Report:

Staff completed annual report for FY2009. Staff prepared quarterly report for FY2010 Q1.

Quarter 2 Report:

Staff prepared quarterly report for FY2010 Q2 and began preparing the FY2011 UPWP and budget.

Quarter 3 Report:

Staff prepared quarterly report for FY2010 Q2 and began preparing the FY2011 UPWP and budget. Staff prepared a budget amendment to the FY2010 UPWP. This budget amendment is currently pending approval by GDOT and is reflected on the appropriate pages in this report. Staff attended conference calls and meetings regarding PL match using in-kind services.

Quarter 4 Report:

Staff completed the FY10 Quarter 3 report. Staff completed the preparation of the FY11 UPWP which was adopted by the VLMPO Policy Committee.

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| Budget | \$11,070.69 | Actual to Date | \$2,648.54 | Percent Expended | 24% |
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Percent of Project Complete: 100%

Budget Revisions:

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, FLAPA, APA, TRB, GAMPO, AMPO, GA GOHS, GA ITS. 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. MPO will continue membership in AMPO, and APA/AICP, and will consider other association memberships as needed.

Quarter 1 Report:

Staff attended the Georgia Planning Association Conference and annual GAMPO summer workshop.

Quarter 2 Report:

Staff attended the Georgia Planning Association Conference, the GAMPO Fall Conference and Annual Meeting, and the AMPO Annual Conference. Staff attended the Georgia Association of Regional Commissions annual conference as well.

Quarter 3 Report:

Staff attended the Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Staff attended several freight webinars produced by FHWA. Staff attended transit division training seminars in Macon.

Quarter 4 Report:

Staff attended the annual GAMPO work session in Atlanta. Staff attended several webinars on topics ranging from freight to livability and census data. Staff attended several 5307 and 5303 and other transit related training sessions and workshops. Staff participated in the Human Services Transportation workshop in Waycross, GA.

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| Budget | \$18,451.16 | Actual | \$13,930.23 | Percent Expended | 75% |
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Percent of Project Complete: 100%

Budget Revisions:

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 Arc GIS, Arc View, TP+, Viper, CUBE, AutoCAD, CORSIM, Synchro and other transportation related software packages as needed. Consider purchasing upgrades to TP+/Viper traffic modeling software. 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. Consider the purchase of a video/teleconferencing system to allow for better meeting attendance with planning partners.

Quarter 1 Report:

VLMPO purchased the Cube 5 software for travel demand modeling purposes.

Quarter 2 Report:

No work completed this quarter.

Quarter 3 Report:

Staff continued to research the purchase of a video conferencing system and the purchase of Adobe Acrobat Professional software for staff use. This purchase will be made in the 4th quarter.

Quarter 4 Report:

Staff completed the purchase of video conferencing equipment. The license for ArcView was renewed.

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| Budget | \$20,049.15 | Actual | \$11,739.23 | Percent Expended | 59% |
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Percent of Project Complete: 100%

Budget Revisions: Yes, added FY09 carryover in the amount of \$4,230.58.

201.1 Participation Plan and Community Outreach

Objective:

To implement a Participation Plan (PP) that outlines the goals of the MPO 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. Continue to engage the Citizen's Advisory Committee through innovative and new public involvement techniques to increase participation. Continue to work on transit implementation and services through public marketing and outreach. 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 continued to work on updating the VLMPO and SGRC Transportation website at www.sgrc.us/transportation. Staff met with local communities about the 2035 LRTP and other issues.

Quarter 2 Report:

Staff continued to work on updating the VLMPO and SGRC Transportation website at www.sgrc.us/transportation. Staff met with local communities about the 2035 LRTP and other issues. VLMPO hosted an Access Management for Inner Perimeter Road Open House where more than 30 members of the public came to provide input and get questions answered about access management along this important arterial roadway. Staff produced the Fall 2009 Quarterly Newsletter.

