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Resolution # 825

Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Adopting the Final **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** for FY 2022 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 2022; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to its duties, functions, and responsibilities, the Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Committee, in session this the 15th day of July, 2021 did review and evaluate the aforementioned FY 22 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 22 Unified Planning Work Program.


Councilman Jeff Clendenning, Chairman
City of Weaver

ATTEST:

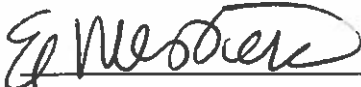

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I – INTRODUCTION

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 2022 (October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022).

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>.

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>.

Scope of the Planning Process

The FY 2022 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:

Livability Principals and 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

On July 19, 2018, FTA published the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Final Rule, which requires certain operators of public transportation systems that receive federal funds under FTA's Urbanized Area Formula Grants to develop safety plans that include the processes and procedure to implement Safety Management Systems (SMS). The PTASP Final Rule requires that all public transportation providers develop safety performance measures. The below measures must be reflected in Metropolitan Transportation Plans and Transportation Improvement Programs updated or amended after July 20, 2021

- A. Fatalities and Rate of Fatalities
- B. Injuries and Rate of Injuries
- C. Safety Events and Rate of Safety events
- D. Mean Distance between Major Mechanical Failures

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 than 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
- Adjusted the MPO planning process and products to reflect goals, performance measures, and targets adopted by the ALDOT and the MPO

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
 - Renew 1-year subscription license to mySidewalk platform. Amount will not exceed \$7,000.
- Continue to adjust the MPO planning process and products to reflect goals, performance measures, and targets adopted by the ALDOT and the MPO as needed
- Continue to work with adjacent MPOs on regional issues of common interest
- Continue to maintain the necessary resources to complete the transportation planning process
- Submit recommended local roads to ALDOT for functional classification
- Develop new urban boundaries from 2020 census data

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, 2021 through September 30th, 2022

Funding Source

Type	Source	Amount
PL	FHWA/FTA	\$ 89,500
Local	EARPDC	\$ 22,375
Total		\$111,875

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 monthly budget reports
- 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
 - Special Projects Identification
 - Anniston Area Bike-Ped Facility Design/Installation Manual

Proposed Work

- Prepare FY 2023 UPWP document and budget
- Monitor budget and expenditures from the FY 2022 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 2023

Staffing

East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

Schedule

- Draft FY 2023 due by June 2022
- ALDOT Comments on Draft FY 2023 UPWP by mid-July 2022
- MPO Addresses Comments, Adopts FY 2023 UPWP, and Provides to ALDOT by mid-September 2022

Funding Source

Type	Source	Amount
PL	FHWA/FTA	\$ 3,300
Local	EARPDC	\$ 825
Total		\$ 4,125

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 ALDOT planners conferences 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

Ongoing activities throughout the fiscal year: October 1st, 2021 through September 30th, 2022

Funding Source

Type	Source	Amount
PL	FHWA/FTA	\$ 9,835
Local	EARPDC	\$ 2,459
Total		\$12,294

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 and reflect EARPDC updated protocols
- 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 pandemic or man-made or natural disaster

Staffing

East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

Schedule

Ongoing activities throughout the fiscal year: October 1st, 2021 through September 30th, 2022

Funding Source

Type	Source	Amount
PL	FHWA/FTA	\$ 200
Local	EARPDC	\$ 50
Total		\$ 250

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

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 ($\frac{1}{2}$) 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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

Staffing

East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

Schedule

Ongoing activities throughout the fiscal year: October 1st, 2021 through September 30th, 2022

Funding Source

Type	Source	Amount
PL	FHWA/FTA	\$ 70,168
Local	EARPDC	\$ 17,542
Total		\$ 87,710

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

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 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

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

Staffing

East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

Schedule

Ongoing activities throughout the fiscal year: October 1st, 2021 through September 30th, 2022

Funding Source

Type	Source	Amount
PL	FHWA/FTA	\$ 6,700
Local	EARPDC	\$ 1,675
Total		\$ 8,375

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

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
- 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

Staffing

East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

Schedule

Ongoing activities throughout the fiscal year: October 1st, 2021 through September 30th, 2022.

