

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR THE VALDOSTA URBANIZED AREA

FY2027

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RESOLUTION FY2026-9
VALDOSTA-LOWNDES METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY
COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FY2027 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in accordance with the U.S. Bureau of the Census officially designated Urbanized Area Boundaries established May 1, 2002, and updated on November 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Georgia Regional Commission has been designated by the Governor of Georgia as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Valdosta-Lowndes Urbanized Area in accordance with Federal requirements of Title 23, Section 134 of the United States Code to have a Cooperative, Comprehensive and Continuous transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the MPO conducts federally required transportation planning activities that will improve the transportation system and help coordinate the area's future growth within the area bounded, at minimum, by the existing Urbanized Area plus the contiguous area expected to become urbanized within the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation, prior to the funding of any planning or capital grant project within an urban region, requires the preparation and adoption of a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describing transportation planning activities to be accomplished during FY2027; and

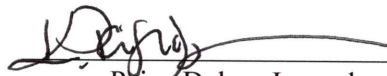
WHEREAS, the FY2027 UPWP addresses the needs for Planning Administration/Management, Data, Data Development and Maintenance, Short range Planning, Long Range Planning, Special Studies, and other planning activities, identifying agency responsibilities by work task and anticipated funding requirements; and

WHEREAS, the VLMPO has developed the UPWP and certifies its' compliance with federal planning requirements as outlined in the introduction of the FY2027 UPWP and in accordance with 23CFR§ 450.308.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization's Policy Committee adopts the FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program as required by Title 23 (USC 134 Section 450.308).

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee at a meeting held on June 24, 2026.



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INTRODUCTION

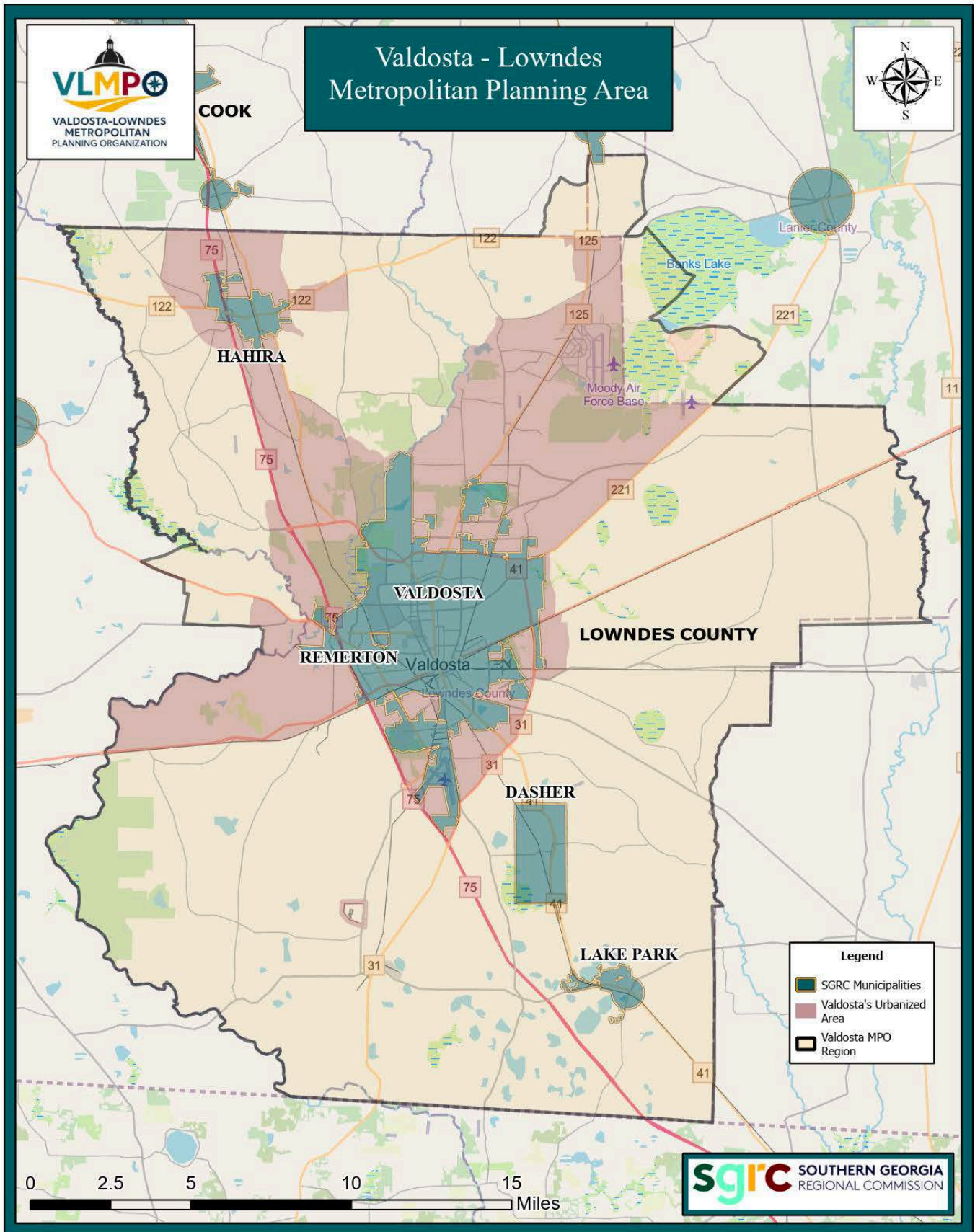
The Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization (VLMPO) was established in 2003 following its designation under the 2000 Census. As the federally recognized transportation planning organization for the region, the VLMPO is responsible for conducting a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) transportation planning process for Lowndes County and the urbanized areas of Berrien, Brooks, and Lanier Counties. The Metropolitan Planning Area includes the municipalities of Dasher, Hahira, Lake Park, Ray City, Remerton, and Valdosta.

The Governor of Georgia designated the Southern Georgia Regional Commission (SGRC) as the host agency for the VLMPO. As an 18-county regional planning and intergovernmental coordination organization, the SGRC provides staffing, administrative support, and technical expertise to carry out federally required metropolitan transportation planning activities. This work is conducted in coordination with federal, state, and local agencies and is governed by formal agreements, including the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Daily MPO operations are administered by the SGRC Transportation Department. The VLMPO operates through a structured, committee-based framework consisting of the Policy Committee (PC), Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). This coordinated structure supports the metropolitan transportation planning process.

Through professional guidance, technical analysis, and public involvement, the VLMPO works to address the current and future transportation needs of the metropolitan planning area.

Figure 1: Valdosta Urbanized Area and the VLMPO Planning Area



VLMPO COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The VLMPO operates through three standing committees that form the foundation of cooperative transportation planning and decision-making within the metropolitan planning area.

Policy Committee (PC)

The Policy Committee serves as the primary decision-making body of the VLMPO. It is composed of principal elected and appointed officials representing local governments and intermodal transportation providers. The PC adopts the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), and other MPO policy actions.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The Technical Advisory Committee includes staff from federal, state, and local agencies, along with representatives from organizations with transportation or planning expertise. The TAC provides technical review and evaluation of transportation plans, and projects, ensuring analytical validity, project readiness, financial feasibility, and consistency with regional goals.

