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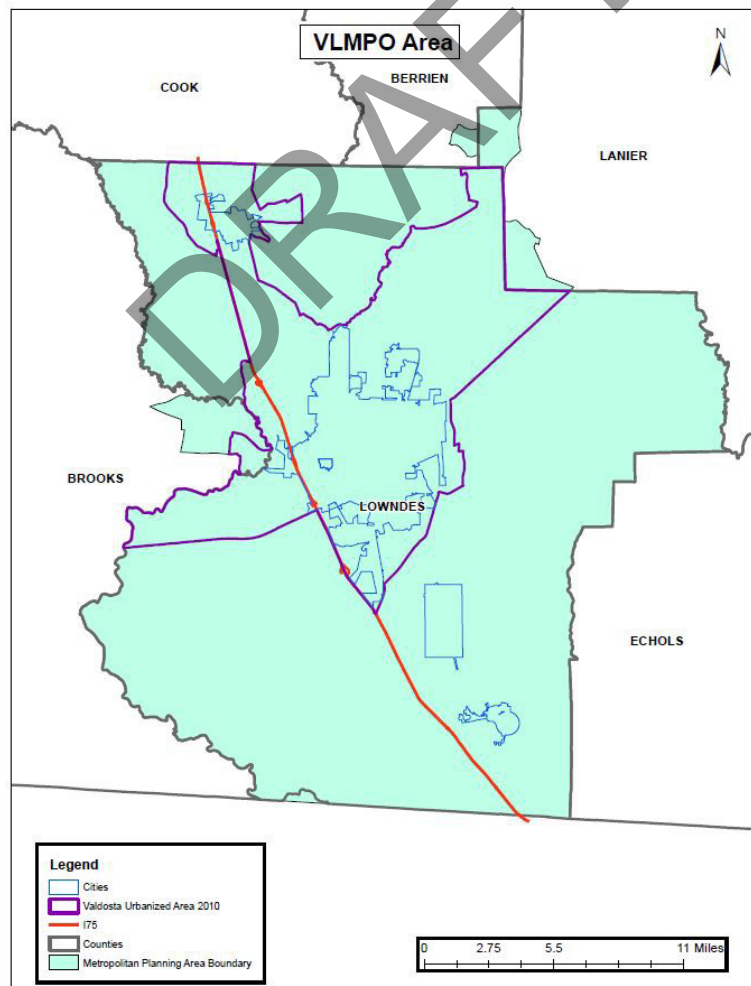
INTRODUCTION

As a result of the 2000 Census, in 2003, the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization (VLMPO) was established pursuant to federal law to address transportation planning within Lowndes County and the urbanized portions of Berrien, Brooks, and Lanier Counties, including the municipalities of Dasher, Hahira, Lake Park, Ray City, Remerton, and Valdosta.

In 2003, Governor Purdue designated the Southern Georgia Regional Commission (SGRC), an 18-county regional planning and intergovernmental coordination agency, to host the VLMPO and provide staff support to this planning effort. This legislation and required agreements, such as the (MOU) ensures that a “continuing, cooperative and comprehensive” (referred to as “3-C”) planning process involving federal, state and local agencies, as well as citizens and other affected stakeholders is upheld.

The VLMPO is staffed by the Southern Georgia Regional Commission’s Planning and Transportation Department to perform the day-to-day functions of transportation planning activities within the VLMPO planning area. The Policy Committee (PC), comprised of elected officials and other decision makers from each participating jurisdiction, provides final decision-making authority and leadership for the VLMPO. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) provide insightful input to the Policy Committee on transportation issues.

Figure 1. Valdosta Urbanized Area (shown with pink line) and the Valdosta VLMPO Planning Area (shown in teal).



VALDOSTA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (VLMPO)

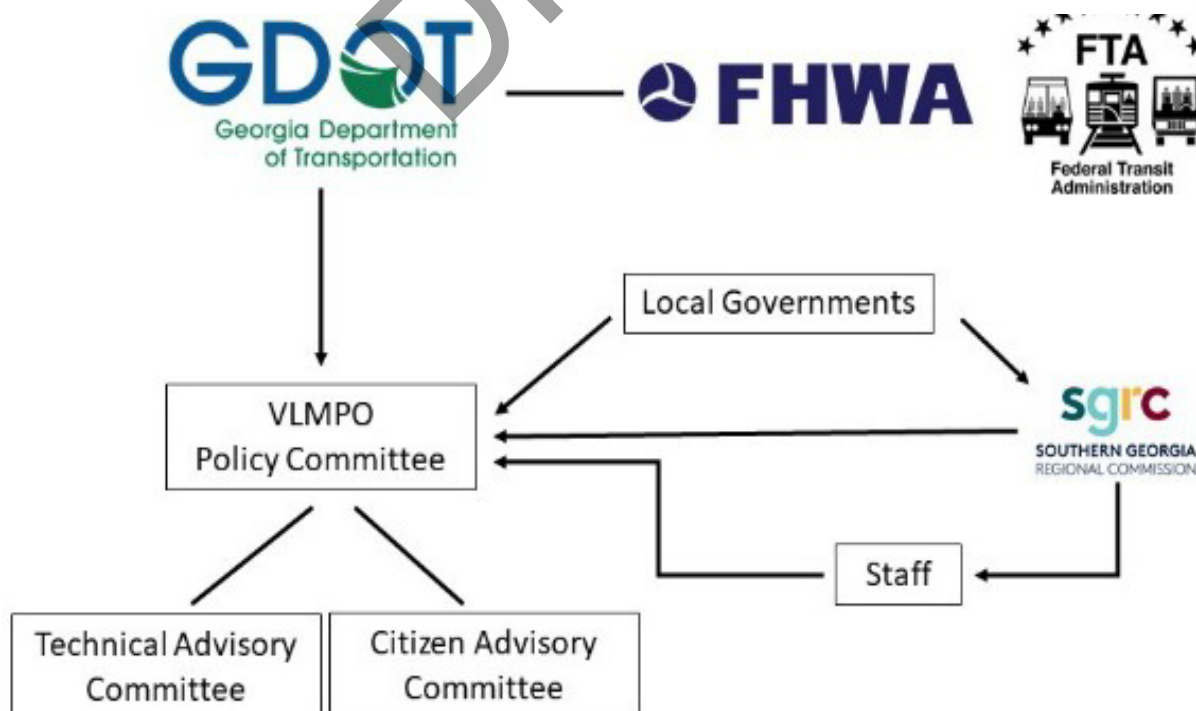
The VLMPO is composed of three committees: the Policy Committee, the Technical Coordinating Committee, and the Citizens Advisory Committee. The planning organizational structure is displayed in Figure 2. The VLMPO is a framework from which transportation planning and decision-making processes are developed. The process involves collaboration among various governmental agencies and units of government and results in a consensus regarding the transportation plans for the urbanized area.

The Policy Committee is a forum for cooperative decision making by principal elected and appointed officials of local governments and inter-modal transportation providers. The Policy Committee is also responsible for taking into consideration the recommendations from the CAC and the TAC when adopting plans or setting policy. The Policy Committee has final authority in the matters of policy and adoption of plans.

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) membership includes staff from various federal, state, and local agencies and other associations who have a technical knowledge of transportation or planning. The TAC functions to assure the involvement of all operation departments, advisory agencies, and multi-modal transportation providers involved with the planning process and subsequent implementation of plans. The TAC evaluates transportation plans and projects based on whether or not they are technically warranted and financially feasible.

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) consists of volunteers who are interested in transportation issues. The CAC is responsible for keeping the Policy Committee informed of the community's perspective and shall also provide information to the community about transportation policies and issues. The CAC ensures that the values and interests of the communities of the region are taken into consideration in the planning process.

Figure 2. VLMPO Organizational Chart



PURPOSE OF THE UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

FHWA/FTA PLANNING FACTORS AND PLANNING EMPHASIS AREAS

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) lists the planning activities for the coming year and provides fiscal information regarding how the funds will be spent as well as staff responsibilities, goals and objectives. The planning funds are appropriated under the authorization of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Under IIJA the VLMPO shall “provide consideration and implementation of projects, strategies and services that will address” ten planning factors which are to be considered by VLMPO’s when developing transportation plans and programs. Following each planning factor below is a brief narrative on how planning activities and projects work to implement each factor in this UPWP. Also included are the Vision2045 MTP/CCV Objectives for the planning factors, these objectives often overlap to help achieve planning factors and the work elements within this UPWP. The objectives listed under the planning factors below are not all objectives that are applicable to each planning factor; all FHWA/FTA planning factors and Vision2045 MTP/CCV objectives that correspond with each work element listed in this UPWP can be seen in the work element tables:

1. Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency;

Projects outlined for staff to undertake in this UPWP work to promote the economic vitality of the metropolitan region, focusing on how transportation can positively impact economic output of businesses throughout the region.

Vision2045 MTP Objectives:

- a) Support Regional Economic Engines through Accessible, Multi-Modal Transportation Systems for the Movement of People and Goods.
- b) Improve Workforce Development Training Through Investments in Affordable, Accessible, Multi-Modal Transportation Systems for the Movement of People.

2. Increase safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;

Staff works to promote safety of the transportation system for all users. Staff evaluates crash data and promotes safety programs such as Safe Routes to School among other safety initiatives to help increase the safety of the transportation system.

Vision2045 MTP Objective:

- a) Implement Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Projects that Promote an Active, Healthy Lifestyle.

3. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;

The VLMPO, works to increase the security of the transportation system through encouraging and programing funding for technology on transit vehicles and through ITS (Intelligent Transportation Systems) technology applications and infrastructure.

Vision2045 MTP Objective:

- a) Develop Regional Leadership that Promotes Transparency, Citizen Engagement, and Coordinated Planning and Delivery of Transportation Projects.

4. Increase the accessibility and mobility options available to people and for freight;

Staff prepares reports that evaluate mobility options for people and freight and provides project recommendations that can be implemented through the TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) and MTP (Metropolitan Transportation Plan, or locally the Vision2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan) processes.

Vision2045 MTP Objective:

- a) Encourage Entrepreneurship and Small Businesses through Affordable, Accessible, Multi-modal Transportation Investments.

5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, and improve quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth, housing and economic development patterns;

Staff works to implement strategies identified in the Vision2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan that enhance housing and development patterns, the environment, and improve energy conservation and quality of life.

Vision2045 MTP Objective:

- a) Promote Conservation and Renewable Energy through Alternative Transportation and Fuel Technologies.

6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;

Through various analysis, the staff works to identify projects that can be implemented through the Vision2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and TIPs to enhance the integration and connectivity of various transportation modes.

Vision2045 MTP Objectives:

- a) Provide Regional Connectivity through an Efficient, Safe, Accessible, and Affordable Multi-Modal Transportation System.
- b) Support local schools through affordable, accessible, and efficient multi-modal and public transit investments.

7. Promote efficient system management and operation;

Staff ensures that funding is programmed for maintenance and operations of the transportation system for various modes and not just for new capital expenditure items. The staff works with state and local partners to develop performance measures and data to ensure the system meets maintenance and operational targets.

Vision2045 MTP Objectives:

- a) Develop Regional Leadership that Promotes Transparency, Citizen Engagement, and Coordinated Planning and Delivery of Transportation Projects.