Funding Source

Type	Source	Amount
PL	FHWA/FTA	\$ 6,000
Local	EARPDC	\$ 1,500
Total		\$ 7,500

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 paper 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
- 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 2021

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 EARPDC web page calendar
- File Title VI report and self-certification as required by the ALDOT in August 2022
- 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
- Complete an up-to-date ADA Transition Plan for East Alabama Planning and Development Commission (staff to the MPO)

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

Staffing

East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

Schedule

Ongoing activities throughout the fiscal year: October 1st, 2021 through September 30th, 2022

Funding Source

Type	Source	Amount
PL	FHWA/FTA	\$ 1,030
Local	EARPDC	\$ 258
Total		\$ 1,288

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 area 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

Staffing

East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

Schedule

Ongoing activities throughout the fiscal year: October 1st, 2021 through September 30th, 2022.

Funding Source

Type	Source	Amount
PL	FHWA/FTA	\$ 400
Local	EARPDC	\$ 100
Total		\$ 500

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

Schedule

Ongoing activities throughout the fiscal year: October 1st, 2021 through September 30th, 2022

Funding Source

Type	Source	Amount
PL	FHWA/FTA	\$ 500
Local	EARPDC	\$ 125
Total		\$ 625

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

- Hired 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
- Completed the 2045 LRTP, adopted and submitted to ALDOT in October 2020

Proposed Work

- 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
- Monitor the system performance report which is required to be in the LRTP and make subsequent updates to evaluate the condition and performance of the transportation system of the Calhoun urbanized area with respect to MPO adopted performance targets
- 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
- Collect necessary data (socio-economic, traffic counts, etc.) for the 2050 LRTP update

Products

- A regularly monitored and updated LRTP
- A LRTP that includes a multi-modal element

Staffing

- East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission.

Schedule

- Ongoing activities throughout the fiscal year: October 1st, 2021 through September 30th, 2022

Funding Source

Type	Source	Amount
PL	FHWA/FTA	\$ 4,100
Local	EARPDC	\$ 1,025
Total		\$ 5,125

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 re-establish fiscal constraint 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
- Monitor the progress made toward achieving the performance targets identified in the LRTP in terms of project selection to meet investment priorities for the TIP
- 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

East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

Schedule

- Ongoing activities throughout the fiscal year: October 1st, 2021 through September 30th, 2022
- Draft 2024-2028 TIP due Spring 2023
- Final 2024-2028 TIP due August 2023

Funding Source

Type	Source	Amount
PL	FHWA/FTA	\$ 6,768
Local	EARPDC	\$ 1,692
Total		\$ 8,460

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
- EARPDC 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

Staffing

East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission.

Schedule

Ongoing activities throughout the fiscal year: October 1st, 2021 through September 30th, 2022

Funding Source

Type	Source	Amount
PL	FHWA/FTA	\$ 15,000
Local	EARPDC	\$ 3,750
Total		\$ 18,750

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
- Reconvene 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
- Updated the 2019 Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan to include Economic Development

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
- Update 2019 Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan with Final Economic Development results from Jacksonville State University's Center for Economic Development and Business Research

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

Staffing

East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission.

Schedule

- Ongoing activities throughout the fiscal year: October 1st, 2021 through September 30th, 2022
- Annual Review tentative August 2022

Funding Source

Type	Source	Amount
PL	FHWA/FTA	\$4,125
Local	EARPDC	\$1,031
Total		\$5,156

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, 2021 through September 30th, 2022

Funding Source

Type	Source	Amount
PL	FHWA/FTA	\$4,100
Local	EARPDC	\$1,025
Total		\$5,125

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 as needed

Product

Coordination and implementation of transportation management and operation forums as requested

Staffing

- East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

Schedule

Ongoing activities throughout the fiscal year: October 1st, 2021 through September 30th, 2022

Funding Source

Type	Source	Amount
PL	FHWA/FTA	\$ 400
Local	EARPDC	\$ 100
Total		\$ 500

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

Ongoing activities throughout the fiscal year: October 1st, 2021 through September 30th, 2022