Quarter 3 Report:

Staff continued to work on updating the VLMPO and SGRC Transportation website at www.sgrc.us/transportation. Staff met with local communities about the 2035 LRTP and other issues. Staff hosted a public meeting and open house on the 2035 Transportation Plan on 2/17/10, about 25 in attendance. Staff produced the Winter and Spring 2010 Quarterly Newsletter. Staff attended the local Chamber of Commerce Business Outlook meeting. Staff attended the annual Lowndes County Bird Supper in Atlanta. Staff met with the local Chamber of Commerce Local Legislative committee to inform them about the status of the 2035 TP and Transit Implementation.

Quarter 4 Report:

Staff met with the local Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee to inform them on the progress of the 2035 Transportation Plan and public transit system. Staff continued to update and maintain the SGRC Transportation website at www.sgrc.us/transportation. VLMPO hosted a public comment period and Open House for the FY11-14 TIP. Staff began preparations for the 2035 Transportation Plan public comment period and Open House.

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| Budget | \$16,606.04 | Actual | \$15,250.21 | Percent Expended | 92% |
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Percent of Project Complete: 100%

Budget Revisions: None

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.

Project Description:

Incorporate traffic management and other strategies to improve system efficiency into MPO plans. Develop 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 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. Develop GIS layers as needed for better and more integrated land use and transportation planning. Work 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.

Quarter 1 Report:

Staff has begun work on the Lowndes Middle School Safe Routes to School Plan in partnership with the school and county engineer. Staff has been appointed to the Valdosta-Lowndes Chamber Gateways Committee to work to develop a master plan for improving the gateways into the community. Staff presented the results of the 05-07 annual crash report to the policy, technical and citizen's committees.

Quarter 2 Report:

Staff has continued work on the Lowndes Middle School Safe Routes to School Plan in partnership with the school and county engineer. Staff continued work with the Valdosta-Lowndes Chamber Gateways Committee to work to develop a master plan for improving the gateways into the community. Staff continued to work with the local governments on an access management program for Inner Perimeter road. Staff attended a talking Freight webinar. Staff attended the State bike and pedestrian committee meeting in Atlanta.

Quarter 3 Report:

Staff continued work with the Valdosta-Lowndes Chamber Gateways Committee to work to develop a master plan for improving the gateways into the community. Staff continued to work with the local governments on an access management program for Inner Perimeter road, including meeting with new staff from the City of Valdosta. Staff attended a talking Freight webinar presented by FHWA. Staff made several maps and other GIS files for development of the gateways program, and long range plan.

Quarter 4 Report:

Staff continued to work with the Valdosta-Lowndes Chamber Gateways Committee, a master plan outline was developed to implement a prioritization and design plan for beautification of gateway corridors in Lowndes County. Staff attended a Talking Freight Webinar in April and May. Staff made several maps and other GIS files for the gateways program, long range plan and regional commuting pattern maps.

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| Budget | \$18,451.16 | Actual | \$18,129.03 | Percent Expended | 98% |
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Percent of Project Complete: 100%

Budget Revisions: None

401.1 FY2010-2013 TIP

Objective:

Develop 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. Begin 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. 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.

Quarter 1 Report:

Staff developed the FY10-13 TIP. The TIP was displayed for public comment and approved by the MPO Policy Committee.

Quarter 2 Report:

Staff continued to develop the FY10-13 TIP, including the processing of TIP amendments for ARRA projects. Staff continued to attend training sessions and meetings regarding ARRA implementation.

Quarter 3 Report:

Staff continued to develop and implement the FY10-13 TIP, including the processing of TIP amendments for ARRA and possible Stimulus 2 projects. Staff continued to attend training sessions and meetings regarding ARRA and Stimulus 2 implementation. Staff began the development of the FY11-14 TIP in meetings with local and state engineers.

Quarter 4 Report:

The VLMPO Policy Committee adopted the FY11-14 TIP after a public comment period and input from local and state engineers.

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| Budget | \$14,760.93 | Actual | \$7,634.11 | Percent Expended | 52% |
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Percent of Project Complete: 100%

Budget Revisions:

402.1 Long Range Transportation Plan

Objective:

Develop and maintain a 20-year horizon fiscally responsible long range transportation plan.