8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system;

Staff ensures that consideration of preserving the existing system is emphasized when considering and in developing financial plans for transportation improvements. Staff also works with state and local partners to develop performance measures to ensure the existing system is preserved and maintained to meet targets.

Vision2045 MTP Objective:

- a) Coordinate with Emergency Responders to Develop Resilient, Well Maintained Transportation Infrastructure.

9. Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate storm water impacts of surface transportation; and

The VLMPO works with local and state partners to improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system (see Vision2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan strategies). The VLMPO will work to make sure that all projects address stormwater impacts in the MTP and TIP as appropriate according to jurisdictional stormwater permits.

Vision2045 MTP Objective:

- a) Develop Basic Transportation and Utility Infrastructure that Promotes Resiliency and Reliability.

10. Enhance travel and tourism.

Staff will improve outreach to interested parties to enhance travel and tourism participation in the planning process. The VLMPO will continue to promote bicycling as a form of recreation and tourism for the region.

Vision2045 MTP Objectives:

- a) Support Regional Economic Engines through Accessible, Multi-Modal Transportation Systems for the Movement of People and Goods.
- b) Implement Transportation and Land Use Policies that Support Cultural/Historic Resources and Promote Tourism.

On December 30, 2021, the FHWA Division and FTA Regional Administrators released updated Planning Emphasis Areas. These newly updated planning areas reflect the changes that have been made over the past few years to address various topics that interconnect with creating a sustainable, resilient transportation network. These planning emphasis areas are Tackling the Climate Crisis - Transition to a Clean Energy, Resilient Future; Equity and Justice⁴⁰ in Transportation Planning; Complete Streets; Public Involvement; Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET)/U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) Coordination; Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) Coordination; Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL); and Data in Transportation Planning. The VLMPO will incorporate these planning emphases in the transportation planning process and consideration of projects to help achieve the overall goals of these planning emphasis areas.

1. Tackling the Climate Crisis – Transition to a Clean Energy, Resilient Future

Staff will research and implement best practices for the creation of a clean energy, resilient community through incorporating sustainable goals to include but not limited to alternative fuels, electric vehicles, and vulnerability identification within the network.

Work Program Objectives:

- a) Continue to Inform the VLMPO Committees of Legislative and Regulatory Actions Impacting Transportation Planning.
- b) Continuing Education and Training for VLMPO Staff and Committees that will Enable the VLMPO to Effectively carry out the Transportation Planning Process.
- c) Use the Transportation Planning Process as an Opportunity to Identify and Analyze the Potential for a Sustainable Transportation Network to include Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, Identifying Transportation System Vulnerabilities as it Relates to Land Uses and Environmental Linkages, etc.

2. Equity and Justice⁴⁰ in Transportation Planning

Staff will continue to implement the Public Participation plan to garner the input of underserved and disadvantaged communities to create and improve strategies that create an equitable safe, reliable transportation network and public transit system for environmental justice populations.

Work Program Objectives:

- a) Continue to Inform the VLMPO Committees of Legislative and Regulatory Actions Impacting Transportation Planning.
- b) 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 and an Opportunity to Participate in the Transportation Planning Process.
- c) Develop GIS-based Data Resources to Analyze and Evaluate Social and Environmental Burdens and/or Opportunities of Transportation Improvements.

3. Complete Streets

Staff will review current plans to ensure the inclusion of Complete Streets considerations within the planning of transportation infrastructure projects. The VLMPO will continue to implement its' Complete Streets Policy during the transportation planning process.

Work Program Objectives:

- a) Provide Technical Assistance to Local Engineers and Planners on Topics relating to transportation and land use including: access management, transit-oriented development, complete streets, redevelopment of neighborhoods to include affordable housing initiatives.
- b) In conjunction with other SGRC transportation planning programs, VLMPO staff will coordinate efforts on Safe Routes to School participation, regional bicycle and pedestrian planning activities (such as: complete streets workshops, health and transportation, etc.)
- c) Continue to promote the VLMPO Complete Streets policy and the prioritization of multi-modal projects within the planning process and project consideration.

4. Public Involvement

Staff will continue to implement the Public Participation Plan as well as thoroughly review and update the PP to ensure it is compliant with updates to Federal, State, and Local regulations for public involvement.

Work Program Objectives:

- a) Staff will engage the community through techniques as identified in its Participation Plan to include Virtual Public Involvement.
- b) Staff will work to develop a communications plan to outline the who, what, when, where, why, how, of MPO-related messaging we need to complete.
- c) 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 and an opportunity to participate in the transportation planning process.

5. Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET)/U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) Coordination

Staff will work to ensure that coordination with DOD officials as well as local DOD officials located at Moody AFB are a part of the transportation planning process.

- a) Coordinate with VLMPO jurisdictions, FHWA and DOD planning partners to cooperatively develop updates and implement local transportation and comprehensive (and regional) plans and planning efforts that assist in creating an efficient highway network around DOD land and Transportation uses.

6. Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) Coordination

As coordination in the development and/or changes of the TIP and MTP begins, staff will continue to reach out to VLMPO Tribal Resource Agencies for input and coordination around access to FMLA's.

- a) Coordinate with GDOT and operators of local transit to update and amend the TIP, MTP, and System Performance Report to include but not limited to National and FTA performance targets/measures and projects.
- b) Monitor, amend, and implement the Vision2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan as a performance-based planning document in partnership with GDOT and local partners in accordance with federal laws and regulations.

7. Planning and Environmental Linkages

Staff will continue to use GIS databases, such as the TEAMap (Transportation Environmental Assessment Map) and data analysis to identify planning and environmental linkages.

- a) 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 Vision2045 MTP.
- b) Provide technical assistance to local engineers and planners on topics relating to transportation and land use including: access management, transit-oriented development, complete streets, environmental impacts, redevelopment of neighborhoods to include affordable housing initiatives.

8. Data in Transportation Planning

Staff will continue to perform data analyses for transportation initiatives along with the use of various GIS related applications to improve transportation planning outcomes.

- a) Collect and analyze data as it is identified to develop data trends and targets for project selection and prioritization. Continue to report on various data trends that impact transportation planning in the region.
- b) Continue to update data and perform analysis of how freight and goods movement impacts economic development in the region through the use of NPRMDS, disaggregated FAF5 data, and other data resources. Coordinate VLMPO planning efforts with other local transportation modes: railroads, airports, seaports, etc. to inform and influence the planning and implementation of transportation improvements.

UPWP DEVELOPMENT & CONTENT

The UPWP lists the transportation studies and tasks to be performed by the VLMPO staff or a member agency using federal metropolitan planning funds. Because the UPWP reflects local issues and strategic priorities, the contents of UPWPs differ from one metropolitan area to another. The UPWP covers a one-year period and contains several elements:

- The planning tasks (e.g., data collection and analysis, public outreach, and preparation of the plan and Transportation Improvement Program), the supporting studies, and the products that will result from these activities;
- Identifies which IIJA Planning Factors (and FTA Activity Line-Item Codes, or ALIs) are emphasized in each work element (although all planning factors are included in some fashion in each element)
- All federally funded studies as well as all relevant state and local planning activities conducted without federal funds;
- Funding sources identified for each project;
- A schedule of activities; and
- The agency responsible for each task or study.
- A business plan that shows future projections of revenue and projects that are currently unfunded or planned in the future to allow local officials to plan for upcoming planning activities.

The Policy Committee, with input from the Citizens Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee, annually revises and adopts the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) in order to comply with federal regulations. This Fiscal Year 2023 UPWP describes: (1) the VLMPO's planning goals and activities; (2) provides cost estimates for each activity; (3) identifies funding sources; and (4) outlines a work schedule for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The UPWP work elements section is organized into five major sections entitled:

- **Part 1 –Program Administration**
- **Part 2 – Public Involvement**
- **Part 3 – Comprehensive Planning/Research**
- **Part 4 – Safe Accessible Transportation Options**
- **Part 5 – Transportation Systems Planning**
- **Part 6 – Business Plan**

The first five sections of the UPWP include information on the parties responsible for carrying out the various planning activities. Defined activities are mostly geared towards the preparation and development of the Transportation Improvement Program and lead to the implementation of the MTP (currently the Vision2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan) and development and adoption of the next MTP. Public involvement is an integral part of this planning process and is a core feature of numerous planning activities throughout the UPWP.

The VLMPO presently receives funding from two U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT) sources: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) planning (PL) funds are used for VLMPO planning; and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provides 5303 funds for metropolitan planning. PL funds are distributed contractually (through the Georgia Department of Transportation) under an 80-20% split, of which the Federal portion is 80%, the Southern Georgia Regional Commission contributes 4%, and the City of Valdosta and Lowndes County share the remaining 16%. FTA 5303 funds do receive a 10% match from GDOT; the Southern Georgia Regional Commission contributes 2%, with the City of Valdosta and Lowndes County splitting the remaining 8%. Please note that while the Southern Georgia Regional Commission

includes the work of the VLMPO as well as other various transportation and non-transportation programs, the PL funds programed in this UPWP are required to be spent for transportation planning purposes as outlined by federal statute and regulations within the Metropolitan Planning Area only.

To better facilitate grant applications for the FTAs 5303 funds the estimated FY2025 funds are shown for the appropriate work categories.

UPWP AMENDMENTS

From time to time, organizational budgets and work programs cannot be implemented as planned due to unforeseen circumstances. For this reason, the VLMPO is able to amend its UPWP and budget in two ways:

- An Administrative Modification can be completed by the staff without formal action from the VLMPO Policy Committee. An Administrative Amendment involves modifying the dollar amount in any work element, as long as the overall budget remains unchanged. Documentation of an Administrative Modification includes a letter describing the amendment sent to GDOT and the Policy Committee members.
- An UPWP Amendment requires the staff to present to the VLMPO Policy Committee significant changes to the work scope and/or changes to the overall budget amount for the UPWP. Amendments are presented at a meeting of the Policy Committee (and CAC/TAC if available in a timely manner) and require an affirmative vote by the members to become effective.

FY2024 UPWP HIGHLIGHTS/PRIORITIES

In FY2024, the VLMPO will begin updating the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Vision2045, while continuing to implement the current 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (Vision2045), through the completion of studies and reports conducted by staff and/or consultants. The 2050 MTP process and plan will be the main focus of FY2024. The completion of studies from fiscal year 2023 and further studies/reports that will be completed in FY2024 will continue to help create and maintain a reliable transportation network. Staff will also begin drafting the Fiscal Year 2024 - 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), while continuing to implement and monitor the progress of projects in the Fiscal Year 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Staff will provide technical assistance to the City of Valdosta through analyzing public transit data and writing various reports to help with the continued implementation and monitoring of the Valdosta On-Demand public transit system. The VLMPO has completed both an Electric Vehicle Implementation Strategy Plan and a Low Impact Development Policy and will work to implement recommendations from both plans in the FY2024 Fiscal Year.