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

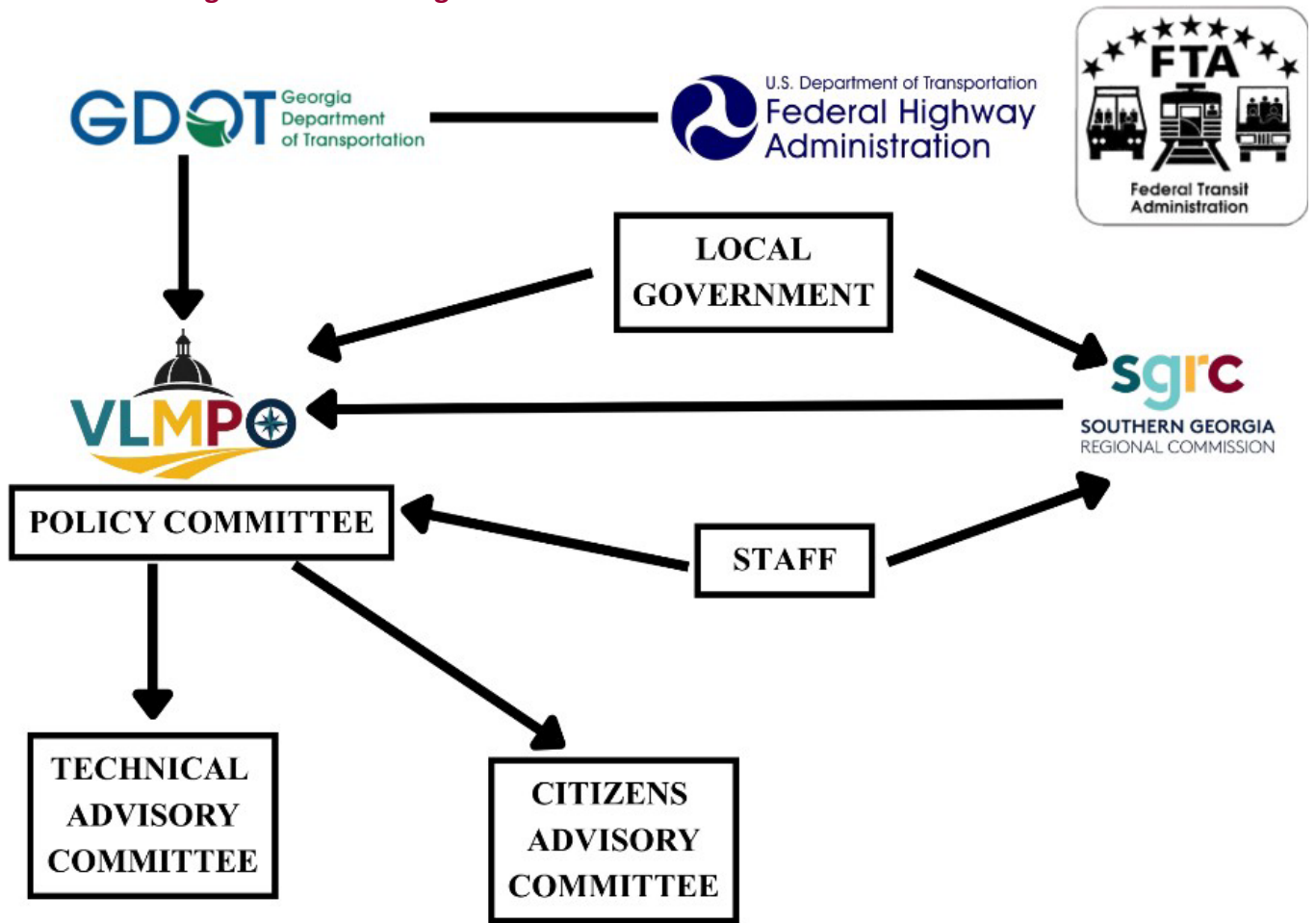
The Citizens Advisory Committee consists of community members with an interest in transportation issues.

The CAC:

- Communicates community perspectives to the Policy Committee
- Shares information with residents regarding transportation plans and policies
- Ensures community priorities are reflected in the planning process

This committee-based framework integrates policy direction, technical expertise, and public input to support informed and transparent decision-making.

Figure 2: VLMPO Organizational Chart



UPWP BACKGROUND

PURPOSE OF THE UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) outlines the transportation planning activities to be conducted during Fiscal Year 2027 and describes how federal planning funds, authorized under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), will be programmed to support these activities. The UPWP identifies work elements, staffing responsibilities, anticipated products, schedules, and the allocation of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) metropolitan planning funds.

All activities described in this UPWP are planning-level activities eligible under the FHWA Metropolitan Planning (PL) and FTA Section 5303 funding and do not include engineering design, construction, operational expenses, or capital expenditures.

In accordance with 23 CFR Part 450, the UPWP reflects required elements of a performance-based and data-driven planning process. Planning activities support planning focus areas-including safety, system performance, asset management, transit coordination, system reliability, multimodal accessibility, and meaningful public involvement,

The UPWP aligns the objectives of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Common Community Vision (CCV) with federally required planning factors. Because these objectives are cross-cutting, they support multiple planning factors and UPWP work elements.

UPWP DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

The FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) was developed through a coordinated process involving VLMPO staff, member jurisdictions, GDOT, and MPO advisory committees. The development process ensures that planned activities reflect regional transportation priorities, available funding, federal requirements, and the adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

VLMPO staff initiated the UPWP development process by reviewing ongoing planning activities, evaluating progress under the FY 2026 UPWP, and identifying priority work elements for the upcoming fiscal year. Coordination with GDOT and partner agencies was conducted to ensure consistency with statewide planning priorities and funding guidance.

The draft FY 2027 UPWP was presented to the TAC for review and technical input. Following the TAC review, the draft was presented to the Policy Committee for consideration and approval. The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) was provided the opportunity to review and comment on the draft document consistent with the adopted Participation Plan.

Public notice of the draft UPWP and associated meeting materials are provided in accordance with 23 CFR 450.316 and the VLMPO Participation Plan. The draft document was made available for public review prior to adoption.

Following committee review and public input, the Policy Committee formally adopted the FY 2027 UPWP. Any substantive amendments to the UPWP during the fiscal year will follow the procedures outlined in the Participation Plan and applicable federal requirements.

UPWP WORK ELEMENT STRUCTURE

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) organizes all work activities into five major sections:

- Program Administration
- Public Involvement
- Data Collection
- System Planning
- Safe & Accessible Transportation Options

These five sections describe the agencies or partners responsible for each planning activity and outline the work necessary to support the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the ongoing implementation of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), currently the 2050 MTP. They also support the development and eventual adoption of the next MTP. Public involvement remains a central component of the planning process and is integrated throughout numerous work elements in the UPWP.

The VLMPO receives funding from two U.S. Department of Transportation sources: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Planning (PL) funds and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5303 funds for metropolitan transportation planning. PL funds are distributed through the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) with an 80% federal share, a 4% match provided by the Southern Georgia Regional Commission, and the remaining 16% shared by the City of Valdosta and Lowndes County. FTA Section 5303 funds receive a 10% match from GDOT, a 2% match from the Southern Georgia Regional Commission, and the remaining 8% is shared by the City of Valdosta and Lowndes County.

While the Southern Georgia Regional Commission administers the VLMPO alongside other transportation and non-transportation programs, the PL funds programmed within this UPWP are restricted for use exclusively on transportation planning efforts within the Metropolitan Planning Area, as required under federal statutes and regulations.

For purposes of preparing FTA grant applications, estimated Fiscal Year 2027 Section 5303 funds are identified within the appropriate work categories. These funds support coordinated transit planning activities consistent with applicable federal requirements.

UPWP AMENDMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) may be revised during the fiscal year to reflect changes in funding levels, planning priorities, project scope, or federal and state requirements. Revisions of the UPWP will be processed as either Amendments or Administrative Modifications, depending on the nature and magnitude of the change.

UPWP Amendment

A formal UPWP Amendment is required when there is:

- Significant changes in the scope of work of an existing work element
- The addition or deletion of a work element
- A substantial reallocation of funding between work elements
- A change in total federal funding amounts
- A change that affects fiscal constraint

UPWP Amendments require:

- Review by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- Review and recommendation by the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), as applicable
- Public notice consistent with the adopted Participation Plan
- Formal approval by the Policy Committee

Approved Amendments will be submitted to GDOT for review and concurrence prior to implementation.