Project Description:

Work with GDOT and other transportation planning partners to develop an update to the Metro 2030 TP to the year 2035. Develop new socio-economic data from data provided by federal and/or state agencies and/or private entities. Work with GDOT and FDOT when new census socio-economic information is released or needed in the development of the Travel Demand Model (TDM). Modify TDM in cooperation with GDOT to include new projects. Continue to work with local governments and GDOT to development 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 of Census 2010 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. Consider the growth and development in surrounding areas and the impact on the transportation system in the Valdosta- Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Area when developing the Metro 2035 TP. Develop GIS layers and models needed for development of land use patterns for travel demand model. Work with GDOT, FHWA and surrounding jurisdictions to continue to develop a comprehensive, coordinated and continuous regional transportation plan.

Quarter 1 Report:

Staff met with local governments to determine future growth areas to be plotted for the 2035 LRTP update. VLMPO hired Valdosta State University to complete our socioeconomic data update for the 2035 LRTP. Staff submitted base year socioeconomic data to GDOT. Staff worked with the Citizen’s Advisory Committee and the Greater Lowndes Growth Advisory Committee to develop the draft priority and implementation strategy statements for the 2035 LRTP.

Quarter 2 Report:

Staff and Valdosta State University finalized the socioeconomic data for the TDM for the 2035 TP. Staff submitted future year socioeconomic data to GDOT. Project listings were compiled by the City of Valdosta and Lowndes County and combine into a single regional listing. The project prioritization criteria was developed and reviewed by the CAC, TCC and PC. GDOT continued to work on the development of the travel demand model. MPO staff attended the Lowndes County complete count committee meeting in preparation for the 2010 US Census. Staff attended the public meeting for the Southwest Georgia Interstate study.

Quarter 3 Report:

Staff submitted future year socioeconomic data to GDOT. Project listings were compiled by the City of Valdosta, GDOT, and Lowndes County and combined into a single regional listing. The project prioritization criteria was developed and reviewed by the CAC, TCC and PC. GDOT continued to work on the development of the travel demand model. Staff continued to attend the Waycross-Ware County Transportation Planning Committee meetings to discuss mutual projects and implementation schedules. Staff continued to assist in the development of projects and priorities for the Southern Georgia Regional Comprehensive Plan.

Quarter 4 Report:

Staff completed the draft 2035 Transportation Plan. Working with GDOT, and local jurisdictions the 2035 TP was prioritized and found to be fiscally constrained. The 2035 TP was approved for public comment on July 1, 2010. Staff compiled the narrative of the 2035 TP as well as additional maps for documentation and other visualization purposes. Staff presented the draft 2035 TP to the Greater Lowndes Growth Advisory Committee to solicit feedback and comments.

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| Budget | \$68,627.89 | Actual | \$40,101.18 | Percent Expended | 58% |
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Percent of Project Complete: 100%

Budget Revisions: Yes, added FY09 carryover in the amount of \$18,000.00.

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. 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 work with GDOT, FHWA and surrounding jurisdictions to continue to develop a comprehensive, coordinated and continuous regional transportation plan.

Quarter 1 Report:

Staff continued to meet with GDOT, Valdosta and Lowndes County officials to prepare an Access Management Plan for Inner Perimeter Road in Lowndes County. The MPO presented the initial proposal for an Access Management Plan to the local governments. MPO staff continued to meet with the Greater Lowndes Growth Advisory Committee and participate in discussions regarding the Lowndes County 2030 Comp Plan. The MPO staff hosted a Growth Advisory Committee meeting where the members were asked to brainstorm and submit their priorities for transportation in 2035, this was later developed into the goals and objectives of the 2035 LRTP.

Quarter 2 Report:

The VLMPO held a public open house for residents living along the Inner Perimeter Road Corridor to review the access management plan and to obtain comments. Staff attended the Greater Lowndes Growth Advisory Committee meetings. Staff attended the national webinar for livability presented by HUD, FHWA, and EPA.

Quarter 3 Report:

Staff attended the Greater Lowndes Growth Advisory Committee meetings. Staff continued to work with the Chamber of Commerce Gateways committee to develop a master plan for implementing streetscape beautification projects.