VISION2045 MTP AND CCV TRANSPORTATION OBJECTIVES

In January 2014, the VLMPO Policy Committee adopted a Common Community Vision (CCV) for Greater Lowndes County. In the recently adopted MTP, the CCV goals and MTP objectives are integrated into a table with the national goals and FHWA planning factors. These transportation objectives are meant to guide implementation of various planning efforts including the VLMPO Metropolitan Transportation Plans and Transportation Improvement Programs. The Vision2045 MTP/CCV transportation objectives contain goals for transportation projects and programs, local government transparency and other transportation related topics. The UPWP is the ideal place to carry out the objectives identified within these documents. On the following work element pages, the Vision2045 MTP/CCV transportation objectives are identified by number as they relate to each work element. The integrated Vision2045 MTP/CCV objectives table

can be found on page 28. More detailed information about these objectives, including the CCV Report and the Vision2045 MTP, can also be found on the SGRC website at www.sgrc.us.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The VLMPO maintains a Participation Plan that includes an analysis of Environmental Justice areas, Title VI (Civil Rights Act) compliance and other items that guide public participation by the VLMPO. This document is annually reviewed and modified as needed to continue to deliver transportation planning activities and projects to the community. This UPWP covers all areas of the Metropolitan Planning Area and all populations within this jurisdiction.

This UPWP highlights actions that will be undertaken by staff to ensure good faith efforts are being carried out to involve all parties interested in the transportation planning process. Efforts will be made to continue to engage populations in identified EJ areas (see Vision2045 MTP) through additional and innovative efforts to engage organizations representing EJ populations. The PP work element highlights specific tasks that the VLMPO will undertake this year to reach out and engage persons who are within specified EJ characteristic groups.

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1. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

1.1 VLMPO Administration

Objective	To implement the VLMPO's overall transportation planning vision by administering the activities identified in the UPWP and managing the organization.
FHWA Planning Factors	FHWA/FTA Planning Emphasis Areas
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
FTA Activity Line Items	CCV and Vision2045 MTP Goals/Objectives
44.21.00	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
Previous Work	VLMPO Committee Meetings and Contract Compliance, VLMPO MOU, Strategic Plan, Records and Financial Management and Maintenance
FY24 Activities	
<p>Maintain proper records as required under Federal and State regulations for contracts administered by the VLMPO. Coordinate VLMPO Committee meetings and overall transportation planning efforts in the VLMPO area. Update the VLMPO MOU as necessary to include all parties and regulatory requirements. Update the VLMPO Committee orientation handbook as appropriate to introduce new committee members to the VLMPO transportation planning process.</p> <p>Continue to work with Georgia Assoc. of MPOs (GAMPO) and other state and national organizations on the role of VLMPOs in statewide and metropolitan transportation planning. Support GAMPO activities through participation in meetings and events. The VLMPO will continue membership in AMPO (organizations dues estimated to be \$500) and NADO (organization dues are paid by other non-VLMPO related funding sources), and will consider other organizational memberships as appropriate. Please note the above are organizational memberships not personal.</p> <p>Continue to report on and implement the goals of the Common Community Vision, especially as they relate to transportation and accessibility/improvements to: economic and workforce development, education, housing, land use, and health. Implement the VLMPO Strategic Plan recommendations. This plan will be used to guide the drafting of the 2050 MTP, the implementation of the Vision2045 MTP, and future UPWP work elements. Implement any recommendations to improve the processes of the VLMPO identified during the FY21 GDOT Certification Review of the VLMPO transportation planning process.</p> <p>Staff will continue to inform the VLMPO committees of legislative and regulatory actions impacting transportation planning and funding. This includes monitoring and implementation of IIJA/BIL requirements within the VLMPO programs and projects.</p> <p>The SGRC will continue to provide staff to carry out VLMPO activities. Staff will serve as the local experts in transportation areas, capable of 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. Staff will continue to work with GDOT and surrounding jurisdictions/agencies to maintain a comprehensive, coordinated, continuous, regional, multi-modal transportation planning process. The VLMPO will continue to maintain a planning document schedule for local officials to better understand the planning process.</p>	
Products	Committee Agendas/Minutes, Annual Report, Contract and Financial Management, Personnel Management, Planning Document Schedule
Agency	SGRC Planning and Transportation Staff (VLMPO), Staff Support Consultant (as needed)
Schedule:	July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

1.1 MPO Administration						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
MPO PL	FHWA	\$ 43,290.74	\$ -	\$ 2,164.54	\$ 8,658.15	\$ 54,113.43
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ 43,145.52	\$ 5,393.19	\$ 1,078.63	\$ 4,314.55	\$ 53,931.89
Total		\$ 86,436.26	\$ 5,393.19	\$ 3,243.17	\$ 12,972.70	\$ 108,045.32
FY25 FTA 5303 Estimated						
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ 44,008.43	\$ 5,501.05	\$ 1,100.21	\$ 4,400.84	\$ 55,010.53

1.2 Operations/Unified Planning Work Program

Objective	To identify work tasks to be undertaken by the VLMPO and ensure compliance with applicable federal, state and local requirements.	
FHWA Planning Factors		FHWA/FTA Planning Emphasis Areas
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10		
FTA Activity Line Items		CCV and Vision2045 MTP Goals/Objectives
None		1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
Previous Work	FY23 UPWP, FY23 Quarterly Reports and Invoices for FHWA PL and FTA 5303/5307 funds, FY22 Annual Report	
FY24 Activities		
<p>Prepare and amend (as needed) the annual UPWP (draft due: November; final due: March), including the preparation of work tasks, cost estimates and financial reports.</p> <p>Prepare quarterly reports, invoices and reimbursement requests to submit to GDOT and local partners.</p> <p>Prepare annual report reviewing activities of the past fiscal year.</p> <p>Prepare applications/resolutions for the GAMPO PL Funds Review Committee to apply for additional PL funds as requested by local governments (see Element 5.4).</p> <p>Develop scopes of work and/or purpose and need statements for each item in the five-year business plan that may require future consultant work.</p> <p>Prepare scopes of work and procurement items for projects listed in Element 5.4 of this UPWP as requested by local governments.</p> <p>Renew and/or reissue the ongoing SGRC Planning and Transportation Department staff support consultant contract as needed and appropriate.</p>		
Products	FY23 Final Quarterly Report, FY23 Annual Report, FY24 UPWP Amendments (if any), FY24 Quarterly Reports, Draft FY25 UPWP	
Agency	SGRC Planning and Transportation Staff (VLMPO), Staff Support Consultant (as needed)	
Schedule:	Quarterly Reports in July 2023, October 2023, January 2024 and April 2024; FY25 UPWP Draft for Review in November 2023, FY25 Approval in March 2024.	

1.2 UPWP						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
MPO PL	FHWA	\$ 7,730.49	\$ -	\$ 386.52	\$ 1,546.09	\$ 9,663.10
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total		\$ 7,730.49	\$ -	\$ 386.52	\$ 1,546.09	\$ 9,663.10

1.3 Training/Professional Development

Objective	To develop staff professional and technical knowledge of transportation planning through relevant conferences, workshops, and webinars.
FHWA Planning Factors	FHWA/FTA Planning Emphasis Areas
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
FTA Activity Line Items	CCV and Vision2045 MTP Goals/Objectives
44.22.00	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
Previous Work	Attendance at various FHWA, TRB, GPA, APA, GAMPO, and GDOT events.
FY24 Activities	
<p>Provide continuing education and training for VLMPO staff and committees that will enable the VLMPO to effectively carry out the transportation planning process, including but not limited to: staff development, performance measures, Environmental Justice/ADA/Title VI, transportation planning, GIS and visualization techniques, and other innovations as they are available.</p> <p>Some conferences the staff and committee members may attend include but are not limited to (parentheses indicate registration/travel/salary cost estimate): GA Planning Assoc. (\$2200 x2), GA Transit Assoc. (\$2200 x2), American Planning Assoc. (\$5000), Transportation Research Board (\$5000), GA Assoc. of VLMPOs, national Assoc. of VLMPOs (\$4000), GA Highway Safety Conference (\$2200), National Assoc. of Development Orgs. (\$4000), and other training provided by FHWA, FTA, GDOT, NTI or NHI. Travel will be subject to the SGRC Travel Policies, based on Federal per diem rates. Travel costs not associated with training and education events are included in other work elements of this UPWP.</p> <p>Staff will maintain a training tracker to report training hours according to SGRC policy and for other purposes.</p>	
Products	Attendance at various meetings and conferences (identified above).
Agency	SGRC Planning and Transportation Staff (VLMPO), Staff Support Consultant (as needed)
Schedule:	Varies depending on events; July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

1.3 Staff Education						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
MPO PL	FHWA	\$ 15,460.98	\$ -	\$ 773.05	\$ 3,092.20	\$ 19,326.23
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total		\$ 15,460.98	\$ -	\$ 773.05	\$ 3,092.20	\$ 19,326.23
FY25 FTA 5303 Estimated						
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

1.4 Computer Supplies/Technical Assistance

Objective	To maintain computer systems and office supplies used for relevant transportation planning activities.	
FHWA Planning Factors		FHWA/FTA Planning Emphasis Areas
		1, 2, 3, 4, 5
FTA Activity Line Items		CCV and Vision2045 MTP Goals/Objectives
None		2
Previous Work	Annual ArcGIS licenses, other software maintenance fees, SGRC IT Dept. Technical Assistance (ongoing)	
FY24 Activities		
<p>The VLMPO will purchase and maintain relevant computer supplies (hardware, software), mobile communications (including service fees) to meet the needs of the staff to effectively carry out the VLMPO transportation planning process pursuant to the SGRC Procurement Policy. Computer supplies (computer, monitors, keyboard, mouse, etc.) and software (MS Office Suite, Adobe Reader Pro, ArcGIS, etc.) costs estimated to be \$3,000 per user.</p> <p>The SGRC IT Department will continue to provide technical assistance in order to maintain VLMPO staff computer supplies and software (regular updates, maintenance, troubleshooting). The VLMPO will also coordinate the purchase of supplies, computer systems, software and training with local governments for local traffic counting programs as requested.</p>		
Products	Software purchases and updates; purchase of computer supplies necessary to complete transportation planning activities, IT technical assistance.	
Agency	SGRC Planning and Transportation Staff (VLMPO), Staff Support Consultant (as needed)	
Schedule:	Varies, depending on needs; July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024	

1.4 Computer Systems						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
MPO PL	FHWA	\$ 6,184.39	\$ -	\$ 309.22	\$ 1,236.87	\$ 7,730.49
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total		\$ 6,184.39	\$ -	\$ 309.22	\$ 1,236.87	\$ 7,730.49

