

Columbus-Phenix City

Unified Planning Work Program

FY 2027

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Columbus-Phenix City Metropolitan Planning Organization

In Cooperation With:

Federal Highway Administration

Federal Transit Administration

Georgia Department of Transportation

Alabama Department of Transportation

**COLUMBUS-PHENIX CITY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)**

**FY 2027
UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

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The FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) outlines the transportation planning activities and priorities to be carried out by the Columbus-Phenix City Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), public transit operators, and local member governments. The UPWP serves as the MPO's annual work program and budget document, identifying planning studies, program administration, and transportation planning activities to be undertaken within the metropolitan planning area. This work program supports a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3C) planning process that ensures transportation investments are based on regional needs, sound technical analysis, and coordination among federal, state, and local partners.

This UPWP is developed in accordance with metropolitan transportation planning requirements set forth in 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303, as implemented through 23 CFR Part 450, and as amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Public Law 117-58). The document identifies work tasks, responsible agencies, schedules, and funding sources, including FHWA Planning (PL) and FTA Section 5303 funds and required local match. The UPWP also supports performance-based planning and programming by linking planning activities to regional transportation goals, federal planning factors, and adopted metropolitan transportation plans and transportation improvement programs. The contents of this document do not necessarily reflect the official views or policies of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

**RESOLUTION
COLUMBUS-PHENIX CITY TRANSPORTATION STUDY
POLICY COMMITTEE**

FISCAL YEAR 2027 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

WHEREAS the Columbus-Phenix City Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has been designated by the Governors of the States of Alabama and Georgia as the recipient of Columbus-Phenix City Urbanized Area (UZA) and Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) funds, and who is responsible, together with the States of Alabama and Georgia, for implementing the applicable provisions of 23 USC 134 (amended by the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act – IIJA), Section 11201, November 2021); 42 USC 2000d-1; 23 CFR 450; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Transportation requires all urbanized areas, as established by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, doing area-wide urban transportation planning, to submit a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as a condition for meeting the provisions by Title 23 USC 134 and the relevant citations above, and that the draft UPWP will be subject to UZA and MPA boundary changes required by the U.S. 2020 Census; and

WHEREAS the UPWP is consistent with all plans, goals, and objectives of the MPO, and reflects changes in program emphasis and funding availability; and

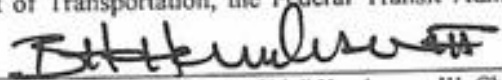
WHEREAS the MPO has made efforts (as required by Federal Transit Administration) to obtain the participation of private transit operators in the development and implementation of transit-related projects in the UPWP; and

WHEREAS a UPWP that is developed with funds provided by 23 USC 134 must be consistent with all applicable provisions of 23 CFR 450.104 and 308; and

WHEREAS the Columbus Department of Planning, the Georgia Department of Transportation, and the Alabama Department of Transportation have reviewed the organization and activities of the planning process and found them to be in conformance with the requirements of the laws and regulations; now


THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PCTS) Policy Committee endorses the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Fiscal Year 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the C-PCTS Policy Committee finds that the requirements of Title 23 USC 134 and 23 CFR 450 regarding urban transportation planning have been met and authorizes its chairman to execute a joint certification of this fact with the Georgia Department of Transportation, the Alabama Department of Transportation, the Federal Transit Administration, and the Federal Highway Administration.



Mayor B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Chairman
Policy Committee
5/19/26
Date