Funding Source

Type	Source	Amount
PL	FHWA/FTA	\$ 4,118
Local	EARPDC	\$ 1,030
Total		\$ 5,148

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

6.1 Special Project Identification

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 as well as set aside funds for later large plans (i.e. LRTP)

Previous Work

- Special technical studies to support efforts by the member jurisdictions of the MPO
 - Anniston Area Bike-Ped Facility Design/Installation Manual

Proposed Work

- Revise task to include FY 21 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 2021

Staffing

East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

Schedule

Ongoing activities throughout the fiscal year: October 1st, 2021 through September 30th, 2022

Funding Source

Type	Source	Amount
PL	FHWA/FTA	\$
Local	EARPDC	\$
Total		\$

6.2 Anniston Area Bike-Ped Facility Design/Installation Manual

Objective

Further advance ongoing multimodal bicycle and pedestrian connectivity initiatives within the area. Specific next steps include implementation of the Chief Ladiga Trail extension, access trail connectors, and the Anniston Coldwater Mountain Biking venue connection.

Previous Work

- Added Task to UPWP in September 2020
- Hired consultants JRWA, following ALDOT guidelines and approvals, to start work
- Review MPO and local Plans and Programs

Proposed Work

- Revise task to include any remaining funds specifically from this task
- Assess Connectivity Options for Coldwater Mountain Venue to Downtown/Chief Ladiga Trail
- Develop Chief Ladiga At-Grade Crossing Typology and Operational/Safety Criteria
- Update MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and Design Manual
- Review Public Comments and Finalize Plan Updates

Products

- Interim draft documents after each tasked portion (above bullet points)
- Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
- Draft Bicycle/Pedestrian Facility Design/Installation Manual
- Final Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
- Final Bicycle/Pedestrian Facility Design/Installation Manual

Staffing

East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
JR Wilburn and Associates

Schedule

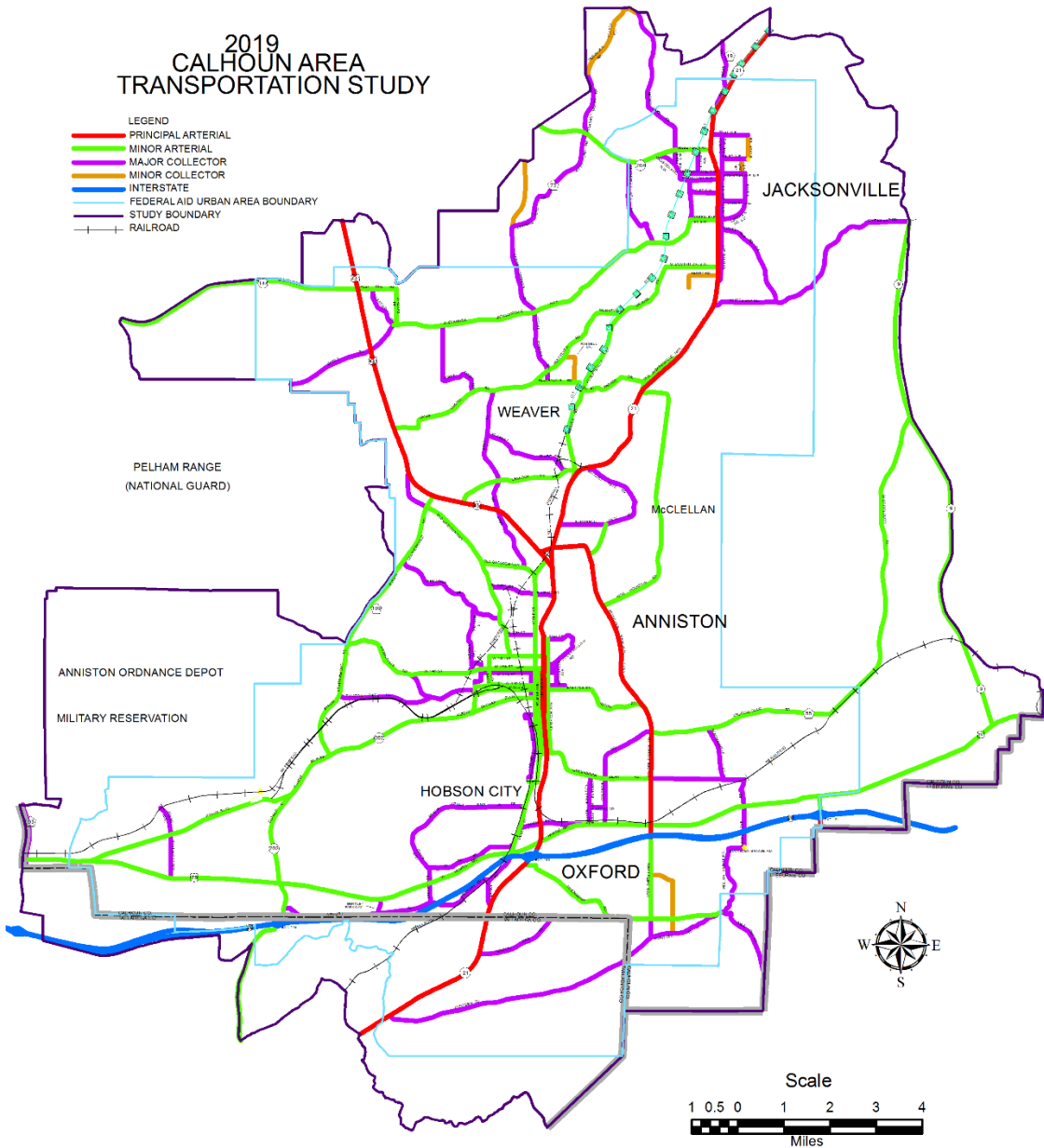
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Funding Source