2. PARTICIPATION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

2.1 Outreach/Education/EJ/Title VI/LEP

Objective	To implement the strategies and policies of the VLMPO Participation Plan including: Title VI Compliance, Environmental Justice, and LEP.
FHWA Planning Factors	FHWA/FTA Planning Emphasis Areas
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	2, 4
FTA Activity Line Items	CCV and Vision2045 Goals/Objectives
44.22.00	2,5,10
Previous Work	FY23 Annual Report including Title VI, EJ and LEP sections, 508 website and document compliance, Update of Participation Plan, Regular social media and website updates
FY24 Activities	
<p>Outreach and Education: Staff will continue to communicate, educate, inform, make transparent, and visualize how the transportation planning process impacts all of the FHWA planning factors and FTA and FHWA Planning Emphasis Areas through regular inclusionary public involvement opportunities associated with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Participation Plan (PP) and other documents for the public and elected officials.</p> <p>Engage and inform non-traditional community planning partners through the Citizen's Advisory Committee about the transportation planning process and promote the Greater Lowndes County Common Community Vision as a strategic vision for the community. Staff will engage the community through techniques as identified in its Participation Plan to include Virtual Public Involvement. Staff will work to develop a communications plan to outline the who, what, when, where, why, how, of MPO-related messaging we need to complete.</p> <p>Develop and maintain websites and social media, with the most recent and relevant data and information about the VLMPO transportation planning process for the public and local government decision makers. Update the Participation Plan to reflect more specifically how these mediums will be used to engage the public. Develop graphical, marketing and visualization skills and products to better communicate transportation data and concepts. Conduct public involvement strategies as outlined in the PP as needed for development and updating of various documents, including but not limited to outlining/updating participation objectives in the Vision2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan as well as other transportation planning documents and initiatives.</p> <p>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 and an opportunity to participate in the transportation planning process. Continue to implement the PP and report on the performance measures in that document. Develop GIS-based data resources to analyze and evaluate social and environmental burdens and/or opportunities of transportation improvements.</p>	
Products	FY23 Annual Report PP Section, PP Updates (if any), Website/Social Media updates, PP implementation
Agency	SGRC Planning and Transportation Staff (VLMPO), Staff Support Consultant (as needed)
Schedule:	Varies based on technique used from daily social media posts, weekly website updates, public comment periods as needed and other community events; July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

2.1 Public Participation						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
MPO PL	FHWA	\$ 7,730.49	\$ -	\$ 386.52	\$ 1,546.10	\$ 9,663.11
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total		\$ 7,730.49	\$ -	\$ 386.52	\$ 1,546.10	\$ 9,663.11

3. COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING/RESEARCH

3.1 GIS/Travel Demand Model (TDM) Development

Objective	To develop and maintain GIS layers needed for the transportation planning process and to ensure effective use of the Travel Demand Model.
FHWA Planning Factors	FHWA/FTA Planning Emphasis Areas
2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9	3, 4, 10, 11
FTA Activity Line Items	CCV and Vision2045 MTP Goals/Objectives
None	1,5,7,13
Previous Work	Various GIS layers developed and updates (roads, bridges, etc.) for studies/plans and analyses, GIS web apps for 2045 MTP and the FY21-24 TIP
FY24 Activities	
<p>Staff will work with the Valdosta-Lowndes Regional GIS Department (VALOR) at the SGRC to develop and maintain GIS data, and a project specific website that displays the description, cost/phase information of transportation projects from the TIP and MTP. Develop a data update schedule for key layers used by the staff. Support the SGRC Regional Plan implementation of Goal ED-1 to develop GIS layers of infrastructure like stormwater and transportation infrastructure. Continue to educate local officials of the importance of the travel demand model and how it can be used for transportation planning decision making purposes. Develop GIS-based data resources to monitor performance measures and targets (where data is available) on roadways before and after improvement. Review GIS resources, the local Hazard Mitigation Plans, the Electric Vehicle Implementation Strategy Plan and the Lowndes County Vulnerability Assessment to identify and mitigate impacts to transportation infrastructure that might be susceptible to extreme weather events.</p> <p>Develop GIS-based data applications to monitor existing multimodal facilities and consider new multimodal facilities to create a safe, accessible network for all users.</p> <p>Use GIS to analyze data and illustrate transportation data in the region such as regional travel patterns that impact travel from surrounding communities on the VLMPO Planning Area.</p> <p>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 MTP and TIP. Staff will use GIS data analysis outputs and other visualization techniques to convey information about how transportation improvements can positively impact planning factors.</p>	
Products	Various GIS layers, databases and websites and commute pattern maps to help with research and analyses; website updates
Agency	SGRC Planning and Transportation Staff (VLMPO), Staff Support Consultant (as needed)
Schedule:	Varies based on needs of the projects and available data; July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

3.1 GIS/Travel Demand Model						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
MPO PL	FHWA	\$ 10,822.69	\$ -	\$ 541.13	\$ 2,164.54	\$ 13,528.36
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total		\$ 10,822.69	\$ -	\$ 541.13	\$ 2,164.54	\$ 13,528.36

3.2 Land Use Planning

Objective	To analyze the impacts of land use and transportation improvements to ensure consistency with the Vision2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and transportation and land use planning best practices.	
FHWA Planning Factors	2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	FHWA/FTA Planning Emphasis Areas 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10
FTA Activity Line Items	None	CCV and Vision2045 MTP Goals/Objectives 1,5,6,9,14
Previous Work	Weekly review of local land use changes/requests from local governments via email and Technical Review meetings, Valdosta Neighborhood Plans	
FY24 Activities		
<p>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 Vision2045 MTP. Provide technical assistance to local engineers and planners on topics relating to transportation and land use including: access management, transit-oriented development, complete streets, environmental impacts, redevelopment of neighborhoods to include affordable housing initiatives.</p> <p>Staff will continue to use the transportation planning process as an opportunity to identify and analyze the potential for a sustainable transportation network to include electric vehicle charging stations, identifying transportation system vulnerabilities as it relates to land uses and environment linkages, etc.</p> <p>Coordinate with VLMPO jurisdictions, FHWA and DOD planning partners to cooperatively develop updates and implement local transportation and comprehensive (and regional) plans and planning efforts that assist in creating an efficient highway network around DOD land and Transportation uses. Staff will continue to coordinate to determine best land use and transportation practices within comprehensive plans 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.</p> <p>Develop at least one (1) neighborhood plan for the City of Valdosta that provides guidance for the growth and redevelopment of a neighborhood based on the Vision2045 MTP, local Comprehensive Plan, Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan, transit plans, and other local/regional plans/studies focusing on how public transportation infrastructure investment will benefit the redevelopment of neighborhoods, affordable housing and enhance equity outcomes.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Staff will review, share and update as needed the 2045 Socioeconomic Data Study for use by other organizations.</p>		
Products	Participation in local Comprehensive Plan Updates, technical assistance provided to local jurisdictions, neighborhood plans	
Agency	SGRC Planning and Transportation Staff (VLMPO), Staff Support Consultant (as needed)	
Schedule:	Varies based on local needs; July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024	

3.2 Land Use Planning						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
MPO PL	FHWA	\$ 10,822.69	\$ -	\$ 541.13	\$ 2,164.54	\$ 13,528.36
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total		\$ 10,822.69	\$ -	\$ 541.13	\$ 2,164.54	\$ 13,528.36

3.3 Inter-/Multi-Modal Transportation Planning

Objective	To improve the movement of goods and people through planning for freight, and bicycle and pedestrian modes.	
FHWA Planning Factors		FHWA/FTA Planning Emphasis Areas
2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8		1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10
FTA Activity Line Items		CCV and Vision2045 MTP Goals/Objectives
None		1,2,3,4,5,9,11,12
Previous Work	School-based crash reports, GIS mapping of school zones and bike/ped infrastructure, Complete Streets Policy, Vision2045 MTP robust section that highlights freight in the VLMPA	
FY24 Activities		
<p>Continue to work with local and state jurisdictions to implement the Bike/Ped Master Plan. Report on the status of this implementation. Consider the development of Complete Streets Policies for the City of Valdosta, and Lowndes County when they might be requested by local governments. Continue to promote the VLMPA Complete Streets policy and the prioritization of multi-modal projects within the planning process and project consideration. Explore options for: improved data on bicycle and pedestrian usage in the region (traffic video analysis, fitness apps, etc.); funding bicycle and pedestrian projects (social impact bonds, etc.); improving transportation planning so that it can be used to improve health of the local population. In conjunction with other SGRC transportation planning programs, VLMPA staff will coordinate efforts on Safe Routes to School participation, regional bicycle and pedestrian planning activities (like: complete streets workshops, health and transportation, etc.) within the VLMPA Planning Area (SGRC receives other funding for these programs outside the VLMPA, but the products may be coordinated where appropriate). Gather and consider feedback from bicycle and pedestrian advocates about safety and infrastructure in the community.</p> <p>Implement ideas from the Transportation Demand Management Report in the VLMPA Planning Area. Use transit-oriented development planning (as appropriate to the VLMPA area) during the consideration and planning of projects. Identify the potential need for micro-mobility.</p> <p>Prepare ordinances that will help the implement Electric Vehicle charging stations for new/renovated buildings. Promote alternative fuels in the community.</p> <p>Freight and Intermodal Activities: Continue to integrate freight and goods movement planning and analysis into long- and short-range planning efforts.</p> <p>Continue to update data and perform analysis of how freight and goods movement impacts economic development in the region through the use of NPRMDS, disaggregated FAF5 data, and other data resources. Coordinate VLMPA planning efforts with other local transportation modes: railroads, airports, seaports, etc. to inform and influence the planning and implementation of transportation improvements.</p>		
Products	Freight Research and Analysis, Bike/Ped Safety Information/ Reports	
Agency	SGRC Planning and Transportation Staff (VLMPA), Staff Support Consultant (as needed)	
Schedule:	other items vary based on local needs - July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024	

3.3 Inter-/Multi-Modal Planning						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
MPO PL	FHWA	\$ 9,276.59	\$ -	\$ 463.83	\$ 1,855.32	\$ 11,595.73
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total		\$ 9,276.59	\$ -	\$ 463.83	\$ 1,855.32	\$ 11,595.73

3.4 Systems Data Analysis and Research

Objective	To develop and maintain on-going data collection programs to monitor current and historic operational characteristics of the transportation network.
FHWA Planning Factors	FHWA/FTA Planning Emphasis Areas
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	1,3,4,5,7,11
FTA Activity Line Items	CCV and Vision2045 MTP Goals/Objectives
None	7,8,13,14
Previous Work	FY23 Annual Crash Report, GIS data analysis and web app development
FY24 Activities	<p>Continue to develop an Annual Crash Report that analyzes crash data for local governments to identify safety improvements that can be implemented through new projects or educational programs. Conduct Road Safety Audits (RSAs) with local jurisdictions as requested to identify solutions to safety and operational concerns.</p> <p>Encourage and advise local governments to develop transportation asset management plans through taking a leading role in developing a regional transportation improvement plan.</p> <p>Continue to work with GDOT and local jurisdictions, as requested on the implementation of Intelligent Transportation Systems and architectures in the Metropolitan Planning Area. Continue to review, update, and implement recommendations from the VLMPO Connected and Autonomous Vehicles (CAV) Assessment. Implement with local jurisdictions recommendations from the VLMPO Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure Strategy report to include preparing ordinances to require EV charging stations for new/renovated buildings; staff will work with local governments to prepare model ordinances</p> <p>Coordinate data development and analysis with GIS resources to better visualize data for local decision makers for various VLMPO plans and projects. Develop GIS-based data resources to monitor performance measures and targets (where data is available) on roadways before and after improvement. Staff will use GIS data analysis outputs and other visualization techniques to convey information about how transportation improvements can positively impact planning factors.</p> <p>Identify data needs to implement MAP-21, the FAST Act Performance Measures, IIJA and the Vision2045 MTP as required and in consultation with GDOT and local partners. Procure as needed and appropriate data needed for performance measurement and analysis of the transportation system and its impacts on regional economic development. Collect and analyze data as it is identified to develop data trends and targets for project selection and prioritization. Continue to report on various data trends that impact transportation planning in the region. Educate local officials on the importance and need for additional data and analyses to complete performance measure trend analyses and target setting.</p>
Products	Annual Crash Report, RSAs as requested, other transportation data reports
Agency	SGRC Planning and Transportation Staff (VLMPO), Staff Support Consultant (as needed)
Schedule:	Crash Report - June 2022; other items vary based on local needs - July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