Attest



Will Johnson, MPO/Planning Director

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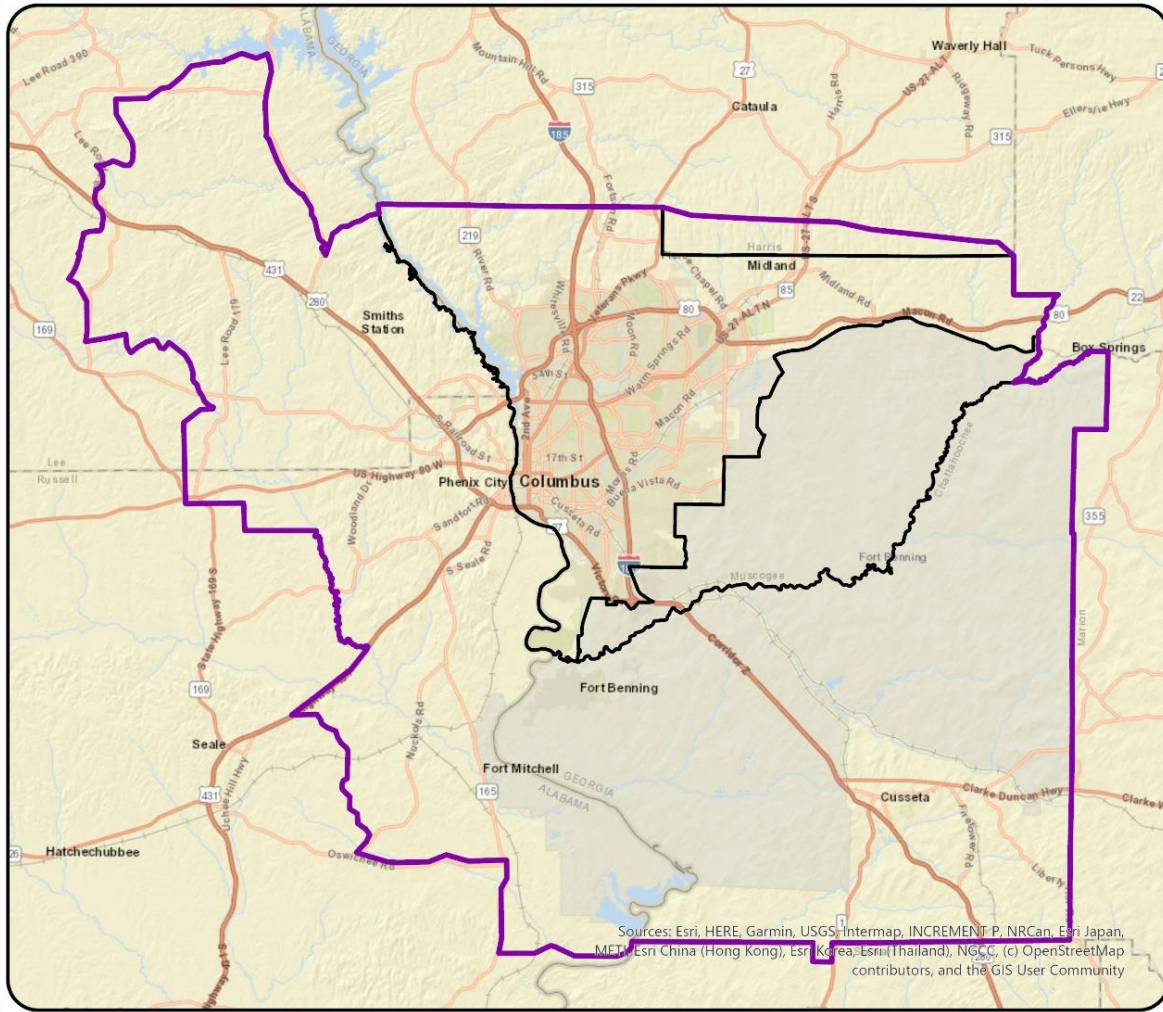
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INTRODUCTION

A. OVERVIEW OF THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Columbus-Phenix City Metropolitan Area, Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PCTS) serves as the lead agency responsible for administering and coordinating the activities of agencies and stakeholders involved in carrying out the required elements of the transportation planning process. Participants in the transportation planning process include the Policy Coordinating Committee (PCC), the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), public transit operators (including METRA and PEX), counties, local officials, private citizens, and the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT).

B. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) continue and enhances metropolitan and statewide transportation planning by incorporating performance goals, measures, and targets into the process of identifying needed transportation improvements and project selection. Public involvement is an essential component of the planning process. Transportation planning must also comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). MPO Staff, in coordination with the City of Columbus Engineering Department, will update the ADA Transition Plan as needed.

To provide a framework through which community members can participate in an advisory capacity in the planning and programming of transportation improvements, public participation is conducted in accordance with federal planning requirements. As recipients of Section 530 funds, the public involvement requirements for METRA and PEX are satisfied through the MPO's adopted Public Involvement Process.

The MPO will support effective public participation by following these guidelines:

- A minimum 30-day comment period will be provided prior to the adoption of planning documents.
- Notice of public meetings related to the Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be provided at least one week in advance through the local government television channel, newspaper advertisements, mailings, and posted notices.
- A Public Involvement Plan will be maintained and made available to the public along with planning documents.
- Public involvement will be periodically reviewed using various statistical evaluations.

C. METROPOLITAN PLANNING PROCESS

In 1964, the Governors of Georgia and Alabama designated the Columbus Department of Planning as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Columbus-Phenix City Metropolitan Area. The Columbus-Phenix City MPO is a Transportation Management Area (TMA) with a

population greater than 200,000 based on the most recent U.S. Census. Map 1 identifies the urban area served by the MPO.

The Transportation Planning Division, located within the Department of Planning, serves as the professional and technical staff for the MPO. The MPO carries out its responsibilities through two committees: the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) and the Policy Coordinating Committee (PCC). Transportation planning activities identified in the UPWP reflect input and recommendations from committee members during document development and review to ensure that planning efforts support the goals and objectives established for the area.

