



# FY2018 Annual Report

VALDOSTA-LOWNDES METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
SOUTHERN GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

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Cover photo: Dancing in the Rain, by Kaylee McCutchan, Honorable Mention in the 2018 Valdosta People's Choice Photo Contest

Dear Citizens of the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Area,

It is my honor to present to you the Annual Report that is produced each year by the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization (VLMPO).

This report will highlight the activities of the staff, local government and community stakeholders for the FY2018 year. As you review the Annual Report you will have a better understanding of all the work that has been done to assure the citizens of the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Area that our transportation needs are being addressed by working together through citizens input, elected officials and the professional planners that have the knowledge and expertise to bring all of our needs together.

The Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Area has a lot to look forward to that will significantly enhance the area, we will witness the transformation and improvements to Exits 2 & 11 and the continued construction at 22 & 29 that will greatly improve traffic flow in these areas. Citizen input, staff input, and studies we have worked on this past year will also lead to future improvements to the transportation infrastructure in our community in the years to come.

The recently enacted regional transportation sales tax will provide an opportunity for Lowndes County, Valdosta, and this region to improve and maintain our transportation at levels that would have never been possible with previous funding sources.

I want to personally thank the citizens, elected officials, county/city staff members and VLMPO staff for the professionalism that everyone has demonstrated throughout the many meetings that go into planning for the transportation needs in our community. We may not always agree with each other's ideas or how we get there the most important role we all play is that we get there with a united effort and focus on what our area will look like years down the road and how it will best serve our transportation needs.

It continues to be an honor to work with every member of the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization, and I am looking forward to a very productive FY2019.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bill Slaughter, Chairman Lowndes County Commission  
Valdosta-Lowndes MPO Chairman, FY2019



Figure 1 Members of the public attend a public open house hosted by GDOT to learn about proposed improvements to Exits 2 and 11 in Lowndes County.

## Introduction

Fiscal Year 2018 was another year of implementation and study for the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization (VLMPO). The staff carried out the implementation of the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan through supplemental reports that further informed local decision makers about future transportation improvements.

The staff has continued to develop GIS mapping resources for internal project analysis and evaluation as well as products that can be used by local and state planning partners. Some of these mapping resources include a 2040 Transportation Vision Plan Story Map highlighting the projects included in the plan. This online resource will be available to the public in the fall of 2018. Other GIS projects include a full layer of the road right-of-way width and ownership and the kick-off of a multi-year effort to develop an evaluation tool to assist local and state planning partners in evaluating the environmental impacts of transportation projects to better address NEPA requirements and better address concerns that arise in the environmental phase of project development. The final GIS product that has been produced is a comprehensive database of truck routes and restrictions in the region so that local planners, economic developers and local businesses know where through truck traffic is allowed.

### Over the next 4 years

Cost of attending VSU:	\$65,344
Operate Local Public Transit:	\$9,922,474
Make Roadway Improvements:	\$209,085,648
Total Transportation Investment:	\$219,008,122

Figure 2 Information presented to students at Valdosta State University's 2017 The Happening

### *FY2019 Policy Committee Members*

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## MPO Administration

Staff participates in the Transportation Research Board's Metropolitan Policy, Planning, and Process Committee, and was named the Chair of its' subcommittee on Transportation in Military Communities. In FY2018, staff concluded service on the National Cooperative Highway Research Program 08-36/Task 140 Committee to Assess Actual Transportation Impacts of the 2005 BRAC Decisions. Staff is also active on the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations Policy Committee, the Georgia Chapter of the American Planning Association (Immediate Past- President), as well as the Georgia Association of MPOs Board of Directors (current Chairman). Staff maintains involvement in several local civic organizations like the Valdosta Civic Roundtable and Leadership Lowndes where staff meets with local leaders and promotes transportation-related issues.

The VLMPO received a 2017 Outstanding Initiative Award from the Georgia Chapter of the American Planning Association for the Valdosta and Lowndes County Complete Streets Suitability Report.

In FY2018, the VLMPO staff was invited to be technical advisors to the Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce Transportation Policy Committee and attended several monthly meetings to advise business leaders on transportation projects and issues. Staff continued to participate on the Georgia House of Representatives Transit Finance and Governance Commission as a non-voting member.



*Figure 3 Members of the Georgia House Transit Governance and Funding Commission.*



*Figure 4 SGRC intern Andrew Smith accepts the 2017 Outstanding Initiative Award from the Georgia Chapter of the American Planning Association.*

## MPO Public Participation

The VLMPO strives to be an organization that proactively gathers public input for transportation projects and inform the public of various transportation planning efforts going on throughout the community. To assist in this effort, the VLMPO utilizes its Participation Plans Policies, Strategies, and Techniques to engage and inform the public throughout the year.

In FY18, the SGRC under the leadership of the VLMPO staff implemented measures to ensure that our website and documents we produced were compliant with requirements of federal laws and regulations to be viewed by persons with disabilities. While this did not result in significant change to any of the documents, it does ensure that a broader audience has access to review and understand the products produced by the VLMPO.

## Title VI Annual Report

As required by the VLMPO Title VI Compliance Plan, included in this report is the Annual Report on Title VI activities undertaken during the past year by the VLMPO.

The VLMPO has not had any Title VI complaints, and there have been no changes to the Title VI Plan in FY2018.

The VLMPO staff attended webinars and in-person training in FY2018 on the topics of public participation, Title VI and Environmental Justice and how to apply those principle to transportation planning in the Valdosta Metropolitan Area.

## Limited-English Proficiency Plan

As a recipient of federal funds, the VLMPO is required to evaluate the services and products we provide for use by individuals who may speak English less proficiently. The VLMPO reviews data annually to

measure this population in Lowndes County. The Participation Plan includes data from the US Census Bureau 2005-2009 American Community Survey, which is examined in the table below with data from the 2012-2016 American Community Survey.

<b>Residents with Limited English Proficiency</b>		
	05-09 ACS	12-16 ACS
<b>Estimate</b>	5,571	6,810
<b>Margin of Error</b>	+/- 567	+/-572
<b>Lowndes County %</b>	5.9%	6.4%
<b>United States %</b>	19.6%	21.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS Table S1601

Based on previous year data, the trend shows that both locally and nationally, more residents may have a Limited English Proficiency (LEP). The VLMPO will continue to use our LEP Plan to address the needs of these populations in our region.

## PP Performance Measures

When the VLMPO Participation Plan was adopted in 2011, it included performance measures that would be reviewed annually to evaluate how effective the VLMPO is at engaging the public. Included here are the performance measures, as well as an indication of whether this measure has increased, held steady, or decreased in the last year; a sign of the effectiveness of our public participation efforts. In FY2018 the VLMPO developed a new tracking and performance measurement method to quantify better ways in which public participation has been successful. A sample of this new reporting form is included as an appendix to this report and will go into full use in FY2019.