Type	Source	Amount
PL	FHWA/FTA	\$
Local	EARPDC	\$
Total		\$

Appendix A

Calhoun Area MPO Urbanized and Study Area Map

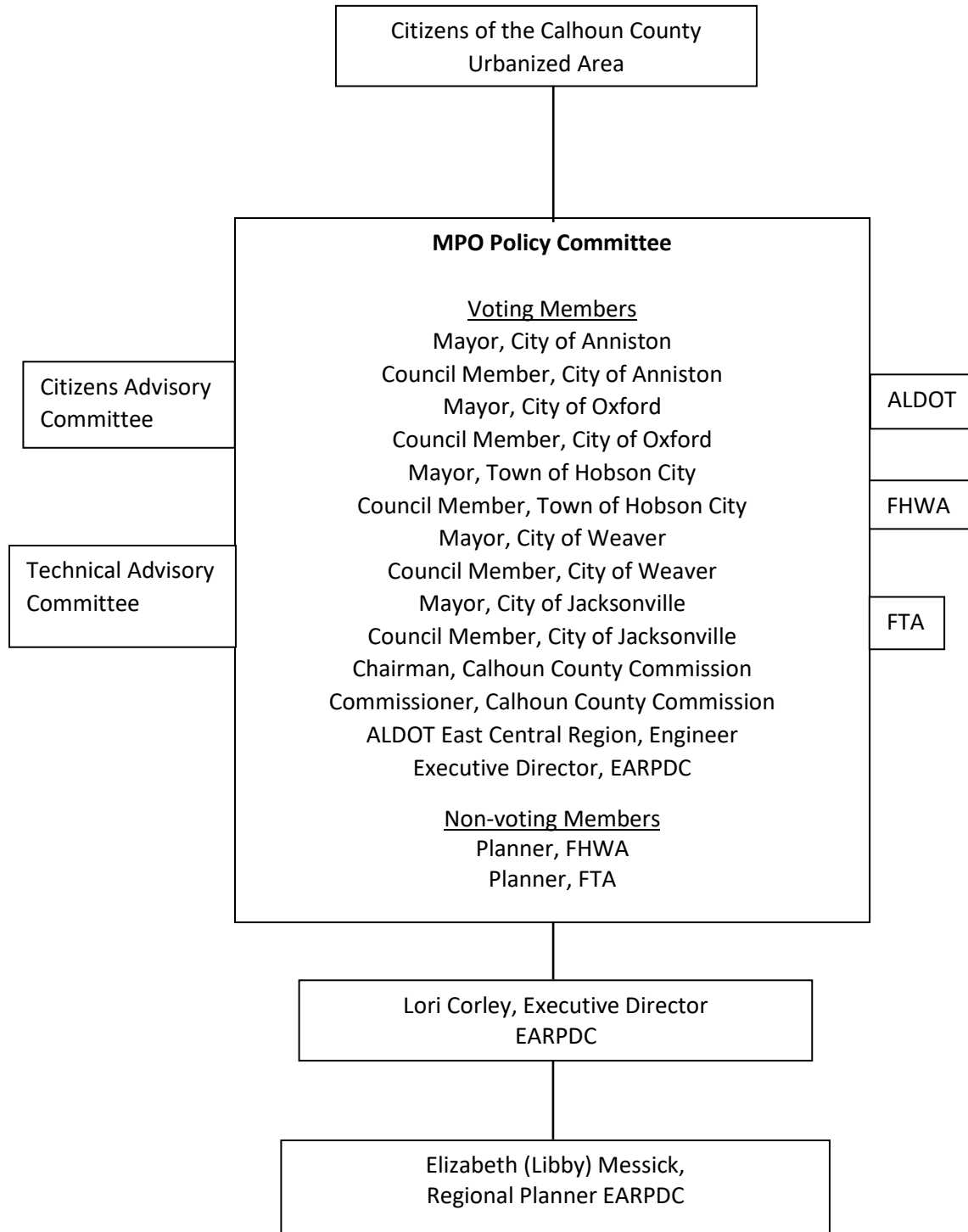


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BASED ON 2010 U.S. CENSUS DATA.

Appendix B

MPO Organizational Chart



Appendix C

Abbreviations and Acronyms

ACTS	Areawide Community Transit System
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADEM	Alabama Department of Environmental management
ALDOT	Alabama Department of Transportation
APA	American Planning Association
APBP	Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals
ATPA	Alabama Transportation Planners Association
CAC	Citizens Advisory Committee
CARE	Critical Analysis Reporting Environment
CATS	Calhoun Area Transportation Study
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
COG	Council of Governments
COOP	Continuity of Operations Plan
CTSP	Community Traffic Safety Program
DBE	Disadvantaged Business Plan
DRI	Developments of Regional Impact
EARPDC	East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FAST Act	Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (Replaces MAP-21)
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FY	Fiscal Year
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
GIS	Geographical Information System
JARC	Job Access and Reverse Commute
LEP	Language Assistance Plan
LRTP	Long Range Transportation Plan
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 st Century