Administrative Modification

An Administrative Modification may be processed for minor revisions that do not significantly change the scope of work or affect fiscal constraint.

Examples include:

- Minor budget adjustments between line items within a work element
- Revisions to project schedules
- Clarification of work descriptions without substantive change
- Corrections of typographical or formatting errors

Administrative modifications do not require public review but will be documented and reported to the VLMPO Committees and GDOT as appropriate.

All amendments and administrative modifications will comply with all applicable federal regulations and GDOT guidance. Updated versions of the UPWP will be maintained on the VLMPO website to ensure transparency and public accessibility.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The VLMPO is committed to ensuring meaningful public involvement in all aspects of the metropolitan transportation planning process. Public participation activities are conducted in accordance with 23 CFR 450.316 and the adopted VLMPO Participation Plan (PP).

The Participation Plan establishes procedures for public notice, public meetings, document review periods, and the consideration of public comments related to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), and other MPO actions.

Public notices are provided through multiple communication channels, including:

- The VLMPO website
- Email distribution lists
- Social media platforms
- Local media outlets, as appropriate

Draft planning documents are made available for public review prior to adoption by the Policy Committee. Public comments received during designated review periods are documented and considered before final action is taken.

The VLMPO ensures that public participation efforts are open and accessible. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other applicable federal requirements, the VLMPO offers public notices, complaint procedures, and language assistance services upon request. Reasonable accommodations are provided to support access for all participants.

The VLMPO maintains transparency by making adopted planning documents, meeting materials, and UPWP amendments publicly available through the VLMPO website (at the following link [MPO Work Program | Southern Georgia Regional Commission](#)).

Public involvement activities are evaluated periodically to ensure continued effectiveness and compliance with federal requirements.

FY 2026 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND FY 2027 PRIORITIES

FISCAL YEAR '26 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Maintained a continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process by participating in the GAMPO data and methods team and the VLMPO committee meetings and other coordination efforts focused on transportation-related issues.
- Adopted the 2050 MTP (**September 3, 2025**).
- Adopted the 2027 UPWP (**June 24, 2026**).
- Adopted the Regional Transit Development Plan (**September 3, 2025**).
- Adopted GDOT's PM1/Safety performance targets (**December 3, 2025**).
- FY2026 Mass Amendment completed for 2045 MTP and FY2024-2027 TIP.
- Hosted an Open House and held a public comment period for 2050 MTP, Regional Transit Development Plan, FY27 UPWP, and the FY27-30 TIP.
- Appointed new member to the CAC committee.
- Completed an update of the VLMPO MOU (**June 24, 2026**).

FISCAL YEAR '27 PRIORITIES

- Finish and Adopt the FY 2027-2030 TIP.
- Complete a FY2027 Crash Report.
- Conduct additional amendments and administrative modifications to the 2050 MTP/FY 2024-2027 TIP.
- Prepare the UPWP for FY 2028.
- Attend transit/multimodal and urban planning related virtual and in-person meetings, seminars, conferences, and workshops offered by various organizations (GDOT, FTA, NTI American Planning Association (APA), Georgia Planning Association (APA), AMPO/GAMPO etc.). Out of state travel may be required.
- Complete a draft/final of an updated Participation Plan.
- Complete a draft/final Title VI/LEP update.

FHWA/FTA PLANNING FACTORS AND PLANNING EMPHASIS

In accordance with 23 U.S.C. §134 and 23 CFR Part 450, the VLMPO metropolitan transportation planning process considers the ten federal planning factors in the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Within this UPWP, the planning factors guide how the VLMPO identifies tasks, allocates planning resources, conducts studies, and engages partner agencies and the public. They help ensure that planning activities support near term decision-making as well as long range goals for the region's transportation system. Because transportation planning is interconnected, each UPWP work element is shaped by one or more federal planning factors. Improvements in areas such as safety, mobility, and system management often advance several federal objectives at the same time.

The ten federal planning factors are:

1. Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.
2. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
3. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
4. Increase accessibility and mobility of people and freight.
5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and state and local planned growth and economic development patterns.
6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system across and between modes for people and freight.
7. Promote efficient system management and operations.
8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.
9. Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation.
10. Enhance travel and tourism.

These planning factors are integrated throughout the VLMPO planning process and are reflected in the goals and objectives of the adopted 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), project prioritization criteria within the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the work activities outlined in this UPWP.

UPWP work elements – including safety analysis, transit planning, data collection, performance monitoring, public participation, and long-range planning – support and address one or more of the federal planning factors. The VLMPO ensures that planning decisions, funding allocations, and project programming activities are consistent with these federally established considerations.

VLMPO 2050 MTP GOALS

1. Safety and System Reliability

Maintain and improve transportation system safety and accessibility for all users, and strengthen the overall resilience of the network against natural and human-caused events.

2. Infrastructure Condition

Maintain an efficient, well-functioning transportation system that supports residents, businesses, college and K-12 students, and visitors throughout the Valdosta-Lowndes MPO area.

3. Congestion Reduction

Encourage the implementation of Transportation Systems Management (TSM) and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies to reduce congestion and promote cost-effective alternatives to capacity expansion.

4. Freight Movement and Economic Vitality

Ensure a financially balanced transportation plan that strengthens economic development initiatives by improving the accessibility, connectivity, and movement of people and freight.

5. Environmental and Community Impact Management

Avoid, minimize, and appropriately manage adverse environmental and community impacts associated with transportation system development through sound planning, engineering, and operational practices. Transportation investments will be advanced in a manner that supports system safety, operational efficiency, and long-term functionality, while complying with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and permitting requirements.

5. Reduced Project Delivery Delays

Support efficient system management and operation to reduce project delivery delays and enhance coordination throughout the planning and implementation process.

TABLE 1: 2050 MTP GOALS ALIGNMENT TABLE

IIJA FACTORS	IIJA NATIONAL GOALS	GA 2050 SWTP/2021 SSTP STATE GOALS	VLMPO 2050 MTP GOALS
Increasing the Safety and Security of the Transportation System	Achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.	Improve highway safety.	Safety and System Reliability
Improving the Risk Prevention and Reliability	Enhance the performance of the transportation system while protecting the environment and improving reliability to extreme weather impacts and natural disasters.	Support efforts to reduce the cost and time of goods delivery and to increase the efficiency of supply chains	
Emphasizing the Preservation of the Existing Transportation System	Maintain the highway infrastructure asset system in a state of good repair.	Evaluate options for improved connectivity and increased capacity within current revenue streams based on return-on-investment analysis	Infrastructure Condition
Enhancing the Integration and Connectivity	Improve the efficiency of the surface transportation system and enhance connectivity across modes.	Facilitate broadband and other technology deployment.	Congestion Reduction Mobility
	Achieving a reduction in congestion on the National Highway System and improving the efficiency of the surface transportation system.	Maintain and improve freight infrastructure for safety and performance	
Increasing Accessibility and Mobility of People and Freight	Improve the national freight network, support rural communities' access to trade markets, and promote regional economic development.	Modernize freight infrastructure and operations	Freight Movement and Economic Vitality
	Strengthening the global competitiveness and productivity of metropolitan areas and enhancing the efficiency of the transportation system.	Expand use of existing and new data and technologies to support freight and logistics	
Supporting Economic Vitality	Increase access to jobs, goods, and services throughout emerging metros and rural Georgia.	Support strategic economic development (e.g., Georgia Ready for Accelerated Development - GRAD sites).	
	Enhance the performance of the transportation system while protecting and enhancing the natural environment.	Improve emergency evacuation options.	
Protecting and Enhancing the Environment			Environmental Protection and Emergency Preparedness

MAJOR PLANNING DOCUMENT UPDATE SCHEDULE

Table 2: Planning Document Schedule

Planning Document	Adoption Year	Next Required Update
Metropolitan Transportation Plan (2050 MTP)	FY2026	2031
FY27-30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	FY2027	2029 (Next Cycle)
FY27 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)	FY2026	2027
Participation Plan (PP)	FY2027	2027 (Review/Update)
Title VI/LEP Plan	FY2027	2027 (Review/Update)
Regional Transit Development Plan	FY2025	2030

FUNDING/FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is funded through Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Metropolitan Planning (PL) funds and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5303 Metropolitan Planning funds. These federal planning funds support the metropolitan transportation planning process within the VLMPO planning area.

