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Resolution # 804
Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Adopting the Final Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for FY 2021 as prepared by the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission (EARPDC)

WHEREAS, the Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the organization designated by the Governor of the State of Alabama as being responsible, together with the State of Alabama, for implementing the applicable provisions of 23 USC 134 and 135 (amended by the FAST Act, Sections 1201 and 1202, December 2015); 42 USC 2000d-1, 7401; 23 CFR 450 and 500; 40 CFR 51 and 93; and,

WHEREAS, the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) requires all urbanized areas, as established by the US Bureau of the Census, to do area-wide urban transportation planning, and the designated planning organization to submit a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as a condition for meeting the provisions of Title 23 USC 134; and,

WHEREAS, consistent with the declaration of these provisions, the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission, as staff to the MPO, in cooperation with the Bureau of Transportation Planning and Modal Programs, Alabama Department of Transportation, has prepared a Unified Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2020; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to its duties, functions, and responsibilities, the Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Committee, in session this the 20th day of August, 2020 did review and evaluate the aforementioned FY 21 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), summarized on the attached pages; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Committee that the same does hereby adopt said FY 21 Unified Planning Work Program.

Jerry Parris
Councilman Jerry Parris, Chairman
City of Jacksonville

ATTEST:
E. Messick
Elizabeth Messick, Senior Planner
East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
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I – INTRODUCTION

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the budgeting instrument for coordinating metropolitan transportation activities in the urbanized portion of Calhoun County which the cities of Oxford, Hobson City, Anniston, Weaver, and Jacksonville. The primary objective of the UPWP is the development of an integrated planning program and budget, which considers the planning activities of each mode and coordinates these activities to produce a plan serving all segments of the community. The UPWP represents the allocation of planning funds and work tasks necessary to accomplish and maintain the transportation planning process within the Calhoun MPO study area for FY 2021 (October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021).

Funding for transportation planning is a product of federal and local monies combined. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provide eighty percent (80%) of funding for local transportation planning and projects. Local governments provide a twenty percent (20%) funding to match the federal dollars allotted to the area.

Public Participation in the Transportation Planning Process

The public is encouraged to participate in the MPO’s transportation planning process through the Public Participation Plan (PPP) and the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). All Calhoun Area MPO meetings are open to the public. At these meetings, the MPO committees review and approve draft and final plans and documents. Interested individuals may review and comment on these documents in tandem with the MPO committees. Individuals may address their concerns to the MPO committees directly at any meetings they attend. The Transportation Planner at the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission (EARPDC) can be contacted to coordinate an address to the MPO committees and to obtain copies of draft and/or final plans.

TITLE VI

The Calhoun Area MPO is committed to ensuring public participation in the development of all transportation plans and programs. It is the overall goal of the MPO that the transportation planning process be open, accessible, transparent, inclusive and responsive. As a continuing effort by the MPO to provide public access and means by which to engage in the planning process, the MPO has established the following public participation goals for all plans and programs;

1. **An Open Process** – To encourage early and continued public participation. All MPO meetings are open to the public and media.
2. **Easy Information Access** – To provide complete and timely information regarding plans, programs, procedures, policies and technical data produced or used during the planning process.
3. **Notice of Activities** – To provide timely and adequate public notice of hearings, meetings, reviews, and availability of documents.
4. **Public Input and Organizational Response** – To demonstrate consideration and recognition of public input and comments and to provide appropriate responses to public input.
5. **An Inclusive Process** – To encourage participation in the planning process by traditionally underserved segments of the community; low-income groups, minorities, persons with disabilities, and the elderly; and to consider the needs of these groups when developing programs, projects or plans.
Additionally, the Calhoun Area MPO is and will be compliant with and follow all Title VI laws, processes, and programs to include the following;

- **Civil Rights Act of 1964**, 42 USC 2000d, et seq., which prohibits exclusion from participation in any federal program on the basis of race, color, or national origin.
- **23 USC 324** which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation adding to the landmark significance of 2000d. This requirement is found in 23 CFR 450.224(1).
- **Rehabilitation Act of 1973**, 29 USC 701 Section 504, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of a disability and in terms of access to the transportation planning process.
- **Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990** which prohibits discrimination based solely on disability. ADA encourages the participation of people with disabilities in the development of transportation and paratransit plans and services. In accordance with ADA guidelines, all meetings conducted by the MPO will take place in a location which is accessible by persons with mobility limitation or other impairments.
- **Executive Order #12898** or referred to as **Environmental Justice**, which requires that federal programs, policies, and activities affecting human health or the environment to identify and avoid disproportionately high and adverse effects on minority or low-income populations. The intent was to ensure that no racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic group bears a disproportionate share of negative environmental consequences resulting from government programs or policies.
- **Limited English Proficiency (LEP)** Plan which is required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order #13166 and FTA Circular C 4702.1B, October 2012. The Calhoun Area MPO has completed a Four Factor Analysis of the planning area and identified a small population in the urban area which may require MPO assistance in participating in the planning process. The Calhoun Area MPO LEP has been included within the Public Participation Plan and can be accessed at: [http://www.earpdc.org/pages/?pageID=109](http://www.earpdc.org/pages/?pageID=109).

Detailed public participation procedures are outlined in the 2019 Public Participation Plan (PPP) which can also be found at: [http://www.earpdc.org/pages/?pageID=109](http://www.earpdc.org/pages/?pageID=109).

**Scope of the Planning Process**

The FY 2021 UPWP has been developed in accordance with the 23 USC 134 (h) 1 A-H (FAST Act Sections 1201 and 1202 December 4, 2015). Federal law establishes that the metropolitan planning process be a cooperative, continuous and comprehensive framework for making transportation investment decision in metropolitan areas. The metropolitan planning process promotes consistency between transportation improvement and state and local planned growth and economic development patterns [Section 1201(a) 134(g)(3)]. Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) shall provide for consideration of projects and tasks that meet the following ten planning factors;

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 the accessibility and mobility options available to 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 operation.
8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.
9. Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce (or mitigate) the stormwater impacts on surface transportation.
10. Enhance travel and tourism.