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards

PE	Preliminary Engineering
PEAs	Planning Emphasis Areas
PIO	Public Information Officer
PL	Planning funds
PM	Performance Measure
PPP	Public Participation Plan
RFQ	Request for Qualifications
RTC	Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
SAFETEA-LU	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users
STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program
TAB	Transit Advisory Board
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
TAP	Transportation Alternatives Program
TDP	Transit Development Plan
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
UPWP	Unified Planning Work Program
SPR	State Planning and Research
USC	United States Code

Appendix D

FY 2022 UPWP Financial Overview

Tasks		PL	Local	Total
Task 1	Administration	\$102,835	\$25,709	\$128,544
Task 2	Data Collection	\$70,168	\$17,542	\$87,710
Task 3	Public Involvement	\$14,130	\$3,533	\$17,663
Task 4	Environmental Mitigation and Streamlining	\$500	\$125	\$625
Task 5	Transportation Systems	\$38,611	\$9,653	\$48,264
Task 6	Special Projects, Corridor Development, Technical Studies, and DRI	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL		\$226,244	\$56,561	\$282,805

FY 2022 Allocation of \$226,244 = FHWA PL and FTA 5303 funds have been combined as one fund for better management and tracking MPOs may carry over funds for 3 years.

*Indicates additional PL funds in excess to the allocated yearly amount.