FHWA PL funds are authorized under 23 U.S.C. §134 to support metropolitan transportation planning activities required under federal law. FTA Section 5303 funds are provided to support transit planning activities within urbanized areas and are administered through the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).

Both funding sources require a local match contribution from participating jurisdictions. The required non-federal share is provided through local funds contributed by VLMPO member governments in accordance with established funding agreements.

All planning expenditures described in this UPWP are subject to federal cost principles outlined in 2 CFR Part 200 and applicable GDOT financial management requirements. VLMPO staff coordinate with SGRC fiscal personnel to ensure accurate tracking of expenditures, proper allocation of direct and indirect costs, and compliance with reporting and reimbursement procedures.

The following tables summarize anticipated funding allocations for each work element and funding source for FY 2027.

Table 3: Work Element Budget Allocation

MPO Urbanized Area	Y410 Amount (Federal Share 100%)	Final PL Amount (Federal Share 80%)	Final PL Amount (Local Match 20%)	Final PL Amount (Total: Federal+ Local)
Valdosta	\$4,191.72	\$163,476.66	\$40,869.16	\$204,345.82

The UPWP budget is fiscally constrained, meaning that planned expenditures do not exceed reasonably anticipated revenues. Adjustments to funding allocations during the fiscal year will be made in accordance with the UPWP amendment procedures.

1. Program Administration

1.1. Program Operations and Coordination

Objective:	To provide for the effective administration, coordination, and management of the MPO planning program and to support a continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in compliance with applicable federal and state requirements.
Previous Work FY2026:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Preparation of required reports, certifications and planning documents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MTP adopted (September 3, 2025) ○ UPWP adopted (June 3, 2026) ➤ Prepared and submitted required financial reports and reimbursement requests. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quarterly and annual reports ○ GAMPO Annual Conference (September 24-26, 2025) and Spring Meeting (March 30, 2026) requests. ➤ Participated in Transportation Planning Organizations groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GAMPO Data and Methods Subcommittee ○ AMPO Transit subcommittee ➤ Updated and signed the Memorandum of Understanding with committee members (June 23-24, 2026)
FY2027 Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Implement and track planning documents, including MTP, TIP etc. ➤ Maintain an updated planning document schedule. ➤ Develop and maintain a VLMPO staff Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) handbook. ➤ Coordinate and oversee SGRC-assigned staff in carrying out MPO planning activities. ➤ Coordinate MPO planning activities with GDOT, FHWA, and member jurisdictions. ➤ Manage and monitor the MPO planning budget, including tracking expenditures and preparing reimbursement requests for planning funds in accordance with GDOT requirements. ➤ Contract administration and coordination with planning consultants. ➤ Meet/Collaborate with FHWA, GDOT and other Georgia MPOs to satisfy transportation performance management requirements. ➤ Prepare annual self-certification documentation. ➤ Monitor planning expenditures to ensure consistency with the adopted UPWP budget and fiscal constraint requirements. ➤ Coordinate with SGRC financial staff to ensure proper accounting of direct costs and local match contributions. ➤ Maintain memberships in professional planning and transportation organizations that support the administration and implementation of the VLMPO metropolitan planning program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AMPO ○ GAMPO ○ NADO ○ APA/GPA ○ Additional organizational memberships as deemed appropriate. ➤ Maintain documentation supporting planning expenditures in accordance with federal cost principles (2CFR 200).

Resulting Product(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Quarterly and Annual Reports ✓ Contracts and Financial Management ✓ Planning Document Schedule ✓ Personnel Management ✓ SOP Handbook ✓ MPO Self-certification documentation ✓ Budget and Expenditure tracking records ✓ Audit-support documentation
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Transportation Related Planning Activities of Other Agencies: None

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Lead Agency:	SGRC Planning and Transportation Staff (VLMPO) Staff Support Consultant (as needed)
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1.1 Program Operations and Coordination

Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
MPO PL	FHWA	\$ 67,025.42	\$ -	\$ 3,351.28	\$ 13,405.09	\$ 83,781.79
Total		\$ 67,025.42	\$ -	\$ 3,351.28	\$ 13,405.09	\$ 83,781.79

1.2 Unified Planning Work Program

Objective:	To prepare annual VLMPO Unified Planning Work Program in accordance with 23 CFR 450 Subpart C, 23 CFR 420 Subpart A and USDOT/FHWA initiatives.
Previous Work FY2026:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Administered and monitored implementation of the FY26 UPWP. ➤ Draft FY 2027 UPWP prepared during Q2 and Q3. ➤ Final FY2027 UPWP approved at June 2026 Meeting.
FY2027 Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Develop, manage and amend the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), including budget monitoring and task adjustments as necessary. ➤ Amend/Modify FY2027 UPWP for special/unfunded projects as needed. ➤ Draft FY28 UPWP during Q1 and Q2. ➤ Adopt FY28 UPWP.
Resulting Product(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Adopted UPWP and Amendments/modifications ✓ FY28 Unified Planning Work Program (anticipated adoption in FY28 Q4).

Transportation Related Planning Activities of Other Agencies: None

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1.2 Unified Planning Work Program						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
MPO PL	FHWA	\$ 9,808.59	\$ -	\$ 490.44	\$ 1,961.72	\$ 12,260.75
Total		\$ 9,808.59	\$ -	\$ 490.44	\$ 1,961.72	\$ 12,260.75

1.3 Committee Coordination and Organizational Support

Objective:	To support the governance structure of the VLMPO and ensure effective operation of the Policy Committee (PC), Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).
Previous Work FY2026:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conducted regular PC, TAC and CAC meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Q1: September 2-3, 2025. ○ Q2: December 3, 2025 (Joint Meeting) ○ Q3: March 25, 2026 (Joint Meeting) ○ Q4: June 23-24, 2026 ➤ Coordinated with partner agencies and member jurisdictions regarding MPO actions and planning activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FHWA/GDOT Meetings
FY2027 Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Schedule and coordinate Policy Committee, TAC and CAC meetings. ➤ Prepare agendas, materials, and supporting documentation. ➤ Document meeting minutes and attendance records. ➤ Maintain official records of MPO actions and resolutions. ➤ Coordinate MPO planning activities with GDOT, FHWA, and member jurisdictions. ➤ Maintain organizational memberships (AMPO/GAMPO, NADO, APA/GPA, CTAA, etc.) and participate in statewide and regional coordination activities. ➤ Fill vacant/consistently absents on VLMPO committees.
Resulting Product(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ VLMPO Committee agendas and minutes. ✓ Attendance records. ✓ MPO resolutions. ✓ Documentation of regional coordination activities.