Quarter 4 Report:

Staff attended the Greater Lowndes Growth Advisory Committee meeting and presented the draft 2035 Transportation Plan. Staff also continued to work with the Chamber of Commerce Gateways Committee to complete the master plan outline for implementing streetscape beautifications throughout Lowndes County. Staff began working as a stakeholder on implementation of recommendations for the Moody AFB Joint Land Use Study, which includes the development of traffic and land use forecasts to project future encroachment on Moody AFB and what improvements to transportation infrastructure or policy and/or land use policy or regulations should be implemented.

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| Budget | \$20,296.28 | Actual | \$12,515.17 | Percent Expended | 62% |
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Percent of Project Complete: 100%

Budget Revisions: None

VLMP0 Committees



Valdosta-Lowndes MPO

FY2011 VLMP0 Policy Committee Membership

Voting Members:

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|----------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| John Fretti^ | City of Valdosta, Mayor | Chairman |
| Ashley Paulk^ | Lowndes County, Manager | Vice-Chairman |
| Larry Hanson | City of Valdosta, Manager | Member |
| John Leonard | SGRC, Executive Director | Member |
| Vance Smith^* | GDOT, Commissioner | Member |
| Joe Pritchard | Lowndes County, Manager | Member |
| Wayne Bullard^ | City of Hahira, Mayor | Member |

Non-Voting Members:

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| Rodney Barry | FHWA – GA Division, Administrator |
| Yvette Taylor | FTA Region IV, Administrator |

^Permitted to send a representative to meetings

*Cindy VanDyke is representative, Tim Kassa is alternate

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

The Policy Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm each quarter (March, June, September, and December).

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**FY2011 VLMPO
Transportation Coordinating Committee Membership**

Voting Members:

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|------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| Mike Fletcher | Lowndes County, Engineer | Chairman |
| Von Shipman | City of Valdosta, Engineer | Vice Chairman |
| Marco Trigueros* | GDOT, Transportation Planner | Member |
| Brent Thomas | GDOT District 4, Engineer | Member |

Non-Voting Members:

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| Roger Christie | Lowndes County Schools, Trans. Director |
| Martin Roesch | Valdosta City Schools, Asst. Supt. for Finance |
| Patrick Paige | Bicycle/Pedestrian Advocate |
| Andrew Edwards | FHWA – GA Division |
| Danny Weeks | Lowndes County Emergency Mgmt. Dir. |

* Tim Kassa is alternate

The TCC is a technical committee of professional advising the policy committee on technical matters relating to transportation plans and programs. The TCC 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 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am each quarter (March, June, September, and December).

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**FY2011 VLMPO
Citizen's Advisory Committee Membership**

| Name | Appointed By | Position |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Robert Jefferson | Lowndes County | Chairman |
| 2. Col. Clarence Parker | VL Airport Authority | Vice-Chairman |
| 3. Kenneth Sherrill | City of Lake Park | Secretary |
| 4. Charlie Clark | Lowndes County | Member |
| 5. Greg Hall | Lowndes County | Member |
| 6. Jim Langdale | Lowndes County | Member |
| 7. Debbie Hobby | Lowndes County | Member |
| 8. Brian Childress | City of Valdosta | Member |
| 9. Bryan Almand | City of Valdosta | Member |
| 10. Brian Geary | City of Valdosta | Member |
| 11. Earl Wetherington | City of Valdosta | Member |
| 12. Bert Chancy | City of Hahira | Member |
| 13. W.G. Walker | City of Dasher | Member |
| 14. Caroll Griffin | City of Remerton | Member |
| 15. Steve Coleman | Lowndes Board of Education | Member |
| 16. Ray Sable | Valdosta State University | Member |
| 17. Mary Culbreth | Convention and Visitors' Bureau | Member |
| 18. Rebecca Shirley | Downtown Development Authority | Member |
| 19. Brad Lofton | VL Industrial Authority | Member |
| 20. Leggett Lovan | VL Chamber of Commerce | Member |
| 21. Steven Barnes | Leadership Lowndes | Member |
| 22. Dr. Bill Cason | Valdosta Board of Education | Member |
| 23. Vacant | Valdosta Technical College | 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 Thursday before the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 3:00pm each quarter (March, June, September, and December).

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