Special Planning Considerations:

Planning Emphasis Areas

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) issued Offices Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs) for MPOs and state Departments of Transportation on April 23, 2014. Currently, ALDOT and MPOs can identify and implement their own PEAs and are expected to include work items in the UPWPs that address them. The PEAs and corresponding UPWP tasks for FY 2021 are listed below.

FAST ACT Implementation – Transition to Performance Based Planning and Programming - the Calhoun Area MPO will work closely with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) to transition and adhere to Performance Based Planning and Programming requirements for highways in accordance with 23 CFR 450.314(h) and established federal guidance as documented in Resolution #761 adopted on June 21, 2018. Furthermore, the Calhoun Area MPO adopted a set of Livability Principals and Indicators with Resolution #635 on June 21, 2012. These have been included in the 2019 PPP, the 2040 LRTP, the FY 19 UPWP and the FY 16-19 TIP updated in May/June 2015. Further action will be taken as PM guidance is promulgated.

- Tasks 1.1, 3.2, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7

Models of Regional Cooperation – Promote cooperation across MPO boundaries and across State boundaries where appropriate to ensure a regional approach to transportation planning. – the Calhoun Area MPO works closely with the Gadsden/Etowah MPO on issues of mutual interest to the region such as; urban boundary issues, highway connections, provision of transit, bicycle planning and facilities, the US 431 corridor, and AL 77 improvements. The MPO also coordinates with the Three Rivers Council of Government (COG) in Georgia on proposed highway system improvements between the two regions. In addition, the Calhoun Area MPO is involved in the I-20/NS Freight Corridor Coalition which includes; the Atlanta Regional Commission, the Birmingham MPO, the Tuscaloosa MPO and the Southern Rapid Rail Commission.

- Tasks 1.1, 2.0, 2.4, 5.2, 5.4, 5.5, 5.7, & 6.0

Ladders of Opportunity – Access to essential services – as part of the transportation planning process, identify transportation connectivity gaps in access to essential services. The Calhoun Area MPO works closely with employees of the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission (EARPDC), who administer the Areawide Community Transit System (ACTS), which provides both fixed route and ADA Para-Transit services to the urbanized area and the rural portions of Calhoun County. In addition, both the MPO and the EARPDC cooperate in the development and update of the Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Plan for the region. Finally, further transportation connectivity gaps in access to essential services will be identified in the MPOs fiscal year updates to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

- Tasks 1.1, 2.0, 3.3, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.7
Livability Principals and Livability Indicators

Increasingly, federal and state agencies are using Performance Measures as a way of ensuring greater accountability for the expenditure of public funds in an ever-growing number of programs and activities across a variety of disciplines. Within the transportation sector and the planning processes associated with transportation infrastructure development, ALDOT has adopted the Livability Principles and Indicators as a sustainability measurement against future actions.

All planning tasks must be measured against these Livability Principals:

1. Provide more transportation choices
2. Promote equitable, affordable housing
3. Enhance economic competitiveness
4. Support existing communities
5. Coordinate policies and leverage investment
6. Value communities and neighborhoods

As a measure of sustainability of these principles, the MPO will provide the following Livability Indicators:

1. Percent change in households located within one-half (1/2) mile of transit service, and/or percent change in non-auto trips (transit, walking, bicycling)
2. Percent change in housing costs per household, and/or percent increase in home ownership
3. Percent change in educational attainment, and/or percent decrease in unemployment
4. Percent change in in-fill projects, and/or percent increase in revitalization projects
5. Percent change in number of regional sustainable infrastructure policies, and/or change in number of regional preservation initiatives
6. Percent of households within ½ mile of mixed-use destinations, and/or percent change in average trip times

ALDOT and FHWA require that the Indicators be presented in the narrative and Appendices of the following documents; LRTP, UPWP, TIP, PPP, CMP (if applicable) and the Air Quality Conformity Report (if applicable). Livability Indicator and Data are included in Appendix G.

Transportation Performance Management

Map-21 and FAST Act created a performance-based surface transportation program with requirements for State Departments of Transportation, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and transit agencies. Along with DOTs, FHWA has required MPOs to adopt targets or accept the state target for the following categories:

A. Safety Performance Measures (PM1)
   a. Serious Injuries per Vehicle Miles Traveled
   b. Fatalities per vehicle miles Traveled
   c. Total Serious Injuries
   d. Total Fatalities
   e. Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries
B. Bridge/Pavement Performance Measures (PM2)
   a. Percentage of Pavement on the Interstate in Good Condition
   b. Percentage of Pavement on the Interstate in Poor Condition
   c. Percentage of Pavement on the Non-Interstate NHS in Good Condition
   d. Percentage of Pavement on the Non-Interstate NHS in Poor Condition
   e. Percentage of Bridge Decks on the Non-Interstate NHS in Good Condition
   f. Percentage of Bridge Decks on the Non-Interstate NHS in Poor Condition

C. System Performance Measures (PM3)
   a. Percentage of Person-Miles Traveled on the Interstate that are Reliable
   b. Percentage of Person-Miles Traveled on the Non-Interstate NHS that are Reliable
   c. Truck Travel Time Reliability Index

FTA’s final rule defined the term “State of Good Repair” (SGR) and established a minimum Federal requirement for transit asset management. This requirement applies to all recipients and subrecipients who own, operate, or manage public transportation capital assets. Three SGR performance measures include:
   A. Rolling Stock (Revenue Vehicles): Percent by type that exceed Useful Life Benchmark (ULB)
   B. Equipment (over $50,000): Percent of non-revenue service vehicles by type that exceed ULB
   C. Facilities: (FTA Sponsored): Percent rated less than 3.0 on the TERM scale

II – ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

MPO Structure, Participating Governments, Roles and Agreements

The MPO for the Calhoun Area Transportation Study (CATS) signed a joint agreement concerning the transportation planning process with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) in 1975, in accordance with the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1962. The 1962 Act specified that urbanized area (population greater that 50,000) must develop a ‘3C’ transportation planning process; a process that is comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing, for federal-aid projects approved after July 1, 1965. An updated agreement stipulating the various duties and responsibilities of the parties involved was signed with the ALDOT in March/April 2015. The MPO consists of the Policy (Voting) Committee, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). The 2010 Census established the population of the Calhoun Area urbanized area at 79,796. The Calhoun urbanized area encompasses portions of Calhoun County and northern Talladega County, and the cities of Oxford, Hobson City, Anniston, Weaver and Jacksonville.

The MPO Policy (Voting) Committee serves as the official policy and decision-making body of the Calhoun Area MPO. Through the transportation planning process, the Citizens Advisory Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee advise the MPO Policy Committee about transportation projects and programs. The Policy Committee submits approved projects and programs to the Alabama Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.
MPO Policy Committee members are designated by their elected positions in the several jurisdictions and by professional position at the Alabama Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration. The MPO Policy Committee is composed of fourteen (14) voting members and two non-voting members (See Appendix B and page iii).

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) provides critical technical assistance and input in the various planning elements involved in the transportation planning process. TAC members are designated by their professional positions in the member governments, the Alabama Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, and the EARPDC (See page iv.)

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) serves as a formal means through which citizens may participate in the transportation planning process. The CAC offers opinions, input and suggestions to the TAC and MPO Policy Committee on; transportation planning documents, proposed projects, existing projects, and other transportation related issues. The CAC consists of fifty-two (52) local citizen members and one member representing the ALDOT Local Transportation Bureau (See page v.)

In the course of normal business, the MPO must often enter into various agreements. The MPO currently executes one annual agreement, the Title VI Metropolitan Planning Organization Certification Review and Evaluation Form. From time to time the MPO may also enter into contractual agreements for services, such as the development of technical studies or the update of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

State and Federal Certification Findings and Resolutions

State or Federal certification findings and resolutions refer to MPO deficiencies identified by a joint review process and corrective actions prescribed to correct those deficiencies. The Calhoun Area MPO has no history of State or Federal certification findings or resolutions.

III – UPWP TASKS

The UPWP is divided into six (6) tasks which comprise the functions necessary for Local Transportation and Transit Planning.

1.0 Administration
2.0 Data Collection
3.0 Public Involvement
4.0 Environmental Mitigation and Streamlining
5.0 Transportation Systems
6.0 Special Projects, Corridor Studies, Developments of Regional Impact, etc.
**TASK 1.0 ADMINISTRATION**

**1.1 MPO Administration**

*Objectives*
- To administer the transportation program as efficiently as possible and to maximize the use of human and capital resources
- To adhere to all federal mandates and emphasis areas promulgated by 23 USC 124 and 135 (FAST Act), the State of Alabama, the MPO and community needs

*Previous Work*
- MPO and Committee meetings were held regularly to review project status reports and adopt resolutions, documents, plans and programs
- Responded to information requests and inquiries from citizens and agencies concerning transportation project and issues in the Calhoun MPO area
- Maintained files, submitted required reports, developed plans and plan updates, and completed other transportation planning technical reports and activities
- Purchased equipment and software upgrades

*Proposed Work*
- Continue holding MPO and associated committee meetings will throughout the year to review, prepare, and adopt various transportation plans, programs and activities of the Calhoun Area MPO
- Continue to respond in a timely manner to transportation requests from citizens, agencies or the media
- Continue to provide technical assistance to member governments upon request
- Perform all management and administrative activities necessary to retain federal and state funding
- Purchase equipment, supplies and software as needed
  - Purchase 1-year subscription license to mySidewalk platform. Amount will not exceed $7,000.
- Adjust the MPO planning process and products to reflect goals, performance measures, and targets adopted by the ALDOT and the MPO
- Continue to work with adjacent MPOs on regional issues of common interest
- Continue to maintain the necessary resources to complete the transportation planning process

*Product*
A well-managed transportation planning program that complies with applicable provisions of federal legislation

*Staffing*
East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

*Schedule*
Ongoing activities throughout the fiscal year: October 1st, 2020 through September 30th, 2021

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1.2 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

**Objective**
To develop and obtain MPO adoption and state and federal agency approval of an annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that provides a description and cost estimates of the overall transportation planning activities ongoing and anticipated within the Urbanized Area, including funding sources and agency responsibilities

**Previous Work**
- Monitored and amended UPWP for current fiscal year
- Prepared UPWP for upcoming fiscal year
- Analyzed budgets from previous years
- Rolled over unused planning funds from previous 3 fiscal years to assist in funding of tasks such as
  - 2019 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update
  - 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan
  - Purchase of ITS equipment, software upgrades, and computer equipment

**Proposed Work**
- Prepare FY 2022 UPWP document and budget
- Monitor expenditures from the FY 2021 UPWP
- Collection and analysis of Livability Indicators
- Roll over unused planning funds from previous 3 years to assist in funding of special projects

**Product**
A comprehensive document and budget to guide the transportation planning process in the Calhoun urbanized area for FY 2022

**Staffing**
East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

**Schedule**
- Draft FY 2022 due by June 2, 2021
- ALDOT Comments on Draft FY 2022 UPWP by July 17, 2021
- MPO Addresses Comments, Adopts FY 2022 UPWP, and Provides to ALDOT by September 16, 2021