Appendix E

FY 2022 PL Funding – Detailed View

		PL		Total
		FHWA/FTA	MPO	
Task 1.0	Administration	-	-	-
1.1	MPO Administration	\$89,500	\$22,375	\$111,875
1.2	Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)	\$3,300	\$825	\$4,125
1.3	Education and Training	\$9,835	\$2,459	\$12,294
1.4	Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)	\$200	\$50	\$250
Task 2.0	Data Collection	\$70,168	\$17,542	\$87,710
Task 3.0	Public Involvement	-	-	-
3.1	Public Information Officer (PIO)	\$6,700	\$1,675	\$8,375
3.2	Public Participation Plan (PPP)	\$6,000	\$1,500	\$7,500
3.3	Title VI/Environmental Justice Planning	\$1,030	\$258	\$1,288
3.4	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)	\$400	\$100	\$500
Task 4.0	Environmental Mitigation and Streamlining	-	-	-
4.1	Air Quality, Climate Change, and Storm Water Mitigation Planning	\$500	\$125	\$625
Task 5.0	Transportation Systems	-	-	-
5.1	Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)	\$4,100	\$1,025	\$5,125
5.2	Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)	\$6,768	\$1,692	\$8,460
5.3	Public Transportation	\$15,000	\$3,750	\$18,750
5.4	Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Planning	\$4,125	\$1,031	\$5,156
5.5	Freight Planning	\$4,100	\$1,025	\$5,125
5.6	Transportation Management and Operations Planning (Includes ITS)	\$400	\$100	\$500
5.7	Transportation Safety and Security Planning	\$4,118	\$1,030	\$5,148
Task 6.0	Special Projects, Corridor Development, Technical Studies, and Developments of Regional Interest	-	-	-
6.1	McClellan Traffic Plan			
6.2	Special Projects Identification			
6.3	Anniston Area Bike-Ped Facility Design/Installation Manual			
TOTAL		\$226,244	\$56,561	\$282,805

FY 2022 Allocation of \$226,244 = FHWA PL and FTA 5303 funds have been combined as one fund for better management and tracking

MPOs may carry over funds for 3 years.

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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.						
		Federal Share	Local Match	Total		
Total Funds for MPO		\$226,244	\$56,561	\$282,805		
FHWA Mapping or Technical Studies						
Anniston Mapping		\$28,000	\$7,000	\$35,000		
Anniston Area Bike-Ped Facility Design/Installation Manual (Anniston)*						
Oxford Mapping		\$32,000	\$8,000	\$40,000		
Funds Available for Area-Wide Planning Projects		\$166,244	\$41,561	\$207,805		
Local Match						
Local match for Area-wide Planning and Projects is invoiced quarterly on a reimbursement basis as MPO Dues. Quarterly dues may not exceed the amounts in the table below.						
Member Jurisdictions	% Pop.	Oct. 1 - Dec. 31	Jan. 1 - Mar. 31	Apr. 1 - June 30	July 1 - Sep. 30	TOTAL
Calhoun County Commission	23.80%	\$2,473	\$2,473	\$2,473	\$2,473	\$9,892
Anniston	28.96%	\$3,009	\$3,009	\$3,009	\$3,009	\$12,036
Hobson City	0.96%	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$99	\$399
Jacksonville	15.73%	\$1,634	\$1,634	\$1,634	\$1,636	\$6,538
Oxford	26.75%	\$2,779	\$2,779	\$2,779	\$2,780	\$11,117
Weaver	3.80%	\$395	\$395	\$395	\$394	\$1,579
TOTAL DUES	100.00%	\$10,390	\$10,390	\$10,390	\$10,391	\$41,561

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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)

Jobs Within 30-minutes of Fixed Route Transit				
Transit Type	Jobs	% Employed	Est. Population	% Population
ACTS	6,420	42.10%	46,088	13.93%
Gamecock Express*	1,581	42.85%	12,651	12.50%

Sources: Access Across America Transit 2019; US Census ACS 5-year 2015-2019

Commuting Data	2015-2019 average
Workers 16+	40,929.4
Car/truck/van commuters	38,715.0
Solo drivers	34,372.3
Carpool commuters	4,342.7
Public transit commuters	162.3
Motorcyclists	110.8
Bicyclists	0.0
Walkers	580.3
Other transit	274.9
Work from home	1,086.1
Mean travel time to work	23.9 minutes