3.4 Systems Data Analysis						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
MPO PL	FHWA	\$ 10,822.69	\$ -	\$ 541.13	\$ 2,164.54	\$ 13,528.36
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total		\$ 10,822.69	\$ -	\$ 541.13	\$ 2,164.54	\$ 13,528.36

4. SAFE ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

4.1 Increase Safe Accessible Transportation Options

Objective	To improve the movement of goods and people through planning for freight, transit and bicycle and pedestrian modes.		
FHWA Planning Factors		FHWA/FTA Planning Emphasis Areas	
2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8		1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10	
FTA Activity Line Items		CCV and Vision2045 MTP Goals/Objectives	
None		1,2,3,4,5,9,11,12	
Previous Work	School-based crash reports, GIS mapping of school zones and bike/ped infrastructure, Complete Streets Policy, Vision2045 MTP robust section that highlights freight in the VLMPA		
FY24 Activities			
Increase Safe and Accessible Transportation Options			
<p>The MPO is to spend a minimum amount of funding for either the adoption of complete streets standards and policies, development of a complete streets prioritization plan, active and mass transportation planning, regional and megaregional planning to address travel demand through alternatives to highway travel, or transit-oriented development planning. The VLMPO will implement this new category through activities for the VLMPO Complete Streets Policy, i.e. (complete streets prioritization plan) as well as continued planning around transit-oriented development to help increase access to public transit.</p>			
<p>Continue to work with local and state jurisdictions to implement the Bike/Ped Master Plan. Report on the status of this implementation. Consider the development of Complete Streets Policies for the City of Valdosta, and Lowndes County when they might be requested by local governments. Continue to promote the VLMPO Complete Streets policy and the prioritization of multi-modal projects within the planning process and project consideration. Explore options for: improved data on bicycle and pedestrian usage in the region (traffic video analysis, fitness apps, etc.); funding bicycle and pedestrian projects (social impact bonds, etc.); improving transportation planning so that it can be used to improve health of the local population. In conjunction with other SGRC transportation planning programs, VLMPO staff will coordinate efforts on Safe Routes to School participation, regional bicycle and pedestrian planning activities (like: complete streets workshops, health and transportation, etc.) within the VLMPO Planning Area (SGRC receives other funding for these programs outside the VLMPO, but the products may be coordinated where appropriate). Gather and consider feedback from bicycle and pedestrian advocates about safety and infrastructure in the community.</p>			
<p>Continue to update data and perform analysis of how freight and goods movement impacts economic development in the region through the use of NPRMDS, disaggregated FAF5 data, and other data resources. Coordinate VLMPO planning efforts with other local transportation modes: railroads, airports, seaports, etc. to inform and influence the planning and implementation of transportation improvements.</p>			
Products	Transit, Bike/Ped Safety, and Freight Information/ Reports/ Public Participation		
Agency	SGRC Planning and Transportation Staff (VLMPO), Staff Support Consultant (as needed)		
Schedule:	other items vary based on local needs - July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024		

4.1 Safe Accessible Transportation Options						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
MPO PL	FHWA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PL Safe / Access	FHWA	\$ 3,180.66	\$ -	\$ 159.03	\$ 636.13	\$ 3,975.82
5303/7 Planning	FTA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total		\$ 3,180.66	\$ -	\$ 159.03	\$ 636.13	\$ 3,975.82

5. TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS PLANNING

5.1 Transportation Improvement Program

Objective	To develop, maintain and implement a fiscally constrained Transportation Improvement Program in cooperation with local and state planning partners.	
FHWA Planning Factors		FHWA/FTA Planning Emphasis Areas
1, 6, 7, 8, 9		1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10,11
FTA Activity Line Items		CCV and Vision2045 MTP Goals/Objectives
44.25.00		1,5,7,14
Previous Work	FY2021-2024 TIP Amendments and modifications	
FY24 Activities		
<p>The VLMPO will continue to work with GDOT and local planning partners in prioritizing, developing and implementing projects in the current FY21-24 TIP as well as draft the FY24-27 TIP. This will include attending meetings and conducting analysis where needed to select and prioritize projects. Implement national goals and performance measures in the TIP in coordination with local and state partners. Continue to process TIP amendments and administrative modifications according to adopted policies (including those in the PP) in coordination with GDOT and local jurisdictions. Continue to provide technical support for projects in the TIP.</p> <p>Continue to coordinate with GDOT and local transit providers to update and report on performance targets/measures in the TIP and System Performance Report.</p> <p>Continue to maintain a project tracking tool and GIS database to provide the public and planning partner’s information about project development and timelines.</p> <p>Continue to work with the City of Valdosta in the prioritization and implementation of projects, plans and policies identified in the City of Valdosta Transportation Master Plan.</p> <p>Continue to explore new and innovative funding opportunities (unique grants, social impact bonds, etc.) for transportation improvements.</p>		
Products	FY2021-2024 TIP amendments and/or administrative modifications as needed, Draft FY24-27 TIP	
Agency	SGRC Planning and Transportation Staff (VLMPO), Staff Support Consultant (as needed)	
Schedule:	Items vary based on local needs - July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024	

5.1 TIP						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
MPO PL	FHWA	\$ 7,730.49	\$ -	\$ 386.52	\$ 1,546.10	\$ 9,663.11
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ 3,922.32	\$ 490.29	\$ 98.06	\$ 392.23	\$ 4,902.90
Total		\$ 11,652.81	\$ 490.29	\$ 484.58	\$ 1,938.33	\$ 14,566.01
FY25 FTA 5303 Estimated						
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ 4,000.77	\$ 500.10	\$ 100.02	\$ 400.08	\$ 5,000.96

5.2 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Objective	To maintain, amend, and monitor a 25-year fiscally responsible metropolitan transportation plan.
FHWA Planning Factors	FHWA/FTA Planning Emphasis Areas
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
FTA Activity Line Items	CCV and Vision2045 MTP Goals/Objectives
None	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
Previous Work	Maintained/Updated the Vision2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan as needed through amendments and modifications, Report on implementation of Vision2045 MTP in the FY22 Annual Report
FY24 Activities	
<p>Monitor, amend, and implement the Vision2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan as a performance- based planning document in partnership with GDOT and local partners in accordance with federal laws and regulations (in support of Lowndes Comp Plan Item 7). Continue to maintain (amend), update, and implement the Vision2045 MTP as needed in accordance with amendment procedures and public involvement procedures as outlined in the PP. Coordinate with GDOT and local transit operators to report and implement performance targets/measures in the MTP and System Performance Report. Monitor the implementation of the Vision2045 MTP through the VLMPO annual report and other reporting methods. Maintain the Vision2045 MTP project and document specific website.</p> <p>Continue to work with GDOT and local partners in prioritizing and implementing projects in the MTP and TIP, this includes attending meetings and conducting analysis where needed for a comprehensive, coordinated and continuous MTP. Continue to inform the public and stakeholders of the Greater Lowndes County Common Community Vision and promote its use as a strategic vision for the community. The MTP development process and content will continue to prioritize equity, economy, climate change/resiliency, and COVID relief efforts.</p> <p>Begin drafting the 2050 MTP through consulting services. The VLMPO was awarded PL funding to solicit a consultant to assist the VLMPO in completing a robust MTP.</p> <p>The 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan is one of the most important core documents of the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization. The development of a new 2050 MTP will include the various changes that the Metropolitan Planning Area has experienced over the last five years. Due to the expedited growth and the implementation of the Transportation Investment Act that was implemented in the region, more detailed analyses need to be conducted concerning transportation improvements/infrastructure and land use scenarios, public transit, environmental mitigation, Environmental Justice populations and equity, freight, and other areas that impact the VLMPO area. The 2050 MTP will also include a 2050 Socioeconomic Data Study Report to guide both the transportation models and analysis. This study will help to inform the 2050 Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan. This study will provide the basis for future infrastructure needs based on population and growth areas projections. The 2050 MTP will build upon and help to implement other planning documents that have been conducted over the past five years.</p>	
Products	Maintain the current Vision2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan as needed, Begin to update the MTP for 2050, Report on implementation of Vision2045 MTP in the FY23 Annual Report
Agency	SGRC Planning and Transportation Staff (VLMPO), Staff Support Consultant (as needed)
Schedule:	Vision2045 MTP Implementation Report July 2023, other items vary based on local needs - July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

5.2 Metropolitan Transportation Plan / Long-Range Planning						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
MPO PL	FHWA	\$ 24,737.57	\$ -	\$ 1,236.88	\$ 4,947.51	\$ 30,921.96
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ 3,922.32	\$ 490.29	\$ 98.06	\$ 392.23	\$ 4,902.90
Total		\$ 28,659.89	\$ 490.29	\$ 1,334.94	\$ 5,339.75	\$ 35,824.86
FY25 FTA 5303 Estimated						
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

5.3 Transit Planning

Objective	To plan for effective, affordable and accessible public transportation options and alternatives in the Metropolitan Planning Area.
FHWA Planning Factors	FHWA/FTA Planning Emphasis Areas
2, 3, 4, 6, 7	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11
FTA Activity Line Items	CCV and Vision2045 MTP Goals/Objectives
44.22.00	1,2,3,4,5,7
Previous Work	Research and technical assistance to the City of Valdosta for the Valdosta On-Demand Public Transit System, reports/analysis as requested by planning partners
FY24 Activities	
<p>VLMPD staff will provide ongoing transit planning administration and assistance to Lowndes, Brooks, Berrien Counties' Transit Systems (all 5311 rural systems) and the City of Valdosta for the urban public transit system as well as any future rural regional transit initiatives in the Metropolitan Planning Area.</p> <p>Provide guidance on implementing recommendations (where appropriate) from the FY2016 Transit Implementation Study and other past studies to help guide the City of Valdosta's Urban Public Transit System. Coordinate with the City of Valdosta Public Transit System department to maintain a Public Transportation Plan. FTA 5307 funds may be used to hire a consultant to assist in the future planning of the urban public transit system in the City of Valdosta, based on the data collected and analyzed from the public transit system. The local match funds for this project will be provided by the City of Valdosta.</p> <p>Develop a Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan that will help encourage partnerships, use GIS mapping to locate underserved populations (Title VI/EJ), improve trip generation, address goals short-term goals, access to mobility, accessibility and mobility of regional activity centers long term core goals, and the changing need and demand in relation to the City of Valdosta's urban public transit system based on the direction of the local governments.</p> <p>Coordinate with GDOT and operators of local transit to update and amend the TIP, MTP, and System Performance Report to include but not limited to National and FTA performance targets/measures and projects. Continue to coordinate transit planning with rural and human service providers. Includes coordination with GDOT, SGRC Coordinated Transportation Program, Department of Human Services, SGRC Area Agency on Aging, and other stakeholders.</p> <p>Participate and present transit related information and activities before municipalities and/or appropriate committees. Provide data analysis and reports as requested by local or state officials regarding current or future transit operations.</p> <p>Continue to evaluate the accessibility and mobility of EJ populations to access regional activity centers throughout the VLMPD region and the opportunities or burdens that various transportation modes might have on accessibility and mobility of these populations.</p>	
Products	Research and technical assistance to the City of Valdosta for the Valdosta On-Demand Public Transit System, Reports/analysis as requested by planning partners
Agency	SGRC Planning and Transportation Staff (VLMPD), Staff Support Consultant (as needed)
Schedule:	Varies, depending on needs; July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