The Alabama Highway Department was redesignated as the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) in 1993 to support a balanced and coordinated multimodal transportation system for the state. ALDOT is responsible for development of the statewide transportation plan and for coordinating rail, waterway, highway, bicycle, and transit planning activities.

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) was established by the Georgia General Assembly in 1973 to serve all the citizens of Georgia through the efficient design, construction and maintenance of the state's transportation system. GDOT is organized into divisions responsible for administration, engineering, intermodal programs, construction, operations, local programs, finance, and planning.

The MPO will continue to address recommendations identified in the 2024 TMA Certification Review, including those relevant to the development of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Work activities included in this UPWP support the implementation of these recommendations through ongoing coordination with partner agencies, public involvement, and continued improvements to the planning and programming process.

D. COMMITTEE POLICIES

The Policy Committee serves as the MPO's primary decision-making body, establishing policy guidance and approving the work of the MPO. The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) provides technical guidance and support for the planning process.

The Transportation Planning Division serves as staff to the MPO committees. This division collects and analyzes data and presents it to the committees to support informed decision making. The functions of each committee are outlined below.

Policy Coordinating Committee (PCC)

The PCC performs the following responsibilities for transportation planning.

1. Formulates goals and objectives for transportation planning in the Columbus-Phenix City urbanized area.
2. Provides governmental support to planning programs and promotes coordination among agencies

3. Reviews, amends, and adopts transportation plans and programs.
4. Evaluates progress towards project implementation and reschedules priorities as needed.
5. Approves the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)

The TCC is composed of public and private sector transportation professionals and addresses the technical aspects of the transportation planning process. The TCC:

1. Collects, maintains, and analyzes transportation planning data.
2. Prepares transportation plans and advises the PCC on proposed changes
3. Evaluates transportation system improvements and recommends actions to decision makers.
4. Prepare the Unified Planning Work Program and the Transportation Improvement Program with the MPO staff.

E. Anticipated Five-Year Development Schedule

The following table identifies anticipated major planning activities and deliverables over the next five years to guide the MPO’s ongoing transportation planning program.

Deliverable	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
Unified Planing Work Program (UPWP)	Update	Update	Update	Update	Update
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	Update	Amend	Amend	Amend	Update
Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)			Update		
Public Participation Plan (PPP)	Update				
Congestion Management Plan (CMP)		Update			

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT (IIJA Act)

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) signed into law on November 15, 2021, reauthorized federal surface transportation programs and provided multiyear funding for transportation and infrastructure improvements nationwide. The Act supports investments in highways, bridges, public transportation, rail, airports, ports, safety programs, and emerging transportation technologies. IIJA places continued emphasis on system preservation, safety, reliability, and performance-based planning.

For Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), IIJA maintains the metropolitan transportation planning framework established under federal law and continues requirements for performance-based planning, public involvement, and coordination with state and local partners. The Act authorizes funding for highway and transit programs that support planning and project development within metropolitan areas.

ROADS, BRIDGES, & MAJOR PROJECTS

- Reauthorization of federal surface transportation programs
- Funding to repair and preserve highway and bridge infrastructure

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

- Modernization and repair of transit systems
- Support for fleet replacement and facility improvements

PASSENGER & FREIGHT RAIL

- Investments to address maintenance backlogs and improve rail service

AIRPORTS

- Funding for airport infrastructure improvements

PORTS AND WATERWAYS

- Investments to improve freight movement and port infrastructure

SAFETY PROGRAMS

- Funding to improve roadway and transportation safety

Planning Factors

The Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PCTS) conducts a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) transportation planning process for the metropolitan area. Federal metropolitan planning regulations (23 U.S.C. 134 and 23 CFR Part 450) require Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to consider specific planning factors when developing transportation plans and programs.

These planning factors guide the development of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The MPO integrates these factors into its planning activities, project evaluation, and decision-making processes.

The federally required planning factors include consideration of:

1. Supporting the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, including enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.
2. Increasing the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
3. Increasing the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
4. Increasing the accessibility and mobility of people and freight.
5. Protecting and enhancing the environment, promoting energy conservation, improving quality of life, and promoting consistency between transportation improvements and state and local planned growth and economic development patterns.
6. Enhancing the integration and connectivity of the transportation system across and between modes for people and freight.
7. Promoting efficient system management and operation.
8. Emphasizing the preservation of the existing transportation system.
9. Improving the resilience and reliability of the transportation system and reducing or mitigating stormwater impacts.
10. Enhancing travel and tourism.