Source: US Census ACS 5-year 2015-2019

2. Percent change in housing costs per household and/or percent increase in home ownership

Percent Change in Home Ownership Anniston-Oxford-Jacksonville Area				
	2000	% of Total housing units	2010	% of Total housing units
Total housing units	51,305		53,272	
Occupied units	45,293	88.28%	47,316	88.82%
Owner occupied	32,841	64.01%	32,538	61.08%
Owner with mortgage	na	na	na	na
Owner owned	na	na	na	na
Renter occupied units	12,449	24.26%	14,776	27.74%
Vacant units	6,013	13.28%	5,956	11.18%
Vacant units for rent	na	na	na	na
Vacant units for sale	na	na	na	na

Sources: US Census 2000, 2010; US Census ACS 5-year 2015-2019

Median Home Costs as Percentage of Income	
ACS 5-year 2015-2019	
With Mortgage	21
Without Mortgage	10.3

Source US Census ACS 5-year 2015-2019

3. Percent change in educational attainment and/or percentage decrease in employment

Percentage of People in Household	
Less than High School	9.91%
High School, Some College, or Associates Degree	43.56%
Bachelor's or Higher Degree	13.31%

Source: US Census ACS 5-year 2015-2019

Unemployment Rate	
Anniston-Oxford-Jacksonville Area	
Year	Rate
2011	10.3
2012	8.9
2013	8.8
2014	8
2015	7
2016	6.5
2017	4.9
2018	4.6
2019	3.5

Source: BLS LAUS 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

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

Percent of 2045 LRTP Projects to improve existing facilities = 89%

Percent of Transit Funding in the 2045 LRTP = 13%
5. Percent change in the number of regional sustainable infrastructure policies and/or change in number of regional preservation initiatives

Plan Updates Since 2000		
City	Comprehensive	Zoning
Anniston		2016
Jacksonville	2016	
Oxford	2016	2017
Hobson City	2000	
Weaver		2016

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

Households Within One-Half Radius of Town Center				
City	2010	2011	Change	2016 estimate
Anniston	380	369	-2.89%	358
Jacksonville	945	926	-2.01%	907
Oxford	437	442	1.14%	447
Hobson City	464	463	-0.22%	462
Weaver	386	395	2.33%	404

Source: 2010 US Census & ESRI Comm. Analyst Projections

Mean Commuting Time to Work (miles)		
City	2012	2016
Anniston	9.1	16.3
Jacksonville	13.1	25.3
Oxford	9.4	14.8
Hobson City	6.4	14.1
Weaver	10.2	15.9
Calhoun County	11.1	17.1

Sources: US HUD and DOT LAI V2.0 2012; US HUD and DOT LAI V3.0 2016

Appendix H

Other Relevant Transportation Planning Studies

In Progress

Sponsor	Description	Webpage
City of Anniston/ Calhoun Area MPO	Anniston Area Bike-Ped Facility Design/Installation Manual	In Progress
ALDOT	Alabama Public Involvement Plan	https://www.dot.state.al.us/
ALDOT	Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan	https://www.dot.state.al.us/
ALDOT	Alabama Rail Plan Update	https://www.dot.state.al.us/
ALDOT	Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAM)	https://www.dot.state.al.us/

Completed

Sponsor	Description	Webpage
Calhoun Area MPO	Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan Update	earpdc.org/uploadedFiles/File/Final_BikePedPlan_updated_20210413.pdf
Calhoun Area MPO	2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)	earpdc.org/uploadedFiles/File/FY2020-2023_TIP_FINAL_20190815.pdf
Calhoun Area MPO	2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)	earpdc.org/uploadedFiles/File/Final_2045_LRTP.pdf
Calhoun Area MPO	Public Participation Plan (PPP)	earpdc.org/uploadedFiles/File/2019_Final_PPP_Calhoun_MPO.pdf
ALDOT	Statewide Freight Plan	https://www.dot.state.al.us/
ALDOT	Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan	https://www.dot.state.al.us/
ALDOT	Statewide Transportation Plan (STIP)	https://www.dot.state.al.us/
ALDOT	State Airport System Plan	https://www.dot.state.al.us/
ALDOT	Alabama Rail Plan	https://www.dot.state.al.us/
ALDOT	Alabama Statewide Management Plan	https://www.dot.state.al.us/
ALDOT	Statewide Highway Safety Plan	https://www.dot.state.al.us/