**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.

**Performance measures:**

- *Number of public meetings.* Hosted 2 open houses for the FY18-21 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2040 Transportation Vision. At least 3 individuals attended the events. **Decrease**
- *Number of newsletters/publications.* Delivered more than 800 quarterly newsletters. Distributed all MPO products electronically via website for easy access. **Decrease**
- *Number of staff speaking engagements.* VLMPO staff was the featured speaker at more than 9 events. **Decrease**
- *Attendance at public meetings.* Staff attended more than 31 events/meetings to represent the VLMPO. **Increase**
- *Number of media engagements.* Local media reported or featured VLMPO activities at least 3 times. **Decrease**

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

**Performance measures:**

- *Frequency of contact with the public.* Over the past year, the VLMPO has made at least weekly updates to our social media websites and regular updates to our main website. **Steady**
- *Response to public comments.* The VLMPO formally responds to all comments received during a public comment period and responds to other comments throughout the year. **Steady**
- *Accessibility of staff to public.* The VLMPO staff is available to the public during regular business hours, during open houses, at other public events and on social media websites where staff can respond outside of regular business hours. **Steady**

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

**Performance measures:**

- *Number of stakeholder meetings.* The VLMPO held at least 2 stakeholder meetings in FY2018, mostly related to the Chamber of Commerce-led Downtown Truck Traffic study. **Decrease**
- *Number of public meetings/events.* The VLMPO hosted 11 public committee meetings in FY2018. **Decrease**
- *Number of notices sent to resource and partner agencies.* The VLMPO sent about 200 notices to resource and partner agencies. **Increase**
- *How stakeholder issues were addressed in planning documents.* The VLMPO responded to all formal comments received during public comment periods. **Steady**
- *Accessibility of technical information.* The VLMPO has continued to develop new tools in FY2018 to allow key stakeholders more access to transportation project data through our project database and websites. This will continue to be an important resource as we implement the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan. **Steady**

**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.**

**Performance measures:**

- *Frequency of outreach to traditionally underserved populations.* The VLMPO continues to provide information about DBE training offered by GDOT and other planning partners throughout the state. **Steady**
- *(As above.)* The VLMPO continues to update our mailing list to ensure all interested parties are included. **Increase**

- (As above.) The VLMPO has met regularly in the past year with representatives of minority communities to address transportation issues and concerns. **Steady**
- *Number of public meetings; accessible location of public meetings.* The VLMPO hosted at least 27 hours of public meetings, all at accessible locations. **Increase**

**Strategy 5: Employ visualization and outreach techniques to better describe and communicate metropolitan transportation plans and processes to the public.**

**Performance measures:**

- *Number of published documents.* The VLMPO published 3 documents in FY2018. **Decrease**
- *Number of different outreach techniques.* The VLMPO employed a number of different outreach techniques in FY2018 including: i media outreach, open houses, newsletters, social media and websites, presentations, etc. **Steady**

**Strategy 6: Implement goals of the Greater Lowndes County Common Community Vision that promote open, transparent and engaging public participation.**

**Performance measures:**

- *Participation in regional, cross-jurisdictional meetings.* The VLMPO participated in at least 18 regional and cross jurisdictional meetings in FY2018. **Increase**
- *Number of active transportation-related partnerships with the VLMPO and local governments.* No formal transportation partnerships have been established at this time.
- *Number of documents/reports promoting transportation and economic development.* No documents were produced in FY2018 relating to economic development and transportation. **Decrease**

The SGRC and VLMPO website ([www.sgrc.us](http://www.sgrc.us)) is a community resource for everything transportation related. All documents, reports, agendas, minutes, etc. produced by the VLMPO staff are made available on this website for the public and planning partners to use and learn more about transportation in the community. The various audiences we attract to Facebook, Twitter, public meetings, etc. are all unique and provide a broad variety of input opportunities for staff and decision makers to consider in the transportation planning process. Below are some highlights of the usage of our social media resources.

In FY2018, the SGRC and the VLMPO undertook a significant effort to ensure that its current website and future documents were compliant with Section 508 of the American’s with Disabilities Act. This process will result in our printed materials and website being easier for persons with disabilities to use our products and participate more actively in the local transportation planning process.

Facebook Highlights		Twitter Highlights	
<b>Total Likes</b>	421 (+5%)	<b>Total Followers</b>	863 (+12%)
<b>Avg. Total Reach</b>	500 (+1,152%)	<b>Tweet Impressions</b>	8073 (+250%)
August 15, 2018; 28 day summaries			

## MPO TIP and LRTP

One of the most significant projects the VLMPO worked on in FY2018 was the publication of performance measures in our 2040 Transportation Vision Plan and Transportation Improvement Program. The VLMPO adopted the state performance measures for highway safety in February 2018. The VLMPO supplemented these statewide targets with an analysis of local crash data in our FY18 Crash Report that looks at the local highway safety data and what local trends might have on the adopted statewide targets.

In late FY2018, the VLMPO began preparations to adopt the statewide targets for road pavement and bridge condition as well as travel-time reliability on local roadways. The adoption of the statewide targets will occur in fall 2018 along with targets for transit asset management for the rural public transit systems in Berrien, Brooks and Lowndes Counties.

In preparation for the update to the 2045 Transportation Vision Plan, the VLMPO hired Transport Studio, LLC to prepare the 2045 Socioeconomic Data Study. This Study includes the preparation of base-year (2015) and future-year (2045) population, income and other social and economic demographic estimates for the Metropolitan Planning Area. The data from this study will be used by local transportation planners to develop our 2045 travel demand model that will help identify future traffic congestion bottlenecks and allow staff the opportunity to propose transportation infrastructure projects to resolve those future issues. This data will also be made available for other local planners and economic development professionals to allow them to better plan for the future growth of the community.

### Current Project Status

One key function of MPOs is to develop a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that prioritizes projects for funding by phase (engineering, right-of-way, construction, etc.) over a short-

term, four-year period. The VLMPO FY18-21 TIP has been amended several times to keep projects current and moving forward through the process from design and engineering plans to construction. With the adoption of the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan, the VLMPO continues to track the current status of projects in the region.

<b>FY18-21 TIP Project Status Report</b>					
<b>Project ID</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>PE</b>	<b>ROW</b>	<b>UTL</b>	<b>CST</b>
<b>0000762</b>	I-75 – Exits 22 & 29		Under Construction		
<b>0007386</b>	I-75 Exit 2	✓	2018	2019	2019
<b>0010297</b>	I-75 Exit 11	✓	✓	2019	2019
<b>0014134</b>	Jerry Jones Drive	✓	2019	2020	2020
<b>0013987</b>	Lake Park Bellville Road	✓	2019	2021	2021
<b>0014485</b>	Lakeland Hwy	2018	2020	NA	2021
<b>0015614</b>	Old Quitman Rd. Bridge	2019	2020	LR	LR
<b>0010298</b>	I-75 – Exit 18	2021	LR	LR	LR

PE=Preliminary Engineering; ROW=Right-of Way; UTL=Utilities; CST=Construction; LR=Long Range

## Active, Healthy Lifestyles Report

The 2040 Transportation Vision Plan included an Active, Healthy Lifestyles Strategy to “encourage each local jurisdiction to implement at least \$500,000 annually in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and/or promote active, healthy lifestyles” in the community. The strategy includes other requirements and criteria that allow smaller communities to make smaller financial investments. Below is the annual report on this strategy for local communities.

**Berrien County** – No activities to report at this time.

**Brooks County** – No activities to report at this time.

**Lanier County** – The County in collaboration with the City of Lakeland repaired/rebuilt Simpson Nature Trail which was damaged during Hurricane Irma. The County also participates in Georgia Trail 37 which includes Banks Lake with nature trails and plans rebuilding the boardwalk and docks. Working with Regional Commission, Lanier County has grant applications pending for a new sports complex and nature trails.