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1.3 Education and Training

**Objectives**
- Provide staff with sufficient time to learn new techniques, learn new software, and maintain understanding of the governing laws and regulations
- Provide the tools necessary for staff to develop technical proficiency
- Provide the opportunity and means to travel to useful workshops and conferences
- Reimburse staff for travel expenses

**Previous Work**
- Attended ALDOT sponsored training courses, statewide meetings for transportation planners, ALDOT approved technical training seminars and other user group meetings
- Subscribed to several transportation publications and professional organizations
- Continued membership with the Alabama Transportation Planners Association (ATPA), Rails-To-Trails Conservancy (RTC), Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP), etc. as appropriate
- Attended ATPA annual conference and other ALDOT sponsored meetings as appropriate and or as transportation tracks are offered and as schedule permits

**Proposed Work**
- Continue to attend ALDOT approved state and federal training seminars, statewide MPO meeting and technical assistance training seminars
- Continue membership in AMPO, ATPA, Rails-To-Trails Conservancy (RTC), Association of Professional Bicycle and Pedestrian Professionals (APBP), etc. as appropriate
- Attend all ALDOT Cube and /or Voyager training sessions as schedule permits
- Attend ATPA meetings and annual conference as schedule permits
- Attend other transportation conference and or training sessions as schedule and budget permits

**Products**
A transportation staff well versed in the necessary policy and geographic Information required by the MPO to make informed decisions

**Staffing**
East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

**Schedule**
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1.4 Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)

**Objective**
To maintain and update the COOP which ensures that the functions of the Calhoun Area MPO will continue in the event of a natural or man-made disaster

**Previous Work**
- COOP was reviewed and updated Spring 2016 and Fall 2018
- Regular review of COOP

**Proposed Work**
- Review and revision of the COOP to include operation strategies during a pandemic
- The COOP will be incorporated into the overall continuity of operations plan for the EARPDC
- The COOP will be reviewed and updated regularly

**Product**
A rational preparedness plan designed to minimize disruption of the local transportation planning process in the event of a man-made or natural disaster

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TASK 2.0 DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

Objectives

• To collect and monitor the necessary data for input into Calhoun Area MPO transportation planning documents
• To develop and maintain the necessary GIS data and maps for input into the Calhoun Area MPO’s transportation planning documents
• To develop, maintain, and update digitized base maps for member jurisdictions
• To keep the land use, environmental, and socio-economic data current
• To identify rights-of-way affected by planned transportation improvements
• To develop and maintain computerized records of traffic counts and road inventories
• To develop and maintain a system of traffic analysis zones for use in transportation planning
• To develop and produce interactive maps of projects in the TIP for online use

Previous Work

• Collected data regarding local government employment, school and population data in preparation for the 2045 LRTP update process
• Added census data updates to the existing Census information on file
• Utilized GIS data to develop and maintain spatial and land use data for use in local transportation and land use planning
• Updated computer software for use in MPO related GIS, planning and administrative activities
• Executed contracts with participating member jurisdictions to update/develop digitized base maps
• Obtained traffic count data from ALDOT and posted to the MPO Traffic Volume map
• Updated traffic analysis zones and the travel model as a major part of the 2045 LRTP update process
• Created project maps for FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) projects

Proposed Work

• Continue to maintain and update current data and augment existing data as new data is published
• Continue to collect, prepare and present Livability Indicator data as required
• Continue to utilize and maintain GIS to reflect changes in spatial data for transportation planning
• Continue to update and purchase computer hardware and/or software as necessary
• Continue to develop, maintain and update digitized base maps for member jurisdictions
• Continue to gather data related to essential services including housing, employment, health care, schools, and recreation
• Continue to improve transportation system resiliency and reliability
• Obtain most recent traffic count data available from ALDOT and provide to MPO member jurisdictions
• Continue to utilize the traffic model
• Develop specific 24-hour traffic count updates on classified roads as requested by member jurisdictions
• Development and production of interactive TIP project maps for online use

Products

• An up-to-date catalogue of data for use in transportation planning
• Livability Indicator data to be provided will include:
  1. Percent change in households located within one-half (½) mile of fixed route transit service, and /or percent change in non-auto (transit, walking, bicycling) trips
  2. Percent change in housing costs per household; and /or percent increase in home ownership
  3. Percent change in educational attainment; and /or percent decrease in employment
  4. Percent change in in-fill projects; and /or percent increase in revitalization projects
  5. Percent change in the number of regional sustainable infrastructure policies; and /or change in the number of regional preservation initiatives
  6. Percent of households within ½ mile of mixed-use destinations; and /or percent change in average trip times
• A GIS that is ready to support the on-going transportation planning process
• A collection of the most current data that will be utilized to guide and inform transportation planning
• Interactive maps of projects in the TIP for online use

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**TASK 3.0 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

**3.1 Public Information Officer (PIO)**

**Objective**
- To have an appointed spokesperson on staff to provide and disseminate transportation planning information to citizens, media and the public in the Calhoun area

**Previous Work**
- The Calhoun MPO has no appointed PIO, accordingly the EARPDC Transportation Planner serves as the PIO.
- Compliance with FTA C4702.1B and the Limited English Proficiency language
- Maintain a webpage dedicated to the provision of information on the local transportation planning process and all adopted and draft plan documents
- The Public Participation Plan (PPP) was updated and adopted February 19, 2019 and sets requirements for public notices of transportation related meetings, draft plan review, and opportunities for public commentary
- Maintain an active Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) that meets every other month
- Utilize social media for the provision of information on the local transportation planning process

**Proposed Work**
- The EARPDC transportation planner will continue to serve as the PIO
- Continue to maintain a webpage dedicated to providing information about the local transportation planning process and draft transportation plans
- Continue to meet the high standards for public notice and review and comment opportunities found in the updated PPP
- Continue to support and provide information to the CAC in regular meetings
- Describe Performance Measures, and Livability Principals and Indicators in the Public Participation Plan (PPP) and ensure that agencies and the public have full access to documents and data as requested
- Continue to utilize social media for the provision of information on the local transportation planning process