C-PCTS addresses these planning factors through coordination with local governments, state transportation agencies, transit providers, and the public. Planning activities conducted under this UPWP support performance-based planning and programming consistent with 23 U.S.C. 150 and state performance management programs. Goals, objectives, performance measures, and targets related to these factors are further detailed in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

PLANNING FACTORS MATRIX

Performance-Based Planning and Programming (PBPP)

The Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PCTS) supports the federal performance-based planning and programming (PBPP) framework established under 23 U.S.C. 134 and 23 U.S.C. 150. This approach ensures that transportation investment decisions are informed by performance goals, measures, and targets that address national transportation priorities.

C-PCTS coordinates with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), and regional transit providers in the development and application of performance measures and targets. The MPO monitors applicable performance areas and works cooperatively with state and transit partners to ensure consistency between metropolitan and statewide planning efforts.

C-PCTS has adopted and supports the statewide performance targets established by GDOT and ALDOT for the following performance areas:

1. Highway Safety
2. Pavement and Bridge Condition
3. System Performance and Reliability
4. Freight Movement
5. Transit Asset Management
6. Transit Safety

Planning activities identified in this UPWP support the achievement of these performance targets through data collection, system monitoring, planning studies, and coordination with partner agencies. Performance-based considerations are incorporated into the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The MPO supports and incorporates applicable state and transit performance targets into the metropolitan planning process.

Public Participation and Nondiscrimination

The Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PCTS) is committed to providing meaningful opportunities for public participation in the metropolitan transportation planning process. Public involvement activities are conducted in accordance with federal requirements outlined in 23 CFR 450.316 and guided by the MPO's adopted Public Involvement Plan (PIP). The MPO provides early and continuous opportunities for the public, local governments, transit agencies, and other stakeholders to participate in the development of transportation plans and programs. Public outreach methods include public meetings, public comment periods, website postings, social media announcements, and coordination with local jurisdictions and partner agencies.

A minimum 30-day public comment period is provided for major planning documents, including the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Public notices are distributed through appropriate media outlets and the MPO website.

C-PCTS complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requirements. The MPO makes planning documents available in accessible formats upon request and works to ensure that traditionally underserved populations have opportunities to participate in the planning process. The Public Involvement Plan and related documents are available on the MPO website and at the MPO office upon request.

FISCAL YEAR 2027 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a document that describes urban transportation planning activities to be undertaken in FY 2027. The report also identifies the funding source, budget amount, and time frame for the various planning activities. The UPWP organizes the work elements into five sections, which are described below.

Administration

- 1.2 Operations and Administration
- 1.3 Training and Employee Education
- 1.6 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- 1.7 Quarterly and Annual Reports for PL Funds

Public Involvement

- 2.1 Community Outreach and Education
- 2.2 Title VI
- 2.3 Public Participation Plan

Data Collection

- 3.1 Socio-Economic Data
- 3.4 Transportation Analysis, Models, and Surveys

System Planning

- 4.1 Congestion Management Process
- 4.4 Air Quality Technical Studies
- 4.5 Bike / Pedestrian Planning
- 4.7 Geographic Information System Development
- 4.11 Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- 4.12 Transportation Improvement Program
- 4.13 Special Transportation Studies and Projects

Transit Service Planning Activities

- 5.1 Preparation and Administration of Transit Grants
- 5.2 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program
- 5.3 Transit Planning and Management Information System (MIS)
- 5.4 Training and Transit Conferences
- 5.5 Phenix City Transit Planning (LRCOG)

Complete Streets (Y410)

- 6.1 Safe & Accessible Transportation Options

Special Studies (Carryover Funding)

- 7.1 Future Planning Activities

1-0 ADMINISTRATION

TASK # 1.2

Sub-element: Operations and Administration

OBJECTIVE

To provide effective management, coordination, and administrative support for the metropolitan transportation planning process, ensuring compliance with federal and state requirements and the efficient use of planning funds.

PREVIOUS WORK

During the prior fiscal year, the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PCTS) continued to carry out the federally required continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) metropolitan transportation planning process in coordination with local, state, and federal partners. The MPO provided administrative and technical support to the Policy and Technical Committees and coordinated with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and regional transit providers on performance-based planning and programming activities. C-PCTS processed grant applications and managed planning studies, including associated procurement activities. The MPO also facilitated public involvement and comment periods for planning products, and completed updates to MPO planning area boundaries, agreements, and bylaws. These efforts help maintain a compliant and effective metropolitan transportation planning process and inform the development of the current Unified Planning Work Program.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This work element supports the ongoing administration and management of the MPO's metropolitan transportation planning program. Activities include coordination with partner agencies, oversight of planning funds, and facilitation of MPO committee meetings and decision-making processes. This task ensures the MPO maintains a compliant and effective planning process by managing financial, contractual, and reporting requirements associated with federal and state planning funds.