**Lowndes County** – New sidewalks have been added in neighborhoods as they have been built. Langdale Park’s hiking trails have recently been improved.

**City of Dasher** – A report was completed in partnership with the SGRC/MLMPO on identifying bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure corridors for future development in the city.

**City of Hahira** – New sidewalks have been added in neighborhoods as they have been built as well as near the library.

**City of Lake Park** – No activities to report at this time.

**City of Remerton** – No activities to report at this time.

**City of Ray City** – New to the MPO beginning in FY2019.

**City of Valdosta** – New sidewalks have been installed or repaired throughout the city.

# Crash Data

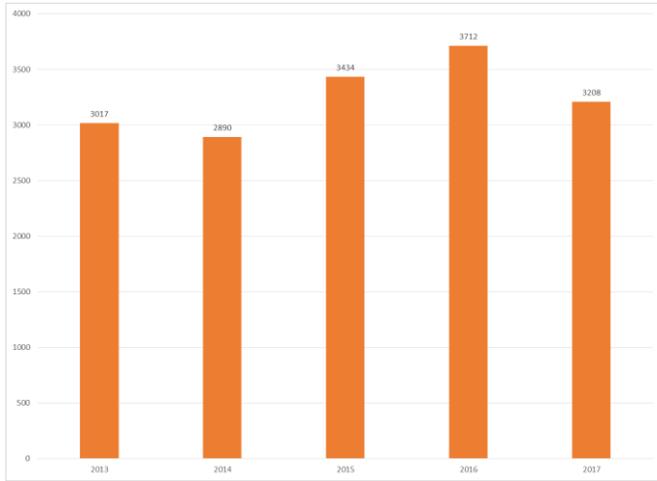


Figure 5 Crashes by Year 2013-2017

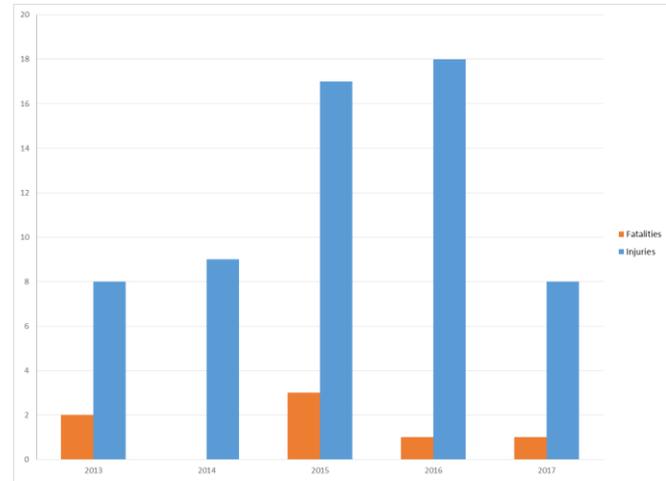


Figure 7 Pedestrian Injuries and Fatalities 2013-2017

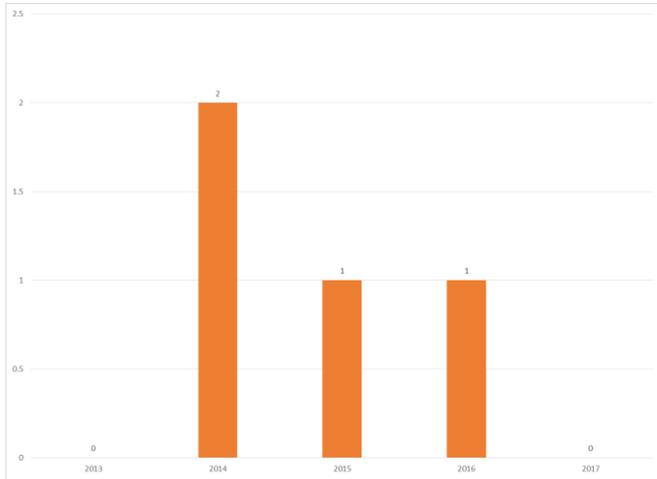


Figure 6 Alcohol-related Crash Fatalities 2013-2017

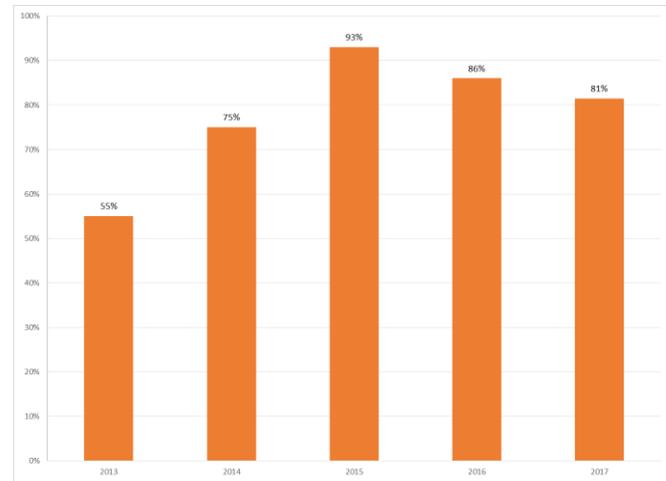


Figure 8 Percent of All Crashes with Seat Belt Use Recorded, 2013-2017

## Financial Highlights

The VLMPO 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 VLMPO received its funds through federal and state grants and local matching funds in FY2018. Federal funds make up a majority of the revenues at 80%, with state funding at 2.61% and the local matching funds at 17.39%. In FY2018, additional funds were budgeted and expended to complete the 2045 Socioeconomic Data Study of which a little more than half was billed if FY18, the study will continue in FY19.

This chart is a breakdown of the Budget and Actual Expenditures of FHWA PL, and FTA 5303 Funds utilized by the VLMPO in FY2018.

FY2018 Budget and Expenditures						
Work Element	Budgeted Total	Expended Total	Expended Federal	Expended State	Expended Local Gov't	Expended SGRC
Administration	\$ 96,993.80	\$ 88,974.21	\$ 71,179.37	\$ 4,351.65	\$10,754.56	\$ 2,688.64
UPWP	\$ 6,114.64	\$ 2,004.59	\$ 1,603.67	\$ -	\$ 320.73	\$ 80.18
Staff Education	\$ 22,929.90	\$ 22,890.99	\$ 18,312.79	\$ -	\$ 3,662.56	\$ 915.64
Computer Systems	\$ 7,643.30	\$ 4,365.08	\$ 3,492.06	\$ -	\$ 698.41	\$ 174.60
Public Participation	\$ 12,229.27	\$ 12,148.41	\$ 9,718.73	\$ -	\$ 1,943.75	\$ 485.94
GIS/Travel Demand Model	\$ 16,815.26	\$ 10,346.37	\$ 8,277.10	\$ -	\$ 1,655.42	\$ 413.85
Land Use Planning	\$ 4,585.98	\$ 3,768.19	\$ 3,014.55	\$ -	\$ 602.91	\$ 150.73
Inter-/Multi-Modal Planning	\$ 4,585.98	\$ 2,518.60	\$ 2,014.88	\$ -	\$ 402.98	\$ 100.74
Systems Analysis	\$ 4,585.98	\$ 4,184.45	\$ 3,347.56	\$ -	\$ 669.51	\$ 167.38
TIP	\$ 10,700.62	\$ 10,558.55	\$ 8,446.84	\$ -	\$ 1,689.37	\$ 422.34
Long Range Planning	\$ 16,815.26	\$ 16,691.05	\$ 13,352.84	\$ -	\$ 2,670.57	\$ 667.64
Transit Planning	\$ 10,474.00	\$ 7,072.05	\$ 5,657.64	\$ 707.21	\$ 565.76	\$ 141.44
Special Studies (Optional)	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 8,430.00	\$ 6,744.00	\$ -	\$ 1,686.00	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 234,473.99</b>	<b>\$ 193,952.54</b>	<b>\$155,162.03</b>	<b>\$ 5,058.85</b>	<b>\$27,322.53</b>	<b>\$ 6,409.13</b>