Transportation Related Planning Activities of Other Agencies: None

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1.3 Committee Coordination and Organizational Support

Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
MPO PL	FHWA	\$ 11,443.36	\$ -	\$ 572.18	\$ 2,288.67	\$ 14,304.21
Total		\$ 11,443.36	\$ -	\$ 572.18	\$ 2,288.67	\$ 14,304.21

1.4 Staff Education and Professional Development

Objective:	To develop and maintain staff professional and technical knowledge of transportation planning, while ensuring compliance with federal and state requirements, through participation in relevant conferences, workshops, webinars, and training activities.
Previous Work FY2026:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Participated in planning-related training and professional development activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AMPO MPO Institute Online Classes (MPO 101 and Federal Funding) ○ GAMPO Fall and Spring Meetings (September 24-26, 2025 and March 30, 2026) ➤ Attended MPO coordination meetings and regulator workshops.
FY2027 Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Participate in planning-related training and professional development activities necessary to maintain compliance with federal and state requirements. Travel, including out-of-state travel, may be required. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GAMPO (Fall and Spring Meetings) ○ AMPO (Annual Conference and Planning Tools & Training Symposium) ○ APA/GPA (National Planning Conference, Fall Conference & Spring Conference) ○ NADO (2026 National Regional Transportation Conference, Summer) ➤ Attend GDOT-sponsored planning workshops and coordination meetings. ➤ Participate in relevant metropolitan planning conferences, statewide MPO coordination meetings, and federal webinars, as appropriate. Travel, including out-of-state travel, may be required. ➤ Document training activities and incorporate regulatory guidance and best practices into MPO planning processes. ➤ On-boarding and training of new transportation planning staff, if necessary. <p><i>**Training activities may include participation in relevant workshops, conferences, and webinars sponsored by GDOT, FHWA, FTA, AMPO/GAMPO, TRB, NHI, and other professional planning organizations (with justification and approval).</i></p>
Resulting Product(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Training materials and resources. ✓ Incorporation of updated guidance into MPO planning processes. ✓ Travel documentation, trip reports, and training materials from these opportunities

Transportation Related Planning Activities of Other Agencies: GDOT, FHWA

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1.4 Staff Training and Professional Development

Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
FHWA PL	FHWA	\$ 13,078.13	\$ -	\$ 653.91	\$ 2,615.63	\$ 16,347.67
Total		\$ 13,078.13	\$ -	\$ 653.91	\$ 2,615.63	\$ 16,347.67

1.5 Technical Support and Supplies

Objective:	To maintain and support computer systems, software, communication tools, and office supplies necessary for MPO staff to effectively carry out transportation planning and related administrative activities.
Previous Work FY2026:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Technical assistance for SGRC IT Department for quarterly VLMPO meeting setup <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Q1: September 2-3, 2025. ○ Q2: December 3, 2025 (Joint Meeting) ○ Q3: March 25, 2026 (Joint Meeting) ○ Q4: June 23-24, 2026 ➤ Staff used a consultant company (Spyderserve) to routinely update the VLMPO website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Uploaded admin modifications for VLMPO documents ○ Archived historical documents on the VLMPO website ○ Uploaded 2050 MTP ○ Uploaded current agenda/meeting minutes and schedule ○ Overall cleanup of VLMPO website ➤ Purchase and maintain mobile communication tools including service fees. ➤ Using SGRC IT Department for assistance and maintenance. ➤ Procure and sustain essential computer resources (hardware & software). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Microsoft ○ Adobe acrobat
FY2027 Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Purchase and maintain essential computer hardware such as document production, presentation, and public outreach software for necessary MPO planning activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Microsoft ○ Adobe acrobat ○ Canva ○ Chat GPT ○ etc. ➤ Procure and maintain required software licenses. ➤ Provide mobile communication devices and services for staff, as needed (service and usage fees included). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Verizon phone service ➤ Procure all hardware, software, and services in accordance with SGRC Procurement policy. ➤ VLMPO website will be developed/revamped to a separate section that is easy to navigate to from the SGRC website (on-going process). ➤ Coordinate with the SGRC IT Department for ongoing technical support committee correspondence, virtual and in-person presentations. ➤ Purchase limited office equipment and supplies necessary to support MPO planning staff in carrying out federally funded planning tasks, consistent with 2 CFR 200 allowability requirements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Desk chairs ○ Monitors ○ Keyboards ○ Mouse and mouse pads ○ Stationary supplies ○ etc. <p><i>Purchases may be subject to justification and approval.</i></p>
Resulting Product(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Software purchases and updates ✓ Mobile communication Devices ✓ Computer Supplies

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ IT Technical assistance ✓ Website updates ✓ Office Furniture and supplies
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Transportation Related Planning Activities of Other Agencies: None

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1.5 Technical Support and Supplies

Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
FHWA PL	FHWA	\$ 4,904.29	\$ -	\$ 245.22	\$ 980.86	\$ 6,130.37
Total		\$ 4,904.29	\$ -	\$ 245.22	\$ 980.86	\$ 6,130.37

2. Public Involvement

2.1 Community Outreach and Participation

Objective:	To ensure meaningful public involvement in all MPO core functions and facilitate the exchange of information between the VLMPO and the public in accordance with 23 CFR 450.316 and the adopted Public Participation Plan (PPP).
Previous Work FY2026:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conducted public meetings and outreach activities in support of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Unified Planning Work Program, and related amendments. ➤ Provided public notice of MPO meetings and planning actions in accordance with the adopted Public Participation Plan (PPP). ➤ Maintained and regularly updated the VLMPO website with meeting notices, agendas, planning documents, amendments, and reports. ➤ Documented public comments and maintained records of outreach efforts in accordance with federal planning requirements.
FY2027 Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Initiate review and redrafting of the Public Participation Plan (PPP), as necessary. ➤ Provide public notice of MPO meetings, MTP updates, TIP amendments, UPWP actions, and other planning activities in accordance with the PPP. ➤ Conduct public meetings, workshops, and outreach activities for key planning documents and studies. ➤ Maintain and update the VLMPO website with planning documents, amendments, reports, project information, and meeting notices. ➤ Utilize social media and digital engagement tools to increase public awareness and participation. ➤ Provide educational outreach regarding the MPO planning process and adopted planning initiatives, including the CCV. ➤ Document public comments, maintain participation records, and summarize outreach activities. ➤ Limited reimbursement for non-alcoholic refreshments provided at public involvement meetings when necessary to support attendance and effective participation, and when determined to be allowable under federal cost principles and GDOT guidance.
Resulting Product(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Draft and/or updated Public Participation Plan as applicable. ✓ Public meeting notices, agendas, and summaries. ✓ Comment documentation and survey results. ✓ Website updates and outreach materials. ✓ Outreach presentations and informational materials.

Transportation Related Planning Activities of Other Activities: None

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2.1 Community Outreach and Participation

Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
FHWA PL	FHWA	\$ 19,617.19	\$ -	\$ 980.87	\$ 3,923.44	\$ 24,521.50
Total		\$ 19,617.19	\$ -	\$ 980.87	\$ 3,923.44	\$ 24,521.50

3. Data Collection

3.1. Data, GIS, and Travel Demand Modeling Support

Objective:	To develop, maintain, and apply GIS datasets and the Travel Demand Model (TDM) to support multimodal transportation planning, land use coordination, performance monitoring, and data-driven regional decision-making consistent with performance-based planning requirements.
Previous Work FY2026:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Updated and maintained GIS datasets supporting MPO planning activities. ➤ Created and maintained mapping of the VLMPO planning boundary and related geographic layers. ➤ Coordinated with local planners regarding zoning actions, subdivision plats, and site plan reviews to assess potential transportation impacts. ➤ Supported development of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) through GIS analysis and modeling support. ➤ Produced maps and analytical outputs for MPO planning documents and committee presentations.
FY2027 Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Maintain and enhance GIS datasets for transportation networks, land use, socioeconomic data, multimodal facilities, infrastructure assets, and environmental features to support planning and modeling activities. ➤ Utilize GIS and Travel Demand Model (TDM) to analyze regional travel patterns, land use scenarios, and multimodal network performance, including travel between MPO planning area and surrounding communities. ➤ Develop GIS-based tools and visualizations to support performance measure tracking, project prioritization, and before-and-after project evaluation for the MTP and TIP. ➤ Provide planning-level technical analysis to inform land use and development review activities, without conducting project-level engineering or design. ➤ Integrate GIS and modeling analysis into system reliability and risk assessment considerations including multimodal accessibility, environmental constraints, system vulnerabilities, and emerging mobility trends. ➤ Coordinate GIS and data resources with local, regional, state, and federal partners to support comprehensive planning and regional modeling efforts. ➤ Provide data analysis, mapping, and technical visualization to inform MPO committees, local officials, stakeholders, and the public regarding transportation trends and planning factors.
Resulting Product(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Updated GIS datasets and geodatabases. ✓ Travel Demand model outputs and scenario analyses. ✓ Maps and technical memoranda supporting MTP and TIP development. ✓ Crash analysis maps and safety reports. ✓ Performance measure tracking maps and visualizations. ✓ Land use and transportation impact analysis documentation. ✓ Technical presentations and analytical materials for MPO committees.