**Products**
- A knowledgeable representative for the Calhoun Area MPO charged with the dissemination of transportation planning information to the public and media
- An engaged CAC which is informed and knowledgeable concerning local needs, issues, projects, and the transportation planning process
- An up-to-date and informative website

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3.2 Public Participation Plan (PPP)

Objective
To outline the methods and actions that the MPO will utilize to provide citizens and interested parties reasonable and fair opportunities for review, input, and comment regarding the transportation planning process, plans or projects

Previous Work
- The Calhoun MPOs 2019 Public Participation Plan (PPP) was updated and adopted February 21, 2019 to meet requirements of 23 USC 134 and 135 (MAP-21 Sections 1201, 1202, July 2012, superseded by FAST Act, Dec. 2015)
- Ongoing update and monitoring of the MPO web page and documents attached to it
- Monitored the effectiveness and strategies of the PPP during each planning period
- Utilize social media to facilitate public updates

Proposed Work
- Continue to monitor and review the effectiveness of the PPP procedures and strategies and modify as needed to ensure a full and open public participation process
- Update the PPP to incorporate virtual public involvement techniques, such as via conference call, video conferencing tools, etc.) as part of the MPO’s public involvement process
- Update the PPP to reflect the ALDOT PPP standards and guidelines as necessary
- Update the PPP as required by new guidelines in the FAST Act or subsequent transportation legislation
- Describe the Livability Principals and the Livability Indicators in the PPP update and ensure that agencies and the public have full access to documents and data as requested
- Continue updates to MPO web page
- Continue to utilize social media to facilitate public updates
- Coordinate with the ALDOT on setting goals, objectives, performance measures and targets required by the FAST Act for inclusion in the Transportation Improvement Program

Product
An effective PPP which meets all requirements of FAST Act or subsequent legislation and ensures public participation and access to plans and documents

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### 3.3 Title VI/Environmental Justice Planning

**Objective**
- To ensure minority and low-income citizens in the MPO area are provided with reasonable, fair and frequent opportunities to participate in the metropolitan planning process.
- To avoid or mitigate the effects of transportation planning decisions which unduly burden any minority or low-income communities in the urban area.
- Maintain transit related Americans with Disabilities (ADA) awareness and compliance.

**Previous Work**
- Advertised public meetings for transportation plan review and comment by ad in the local newspaper with the largest circulation in the area.
- Announced public meetings for transportation planning, review and comment by special mail correspondence and/or hand delivered announcements to agencies, business, transit providers, civic, medical and religious organizations which serve minority and low-income communities in the area.
- Announced all MPO meetings to the local print and radio media in both English and Spanish as well as listed each on the EARPDC web page calendar.
- Contacted local Hispanic community agencies and added them to mailing lists.
- Produced and distributed Spanish language transit information guides.
- Provided Spanish interpreters when requested.
- Identified low-income and minority population areas that may be negatively affected by projects.
- File Title VI report and self-certification as required by the ALDOT in August 2020.

**Proposed Work**
- Continue to advertise public meetings for transportation plan review and comment by direct mailing lists, ads in the local newspaper of widest circulation, and on the EAC web page calendar.
- File Title VI report and self-certification as required by the ALDOT in August 2021.
- Continue to provide meeting announcements in both English and Spanish.
- Provide for interpreters as needed/when requested.
- Use demographics to identify key population groups with a stake in transportation planning decisions, and target information and involvement efforts to key audiences.
- Make publications available to the public in print, on-line, or to be picked up at the EARPDC office during.
- Make best effort to provide information to, solicit input from, and mitigate effects of transportation projects that may disproportionately affect specific groups.
- Continue to include Hispanic community agencies in mailing list for public meeting solicitations.
- Review current procedures to ensure continued ADA compliance.

**Products**
- A local transportation planning process that adheres to the Title VI requirements and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and offers various opportunities for participation by minority and low-income citizens.
- An engaged and informed CAC which is representative of the local community.

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3.4 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)

Objective
To consider available Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) for contracts financed totally or partially with federal funding

Previous Work
A current DBE list is downloaded from the ALDOT web site and appropriate DBEs are contacted when technical services or planning services are required

Proposed Work
Provide information on the DBE process at the request of individual groups or agencies

Product
A commitment to provide Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) the opportunity to compete for contracts with the EARPDC or the Calhoun Area MPO

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TASK 4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION AND STREAMLINING

4.1 Air Quality, Climate Change, and Storm Water Mitigation Planning

Objectives

• Have an MPO staff and MPO committees that have a working knowledge of air quality planning
• Provide accurate and useful environmental protection and climate change data to the MPO committees
• Minimize storm water runoff to the greatest extent practicable

The Calhoun Area MPO is currently in attainment status for Air Quality and does not anticipate future non-attainment.