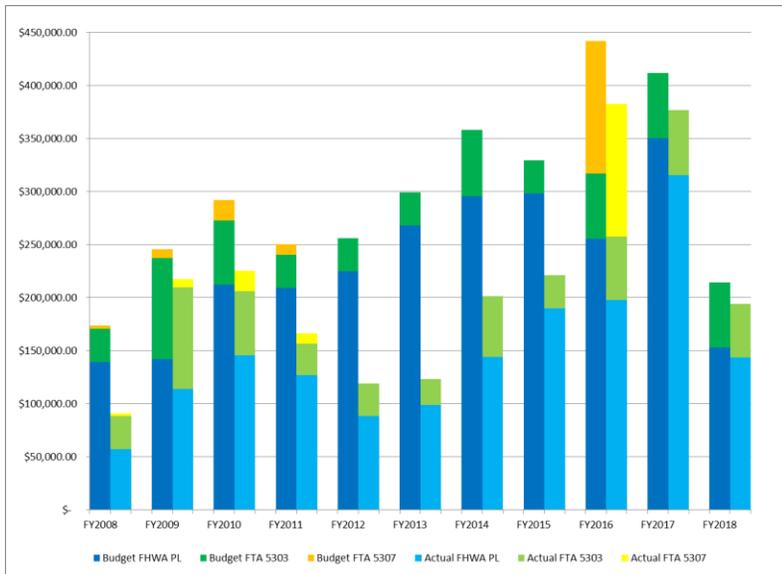


Figure 9 Historical Budget vs Actual Expenditures, by revenue source

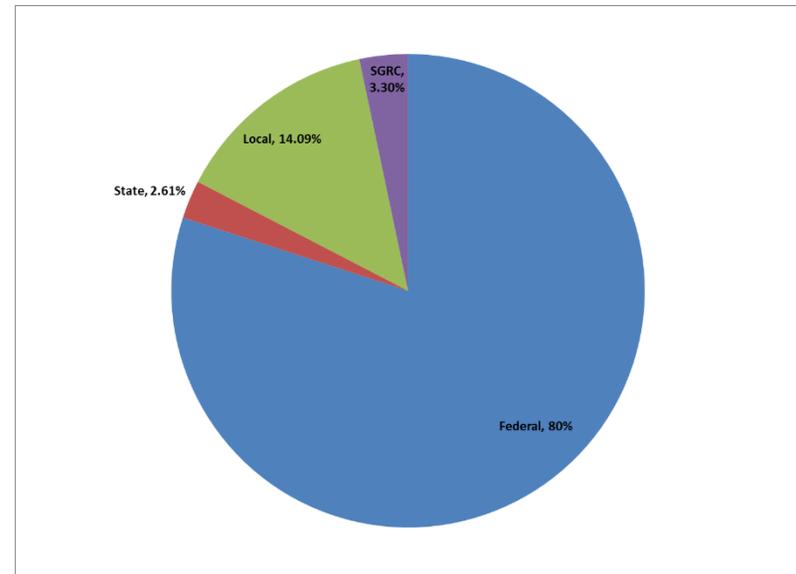


Figure 10 FY2018 Federal, State, Local, SGRC Share, %

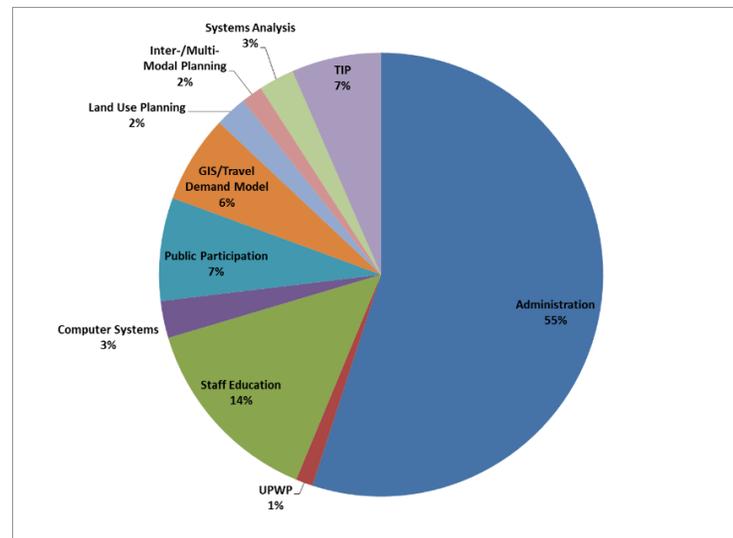


Figure 11 FY2018 Expenditures, by UPWP element, %

### FY2018 FHWA PL Funds by Quarter

This chart is a breakdown of the expenditures of FHWA PL funds by Quarter utilized by the VLMPO in FY2017.

Work Element Number & Title	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter*	Total To Date	Contract Total	Contract Balance
1.1 - Administration	\$33,032.81	\$11,860.19	\$564.75	\$0.00	\$45,457.75	\$45,859.80	\$402.05
1.2 - UPWP	\$97.91	\$1,354.68	\$179.01	\$372.99	\$2,004.59	\$6,114.64	\$4,110.05
1.3 - Staff Education	\$6,687.17	\$7,007.40	\$6,707.41	\$2,489.01	\$22,890.99	\$22,929.90	\$38.91
1.4 - Computer Systems	\$1,625.25	\$1,117.67	\$648.41	\$973.75	\$4,365.08	\$7,643.30	\$3,278.22
2.1 - Public Participation	\$2,778.46	\$7,149.61	\$2,220.34	\$0.00	\$12,148.41	\$12,229.27	\$80.86
3.1 - GIS/Travel Demand Model	\$2,475.77	\$610.79	\$2,576.52	\$4,683.29	\$10,346.37	\$16,815.26	\$6,468.89
3.2 - Land Use Planning	\$348.80	\$406.83	\$693.85	\$2,318.71	\$3,768.19	\$4,585.98	\$817.79
3.3 - Inter-/Multi-Modal Planning	\$0.00	\$865.06	\$237.40	\$1,416.14	\$2,518.60	\$4,585.98	\$2,067.38
3.4 - Systems Analysis	\$0.00	\$184.74	\$2,269.65	\$1,730.06	\$4,184.45	\$4,585.98	\$401.53
4.1 - TIP	\$5,019.22	\$1,634.02	\$3,905.31	\$0.00	\$10,558.55	\$10,700.62	\$142.07
4.2 - Long Range Planning	\$6,212.12	\$10,567.10	-\$88.17	\$0.00	\$16,691.05	\$16,815.26	\$124.21
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$58,277.51</b>	<b>\$42,758.09</b>	<b>\$19,914.48</b>	<b>\$13,983.95</b>	<b>\$134,934.03</b>	<b>\$152,865.99</b>	<b>\$17,931.96</b>

\*As requested by GDOT and FHWA the 4th Quarter line items have been restated to not include any negative values. Negative values were removed from the Administration, Public Participation, TIP and Long Range Planning line items, the Land Use Planning line item was reduced by the corresponding amount in order to keep the total costs the same.