Transportation Related Planning Activities of Other Agencies: None

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3.1 Data, GIS, and Travel Demand Modeling Support

Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
FHWA PL	FHWA	\$ 13,078.13	\$ -	\$ 653.91	\$ 2,615.63	\$ 16,347.67
Total		\$ 13,078.13	\$ -	\$ 653.91	\$ 2,615.63	\$ 16,347.67

4. System Planning

4.1. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Objective:	To develop, maintain and administer a fiscally constrained Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) consistent with the adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), federal performance-based planning requirements, and 23 CFR 450.
Previous Work FY2026:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Initiated preparation of the draft FY 2027-2030 TIP. ➤ Coordinated with GDOT and local jurisdictions regarding project prioritization, funding schedules, and STIP alignment. ➤ Processed amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2024-2027 TIP. ➤ Incorporated applicable federal performance measures in the TIP framework.
FY2027 Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Finalize and adopt the FY 2027-2030 TIP, including documentation of fiscal constraint and financial plan consistency with the MTP. ➤ Coordinate with GDOT and local jurisdictions to prioritize and program transportation projects consistent with the adopted MTP. ➤ Process TIP amendments and administrative modifications, if necessary. ➤ Maintain fiscal constraint documentation, funding tables, and project tracking records. ➤ Integrate applicable federal performance targets and measures into the TIP in coordination with GDOT and transit providers. ➤ Provide technical assistance to local jurisdictions regarding projects programmed in the TIP. ➤ Coordinate with GDOT to ensure consistency between TIP and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). ➤ Evaluate funding strategies and programming approaches to support regional transportation priorities. ➤ Ensure TIP development and amendments are consistent with federal air quality conformity requirements, as applicable.
Resulting Product(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Adopted Transportation Improvement Program. ✓ TIP amendments and administrative modification documentation. ✓ Fiscal constraint and funding documentation. ✓ Performance measure integration documentation. ✓ TIP project tracking records and committee materials.

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4.1 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
FHWA PL	FHWA	\$ 4,904.29	\$ -	\$ 245.22	\$ 980.86	\$ 6,130.37
Total		\$ 4,904.29	\$ -	\$ 245.22	\$ 980.86	\$ 6,130.37

Table 3: FY2027-2030 TIP Schedule

**The draft schedule is subject to change depending on when MPO will receive the needed information for TIP development.

FY 2027 - 2030 TIP Development Process	FY 2026						
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July
Develop Preliminary Narrative Draft of FY 2027 – 2030 TIP.	X	X					
GDOT sends CORE MPO projected revenues.			X				
GDOT sends proposed project list, lump sum project list and project authorization list.			X				
GDOT and VLMPO hold a coordination meeting on revenues and proposed project lists.		X					
Develop Preliminary Draft of FY 2027 – 2030 TIP.			X				
Present Draft to TCC/PC			X				
FHWA, FTA and GDOT review of Preliminary Draft of TIP				X			
Incorporate FHWA/FTA/GDOT comments and develop the Final draft				X			
Complete the Final draft FY 2027 - 2030 TIP and send it to the public review agencies and post it on the VLMPO website.				X			
30-day public review and comment period for Final draft of FY 2027- 2030 TIP (Mid May to Mid-June)						X	
Publish a legal notice in the <i>Valdosta Daily Times</i> . Send notice for public meeting at the end of May					X		
Review the committee and public comments and incorporate them into the final draft of FY 2027 - 2030 TIP – 3 working days after the comment period ends.						X	
TCC/PC meetings: MPO Board meeting to approve the final draft of FY 2027 - 2030 TIP							X
Finalize the FY 2027 - 2030 TIP ; submit it to GDOT, FHWA and FTA; web-post final document.							X

4.2. Long Range Planning/ Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Objective:	To maintain, monitor, and amend the fiscally constrained 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) in accordance with 23 CFR 450, federal performance-based planning requirements, and applicable state and regional policies.
Previous Work FY2026:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presented and secured adoption of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. ➤ Coordinated with MPO committees, GDOT, and local jurisdictions during final plan development and approval. ➤ Completed and closed out the consultant contract associated with preparation of the 2050 MTP. ➤ Integrated federal performance measures and targets into the adopted plan.
FY2027 Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Oversee implementation of the adopted 2050 MTP as a performance-based planning document in coordination with GDOT, local jurisdictions, and transit providers. ➤ Monitor consistency between the 2050 MTP, TIP, and local comprehensive plans, including the Lowndes County Comprehensive Plan. ➤ Maintain and process amendments or administrative modifications to the 2050 MTP, as necessary. ➤ Update and maintain the System Performance Report in accordance with federal requirements. ➤ Monitor financial plan assumptions to ensure continued fiscal constraint of the MTP. ➤ Coordinate with GDOT and local transit operators regarding federal performance targets and integration of performance measures into planning documents. ➤ Conduct analysis and planning activities consistent with the adopted 2050 MTP to support ongoing performance monitoring and future plan updates. ➤ Monitor emerging trends, demographic changes, and regional growth to inform future MTP updates.
Resulting Product(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ MTP amendments and administrative modification documentation. ✓ Updated System Performance Report. ✓ Financial plan monitoring documentation. ✓ Annual MTP implementation summary. ✓ Performance measure documentation. ✓ Technical memoranda and committee materials.

Transportation Related Planning Activities

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4.2 Long Range Planning (MTP)						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
FHWA PL	FHWA	\$ 6,539.06	\$ -	\$ 326.96	\$ 1,307.81	\$ 8,173.83
Total		\$ 6,539.06	\$ -	\$ 326.96	\$ 1,307.81	\$ 8,173.83