Activities also include financial management of MPO planning funds, processing reimbursements, grant administration, and maintaining documentation to support federal and state reporting requirements. These efforts provide the organizational framework necessary to carry out the UPWP and related planning activities.

PRODUCT

Reports and documentation of meetings are available to GDOT and ALDOT if requested. MPO Staff will maintain all documents and website.

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027	LEAD AGENCY	C-PCTS
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (Georgia)	\$ 101,763.65
COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT	\$ 25,440.91
TOTAL (Georgia)	\$ 127,204.56
FHWA (Alabama)	\$ 46,487.25
PHENIX CITY	\$ 11,621.81
TOTAL (Alabama)	\$ 58,109.06
TOTAL	\$ 185,313.62

TASK # 1.3

Sub-element: Training and Employee Education

OBJECTIVE

To maintain and enhance MPO staff knowledge and professional capabilities through training and educational opportunities that support effective transportation planning, regulatory compliance, and program administration.

PREVIOUS WORK

- Staff attended conferences, workshops, and professional meetings hosted by organizations including the Georgia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (GAMPO), the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO), the American Planning Association (APA), and related state planning and transportation associations to support continuing education and MPO planning responsibilities.
- Staff also participated in workshops, coordination meetings, and stakeholder sessions conducted by FHWA, GDOT, ALDOT, and GAMPO to support regional coordination, transportation planning activities, and federal transportation planning requirements.
- Staff attended Local Administered Project (LAP) Training, Plan Development Process (PDP), and Engineering and Design Procurement Training to become LAP certified which is necessary to receive and manage federal-aid transportation funds.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

MPO Staff will attend transportation planning related webinars, seminars, conferences, and meetings as opportunities arise. Participate in educational opportunities such as GDOT/ALDOT Training classes, the annual GAMPO conference and work session as well as ALDOT's periodic MPO/RPO Planner's Conference, the annual American Planning Association (APA) Conference, the annual Alabama Transportation Planners Association Conference, and other training opportunities that will arise.

PRODUCT

Staff will continue to improve education to ensure a complete planning process. Attendance at training opportunities, meetings, and conferences. Travel documentation, trip reports, and training materials

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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (Georgia)	\$ 12,451.20
COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT	\$ 3,112.80
TOTAL (Georgia)	\$ 15,564.00
FHWA (Alabama)	\$ 3,055.00
PHENIX CITY	\$ 763.75
TOTAL (Alabama)	\$ 3,818.75
TOTAL	\$ 19,382.75

TASK # 1.6

Sub-element: Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

OBJECTIVE

To develop, manage, and monitor the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to ensure that metropolitan transportation planning activities are properly programmed, funded, and carried out in accordance with federal and state requirements.

PREVIOUS WORK

During the prior fiscal year, C-PCTS prepared and managed the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) in coordination with GDOT, ALDOT, FHWA, and FTA. The MPO monitored work activities and expenditures to ensure consistency with the approved UPWP, and processed amendments or administrative modifications. Progress reporting and coordination with partner agencies were conducted to maintain compliance with federal and state requirements.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This work element includes the development, coordination, and management of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Activities involve preparing the annual or biennial UPWP document; coordinating with GDOT, ALDOT, FHWA, FTA, and transit providers; and ensuring that planning activities, funding, and deliverables are clearly identified. This task also includes monitoring implementation of the UPWP, processing amendments or administrative modifications as needed, and supporting required reporting to maintain compliance with federal and state metropolitan planning requirements.

PRODUCT

Amend Fiscal Year 2027 UPWP Budget as needed and Develop Fiscal Year 2028 UPWP (Draft and Final Document).

TARGET START AND END DATES	The 2028 Draft UPWP document will be generated in the 2 nd Quarter of the 2027 Fiscal Year with the final document adopted in the 3 rd Quarter of Fiscal year 2027.	LEAD AGENCY	C-PCTS
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (Georgia)	\$ 10,851.20
COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT	\$ 2,712.80
TOTAL (Georgia)	\$ 13,564.00
FHWA (Alabama)	\$ 5,067.55
PHENIX CITY	\$ 1,266.89
TOTAL (Alabama)	\$ 6,334.44
TOTAL	\$ 19,898.44

TASK # 1.7**Sub-element: Quarterly and Annual Reports for PL Funds****OBJECTIVE**

To maintain accurate and timely reporting of PL-funded activities and expenditures through the preparation of quarterly and annual reports in accordance with federal and state requirements.