5.3 Transit Planning						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
MPO PL	FHWA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ 14,381.84	\$ 1,797.73	\$ 359.55	\$ 1,438.18	\$ 17,977.30
5307 Planning	FTA	\$ 96,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
Total		\$ 110,381.84	\$ 13,797.73	\$ 359.55	\$ 13,438.18	\$ 137,977.30
FY25 FTA 5303/7 Estimated						
5303 Planning	FTA	\$ 14,669.48	\$ 500.10	\$ 2,033.72	\$ 1,438.18	\$ 18,641.48
5307 Planning	FTA	\$ 96,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 120,000.00

5.4 Special Transportation Studies

Objective	To conduct planning level analysis of alternatives for transportation projects identified in the Vision2045 MTP or by the transportation planning process.
FHWA Planning Factors	FHWA/FTA Planning Emphasis Areas
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1,2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
FTA Activity Line Items	CCV and Vision2045 MTP Goals/Objectives
	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
Previous Work	The City of Hahira/ North Lowndes Soccer Complex Access Study/Report, 2050 MTP PL Funds Application and RFP, Ongoing Urban Transit Implementation and future transit planning, various other studies TBD
FY24 Activities	
The projects contained in this section are for discretionary funds that have been applied for or will be applied for by the VLMPO. Projects included below have been prioritized by VLMPO staff and either are both funded and unfunded initiatives where funding is subject to additional approval by the VLMPO committees, GDOT and FHWA.	
FUNDED PROJECTS:	
<p>The RFP was written and sent out in FY2022 for The City of Hahira/North Lowndes Soccer Complex Access Study/Report. In FY2023, the undertaking of The City of Hahira/North Lowndes Soccer Complex Access Study/Report will be well underway and staff will continue to provide necessary support. The Hahira Study will conclude in FY24. The summary of the study follows: The City of Hahira is looking to connect a new road to the Hahira/North Lowndes soccer Complex, currently there is a single entry and exit point through the Industrial Park. The purpose of the study is to help assess the current conditions of the industrial park/soccer complex and provide possible recommendations and/or conceptual design. This will help create safe, additional access routes as well as adjacent land use recommendations that improve overall transportation through this area. A project to address this issue was recommended during the 2045 MTP planning process; however, the project did not make the final constrained list. Having additional support via a study/ report will allow for clarification and recommendations to implement the project. The cost of this study is \$200,000. This project has been awarded funding. The project information is as follows:</p> <p>Hahira Area Traffic Studies Parts 1 & 2:</p> <p>P.I. No. 0018341</p> <p>Total \$200,000 (\$160,000 Federal, \$40,000 Local)</p> <p>Project start date is April 1, 2022. Project End date is October 31, 2023.</p> <p>2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan funded</p> <p>Total \$300,000 (\$240,000 Federal; \$60,000 Local)</p> <p>Project start date is July 1, 2023. Project end date is August 1,2025.</p> <p>The 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan is one of the most important core documents of the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization. The development of a new 2050 MTP will include the various changes that the Metropolitan Planning Area has experienced over the last five years. Due to the expedited growth and the implementation of the Transportation Investment Act that was implemented in the region, more detailed analyses need to be conducted concerning transportation improvements/infrastructure and land use scenarios, public transit, environmental mitigation, Environmental Justice populations and equity, freight, and other areas that impact the VLMPO area. The 2050 MTP will also include a 2050 Socioeconomic Data Study Report to guide both the transportation models and analysis. This study will help to inform the 2050 Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan. This study will provide the basis for future infrastructure needs based on population and growth areas projections. The 2050 MTP will build upon and help to implement other planning documents that have been conducted over the past five years.</p>	

Anticipated Consultant Solicitation Schedule:

Request for Proposals/Qualifications Announced	03/13/2023
Deadline to Submit Questions/Inquiries	03/23/2023
Deadline to Respond to Questions	03/29/2023
Deadline for Submittal of Proposals	04/21/2023 (4 p.m.)
Proposal Review	04/24 - 05/03/2023
Interviews (if needed)	05/15/2023 (week of)
Selection	05/22/2023 (week of)
Notice of Award	06/19/2023 (week of)
Anticipated Notice to Proceed	06/26/2023
Project End	08/18/2025

UNFUNDED Projects:

The Park Avenue Corridor Study

The Park Avenue Corridor Study will analyze the entire Park Avenue corridor and provide best transportation planning solutions for operational, physical, and resilient transportation infrastructure improvements. There are five schools located in very close proximity to one another along this corridor and general operation vs. capacity improvements should be considered along this corridor. A large portion of this corridor is located within a flood zone as well as the flood way. This study will also analyze hazards, such as flooding, and provide resiliency and mitigation strategies as well as best transportation, land use/zoning practices to be implemented along this corridor. This study has an estimated cost of <\$150,000.

City of Valdosta Analysis of the Capabilities and Preparedness of the Transportation Network for Smart Infrastructure and Connected Autonomous Vehicles

This Analysis will examine the current transportation network and intelligent traffic signal system already in place and identify gaps that will need to be filled to integrate the existing environment with new smart infrastructure. This analysis will also provide strategies to help create a short, mid, long-term range of potential policies and infrastructure projects to be undertaken using various VLMPO transportation planning documents such as the Autonomous and Connected Vehicle Implementation Matrix. This analysis has an estimated cost of <\$150,000.

Development of a Transit-Oriented Development Implementation Study

This study will analyze the public transit data trends and consider the placement of potential transit hubs to increase accessibility, mobility, economic opportunities and other areas of improvement within the VLMPO area. It will highlight specific transit improvements to disadvantaged neighborhoods based on a list of characteristics such as age, disability, minority, etc. The estimated cost of this study is \$200,000.

Local Road Safety Action Plan

This plan will assess the vulnerabilities that exist in the transportation network for bicyclist and pedestrians. This plan is required to have access to federal funding under IIJA for transportation infrastructure improvements. The estimated cost of this study is >\$150,000.

VLMPO staff will apply for FHWA discretionary funds, which are not formula funds to complete these transportation initiatives. The total estimated cost of these unfunded projects is \$650,000.

Products	The City of Hahira/ North Lowndes Soccer Complex Access Study/Report, 2050 MTP process, Ongoing Urban Transit Implementation and future transit planning, various other studies TBD
Agency	SGRC Planning and Transportation Staff (VLMPO), Staff Support Consultant (as needed)
Schedule:	July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

5.4 Special Studies						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
MPO PL	FHWA	\$ 400,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 500,000.00
5303/7 Planning	FTA		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total		\$ 400,000.00	\$ -		\$ 100,000.00	\$ 500,000.00

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6. VLMPO BUSINESS PLAN

Objective	To provide VLMPO planning partners information on currently unfunded projects and future required planning activities that are part of carrying out the core functions of the VLMPO.		
	Product	Cost Estimate	Timeline
	Economic Impact of Local Transportation Programs/Projects Study (consultant led) (see Vision2045 MTP) - further discuss with GDOT and other VLMPOs	< \$50,000	FY2025
	Replace Computer Hardware/Software for at least 2 employees	\$4,400	FY2025
	Replace Computer Hardware/Software for at least 1 employee	\$2,200	FY2026
	Replace Computer Hardware/Software for at least 1 employee	\$2,200	FY2027
	Lowndes County Gateway Improvement and Implementation Plan	< \$50,000	TBD
	Inland Port/Intermodal Facility Feasibility Study	\$50,000	TBD
	Gateway Improvement Plan for Ashely Street Norman Drive/SR 133- St. Augustine Road - planted medians, transition to underground utilities, complete streets infrastructure	<\$50,000	TBD
	Wayfinding Implementation Study	<\$25,000	TBD
	Feasibility of Railroad Quiet Zones	<\$25,000	TBD
	Prioritization and development of multi-purpose trails	<\$10,000	TBD
	School Traffic and Sidewalk Safety Audits (<\$5,000 each)	<\$130,000	TBD
	Traditional Intersection to Roundabout Conversion Study and Recommendations	<\$100,000	TBD