4.3. Transit Planning and Title VI

Objective:	To support coordinated, performance-based transit planning within the Metropolitan Planning Area, consistent with the adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and applicable federal and state requirements.
Previous Work FY2026:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Completed FY2027 5303 Grant Application (September 2025) ➤ Coordinated transit-related projects and funding within the TIP. ➤ Supported implementation of transit recommendations contained in the 2050 MTP and Regional Transit Development Plan. ➤ Coordinated with GDOT and local transit operators regarding performance measures and planning requirements. ➤ Prepared and submitted the annual Title VI Agreement and Compliance Questionnaire to GDOT. ➤ Maintained documentation of public outreach efforts to support meaningful participation among minority and underserved populations.
FY2027 Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Provide transit planning administration and technical assistance to the City of Valdosta Urban Transit System and regional transit providers within the MPO planning area. ➤ Attend GDOT subrecipient workshop (July 2026) ➤ Prepare and complete the FY2028 5303 Grant Application. ➤ Support implementation and monitoring of transit-related recommendations contained in the 2050 MTP and Regional Transit Development Plan. ➤ Assist with transit data collection and analysis to support service planning, performance monitoring, and long-range planning activities. ➤ Coordinate with GDOT, transit operators, and partner agencies regarding transit projects included in the TIP. ➤ Support integration of FTA-required performance measures and targets into the MTP, TIP, and System Performance Report. ➤ Maintain compliance with equal opportunity and Title VI requirements in public meeting materials and planning documents and provide language assistance and ADA accommodations, as requested, for MPO meetings and outreach activities. ➤ Evaluate potential regional transit coordination opportunities within the Metropolitan Planning Area. Maintain and update the Title VI and LEP Plan, as necessary. ➤ Prepare and submit the annual Title VI Agreement and Compliance Questionnaire to GDOT. ➤ Ensure equal opportunity statements and complaint procedures are included in public notices and planning documents. ➤ Monitor outreach activities to ensure fair access and participation. ➤ <i>Activities will be conducted consistent with USDOT Title VI guidance, ADA requirements, and FHWA/GDOT oversight expectations.</i>
Resulting Product(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Transit planning analysis and technical memoranda ✓ Transit-related TIP coordination documentation.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Performance measure documentation related to transit. ✓ Updates or amendments to transit planning documents (as applicable). ✓ Transit planning presentations and analytical materials for MPO committees. ✓ Updated Title VI/LEP Plan (as applicable). ✓ Annual Title VI Agreement and Compliance Questionnaire submitted to GDOT. ✓ Title VI compliance documentation.
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ALI Code	Work Element	Federal Transit Administration Funds				FTA Total
		Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	
442100	Program Support Administration	\$ 14,410.00	\$ 1,801.25	\$ 360.25	\$ 1,440.99	\$ 18,012.49
442200	General Development/Comprehensive Planning	\$ 4,585.00	\$ 573.13	\$ 114.63	\$ 458.50	\$ 5,731.26
442301	Long-term Transportation Plan-System Level	\$ 36,026.00	\$ 4,503.25	\$ 900.65	\$ 3,602.60	\$ 45,032.50
442400	Short Range Transportation Planning	\$ 3,276.00	\$ 409.50	\$ 81.90	\$ 327.60	\$ 4,095.00
442500	Transportation Improvement Program	\$ 3,276.00	\$ 409.49	\$ 81.90	\$ 327.59	\$ 4,094.98
442700	Other Activities	\$ 3,930.00	\$ 491.25	\$ 98.25	\$ 393.00	\$ 4,912.50
	Subtotal: FY27 Allocation	\$ 65,503.00	\$ 8,187.87	\$ 1,637.58	\$ 6,550.30	\$ 81,877.75

4.4. Special Transportation Studies

Objective:	To conduct planning-level special transportation studies or planning analyses that address emerging regional transportation issues, federal or state planning requirements, or tasks not otherwise programmed in the UPWP, subject to available funding and MPO approval.
Previous Work FY2026:	➤ No work was completed for this task source.
FY2027 Activities:	➤ Support implementation and monitoring of VLMPO transportation related recommendations contained in the 2050 MTP.
Resulting Product(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Technical Memoranda ✓ Planning study reports ✓ Maps ✓ Data analyses

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4.4 Special Transportation Studies						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
FHWA PL	FHWA	\$ 8,173.83	\$ -	\$ 408.69	\$ 1,634.77	\$ 10,217.29
Total		\$ 8,173.83	\$ -	\$ 408.69	\$ 1,634.77	\$ 10,217.29

5. Safe Accessible Transportation Options

5.1. Increasing Safe Accessible Transportation Options – Y410

Objective:	To promote safe, accessible, and multimodal transportation options within the Metropolitan Planning Area through data-driven planning, coordination, and integration of safety and accessibility considerations into MPO planning documents.
Previous Work FY2026:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Coordinated with GDOT on safety performance targets. ➤ Integrated multimodal considerations into the 2050 MTP.
FY2027 Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Analyze crash data and safety trends to support safety performance target coordination and planning decisions. ➤ Coordinate with GDOT and local jurisdictions regarding Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) priorities and safety-related funding opportunities. ➤ Integrate bicycle, pedestrian, and ADA accessibility considerations into the MTP, TIP, and project prioritization processes. ➤ Support planning efforts that improve multimodal connectivity, including pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and first-/last mile access. ➤ Evaluate transportation system accessibility for mobility-limited populations and individuals with transportation needs. ➤ Coordinate safety planning activities with the GDOT Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). ➤ Coordinate with local jurisdictions on Complete Streets policies, roadway safety initiatives, and accessibility improvements. ➤ Incorporate system reliability and infrastructure risk considerations into safety and accessibility planning efforts. ➤ Provide technical analysis and mapping support related to safety and accessibility initiatives. ➤ Support coordination with regional safety partners, including law enforcement, emergency responders, and public health agencies.
Resulting Product(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Crash analysis reports and safety mapping. ✓ Safety performance target documentation. ✓ Multimodal accessibility analysis and mapping. ✓ Planning recommendations supporting safe and accessible transportation options. ✓ Technical memoranda and committee materials.

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5.1 Increase Safe Accessible Transportation Options						
Funding Source	Agency	Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	Total \$
FHWA PL	FHWA	\$ 4,904.29	\$ -	\$ 245.22	\$ 980.86	\$ 6,130.37
Total		\$ 4,904.29	\$ -	\$ 245.22	\$ 980.86	\$ 6,130.37

FY2027 Valdosta-Lowndes MPO UPWP Budget Summary Report (FHWA Funds)

Work Element		Federal Highway Administration Funds				FHWA Total
		Federal \$	State \$	SGRC \$	Local \$	
1.0	Program Administration	\$ 106,259.82	\$ -	\$ 5,313.00	\$ 21,251.96	\$ 132,824.78
	1.1 Program Operations and Coordination	\$ 67,025.43	\$ -	\$ 3,351.27	\$ 13,405.09	\$ 83,781.79
	1.2 Unified Planning Work Program	\$ 9,808.60	\$ -	\$ 490.43	\$ 1,961.72	\$ 12,260.75
	1.3 Committee Coordination and Organizational Support	\$ 11,443.36	\$ -	\$ 572.18	\$ 2,288.67	\$ 14,304.21
	1.4 Staff Education and Professional Development	\$ 13,078.13	\$ -	\$ 653.92	\$ 2,615.62	\$ 16,347.67
	1.5 Technical Support and Supplies	\$ 4,904.30	\$ -	\$ 245.21	\$ 980.86	\$ 6,130.37
2.0	Public Involvement	\$ 19,617.19	\$ -	\$ 980.87	\$ 3,923.44	\$ 24,521.50
	2.1 Community Outreach and Participation	\$ 19,617.19	\$ -	\$ 980.87	\$ 3,923.44	\$ 24,521.50
3.0	Data Collection	\$ 13,078.13	\$ -	\$ 653.91	\$ 2,615.63	\$ 16,347.67
	3.1 Data, GIS, and Travel Demand Modeling Support	\$ 13,078.13	\$ -	\$ 653.92	\$ 2,615.62	\$ 16,347.67
4.0	System Planning	\$ 24,521.49	\$ -	\$ 1,226.08	\$ 4,904.30	\$ 30,651.87
	4.1 Transportation Improvement Program	\$ 4,904.30	\$ -	\$ 245.21	\$ 980.86	\$ 6,130.37
	4.2 Long Range Planning/ Metropolitan Transportation Plan	\$ 6,539.06	\$ -	\$ 326.96	\$ 1,307.81	\$ 8,173.83
	4.3 Transit Planning and Title VI	\$ 8,173.83	\$ -	\$ 408.69	\$ 1,634.77	\$ 10,217.29
	4.4 Special Transportation Studies	\$ 4,904.30	\$ -	\$ 245.21	\$ 980.86	\$ 6,130.37
5.0	Safe Accessible Transportation Options	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Subtotal: MPO PL and Local Match	\$ 163,476.63		\$ 8,173.86	\$ 32,695.33	\$ 204,345.82
	5.1 Increasing Safe & Accessible Trans Options (Y410)	\$ 4,191.72		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,191.72
	Grand Total (PL Allocation and Y410)	\$ 167,668.35		\$ 8,173.86	\$ 32,695.33	\$ 208,537.54

FY2027 Valdosta-Lowndes MPO UPWP Budget Summary Report (FTA Funds)