FY2018 FTA 5303 Funds by Quarter

This chart is a breakdown of the expenditures of FTA 5303 funds by Quarter utilized by the VLMPO in FY2018.

FY2017 FTA 5303 Expenditures by Quarter							
Work Element	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Total Year End	Contract Total	Contract Balance
Administration	\$ -	\$ 181.71	\$ 18,106.69	\$ 25,228.06	\$ 43,516.46	\$ 51,134.00	\$ 7,617.54
UPWP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Staff Education	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Computer Systems	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Public Participation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
GIS/Travel Demand Model	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Land Use Planning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Inter-/Multi-Modal Planning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Systems Analysis	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
TIP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Long Range Planning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Transit Planning	\$ -	\$ 554.24	\$ 2,270.96	\$ 4,246.85	\$ 7,072.05	\$ 10,474.00	\$ 3,401.95
Special Studies (Optional)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Totals	\$ -	\$ 735.95	\$ 20,377.65	\$ 29,474.91	\$ 50,588.51	\$ 61,608.00	\$ 11,019.49

## FY2018 UPWP Work Element Summary Reports

### 2018-1.1 MPO Administration

#### **Objective:**

To provide overall management of the VLMPO's transportation planning program, and ensure compliance with applicable federal, state and local requirements.

#### **Project Description:**

Maintain proper records as required under Federal and State regulations for contracts administered by the MPO. Coordinate MPO Committee meetings and overall transportation planning efforts in the Region. Continue to work with Georgia Assoc. of MPOs (GAMPO) and other state and national organizations on the role of MPOs in statewide and metropolitan transportation planning. Support statewide GAMPO activities through participation in meetings and events. Continue to report on and implement the goals of the Common Community Vision, especially as they relate to transportation and accessibility/improvements to: economic and workforce development, education, housing, land use, and health. Staff will continue to inform the MPO committees of legislative and regulatory actions impacting transportation planning and funding. The VLMPO will continue to provide staff that will be the local expert in transportation areas, assisting planning partners in transportation project development, building consensus and value in alternatives analysis, shared planning products, and providing a forum for regional decision making. Continue to work with GDOT and surrounding jurisdictions/agencies to maintain a comprehensive, coordinated, continuous, regional, multi-modal transportation planning process. The VLMPO will develop a planning document schedule for local officials to understand the planning process better.

#### **Quarter 1 Report:**

Staff prepared minutes and agendas for the VLMPO committee meetings in September. Staff attended GAMPO meetings in Atlanta. Staff participated in SGRC leadership meetings and monthly staff meetings. Staff attended meetings of the GA House Transit Funding and Governance Commission. Staff participated in interviews to hire new staff.

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

Staff prepared minutes and agendas for the VLMPO committee meetings in December. Staff participated in SGRC leadership meetings and monthly staff meetings. Staff attended meetings of the GA House Transit Funding and Governance Commission.

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

Staff prepared minutes and agendas for the VLMPO Joint Committee Meeting in February and CAC meeting in March. Staff participated in SGRC leadership meeting and monthly staff meetings.

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

Staff prepared minutes and agendas for the VLMPO meetings in June. Staff participated in SGRC leadership meetings and monthly staff 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.

**Approved Budget:** \$45,859.80

**Expenditures to Date:** \$44,976.83

**Percent Expended:** 98.07%

**Project Complete:** 100%

**Approved planning program revisions:** None at this time.

## 2018-1.2 Operations/UPWP

### **Objective:**

Identify work tasks to be undertaken by the VLMPO to address transportation needs in the Metropolitan Planning Area. Coordinate contracts for the VLMPO and report to GDOT and federal partners quarterly progress made in achieving annual work tasks.

### **Project Description:**

Prepare and amend (as needed) an annual UPWP (draft due: November 30; final due: March 1), including the preparation of work tasks, cost estimates and financial reports. Prepare quarterly reports, invoices and reimbursement requests. Prepare annual report reviewing activities of the past fiscal year. Implement recommendations from the Performance Based Planning and Programming Self-Assessment the VLMPO staff completed in FY16. Prepare applications/resolutions for the GAMPO PL Funds Review Committee to apply for additional PL funds as requested by local governments. Prepare scopes of work and procurement items for projects listed in Section 5 of this UPWP as requested by local governments.

### **Quarter 1 Report:**

Staff prepared and completed the FY17 VLMPO Annual Report and 4th quarter reimbursement invoice. Staff prepared an application for discretionary PL funding for a 2045 Socioeconomic Data Study.

### **Quarter 2 Report:**

Staff prepared the FY18 1<sup>st</sup> quarter reimbursement invoice and report. Staff prepared and presented a budget amendment for discretionary funding for the FY18 UPWP. Staff prepared and presented the draft FY19 UPWP and budget.

### **Quarter 3 Report:**

Staff prepared the FY18 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter reimbursement invoice and report. Staff prepared and presented the final FY19 UPWP that was approved in February. Staff prepared a proposal for PL discretionary funding that was submitted and approved for funding in March.

### **Quarter 4 Report:**

Staff prepared the FY18 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report and reimbursement invoice. Staff prepared an RFP that was released for the Regional Connectivity Study.

**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.

**Approved Budget:** \$6,114.64

**Expenditures to Date:** \$2,004.59

**Percent Expended:** 32.78%

**Project Complete:** 100%

**Approved planning program revisions:** None at this time.

### 2018-1.3 Training/Professional Development

**Objective:**

Develop staff professional and technical knowledge of transportation planning through relevant conferences, workshops, and webinars.

**Project Description:**

Provide continuing education and training for MPO staff and committees that will enable the MPO to effectively carry out the transportation planning process. Some conferences the staff and committees may attend include but are not limited to (parentheses indicate registration/travel cost estimate): GA Planning Assoc. (\$500/\$700), GA Transit Assoc. (\$500), American Planning Assoc. (\$2000), Transportation Research Board (\$3500), GA Assoc. of MPOs (\$300), Assoc. of MPOs (\$2500), GA Highway Safety Conference (\$500), National Assoc. of Development Orgs. (\$1500), and other training provided by FHWA, FTA, GDOT, NTI or NHI. Travel will be subject to the SGRC Travel Policies, based on Federal per diem rates. Staff will attend conferences and trainings to learn best practices to implement the FHWA planning factors and PEAs. Staff will continue to attend GIS training courses to improve visualization techniques and other innovations as they are available. SGRC/VLMPO will continue membership in AMPO and NADO, and will consider other organization memberships as appropriate.

**Quarter 1 Report:**

Staff attended the following meetings: Georgia Planning Association Fall Conference, American Planning Association Policy Conference, and various webinars.