Previous Work

• Participation in air quality Webinars and policy discussion
• Attendance at an ALDOT sponsored workshops
• Education of changes in air quality guidelines and goals
• The County Engineering Dept. has worked with the CAC to educate and inform regarding storm water issues
• Continued monitoring pending changes to Green House Gases (GHG) issues and guidelines

Proposed Work

• Attend FHWA, FTA, EPA, ADEM, and/or ALDOT Air Quality training courses and seminars as necessary
• The existing PIO will be assigned as spokesman on Air Quality Issues, Climate Change, and GHG issues
• Continue to work with County to disseminate information best practices to reduce storm water runoff
• Continue to attend training in climate change and GHG issues as guidelines are provide by state and federal agencies
• Mitigate storm water impacts on surface transportation

Product

A staff familiar with current guidelines and requirements

Staffing

• East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
• State and Federal Agency Training Personnel

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TASK 5.0 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

5.1 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Objectives
- To update the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to reflect substantive changes in population, land use assumptions, development plans, and traffic estimates
- To include a multi-modal element in the LRTP
- To develop and have ALDOT approval and MPO Council adoption of FY 2050 LRTP

Previous Work
- Hire consultant through SKIPPER Consulting, Inc. to start 2045 LRTP update
- The 2045 LRTP update draft was completed and submitted to ALDOT September 2020
- 2045 LRTP Public Involvement meetings were held September 2020

Proposed Work
- Complete the 2045 LRTP, adopt and submitted to ALDOT in October 2020
- Monitor projects and issues and make any necessary amendments to the 2045 LRTP
- Prepare and present the Livability Indicator data
- Amend the plan to include performance measures, targets, and goals adopted by ALDOT and the MPO as required
- Continue to work with adjacent MPOs regarding regional issues related to the LRTP
- Continue coordination with the ALDOT on setting goals, objectives, performance measures and targets required by the FAST Act for inclusion in the Transportation Improvement Program.
- Plan for and include safety components/measures to 2050 LRTP

Products
- Socio-economic data necessary for the 2045 LRTP update during fiscal year 2021
- A regularly monitored and updated LRTP
- A LRTP that includes a multi-modal element

Staffing
- East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission.
- SKIPPER Consulting, Inc.

Schedule
- Complete the 2045 LRTP, adopt and submitted to ALDOT in October 2020

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5.2 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

Objectives
• To develop and have approved all necessary amendments to the FY 20-23 TIP which describes and details the list of transportation projects for the Calhoun Area MPO with a financially constrained budget
• To include multi-modal and transit elements in the TIP
• To coordinate with ALDOT regarding any resolutions or modifications to the FY 20-23 TIP

Previous Work
• The FY 20-23 TIP was amended by MPO resolution as additional projects became authorized in accordance with the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
• Public review and input were obtained through a series of review opportunities, public meetings and online content during the development of the draft TIP
• The FY 20-23 TIP was developed and adopted in July 2019 and submitted to the ALDOT
• The FY 20-23 TIP was adopted by the MPO after review and analysis of all public comments submitted during the public review period for the development of the draft TIP

Proposed Work
• Amend the FY 20-23 TIP and Fiscal Constraint Re-established as necessary
• Prepare and present the Livability Indicators data as required
• Amend the plan to include updates to the performance measures, target and goals adopted by the ALDOT and the MPO
• Amend the FY 20-23 TIP as necessary to reflect changes in the scheduled MPO projects or the classified road network
• Utilize the MPO portal software in the update, maintenance and tracking of projects in the TIP. All documents and tables will be included in the plan document and posted on the website
• Continued coordination with the ALDOT on setting goals, objectives, performance measures and targets required by the FAST Act for inclusion in the Transportation Improvement Program
• Track the status of Preliminary Engineering (PE) projects for compliance with the 10-year PE rule

Products
• A current and updated TIP which accurately reflects projects proposed and scheduled by the MPO.

Staffing
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Schedule
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• Draft 2024-2028 TIP due Spring 2023
• Final 2024-2028 TIP due August 2023

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5.3 Public Transportation

**Objectives**
- To ensure the efficient administration and management of the Areawide Community Transportation System (ACTS) system
- To ensure public opportunities for input into the transit planning process
- To evaluate ACTS service to determine if the MPO and area needs are being met
- To effectively provide transportation options to the transportation disadvantaged citizens in the Calhoun urban area
- To prepare capital improvement schedules, budgets, projection, and other financial reports
- To prepare and submit required reports and 5307/5311/5316/5339 grant applications to the ALDOT
- To periodically review and revised the budget
- To improve public access to the ACTS, and market the public transit system to increase ridership
- To establish contact with private transportation providers in the Calhoun area and to provide an opportunity to bid on any public transit related contracts or services

**ACTS** is the local public transit system that serves participating municipalities and the rural portions of Calhoun County. The ACTS is operated by EARPDC staff with the assistance of the Federal Transit Administration and the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT).

**Previous Work**
- All area public transit operations were administered by the EARPDC
- The staff administered the ACTS system in accordance with federal program rules
- Submitted capital replacement schedule, budgets and other necessary financial reports to ALDOT
- Maintained and updated fixed route systems maps and brochures, required grants and reports, and program management files
- Investigated and responded to public comments concerning the ACTS system
- Monthly review and input from the ACTS Transit Advisory Board (TAB)
- Monthly review and input from the Jacksonville Para-Transit Committee
- Developed Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) published in the local paper of widest circulation

**Proposed Work**
- Continue to work with transit administration and providers regarding transit programs and access to essential services
- Continue to meet program requirements by updating, revising, and distributing information
- Maintain program files and databases
- Continual investigation and response to public comments
- Submission of required reports and grant applications
- Continue to monitor and re-evaluate the existing system and service
- Continue to involve the public in the transit system planning process
- Continue to market the ACTS system to increase ridership
- Continue regular meetings with the ACTS, TAB, and the Jacksonville Para-Transit Advisory Committee
- Develop and implement transit asset management plan (TAM) that includes asset inventory, condition assessments of inventoried assets and prioritized list of investments to improve the state of good repair of capital assets
- Assist local governments with Section 5310 capital assistance grant applications
- Announce opportunities for transportation related studies or projects
- Review and update the Coordinated Human Services Transit Plan as requested by the ALDOT and to support the Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC), Section 5317 New Freedoms (transit improvements for disabled citizens), and the Section 5310 Elderly and Disabled Transportation programs.
- Update the transit page on EARPDCs website earpdc.org
• MPO will work and coordinate with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) on setting goals, objectives, performance measures and targets required by the FAST Act for inclusion in the LRTP, TIP, and other necessary documentation required by ALDOT
• EARPD will continue to utilize RFQs published in the local paper of widest circulation to permit interested private establishments to compete for any transportation related studies or projects