PREVIOUS WORK

During the prior fiscal year, C-PCTS prepared and submitted required quarterly and annual reports documenting PL-funded activities and expenditures. Reporting was completed in coordination with GDOT and ALDOT to ensure consistency with federal and state requirements and to support ongoing monitoring of planning activities and funding.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This work element includes the preparation and submission of required quarterly and annual reports for FHWA Planning (PL) funds. Activities involve documenting planning activities, tracking expenditures, and coordinating with GDOT, ALDOT, and federal partners to ensure accurate and timely reporting. These efforts support financial oversight and demonstrate compliance with federal, and state requirements associated with metropolitan transportation planning funds.

PRODUCT

Routine annual and quarterly progress reports and reimbursement requests.

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026	LEAD AGENCY	C-PCTS
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (Georgia)	\$ 6,507.50
COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT	\$ 1,626.88
TOTAL (Georgia)	\$ 8,134.38
FHWA (Alabama)	\$ 1,527.00
PHENIX CITY	\$ 381.75
TOTAL (Alabama)	\$ 1,908.75
TOTAL	\$ 10,043.13

2-0 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

TASK # 2.1

Sub-element: Community Outreach and Education

OBJECTIVE

To provide information to the public about the transportation planning process, to respond to requests for information from the public, and to foster meaningful public input into all transportation planning plans, programs, and projects. Community outreach will be included in the planning factors.

PREVIOUS WORK

- Completed a public meeting for P.I. 0019527 – Buena Vista Road Corridor Improvements
- Completed a public meeting for P.I. M005022 – Resurface and Maintenance on SR 85 (2nd Avenue) from SR 1 (Veterans Pkwy) to SR 1
- Completed a public meeting for the Liberty Theatre District
- Completed 2 public meetings for Safe Streets for All Plan
- Completed 3 Safety Action Plan Stakeholder Meetings
- Updated the MPO website regularly with information on CPCMPO plans and special studies
- Informed the public on transportation projects throughout the city through courses at the Continuing Education Center and the Citizens Academy

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This work element supports community outreach and education activities that encourage public awareness and participation in the metropolitan transportation planning process. Activities include providing information about MPO plans and programs, promoting opportunities for public involvement, and coordinating outreach efforts with local jurisdictions and partner agencies. These efforts help ensure that residents, stakeholders, and interested parties are informed about transportation planning activities and have meaningful opportunities to engage in the planning process.

PRODUCT

Ongoing community outreach and education, an updated mailing list, an updated e-mail list, and continue to utilize social media platforms like Instagram and Facebook. A maintained and updated website, and a revised public participation plan (if needed). The Citizens Advisory Committee will be restructured to create a more engaging CAC.

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027	LEAD AGENCY	C-PCTS
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (Georgia)	\$ 5,836.49
COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT	\$ 1,459.12
TOTAL (Georgia)	\$ 7,295.61
FHWA (Alabama)	\$ 0.00
PHENIX CITY	\$ 0.00
TOTAL (Alabama)	\$ 0.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,295.61

TASK # 2.2

Sub-element: Title VI

OBJECTIVE

This task will include work efforts, which will help ensure full, and fair participation by all potentially affected communities in the transportation decision-making process and prevent the denial of, reduction in, or significant delay in the receipt of benefits by minority and low-income populations.

PREVIOUS WORK

All required assurances have been incorporated into applicable contracts in accordance with federal requirements and submitted. Staff also worked on a new Title VI Plan.

- Title VI Policy CPC-MPO
- MPO Title VI Form
- #17 Title VI Assurance to FHWA

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The MPO is committed to maintaining compliance with applicable federal civil rights requirements in the development and implementation of its plans and programs. MPO staff will continue to maintain and update the Title VI Plan and related documentation in accordance with established federal requirements. The MPO will conduct public outreach and participation activities to ensure access to information regarding transportation planning activities and will utilize a variety of public meeting formats and outreach methods, as appropriate, to encourage participation. All activities will be carried out in accordance with applicable federal regulations and adopted MPO policies.

PRODUCT

Written documentation demonstrating local compliance with applicable civil rights requirements will be maintained and submitted to ALDOT and the U.S. Department of Transportation.

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027	LEAD AGENCY	C-PCTS
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (Georgia)	\$ 3,036.48
COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT	\$ 759.12
TOTAL (Georgia)	\$ 3,795.60
FHWA (Alabama)	\$ 0.00
PHENIX CITY	\$ 0.00
TOTAL (Alabama)	\$ 0.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,795.60

TASK # 2.3**Sub-element: Participation Plan****OBJECTIVE**

Maintain and periodically update the Participation Plan. Evaluate the effectiveness of the Participation Plan and document the associated results in the Participation Plan.