**Quarter 2 Report:**

Staff attended the following meetings and training events: GA Transit Association Annual Conference, Assoc. of MPOs National Conference, GA Assoc. of Reg. Commissions Conference, the Carl Vinson Institute Management Development Program, and various webinars on topics like: healthy communities and transportation, small urban transit, age-friendly communities and transportation, public engagement for LRTPs,

**Quarter 3 Report:**

Staff attended the following meetings and training events: Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting, the Carl Vinson Institute Management Development Program, GA Planning Assoc. Spring Conf., various webinars on topics like: public involvement, performance measures, and visualization.

**Quarter 4 Report:**

Staff attended the following meetings and training events: the Carl Vinson Institute Management Development Program, American Planning Association national conference, EEO and respectful workplace, Association of Defense Community Summit, and various webinars on topics like: fixed route transit service contracting, TNCs and public agencies.

**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.

**Approved Budget:** \$22,929.90

**Expenditures to Date:** \$22,890.99

**Percent Expended:** 99.83%

**Project Complete:** 100%

**Approved planning program revisions:** None at this time.

2018-1.4 Equipment/Supplies/Technical Assistance

**Objective:**

To maintain computer systems and office equipment use by the VLMPO for relevant transportation planning activities.

**Project Description:**

The SGRC/VLMPO will purchase and maintain relevant computer hardware, software and other equipment to meet the needs of the staff to effectively carry out the transportation planning process pursuant to the VLMPO Procurement Policy. The SGRC IT Department will continue to provide technical assistance to maintain computer equipment and software (regular updates, maintenance, troubleshooting, also Transportation Project Database). Staff will procure computer software, hardware to collect and analyze data needed for performance measurement. The VLMPO will also coordinate the purchase of equipment, supplies, computer systems, software and training with local governments for local traffic counting programs as requested.

**Quarter 1 Report:**

Staff maintained computer software and performed routine maintenance of computer hardware. Staff purchased Adobe PDF software for new staff.

**Quarter 2 Report:**

Staff maintained computer software and performed routine maintenance of computer hardware.

**Quarter 3 Report:**

Staff maintained computer software and performed routine maintenance of computer hardware.

**Quarter 4 Report:**

Staff maintained computer software and performed routine maintenance of computer hardware.

**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.

**Approved Budget:** \$7,643.30

**Expenditures to Date:** \$4,365.08

**Percent Expended:** 57.11%

**Project Complete:** 100%

**Approved planning program revisions:** None at this time.

## 2018-2.1 Participation Plan Implementation

### **Objective:**

To implement the strategies and policies of the VLMPO Participation Plan including Title VI Compliance, Environmental Justice analysis, and LEP analysis.

### **Project Description:**

#### **Outreach and Education:**

Staff will continue to communicate, educate, inform and visualize how transportation planning impacts all of the FHWA planning factors through regular public involvement opportunities associated with the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Participation Plan (PP) and other documents for the public and elected officials. Continue to explore ways to make the VLMPO transportation planning process more transparent and inclusionary. Engage the Citizen's Advisory Committee and other interested parties (and non-traditional parties: schools, health agencies, non-profits, etc.) and stakeholder through innovative public involvement techniques to increase participation and public outreach. Inform the public and stakeholders of the Greater Lowndes County Common Community Vision and promote its use as a strategic vision for the community. Specifically engage larger community institutions/businesses with engaging opportunities for education and input. Engage the community at ready-made open house type events (job fairs, school events, etc.). Develop and maintain websites, social media, mobile applications, and documents with the most recent and relevant data (including bidding opportunities for area transportation projects) for public and local government decision makers. Work to make the www.sgrc.us website Section 508 Compliant. Develop graphical, marketing and visualization skills to better communicate transportation data and concepts. Begin video recording of VLMPO committee meetings for live streaming or recorded video to promote community awareness of committee activities. Conduct public involvement for updates or amendments to the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan, TIP, PP, or other documents as required by the PP. Evaluate and report on location of projects and financial expenditure of various funding sources throughout the region while highlighting EJ areas.

#### **Participation Plan (EJ/Title VI/LEP) Implementation/Maintenance:**

Review, update and annually report on the status of the Participation Plan, Title VI compliance, EJ outreach, and LEP analysis. Staff will annually attend training events and continue to analyze EJ, LEP and Title VI populations to ensure that all populations have access to essential services. Develop GIS-based data resources to analyze and evaluate social and environmental impacts of transportation improvements.

### **Quarter 1 Report:**

Staff held public comment period and open house for an amendment to the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan and new FY18-21 TIP. Staff began preparation of a new participation matrix to better track the internal performance of staff participation techniques. Staff began website updates to make the website 508 compliant. Staff continued to make regular social media posts.

### **Quarter 2 Report:**

Staff continued to develop a Participation Plan matrix to better track performance of participation techniques. Staff completed training and updates to the website for 508 compliance. Staff continued to make regular social media posts.

### **Quarter 3 Report:**

Staff completed the public comment period for the TIP and LRTP amendments for the Safety Performance Measures, including hosting an Open House. Staff continued to make regular website updates and social media posts. Staff attended the Lowndes County Bird Supper to speak with elected officials about transportation projects in the community. Staff attended Chamber of Commerce Transportation meetings.

### **Quarter 4 Report:**

Staff continued to make regular website and social media updates. Staff completed the development of the new Participation Plan Performance Measure Matrix to better track performance of participation activities.

**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.

<b>Approved Budget:</b>	<b>\$12,229.28</b>
<b>Expenditures to Date:</b>	<b>\$12,050.59</b>
<b>Percent Expended:</b>	<b>98.54%</b>
<b>Project Complete:</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Approved planning program revisions:** None at this time.

### 2018-3.1 GIS/Travel Demand Model Development

#### **Objective:**

Maintain GIS layers needed for the transportation planning process and to ensure effective use of the Travel Demand Model.

#### **Project Description:**

The VLMPO will work with the Valdosta-Lowndes Regional GIS Department (VALOR) at the SGRC to develop and maintain GIS data, and a website that shows transportation projects from the TIP and LRTP. Continue to educate local officials of the importance of the travel demand model and how it can be used for transportation planning decision making purposes. Develop GIS-based data resources to analyze and evaluate social and environmental impacts of transportation improvements. Develop regional commuting maps (when Census data is available) to illustrate regional travel patterns. The VLMPO will use GIS to analyze data collected for performance measures to inform local officials of trends in data to set target areas and to analyze projects for inclusion in the LRTP and TIP. Staff will use GIS data analysis outputs and other visualization techniques to convey information about how transportation improvements can positively impact planning factors. The VLMPO will continue to develop and maintain the VLMPO Travel Demand Model and perform model runs as requested by GDOT and/or local governments. Projects that may be considered for evaluation include, but are not limited to: North Lowndes County East-West Connectivity, Downtown Valdosta Removal of One-way Streets, and Five Points Area. Maintain the VLMPO 2035 Joint Land Use Study Travel Demand Model for analysis requests from local stakeholders as it relates to the mission of Moody Air Force Base and its impact on land use and transportation relationships in the Metropolitan Planning Area.

#### **Quarter 1 Report:**

Staff continued to develop and maintain GIS layers for transportation purposes. Staff began the development of a GIS Story Map for the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan Projects.