FY2024 UPWP SUMMARY REPORTS

FY2024 Valdosta-Lowndes MPO UPWP Budget Summary Report

Work Element	Federal Highway Administration Funds					FHWA Total	FTA Work Element	Federal Transit Administration Funds				FTA Total	Grand Total
	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$				Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$		
1.1 Administration	\$ 43,290.74	\$ -	\$ 2,164.54	\$ 8,658.15	\$ 54,113.43		442100 Program Administration	\$ 43,145.52	\$ 5,393.19	\$ 1,078.63	\$ 4,314.55	\$ 53,931.89	\$ 108,045.32
1.2 UPWP	\$ 7,730.49	\$ -	\$ 386.52	\$ 1,546.09	\$ 9,663.10			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,663.10
1.3 Staff Education	\$ 15,460.98	\$ -	\$ 773.05	\$ 3,092.20	\$ 19,326.22			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,326.22
1.4 Computer Systems	\$ 6,184.39	\$ -	\$ 309.22	\$ 1,236.87	\$ 7,730.48			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,730.48
2.1 Public Participation	\$ 7,730.49	\$ -	\$ 386.52	\$ 1,546.10	\$ 9,663.11			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,663.11
3.1 GIS/Travel Demand Model	\$ 10,822.69	\$ -	\$ 541.13	\$ 2,164.54	\$ 13,528.36			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,528.36
3.2 Land Use Planning	\$ 10,822.69	\$ -	\$ 541.13	\$ 2,164.54	\$ 13,528.36			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,528.36
3.3 Inter-/Multi-Modal Planning	\$ 9,276.59	\$ -	\$ 463.83	\$ 1,855.32	\$ 11,595.73			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,595.73
3.4 Systems Analysis	\$ 10,822.69	\$ -	\$ 541.13	\$ 2,164.54	\$ 13,528.36			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,528.36
4.1 Increase Safe/Accessible Trans Option	\$ 3,180.66	\$ -	\$ 159.03	\$ 636.13	\$ 3,975.83			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,975.83
5.1 TIP	\$ 7,730.49	\$ -	\$ 386.52	\$ 1,546.10	\$ 9,663.11		442500 - FTA TIP	\$ 3,922.32	\$ 490.29	\$ 98.06	\$ 392.23	\$ 4,902.90	\$ 14,566.01
5.2 Long Range Planning	\$ 24,737.57	\$ -	\$ 1,236.88	\$ 4,947.51	\$ 30,921.96		442200 - Gen. Del/ Comp Planning	\$ 3,922.32	\$ 490.29	\$ 98.06	\$ 392.23	\$ 4,902.90	\$ 35,824.86
5.3 5303 Transit Planning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		442400 - Short Range Transit Planning	\$ 14,381.84	\$ 1,797.73	\$ 359.55	\$ 1,438.18	\$ 17,977.30	\$ 17,977.30
Subtotal: MPO PL and Local Match	\$ 154,609.79	\$ -	\$ 7,730.49	\$ 30,921.96	\$ 193,262.24			\$ 65,372.00	\$ 8,171.50	\$ 1,634.30	\$ 6,537.20	\$ 81,716.00	\$ 274,978.24
5.3 City of Valdosta 5307 Transit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ 96,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
Grand Total	\$ 154,609.79	\$ -	\$ 7,730.50	\$ 30,921.94	\$ 193,262.23			\$ 161,372.00	\$ 20,171.50	\$ 1,634.30	\$ 18,537.20	\$ 201,715.00	\$ 394,977.23
FY24 Allocation (final)	\$ 154,609.79	\$ -	\$ 7,730.50	\$ 30,921.94	\$ 193,262.23			\$ 161,372.00	\$ 20,171.50	\$ 1,308.20	\$ 18,863.30	\$ 201,715.00	\$ 394,977.23
5.4 Special Studies (Hahira Studies)	\$ 160,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 200,000.00								\$ 200,000.00
5.4 Special Studies (2050 VLMP MTP)	\$ 240,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 300,000.00								\$ 300,000.00
Special Available	\$ 400,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 500,000.00								\$ 500,000.00
Available	\$ 554,609.79	\$ -	\$ 7,730.50	\$ 130,921.94	\$ 693,262.23			\$ 161,372.00	\$ 20,171.50	\$ 1,308.20	\$ 18,863.30	\$ 201,715.00	\$ 894,977.23
Programmed	\$ 554,609.79	\$ -	\$ 7,730.50	\$ 130,921.94	\$ 693,262.23			\$ 161,372.00	\$ 20,171.50	\$ 1,308.20	\$ 18,863.30	\$ 201,715.00	\$ 894,977.23
Difference	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00			\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

FY2025 Valdosta-Lowndes MPO UPWP Budget Summary Report (FTA Only)

Work Element					Federal Transit Administration Funds				FTA Total	Grand Total
					Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$		
1.1 Administration					\$ 44,008.43	\$ 5,501.05	\$ 1,100.21	\$ 4,400.84	\$ 55,010.53	\$ 55,010.53
1.2 UPWP					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1.3 Staff Education					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1.4 Computer Systems					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2.1 Public Participation					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3.1 GIS/Travel Demand Model					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3.2 Land Use Planning					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3.3 Inter-/Multi-Modal Planning					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3.4 Systems Analysis					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4.1 Increase Safe/Accessible Trans Options					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5.1 TIP					\$ 4,000.77	\$ 500.10	\$ 100.02	\$ 400.08	\$ 5,000.96	\$ 5,000.96
5.2 Long Range Planning					\$ 4,000.77	\$ 500.10	\$ 100.02	\$ 400.08	\$ 5,000.96	\$ 5,000.96
5.3 5303 Transit Planning					\$ 14,669.48	\$ 1,833.68	\$ 366.74	\$ 1,466.95	\$ 18,336.85	\$ 18,336.85
Subtotal: MPO PL and Local Match					\$ 66,679.44	\$ 8,334.93	\$ 1,666.99	\$ 6,667.94	\$ 83,349.29	\$ 83,349.29
5.3 City of Valdosta 5307 Transit					\$ 96,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
Grand Total					\$ 162,679.44	\$ 20,334.93	\$ 1,666.99	\$ 18,667.94	\$ 203,349.29	\$ 203,349.29
FY25 Allocation (final)					\$ 162,679.44	\$ 20,334.93	\$ 1,666.99	\$ 18,667.94	\$ 203,349.29	\$ 203,349.29
5.4 Special Studies (Hahira Studies)					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5.5 Special Studies (2050 VLMPO MTP)										
Special Available										
Available					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Programmed					\$ 162,679.44	\$ 20,334.93	\$ 1,666.99	\$ 18,667.94	\$ 203,349.29	\$ 203,349.29
Difference					\$ 162,679.44	\$ 20,334.93	\$ 1,666.99	\$ 18,667.94	\$ 203,349.30	\$ 203,349.30
					\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	(\$0.00)
								\$9,333.97	\$9,333.97	Local Each

FY2024 UPWP TASK SCHEDULE

Work Schedule for VLMPO FY2024 UPWP													
Work Element		July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
1.1	Administration	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1.2	UPWP				X	X		X	X	X	X		
1.3	Staff Education	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1.4	Computer Systems	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2.1	Public Participation	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3.1	GIS/Travel Demand Model	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3.2	Land Use Planning	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3.3	Inter-/Multi-Modal Planning	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3.4	Systems Analysis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4.1	Increase Safe Accessible Trans Options	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5.1	TIP	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5.2	Long Range Planning	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5.3	Transit Planning	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5.4	Special Studies (Optional)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

**VLMPPO Committee Rosters, Maps, Vision2045/CCV
Integrated Objectives**

FY23 VLMPO Citizen's Advisory Committee Membership

Name	Appointed By	Position
1. Clayton Milligan	Lowndes County	Chair
2. Stan Crance	VL Industrial Authority	Vice-Chair
3. William Branham	City of Valdosta	Secretary
4. Vacant	City of Lake Park	Member
5. Ronald Skrine	Lowndes County	Member
6. Carroll Griffin	City of Remerton	Member
7. Vacant	City of Valdosta	Member
8. Michael Cooper	Downtown Development Authority	Member
9. Brit McLane	VL Chamber of Commerce	Member
10. Jim Galloway	VL Airport Authority	Member
11. Ray Sable	Valdosta State University	Member
12. Steven Barnes	Leadership Lowndes	Member
13. Vacant	Valdosta Board of Education	Member
14. Shannon McConico	Wiregrass Technical College	Member
15. Dr. J. Shawn Haralson	Lowndes Board of Education	Member
16. Phil Hubbard	Lowndes County	Member
17. Gary Wisenbaker	Lowndes County	Member
18. Tyler Willett	Lowndes County	Member
19. Kathleen Hodges	City of Valdosta	Member
20. Marshall Ingram	City of Hahira	Member
21. Jade Walton	VLCCTA	Member
22. Tanner Herrington	City of Valdosta	Member
23. Vacant	City of Dasher	Member

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

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

For more information, please contact Amy Martin, Senior Transportation Planner at 229-333-5277 or at amartin@sgr.us.

12/15/2022

FY23 VLMPO Transportation Advisory Committee Membership

Voting Members:

Benjamin O'Dowd	City of Valdosta, Engineer	Chairman
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County, Engineer	Vice-Chairman
Scott Chambers	GDOT District 4, Engineer	Member
Jaqueline Williams	GDOT, Transportation Planner	Member

Non-Voting Members:

Jeff Hill	Lowndes County Schools
Ricky Thomas	Valdosta City Schools, Trans. Director
Alan Worley	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advocate
Joseph Longo	FHWA – GA Division
Ashley Tye	Lowndes County Emergency Mgmt. Dir.

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

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

For more information, please contact Amy Martin, Senior Transportation Planner at 229-333-5277 or at amartin@sgrc.us.

03/1/2023

FY23 VLMPO Policy Committee Membership

Voting Members:

Paige Dukes	Lowndes County, Manager	Chair
Scott Matheson	City of Valdosta, Mayor	Vice-Chair
Bill Slaughter	Lowndes County, Chairman	Member - Lowndes
Brenda Exum	Ray City, Mayor	Member – Annual Small Cities (6/30/23)
Jena Sandlin	City of Lake Park, Mayor	Member – Bi-Annual Small Cities (6/30/24)
Richard Hardy	City of Valdosta, Manager	Member - Valdosta
Lisa Cribb	SGRC, Executive Director	Member - SGRC
Jannine Miller*	GDOT, Director of Planning	Member - GDOT
Robert Griner	Berrien County, Chairman	Member – Bi-Ann. Small County (6/30/24)
Patrick Folsom	Brooks County, Chairman	Member – Annual Small Counties (6/30/23)

Non-Voting Members:

Sabrina David	FHWA – GA Division, Administrator
Yvette Taylor	FTA Region IV, Administrator

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

*Casey Langford is representative

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

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

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Updated 3/1/2023

Figure 3. Valdosta Urbanized Area (shown with pink line) and the Valdosta VLMPO Planning Area (shown in teal).

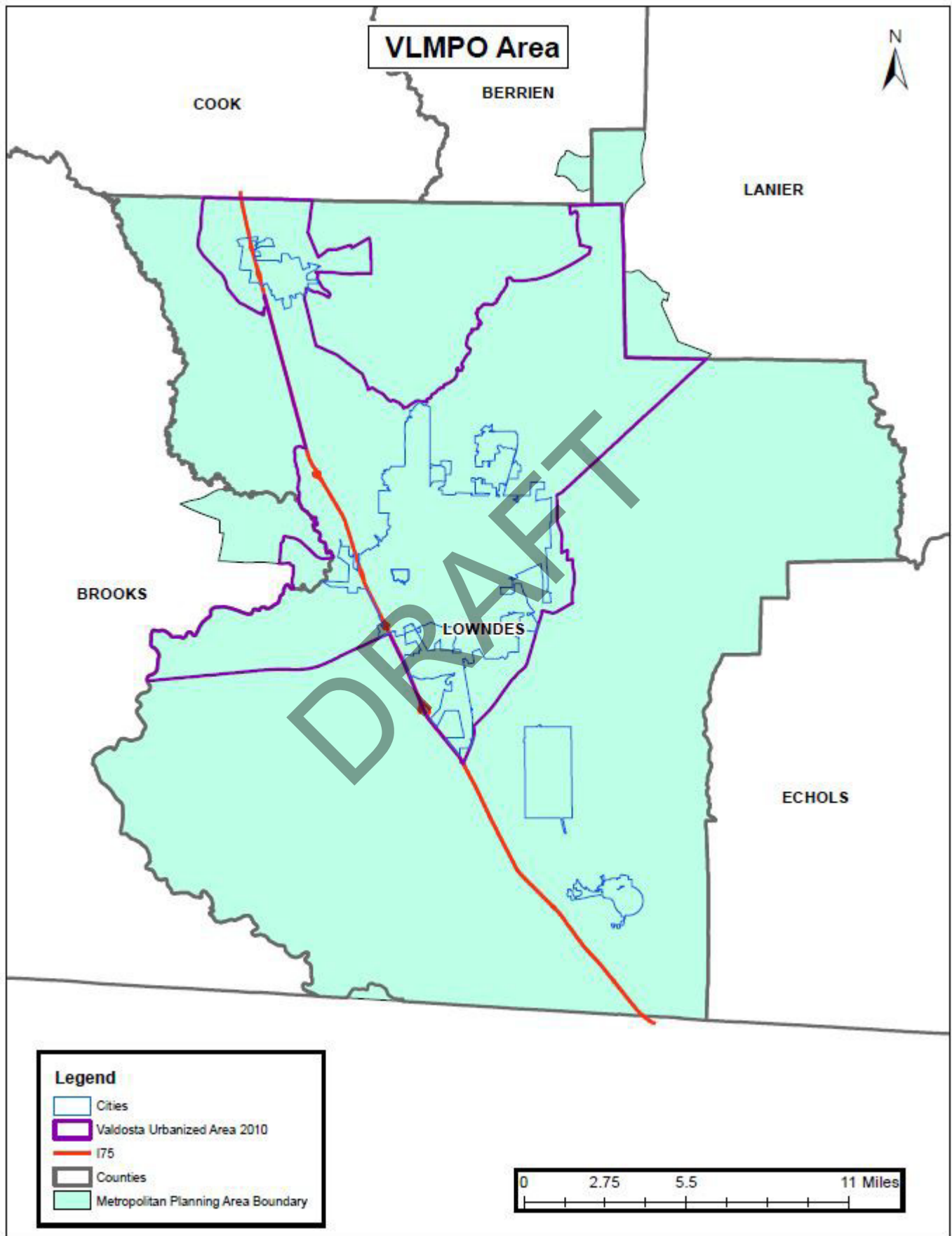


Figure 4. VLMPO Planning Area (in pink) and Valdosta Urbanized Area (in green) within the SGRC Region (in grey).