PREVIOUS WORK

No previous work associated with this task.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This task supports continued implementation and maintenance of the MPO’s adopted Participation Plan, ensuring an inclusive and transparent planning process in compliance with federal and state requirements for this MPO. Activities include carrying out established public involvement procedures, maintaining required documentation, and coordinating outreach efforts associated with MPO plans and programs under applicable work elements. The Participation Plan will be formally reviewed prior to the end of the current cycle to determine whether updates or re-adoption are necessary to maintain compliance with GDOT, ALDOT, and FHWA requirements.

PRODUCT

Ongoing implementation of the MPO’s Participation Plan, including public notices, meeting materials, and documentation of outreach efforts in accordance with federal requirements.

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027	LEAD AGENCY	C-PCTS
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (Georgia)	\$ 9,116.16
COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT	\$ 2,279.04
TOTAL (Georgia)	\$ 11,395.20
FHWA (Alabama)	\$ 1,150.00
PHENIX CITY	\$ 287.50
TOTAL (Alabama)	\$ 1,437.50
TOTAL	\$ 12,832.70

3-0 DATA COLLECTION

TASK # 3.1

Sub-element: Data Collection and Analysis

OBJECTIVE

Maintain a comprehensive, up-to-date socio-economic database for the transportation planning process. This work element will focus on maintaining and updating the socio-economic data needed for the travel demand model.

PREVIOUS WORK

Staff maintained and updated the region’s socio-economic database, including population, household, and employment data, using the latest available Census, ACS, and local development information. Quality control and verification of data inputs were conducted, and staff coordinated with local jurisdictions to monitor growth trends and development activity. Updated data supported MPO planning documents and related analyses, and documentation of data sources and methodologies was maintained to ensure consistency and transparency.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The MPO is responsible for the review and evaluation of the basic economic and demographic data and analysis of the present plan projections. These analyses consider socio-economic data, transit surveillance data, land use data, and street and highway data. The forecasted socio-economic data will be developed with cooperation from the TCC using various planning tools, current land use, aerial photographs, land use plans, comprehensive plans, economic trends, socioeconomic trends, and other sources deemed necessary.

PRODUCT

Detailed demographic information necessary to evaluate the planning process and to develop an updated MTP and current Transportation Improvement Program. The cooperative local database programs will result in highly accurate four-year land use inventories for use in planning updates.

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027	LEAD AGENCY	
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (Georgia)	\$ 3,036.48
COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT	\$ 759.12
TOTAL (Georgia)	\$ 3,795.60
FHWA (Alabama)	\$ 1,550.00
PHENIX CITY	\$ 387.50
TOTAL (Alabama)	\$ 1,937.50
TOTAL	\$ 5,733.10

TASK # 3.4

Sub-element: Transportation Analysis, Models, and Surveys

OBJECTIVE

Continue a program of collecting, synthesizing, organizing, and storing a variety of useful community data that are technically sound and relevant to the transportation process.

PREVIOUS WORK

Staff compiled and reviewed transportation-related data to support MPO planning documents and analyses. Activities included general system-level review of transportation trends, coordination with partner agencies when needed, and documentation to support planning efforts. Staff previously conducted traffic analyses for rezoning cases; however, that responsibility has since transitioned, and efforts are now focused on broader planning support activities.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Staff will monitor bicycle traffic to identify primary routes used within the transportation network and evaluate potential improvements. Staff will track changes in housing units, school enrollment, employment, and population, as well as significant land use changes through the review of zoning cases, site plans, and subdivision plans. Traffic analysis will be conducted to determine the impacts of land use changes on the transportation network. The MPO will collect data from federal, state, and local agencies, as well as other sources, to maintain and develop GIS, traffic modeling, and transportation databases. Activities under this work element focus on maintaining and updating data necessary to support the GDOT traffic generation model. Staff will incorporate performance-based considerations when conducting traffic analysis related to land use changes.

PRODUCT

Maps of project locations, traffic analysis for rezoning cases and other documents will be prepared as needed.

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027	LEAD AGENCY	C-PCTS
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (Georgia)	\$ 21,614.70
COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT	\$ 5,403.67
TOTAL (Georgia)	\$ 27,018.37
FHWA (Alabama)	\$ 3,055.20
PHENIX CITY	\$ 763.80
TOTAL (Alabama)	\$ 3,819.00
TOTAL	\$ 30,837.37

4-0 SYSTEM PLANNING

TASK # 4.1

Sub-element: Congestion Management Process

OBJECTIVE

To maintain a Congestion Management Process (CMP) that provides effective management of new and existing transportation facilities using travel demand reduction and operational management strategies; in addition, examine travel patterns and system performance data in the Columbus-Phenix City urbanized area and develop, prioritize, and recommend effective and achievable strategies to increase mobility within corridors and sub-areas.