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

Staff continued to develop and maintain GIS layers for transportation purposes, of note is a new right-of-way layer. Staff continued to develop a GIS Story Map for the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan Projects.

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

Staff continued to develop and maintain GIS layers for transportation purpose. Staff developed a Truck Route map for the City of Valdosta and Lowndes County. Staff continued to update the ROW layer and the Story Map for the Transportation Vision Plan projects. Staff also used GIS resources to develop data to evaluate performance measures.

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

Staff continued to develop and maintain GIS layers for transportation purpose. Staff continued to update the ROW layer and the Story Map for the Transportation Vision Plan projects. Staff also used GIS resources to develop data to evaluate performance measures.

**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.

**Approved Budget:** \$16,815.26

**Expenditures to Date:** \$10,346.37

**Percent Expended:** 61.53%

**Project Complete:** 100%

**Approved planning program revisions:** None at this time.

## 2018-3.2 Land Use Planning

### **Objective:**

Participate and review local land use, comprehensive and transportation plans as they relate to the transportation planning process and the plans and policies of the VLMPO.

### **Project Description:**

Coordinate with local land use planning staff to review local land use developments (zoning requests, subdivision plats, commercial developments, etc.) as to their effects on the local transportation infrastructure and consistency with the goals of the Transportation Plan. Provide technical assistance to local engineers and planners on topics relating to transportation and land use including: access management, transit oriented development, complete streets, etc. Coordinate with local jurisdictions to cooperatively develop local comprehensive plan updates as required by the GA Department of Community Affairs (transportation planning requirements and transportation-land use relationships). Continue to inform the public and stakeholders of the Greater Lowndes County Common Community Vision and promote its use as a strategic vision for the community. Continue to work with the SGRC and local land use planners to implement the Moody Air Force Base Joint Land Use Study recommendations that impact the transportation-land use relationship in the Metropolitan Planning Area. Continue to work with other regional planners to better implement regional planning efforts throughout the SGRC area. The VLMPO will continue to encourage the development of gateways into the community that improve visual appearance and mitigate natural/human environmental impacts of transportation. Staff will review, share and update as needed the 2040 Socioeconomic Data Study for use by other organizations.

### **Quarter 1 Report:**

Staff continued to review weekly development proposals from local governments.

### **Quarter 2 Report:**

Staff continued to review weekly development proposals from local governments. Staff participated in the regional comprehensive planning workshops.

### **Quarter 3 Report:**

Staff continued to review weekly development proposals from local governments. Staff participated in regional planning workshops. Staff began to prepare a contract and future land use maps for the 2045 Socioeconomic Data Study (see special projects).

### **Quarter 4 Report:**

Staff continued to review weekly development proposals from local governments.

**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.

**Approved Budget:** \$4,585.98

**Expenditures to Date:** \$4,570.67

**Percent Expended:** 99.67%

**Project Complete:** 100%

**Approved planning program revisions:** None at this time.

### 2018-3.3 Inter-/Multi-Modal Transportation Planning

#### **Objective:**

To plan for all modes of transportation and analyze how they are used in the VLMPO Metropolitan Planning Area.

#### **Project Description:**

##### **Bicycle and Pedestrian Activities:**

Continue to work with local and state jurisdictions to implement the Bike/Ped Master Plan. Report on the status of this implementation. Explore options for: improved data on bicycle and pedestrian usage in the region (fitness apps, etc.); funding bicycle and pedestrian projects (social impact bonds, crowdsourcing, etc.); improving transportation planning so that it can be used to improve health of the local population. Develop report on local jurisdiction compliance with 2040 TVP Active, Healthy Lifestyles Strategy Implementation. The VLMPO will continue to encourage multi-modal transportation facilities that are affordable and accessible and promote active, healthy lifestyles. Ensure that all populations (people and freight) have access to essential services regardless of mode. With other SGRC transportation planning programs, coordinate efforts on Safe Routes to School participation, regional bicycle and pedestrian planning activities (like: complete streets workshops, health and transportation, etc.) and Teens in the Driver Seat programs throughout an 18-county region. **Freight and Intermodal Activities:** Continue to integrate freight and goods movement planning and analysis into long and short range planning efforts. Work with Valdosta State University Logistics Program on student projects (like: study of commodities, evaluation of truck/rest stops, development of VLD Regional Airport, Import/Export analysis through GA and FL ports, demand for small intermodal facility, etc.). Implement recommendations (if any) from FY2016 Truck Traffic Study. Continue to update data and perform analysis of how freight and goods movement impacts economic development in the region. Coordinate MPO planning efforts with other local transportation modes: railroads, airports, seaports, etc. to inform and influence the LRTP process.

#### **Quarter 1 Report:**

Staff participated on the GA Planning Association Task Force for Healthy Communities.

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

Staff began to explore options to educate local officials and trucking stakeholders of freight corridor options in the region.

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

Staff has begun to develop a Complete Streets Policy for the VLMPO based on Policy Committee guidance.

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

Staff continued to develop a Complete Streets Policy for the VLMPO. Staff prepared a report for the City of Dasher on possible bicycle trail routes around the community.

**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.

**Approved Budget:** \$4,585.98

**Expenditures to Date:** \$2,518.60

**Percent Expended:** 54.92%

**Project Complete:** 100%

**Approved planning program revisions:** None at this time.

### 2018-3.4 Systems Data Analysis and Research

#### **Objective:**

To provide data to the public and local/state officials on various transportation planning programs that improve the overall safety, security, preservation and operational efficiency of the transportation system for all modes of transportation of goods and people.

#### **Project Description:**

Continue to develop an Annual Crash Report that analyzes crash data for local governments to identify safety improvements that can be implemented through new projects or educational programs. Conduct Road Safety Audits (RSAs) with local jurisdictions as requested to identify solutions to safety and operational concerns. Encourage and advise local governments to develop transportation asset management plans. Report on age and structural integrity of bridges in the region to highlight need for replacement, ongoing maintenance, future financial needs for repair/maintenance, etc. Develop GIS-based report that evaluates roadways in VLMPO Planning Area against requirements of the Complete Streets Strategy in the 2040 TVP. Continue to work with GDOT and local jurisdictions on the implementation of Intelligent Transportation Systems and architectures in the Metropolitan Planning Area. Coordinate data development and analysis with GIS resources to better visualize data for local decision makers for various MPO plans and projects. Identify data needs to implement MAP-21 and FAST Act Performance Measures and the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan as required and in consultation with GDOT. Collect and analyze data as it is identified to develop data trends and targets for project selection and prioritization. Continue to report on various data trends (VMT, VHT, etc.) that impact transportation planning in the region. Educate local officials on the importance and need for additional data and analysis to complete performance measure trend analysis and target setting. Maintain socioeconomic data and research to inform the transportation planning process for TIP and LRTP updates.

#### **Quarter 1 Report:**

Staff analyzed data for the 2040 TVP Performance Measures.

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

Staff completed the analysis of data for the 2040 TVP Safety Performance Measures. Staff began to look at the PM2 and PM3 performance measure data need for the VLMPO region and discuss how it will be analyzed.

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

Staff continued to analyze local 2040 TVP goals for performance measures. Staff worked to develop a report on Transportation Demand Management Best Practices in small communities as recommended by the 2040 TVP.