**Products**
- An effective, accessible, and convenient transit service that meets the needs of the community
- Increased awareness of the services offered by the ACTS
- Sound and efficient management of the ACTS system
- Submission of required transit reports to ALDOT
- Public review and input utilizing the ACTS Transit Advisory Board (TAB)
- An open and fair competitive environment permitting private transportation providers opportunities to bid for public transit contracts or services

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5.4 Bicycle-Pedestrian Transportation Planning

**Objectives**
- To assist the local governments in identifying and funding bicycle-pedestrian projects
- To assist member jurisdictions in funding and construction of facilities and projects from the MPOs 2019 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan update
- To give bicycle and pedestrian facilities consideration when designing transportation improvement projects

**Previous Work**
- Maintained contact with local bicycle clubs and interested citizens
- Development of the MPOs 2019 Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan update for the Calhoun urban area
- MPO staff have assisted local jurisdictions in developing projects and securing funds for bicycle and pedestrian facilities and studies
- Updated a sidewalk survey of classified roads for the 2040 LRTP
- Review of all new MPO projects to consider existing and potential facilities needed to address the travel by bicyclists and pedestrians
- Hire consultant to produce a new, updated Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan
- Reenvene the Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee to evaluate, monitor, and update the MPOs 2019 Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan
- Assisted with ALDOTs GIS map building for a state-wide interactive map that includes all bicycle facilities

**Proposed Work**
- Plan for and include safety components/measures to future updated Bicycle-Pedestrian Plans
- Prepare and present the Livability Indicator data
- Continue to aid the member governments in the development and funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects and facilities
- Assist member jurisdictions in funding and construction of facilities and projects identified in the 2019 Bicycle Pedestrian Plan
- Continue to give due consideration to facilities for bicycle and pedestrians on MPO projects
- Continue to identify and mitigate gaps in the bicycle and pedestrian network
- Continue coordination with the ALDOT on setting goals, objectives, performance measures and targets required by the FAST Act for inclusion in the Transportation Improvement Program
- Continue assisting ALDOTs GIS map building for a state-wide interactive map that includes all bicycle facilities
- Annual Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee meeting to help identify network gaps

**Products**
- A functioning, updated Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the Calhoun urban area
- Technical assistance and coordination of bicycle and pedestrian projects and facilities among local governments
- A modally balanced system integrated with appropriate, safe and well-designed bicycle and pedestrian facilities

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**Schedule**
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5.5 Freight Planning

Objective
To prepare for possible future integration of freight transportation as an essential component of the transportation process

Previous Work
• Review of existing freight planning issues and activities
• Addressed freight planning in the 2045 LRTP update
• Included representatives of the freight industry on the CAC and invited them to the TAC

Proposed Work
• Review existing freight planning activities
• Seek out training and educational opportunities regarding freight transportation planning
• Draft a Regional Freight Plan if required by state and federal agencies
• Address freight planning to the extent necessary in the 2050 LRTP update
• Cooperate with the Atlanta Regional Commission, RPCGB and Tuscaloosa MPO to continue meetings of the I-20 Freight Corridor Coalition to address freight issues of the region
• MPO will work and coordinate with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) on setting goals, objectives, performance measures and targets required by the FAST Act for inclusion in the LRTP, TIP, and other necessary documentation required by ALDOT

Product
An MPO staff well-versed in freight planning issues and prepared to meet future freight planning requirements.

Staffing
East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission.

Schedule
Ongoing activities throughout the fiscal year: October 1st, 2020 through September 30th, 2021

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5.6 Transportation Management and Operations Planning (Includes ITS)

Objectives
- To provide a forum for local governments and ALDOT to discuss transportation management and operations
- Provide technical assistance to local governments and ALDOT related to management and operations planning

Previous Work
- Assisted member jurisdictions in identifying and scheduling operations improvement projects
- Purchased equipment and software updates to assist with membership municipalities traffic counting

Proposed Work
- Coordinate forums as needed for local governments and ALDOT to discuss transportation management and operations
- Adjust the MPO planning process and products to reflect goals, performance measures, and targets adopted by ALDOT and the MPO
- MPO will work and coordinate with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) on setting goals, objectives, performance measures and targets required by the FAST Act for inclusion in the LRTP, TIP, and other necessary documentation required by ALDOT
- Upgrade current MPO ITS equipment and software

Product
Coordination and implementation of transportation management and operation forums as requested

Staffing
- East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
- ALDOT
- Local government staff

Schedule
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5.7 Transportation Safety and Security Planning

Objective
- To incorporate transportation safety and security concerns early in the transportation planning process
- Reestablish free Bicycle Safety Education training for 4th graders in the urban area
- Coordinate with ALDOT to adopt a set of Safety Performance Measure Targets for the Calhoun Area MPO

Previous Work
- Monitored traffic crash data provided by the Community Traffic Safety Program (CTSP) coordinator and the Critical Analysis Reporting Environment (CARE) system
- Allocated funding to provide free Bicycle Safety Education for 4th grades in the urban area

Proposed Work
- Continue to address transportation safety and security issues and explore methods to improve safety and visibility.
- Convene the ACTS Transit Advisory Committee and/or the Jacksonville Para-Transit Committee to address transit safety and/or security issues as needed
- Continue to monitor traffic accident data for the urban area
- Reestablish MPO funding for Bicycle Safety Education for 4th grades in the urban area.
- Distribute approved bicycle helmets, bicycle safety booklets, brochures and bicycle safety promotional materials as they are available
- MPO will work and coordinate with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) on setting goals, objectives, performance measures and targets required by the FAST Act for inclusion in the LRTP, TIP, and other necessary documentation required by ALDOT