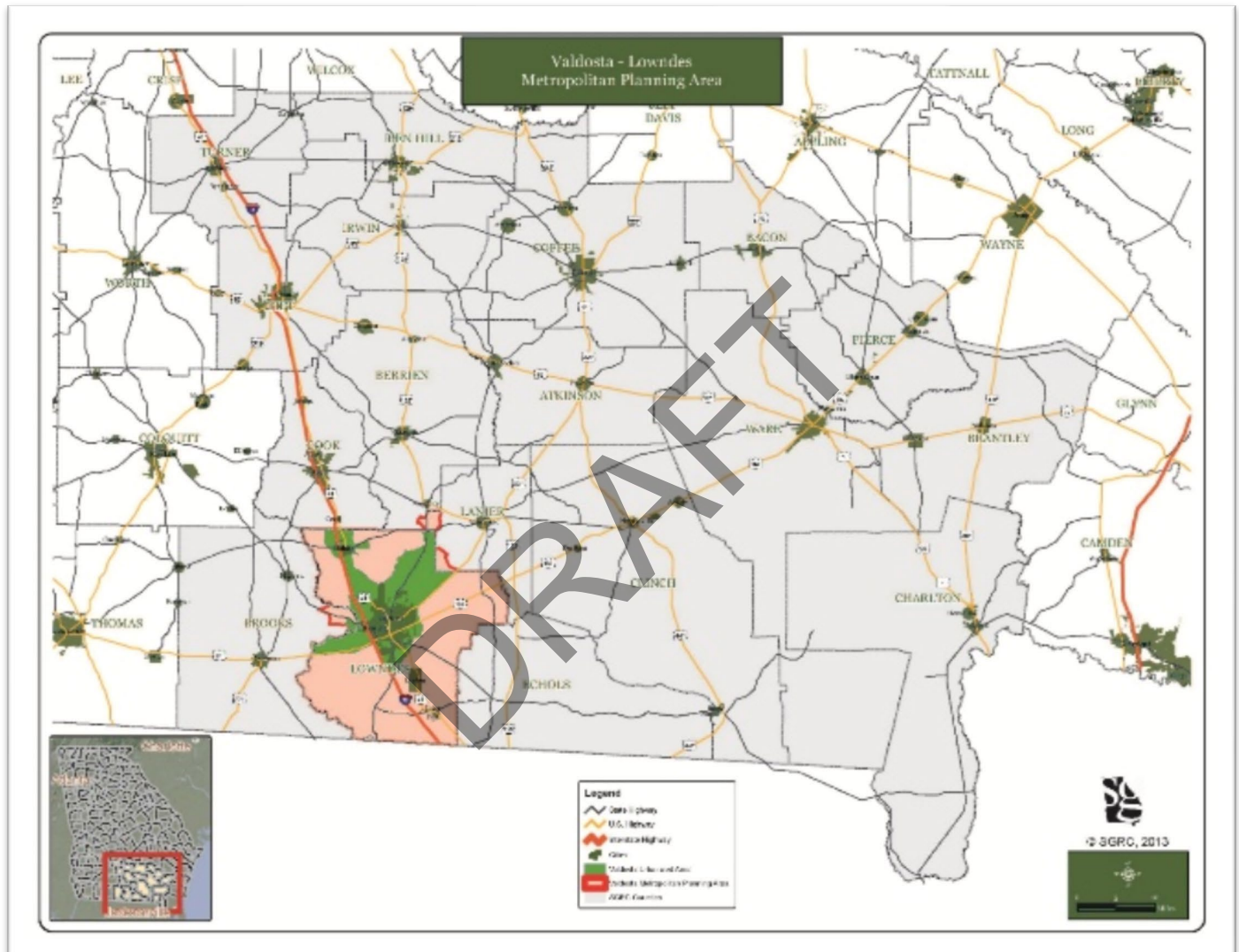


Table 1. Integrated Local Goals/Objectives, National Goals and Planning Factors

National Goals	Planning Factors	CCV Transportation Objectives
<i>Freight Movement and Economic Vitality</i>	Support Economic Vitality Enhance travel and tourism	1. Support Regional Economic Engines through Accessible, Multi-Modal Transportation Systems for the Movement of People and Goods. 2. Improve Workforce Development Training Through Investments in Affordable, Accessible, Multi-Modal Transportation Systems for the Movement of People.
	Increase accessibility and mobility of people and freight	3. Encourage Entrepreneurship and Small Businesses through Affordable, Accessible, Multi-modal Transportation Investments.
	Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system	4. Support local schools through affordable, accessible, and efficient multi-modal and public transit investments.
	Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users	5. Provide Regional Connectivity through an Efficient, Safe, Accessible, and Affordable Multi-Modal Transportation System 6. Implement Transportation and Land Use Policies that Support Cultural/Historic Resources and Promote Tourism.
<i>Environmental Sustainability</i>	Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system	7. Develop Basic Transportation and Utility Infrastructure that Promotes Resiliency and Reliability.
	Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation	8. Promote Conservation and Renewable Energy through Alternative Transportation and Fuel Technologies.
<i>Congestion Reduction</i>	Promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns	9. Develop Land Use Policies that Promote to Community Infrastructure and Amenities through Multi-Modal Transportation Investments
		10. Provide Housing that is Safe, Affordable and Accessible to All Income Levels and has Multi-Modal Transportation Investments that are Context Sensitive.
<i>Safety – Reduce Fatalities and Serious Injuries</i>	Improve the quality of life	11. Promote Healthy Eating and Active Lifestyles by Implementing Active, Healthy Lifestyle Transportation Strategies
	Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and nonmotorized users	12. Implement Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Projects that Promote an Active, Healthy Lifestyle
<i>System Reliability</i>	Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system	13. Coordinate with Emergency Responders to Develop Resilient, Well Maintained Transportation Infrastructure.
<i>Reduced Project Delivery Delays</i>	Promote efficient system management and operation	14. Develop Regional Leadership that Promotes Transparency, Citizen Engagement, and Coordinated Planning and Delivery of Transportation Projects.

Document Title:		FY2024 VLMPO UPWP			Project Number:	Valdosta	
Document Date:		Draft			Comment Date:	2-24-23	
Comment #	PDF Page	Section	¶	Comment	Response		New Page
1		General Comment		Please coordinate with GDOT Planning for the finalized FY24 PL Fund amounts and revise this UPWP budget accordingly.	Ensure that State distribution formula reflects PL funds allocations based on Census 2020 population figures and revise UPWP as necessary.		
2		General Comment		How will this MPO address the 2020 Census requirements?	Staff will follow the scheduled timeline set forth by the Census Bureau to determine if any action is needed on behalf of the MPO to be in compliance with Census and requirements set forth within the Census Urbanized Area and MPO/TMA Designation Guidelines. Staff will use the HEPGIS database and TIGER/LINE shapefiles within the MPO GIS database to continue to monitor and update MPO boundary (if necessary).		
3		General Comment		Please include a 2050 MTP development schedule with specific milestones.	Staff will include a basic draft consultant solicitation schedule in section 5.4 Special Studies. The specific milestone schedule will be provided by the consultant based on the MPOs 2050 MTP scope of work. The MPO was awarded PL funds to secure a consultant to work with the MPO and GDOT to complete the 2050 MTP update. The MPO has not received the PL funds agreement to secure a consultant for the 2050 MTP as of yet. Once a consultant is secured, the consultant will also provide a development schedule with specific milestones that staff will share with GDOT.		
4		General Comment		Revise the tasks to reflect this is the FY24 UPWP with “FY24 Activities” instead of FY23.	The UPWP has been updated to reflect FY24 activities.		
5	13	Purpose of the UPWP		The next TIP will be FY24 – 27. Coordinate with GDOT Planning for the TIP development timeline and revise accordingly throughout this UPWP.	MPO staff will coordinate with GDOT Planning for TIP development and revise the UPWP as necessary.		
6	15	Task 1.1		Add language around the monitoring and implementation of IIJA/BIL requirements.	Staff will provide more narrative to address the monitoring and implementation of IIJA/BIL requirement; however, the exact plan or project initiative to monitor and implement IIJA/BIL may not be completely detailed in the UPWP.		
7	16	Task 1.2		The FY25 UPWP should be listed under Products.	Section 1.2 Operations/UPWP has been updated to reflect this.		
8	19	Task 2.1		This task plays a major role in the development and adoption of a federally compliant MTP. What specific activities will this MPO take on to ensure a federally compliant MTP?	Staff will hold open houses in historically disadvantaged communities to garner support and input for the 2050 MTP. Staff will use socioeconomic analyses of EJ areas and initiate best practices for participation during the		

					transportation planning process. Specific activities/techniques are listed in the Participation Plan as stated in section 2.1; however, staff will also consider ways to be more innovative in outreach to increase opportunities of the public to participate in the planning process to ensure equitable transportation planning outcomes.	
9	25	Task 5.1		See comment #5.	MPO staff will coordinate with GDOT Planning for TIP development and revise the UPWP as necessary.	
10	26	Task 5.2		FHWA recommends this MPO reconsiders the budget for this task as the development of the 2050 MTP is the MPO's primary focus in FY24.	The budget was updated to reflect staff time for the development of the 2050 MTP in the second draft of the UPWP that was sent out on 2/23. Staff verified that the budget reflects staff costs for development of the 2050 MTP along with a consultant.	
11	26	Task 5.2		Please add specific activities related to the development of the 2050 MTP.	Staff added specific public participation activities to be carried out during the development of the 2050 MTP.	
12	35-37	Appendix		Please revise this section to reflect FY24 and the current MPO Committee Membership. For the PC, Sabrina David is the current FHWA Division Administrator. For the TAC, replace Ann-Marie Day with Joseph Longo.	Staff updated the MPO Committee Membership lists to reflect current FHWA members.	