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

Staff continued to analyze local 2040 TVP goals for performance measures. Staff worked to develop a report on Transportation Demand Management Best Practices in small communities as recommended by the 2040 TVP. Staff presented the TDM strategies report at the June VLMPO 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.

**Approved Budget:** \$4,585.98

**Expenditures to Date:** \$4,184.45

**Percent Expended:** 91.24%

**Project Complete:** 100%

**Approved planning program revisions:** None at this time.

## 2018-4.1 Transportation Improvement Program

### **Objective:**

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

### **Project Description:**

The VLMPO will continue to work with GDOT and local planning partners in prioritizing, developing and implementing projects in the TIP, including attending meetings and conducting analysis where needed to select and prioritize projects. Implement national goals and performance measures in the TIP in coordination with local and state partners. Continue to process TIP amendments and administrative modifications according to adopted policies (including those in the PP) in coordination with GDOT and local jurisdictions. Continue to provide technical support for projects in the TIP and LRTP. Continue to maintain a project tracking tool and GIS database to provide the public and planning partner's information about project development and timelines. 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 explore new and innovative funding opportunities (unique grants, social impact bonds, etc.) for transportation improvements. Consider using FHWA's PlanWorks tool to help guide and improve the next TIP update. The VLMPO will consider and document methods that consolidate the TIP and LRTP documents and update processes. Develop a framework in the TIP to track and implement performance measures in consultation with GDOT and local planning partners.

### **Quarter 1 Report:**

Staff prepared a new FY18-21 TIP (see also, Public Participation and LRTP elements), the TIP was adopted at the September Policy Committee meeting. Staff attended public open houses hosted by GDOT for TIP projects.

### **Quarter 2 Report:**

Staff prepared an amendment for the FY18-21 TIP to be presented in Q3 to address the safety performance measures.

### **Quarter 3 Report:**

Staff prepared an amendment for the TIP for the Safety Performance Measures that was adopted by the VLMPO committees in February. Staff attended project concept meetings for the Jerry Jones and Five Points Intersection projects.

### **Quarter 4 Report:**

Staff attended project concept meetings for the Jerry Jones project.

**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.

**Approved Budget:** \$10,700.62

**Expenditures to Date:** \$10,430.45

**Percent Expended:** 97.48%

**Project Complete:** 100%

**Approved planning program revisions:** None at this time.

## 2018-4.2 Long Range Transportation Plan

### Objective:

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

### Project Description:

Work with USDOT and GDOT to develop and analyze new socioeconomic information as needed in the development/modification of the Travel Demand Model (TDM), including but not limited to updating functional classification maps and/or National Highway System maps. Continue to maintain (amend), update and implement the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan as needed in accordance with amendment procedures and public involvement procedures as outlined in the PP). Identify data sources needed to implement performance measures as identified in MAP-21 and FAST Act regulations in consultation with GDOT. Monitor the implementation of the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan through the MPO annual report and other reporting methods. Develop a goals/performance measure matrix (see Macon MPO) to help guide LRTP updates. Develop GIS layers and models needed for development of land use patterns for travel demand model. Continue to work with various stakeholders to implement land use policy recommendations from the JLUS study for Moody AFB and surrounding areas. Continue to develop reports and information to fund transportation and transit improvements throughout the region. Continue to work with GDOT and local partners in prioritizing and implementing projects in the LRTP and TIP, this includes attending meetings and conducting analysis where needed for a comprehensive, coordinated and continuous regional Long Range Transportation Plan. Continue to inform the public and stakeholders of the Greater Lowndes County Common Community Vision and promote its use as a strategic vision for the community.

### Quarter 1 Report:

Staff prepared an amendment to the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan (see also, Public Participation and TIP elements), the amendment was adopted at the September Policy Committee meeting. Staff began preparation of analysis to adopt performance measures.

### Quarter 2 Report:

Staff prepared an amendment for the 2040 TVP to be presented in Q3 to address the safety performance measures. Staff prepared an RFP for the 2045 Socioeconomic Data Study.

### Quarter 3 Report:

Staff presented an amendment for Safety Performance Measures to the VLMPO committees that was adopted in February. Staff entered into a contract with a consultant for the 2045 SE Data Study (see special projects).

### Quarter 4 Report:

Staff met with our consultant (Transport Studio) for the 2045 SE Data Study.

**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.

**Approved Budget:** \$16,815.26

**Expenditures to Date:** \$16,595.41

**Percent Expended:** 98.69%

**Project Complete:** 100%

**Approved planning program revisions:** None at this time.

### 2018-4.3 Transit Planning

#### **Objective:**

To plan for effective, affordable and accessible public transportation options and alternatives in the Metropolitan Planning Area.

#### **Project Description:**

Provide transit planning administration and assistance to Lowndes, Brooks and Berrien Counties' Transit Systems (all 5311 rural systems) and any future urban transit system in the Valdosta Urbanized Area. Provide data analysis and reports as requested by local or state officials regarding current or future transit operations. Continue to coordinate transit planning with rural and human service providers. Includes coordination with GDOT, SGRC Coordinated Transportation Program, Department of Human Services, and other stakeholders. Implement recommendations (if any) of the FY2016 Transit Implementation Study. Continue to evaluate the accessibility and mobility of regional activity centers and the various population groups (focus on EJ areas) throughout the region and the impact various transportation modes might have accessibility and mobility.

#### **Quarter 1 Report:**

No work at this time. 5303 contract not executed.

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

5303 contract was executed on 12/18/17. Staff participated in MPO Committee meetings.

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

Staff participated in MPO Committee meetings. Staff prepared a data request for Lowndes County to talk about starting an urban public transit system.

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

Staff participated in MPO Committee meetings. Staff prepared a data request for Lowndes County to talk about starting an urban public transit system. Staff continued to participate in the GA House Transit Governance and Funding Commission 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.

**Approved Budget:** \$0 (includes only FTA 5303 funds)

**Expenditures to Date:** \$0

**Percent Expended:** 0%

**Project Complete %:** 100%

**Approved planning program revisions:** None at this time

2018-4.4 Special Transportation Studies

**Objective:**

To conduct planning level analysis of alternatives for transportation projects identified in the LRTP or by the transportation planning process.

**Project Description:**

Unfunded project: Contract with consultant to complete socioeconomic data update for the development of the 2045 Transportation Vision Plan. Socioeconomic data will be collected for the Travel Demand Model, Environmental Justice analysis, and other land use and economic development needs of the planning partners in the community. The estimated cost of this study is \$20,000 total.

**Quarter 1 Report:**

No work at this time. An amendment to the UPWP is anticipated for December 2017 for a 2045 Socioeconomic Data Study.

**Quarter 2 Report:**

Staff presented and the MPO Policy Committee approved a UPWP amendment in December for the 2045 SE Data Study.

**Quarter 3 Report:**

Staff entered into a contract with Transport Studio, LLC to complete the 2045 SE Data Study. Staff prepared an application and was awarded funds for additional PL funds for a Regional Roadway Connectivity Study in March.

**Quarter 4 Report:**

Staff met with our consultant (Transport Studio) for the 2045 SE Data Study.

**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.

**Approved Budget:** \$20,000.00

**Expenditures to Date:** \$8,430.00

**Percent Expended:** 42.15%

**Project Complete %:** 50%

**Approved planning program revisions:** Yes, \$20,000 approved for SE Data Study in December 2017.