Work Element		Federal Transit Administration Funds			FTA Total
		Federal \$	State \$	Local \$	
44.21.00	Program Support Administration	\$ 14,410.00	\$ 1,801.00	\$ 1,802.00	\$ 18,013.00
44.22.00	General Development/Comprehensive Planning	\$ 4,585.00	\$ 573.00	\$ 573.00	\$ 5,731.00
44.23.01	Long-term Transportation Plan-System Level	\$ 36,026.00	\$ 4,503.00	\$ 4,504.00	\$ 45,033.00
44.24.00	Short Range Transportation Planning	\$ 3,276.00	\$ 410.00	\$ 409.00	\$ 4,095.00
44.25.00	Transportation Improvement Program	\$ 3,276.00	\$ 410.00	\$ 409.00	\$ 4,095.00
44.27.00	Other Activities	\$ 3,930.00	\$ 491.00	\$ 491.00	\$ 4,912.00
	Subtotal: FY27 Allocation	\$ 65,503.00	\$ 8,188.00	\$ 8,188.00	\$ 81,879.00
	UPWP TOTALS	\$ 233,171.35	\$ 8,188.00	\$ 49,057.19	\$ 290,416.54

FY26 VLMPO Committee Member Listing

Policy Committee

July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

Updated 06.22.26

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Position</u>
1	Paige Dukes	Lowndes County, Manager	Chairman
2	Scott Matheson	City of Valdosta, Mayor	Vice-Chairman
3	Al Crace	City of Valdosta, Manager (INTERIM)	Member
4	Jena Sandlin	City of Lakepark, Mayor <i>(Bi-Annual Small Cities Mayor FY27-28)</i>	Member
5	Vivian Delgadillo-Canizares	GDOT	Member (Proxy)
6	Bill Hatfield	City of Dasher, Mayor <i>(Annual Small Cities Mayor FY27)</i>	Member
7	Patrick Folsom	Brooks County, Chairman	Member
8	Kimberly Hobbs	SGRC, Executive Director	Member
9	Alex Lee	Lanier County, Chairman <i>(Annual Small Counties Chairman FY27)</i>	Member
10	Robert Griner	Berrien County, Chairman <i>(Bi-Annual Small Counties Chairman FY27-28)</i>	Member
11	Bill Slaughter	Lowndes County, Chairman	Member
12	Sabrina David	Federal Highway, GA Division	Non-Voting Member
13	Clayton Milligan	VLMPO CAC Chairman	Non-Voting Member
14	Yvette Taylor	Federal Transit Administration	Non-Voting Member

The Policy Committee (PC) 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.

Meetings are tentatively scheduled for 10:30 a.m. during the last month of each quarter.

Quorum & Attendance

A quorum is a simple majority of the PC voting membership. Participation in a meeting via telephone conference call, two-way video communication, or other similar methods which allow a member to participate in the meeting (hear and speak) shall be permitted and considered as being present in person.

Proxy Representation

All members are permitted to send a temporary or permanent proxy representative. An official letter designating a permanent proxy shall be presented annually and kept on file with the SGRC. County Chairs and Mayors may designate a staff member or another elected official to serve as proxy from their own Board of County Commissioners or City Councils. Local government staff designated as proxy are not eligible to serve as the Chair or Vice-Chair of the PC. Staff members who are also members of any standing VLMPO Committee may not serve as a proxy to any PC member.

**Vivian Delgadillo-Canizares is the permanent proxy for Janine Miller.*

FY26 VLMPO Committee Member Listing

Technical Advisory Committee

July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027
Updated 6.22.26

Technical Advisory Committee

Name	Organization	Position
1 Benjamin O'Dowd	City of Valdosta, Engineer	Chair
2 Chad McLeod	Lowndes County, Engineer	Vice-Chair
3 Cheyenne Thompson	GDOT, Transportation Planner	Member
4 Jason Willingham	GDOT District 4, Engineer	Member
5 Jeff Hill	Lowndes County Schools	Non-Voting Member
6 Travis Jones	Valdosta City Schools	Non-Voting Member
7 Olivia Lewis	Federal Highway Administration, GA Division	Non-Voting Member
8 Ashley Tye	Lowndes County EMA	Non-Voting Member

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is the body responsible for the provision of professional and technical review of transportation plans, projects, programs, and special studies. The TAC serves as the coordinating forum for all agencies that are responsible for the provision and operation of transportation modes within the Valdosta-Lowndes Urbanized Area.

Meetings are tentatively scheduled for 9:00 a.m. during the last month of each quarter.

Appointments

The VLMPO PC designates the membership and direction of the TAC. The TAC shall be composed of representatives from public agencies having transportation or transportation related planning, programming, and/or implementation responsibilities within the Valdosta-Lowndes Urbanized Area.

The TAC shall elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from its voting membership annually (at the first meeting of each fiscal year).

Quorum & Attendance

A quorum is a simple majority of the voting membership.

Proxy Representation

Proxy representation is allowed.

FY26 VLMPO Committee Member Listing Citizen’s Advisory Committee July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 *Updated 04.27.26*

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Position</u>
1	Clayton Milligan	LEA, Executive Vice President	Chairman
2	Carroll Griffin	City of Remerton	Member
3	Joseph Hancock	Lowndes County	Member
4	Tanner Herrington	City of Valdosta	Member
5	Kathleen Hodges	City of Valdosta	Member
6	Tim Hood	Valdosta-Lowndes Airport Authority	Member
7	Phil Hubbard	Ft. Worth Carrier Corp/Dillard’s	Member
8	Marshall Ingram	City of Hahira	Member
9	Ray Sable	VSU, Director of Physical Plan & Facilities Planning	Member
10	Ronald Skrine	City of Valdosta, Battalion Chief	Member
11	Debbie White	City of Valdosta	Member
12	Gary Wisenbaker	Lowndes County	Member
13	Vacant		Vice-Chairman
14	Vacant		Secretary

The Citizen’s Advisory Committee (CAC) shall advise the PC and TCC on matters of public opinion from individual citizens and citizen groups regarding Long Range Transportation Plan(s) (or other plans) relative to the study findings, and recommendations or other planning endeavors as outlined in the UPWP.

Meetings are tentatively scheduled for 3:00 p.m. during the last month of each quarter.

Membership & Appointments

The CAC shall be composed of members who reflect community interests.

The PC shall appoint members to the CAC and periodically review the membership to ensure the ex-officio and appointed membership representation is appropriate.

The CAC shall have a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. The CAC shall elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from its voting membership annually (at the annual business meeting – last quarterly meeting of the fiscal year). The Secretary shall be appointed by the Chairperson.

Quorum & Attendance

A quorum is a simple majority of the voting membership.

Kayla,

Thanks for putting this together. One comment I have on page 10 is adding the following bullet point to the Fiscal Year '27 Priorities:

-Fill vacant/consistently absent seats on the CAC committee

On page 39, The mayor of Hahira needs to be updated to Terry Davis

Clayton Milligan, PE
Executive Vice President

Hi Kayla,

Please ensure the following 5303 program funding amounts are reflected in the FY 2027 UPWP along with the ALI numbers/descriptions and planned activities that were submitted in the FY 2027 application.

							Values
Project #	Organization (Note: See CY tab for ARC & Rome)	Subrecipient Category	ALI	FTA ALI Description	QTY	Award Amount	
T008499	Southern Georgia Regional Commission	Metropolitan Planning	44.21.00	Program Support Administration	1	18,013.00	
			44.24.00	Short Range Transit Planning	1	4,095.00	
			44.22.00	General Development/comprehensive Planning	1	5,731.00	
			44.23.01	Longterm Trans Plan System Level	1	45,033.00	
			44.25.00	Transportation Improvement Program	1	4,095.00	
			44.27.00	Other Activities	1	4,912.00	
T008499 Total						81,879.00	

Thank you,

Johnathan G. McLoyd
Transit Planner