Products
- A transportation planning process that considers and promotes safety and security issues for all modes of travel
- A free Bicycle Safety Education program for 4th graders with an emphasis on helmets and proper behavior when riding on local streets
- A set of Safety Performance Measures and Targets for the MPO that support ALDOTs measures and targets

Staffing
East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

Schedule
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TASK 6.0 SPECIAL PROJECTS, CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT, TECHNICAL STUDIES, AND DEVELOPMENTS OF REGIONAL IMPACTS (DRI)

**Objective**
To have available a portion of MPO PL funds to assist member governments with the development and funding of special transportation or transit related technical studies

**Previous Work**
Numerous special technical studies to support efforts by the member jurisdictions of the MPO

**Proposed Work**
- Revise task to include FY 20 rollover funds once identified
- Assist member jurisdictions with project scope development and refinement
- Assist member jurisdictions with technical studies to support and advance worthy transportation or transit improvement projects or activities that lead to construction projects
- Other Technical Studies as requested by MPO members and approved by ALDOT

**Products**
- Special technical studies that advance and support traditional or alternative transportation or transit improvement projects or activities
- Special projects or studies will be added when previous FY rollover funds are identified
- Continuation of special projects or studies not completed by the end of FY 2020

**Staffing**
East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

**Schedule**
Ongoing activities throughout the fiscal year: October 1st, 2020 through September 30th, 2021

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Appendix B

MPO Organizational Chart

Citizens of the Calhoun County
Urbanized Area

MPO Policy Committee

Voting Members
- Mayor, City of Anniston
- Council Member, City of Anniston
- Mayor, City of Oxford
- Council Member, City of Oxford
- Mayor, Town of Hobson City
- Council Member, Town of Hobson City
- Mayor, City of Weaver
- Council Member, City of Weaver
- Mayor, City of Jacksonville
- Council Member, City of Jacksonville
- Chairman, Calhoun County Commission
- Commissioner, Calhoun County Commission
- ALDOT East Central Region, Engineer
- Executive Director, EARPDC

Non-voting Members
- Planner, FHWA
- Planner, FTA

Lori Corley, Executive Director
EARPDC

Elizabeth (Libby) Messick,
Regional Planner EARPDC
## Appendix C

### Abbreviations and Acronyms

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SPR (ALDOT) State Planning and Research Funds – Allocation has been reduced to $60,000 ($50,000 Fed/$15,000 State).

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**Total** | $339,503

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## Appendix F

### FY 2021 Local Match Table

### Funding Summary

Local match for FHWA Mapping or Technical Studies is the responsibility of the local government that commissioned the mapping or study. This local match is invoiced monthly on a reimbursement basis.

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### Local Match

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*Indicates additional PL funds in excess to the allocated yearly amount.
Billed MPO dues may be up to but not over quarterly totals.
Appendix G

Livability Indicators

As a measure of sustainability of the Livability Principals, the MPO will provide the following Livability Indicators:

1. Percent change in households located within one-half mile of fixed route transit routes and/or percent change in non-auto (transit, walking, bicycling trips)

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<tr>
<th>Transit Type</th>
<th>Households</th>
<th>% Households</th>
<th>Est. Population</th>
<th>% Population</th>
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<td>ACTS</td>
<td>11,287</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>26,882</td>
<td>34</td>
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<td>Gamecock Express*</td>
<td>4,157</td>
<td>82</td>
<td>10,539</td>
<td>84</td>
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Calhoun Area 2010 Population = 79,796
Estimate of 2010 Urban Households = 32,015
*Jacksonville only data
Source: ESRI Comm. Analyst/US Census

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<td>Workers 16+</td>
<td>19,729</td>
<td>20,631</td>
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<td>Car/truck/van commuters</td>
<td>18,485</td>
<td>19,555</td>
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<td>Solo drivers</td>
<td>15,824</td>
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<td>Carpool commuters</td>
<td>2,460</td>
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<td>Public transit commuters</td>
<td>156</td>
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<td>Motorcyclists</td>
<td>25</td>
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<td>Walkers</td>
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<td>Other commuters</td>
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<td>144</td>
<td>342</td>
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<td>Work from home</td>
<td>265</td>
<td>366</td>
<td>408</td>
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<td>Mean travel time to work</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>22</td>
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na = data not available
2. Percent change in housing costs per household and/or percent increase in home ownership
   • Percent of household income spend on housing and transportation (Anniston/Oxford Metro Area) = 56%

Source: Housing and Transportation Affordability Index – Center for Neighborhood Technology

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<th>Percent Change in Home Ownership</th>
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<td>Total housing units</td>
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<td>Occupied units</td>
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<td>Owner occupied</td>
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<td>Owner owned</td>
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<td>Renter occupied units</td>
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<th>Median Monthly Housing Costs</th>
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<td>Without Mortgage</td>
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3. Percent change in educational attainment and/or percentage decrease in employment

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<th>Educational Attainment of 25+ year olds (%)</th>
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<td>High School or Higher</td>
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### Unemployment Rate
Anniston/Oxford Metro Area

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<td>2018</td>
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*Preliminary
Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics; data extracted June 18, 2018

4. Percent change in in-fill projects and/or percent increase in revitalization projects
   - Data to be added later

   Percent of 2035 LRTP Projects to improve existing facilities = 72%

   Percent of Transit Funding in the 2035 LRTP = 7%

5. Percent change in the number of regional sustainable infrastructure policies and/or change in number of regional preservation initiatives

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Source: EARPDC and City websites
6. Percent of households within one-half mile of mixed use destinations and/or percent change in average trip miles

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<td>442</td>
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Source: 1990 Census cp-2-2, 2000 SF4 Qt P23 and ACS 5 year estimate 2006-2010 Selected Economic Characteristics
## Appendix H

### Other Relevant Transportation Planning Studies

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