PREVIOUS WORK

During the prior fiscal year, staff monitored congestion conditions within the MPO planning area using available traffic data, including traffic volumes and travel patterns. Staff reviewed this information to identify locations with recurring congestion and to better understand how traffic conditions are changing over time. The MPO coordinated with state and local partners to support data collection and ensure consistency in analysis. This work helps identify areas where improvements may be needed and supports ongoing transportation planning efforts.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The MPO is responsible for the development of CMP. The MPO staff uses the CMP to identify congestion on major arterials throughout the urban study area. Process performance monitoring and proposed strategies will be integrated into the C-PCTS transportation planning process using the management systems and the data generated by them to create a feedback loop that will aid in the evaluation of the transportation planning process. These areas of congestion may need some type of transportation improvement depending on the type of congestion. Staff will monitor the transportation network due to changes in land use. The Performance Targets adopted by the MPO will be utilized in the Congestion Management Update. MPO Staff worked with a consultant to develop the Congestion Management Plan.

PRODUCT

Maintenance and implementation of the adopted Congestion Management Plan; performance data summaries; documentation of congestion mitigation strategies; and supporting materials incorporated into MPO plans and related planning actions.

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027	LEAD AGENCY	Columbus MPO
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (Georgia)	\$ 17,528.96
COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT	\$ 4,382.24
TOTAL (Georgia)	\$ 21,911.20
FHWA (Alabama)	\$ 1,528.00
PHENIX CITY	\$ 382.00
TOTAL (Alabama)	\$ 1,910.00
TOTAL	\$ 23,821.20

TASK # 4.4**Sub-element: Air Quality Technical Studies****OBJECTIVE**

The MPO staff will coordinate with EPA and EPD concerning Federal Air Quality Requirements.

PREVIOUS WORK

The MPO planning area remains in attainment for all National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). As a result, no air quality conformity determinations or related technical studies were required during this period. MPO planning activities continued to operate under attainment status in accordance with federal requirements.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The MPO planning area is currently designated as attainment for all criteria pollutants; therefore, no air quality conformity analysis is required currently. If federal designation status changes or additional requirements arise, the MPO will coordinate with state and federal partners to address applicable air quality planning requirements.

PRODUCT

The MPO will develop plans and programs to ensure that transportation activities do not worsen air quality.

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027	LEAD AGENCY	C-PCTS
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (Georgia)	\$0.00
COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT	\$0.00
TOTAL (Georgia)	\$0.00
FHWA (Alabama)	\$0.00
PHENIX CITY	\$0.00
TOTAL (Alabama)	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$0.00

TASK # 4.5

Sub-element: Bicycle – Pedestrian Planning

OBJECTIVE

Enhance and expand bicycle and pedestrian transportation options throughout the community by promoting safe, accessible, and connected multimodal infrastructure. The MPO will collaborate with local government departments, public safety agencies, schools, and community partners to implement bicycle and pedestrian safety education programs, as well as bike maintenance and repair initiatives. Annual walk and bike audits will be conducted to evaluate existing conditions and identify improvement opportunities, with active participation from residents, elected officials, governmental staff, and partnering organizations. The MPO will also lead the development and implementation of a comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan to guide future investments, improve connectivity, and support a more active and sustainable transportation network.

PREVIOUS WORK

Staff attended monthly Bicycle Columbus meetings to support and engage in local bicycling initiatives. Staff also participated in the GO Georgia Bike Summit, held October 2–4, and delivered a presentation titled “Active Transportation Planning in Columbus.”

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Promote bicycling and walking throughout the MPO communities by fostering a safe and secure environment for all modes of transportation, including bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Staff will implement Performance Management targets while advancing bicycle and pedestrian planning initiatives. Staff will also continue to collaborate with local governments and community organizations to support the development of new and improved multimodal facilities.

“The Bicycle Friendly Community program provides a roadmap to improving conditions for bicycling and guidance to help make your community's vision for a better, bike-able community a reality.” <http://bikeleague.org/community>

The MPO uses this designation and framework to advance its goals regarding multimodal transportation, travel and tourism, community engagement, and economic development.

PRODUCT

Amend and update MPO plans to incorporate bicycle and pedestrian trails, bike lanes, and other multimodal improvements, while supporting the development and implementation of the SS4A (Safe Streets for All) initiative.

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027	LEAD AGENCY	C-PCTS
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (Georgia)	\$ 16,432.17
COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT	\$ 4,108.04
TOTAL (Georgia)	\$ 20,540.21
FHWA (Alabama)	\$ 6,665.20
PHENIX CITY	\$ 1,666.30
TOTAL (Alabama)	\$ 8,331.50
TOTAL	\$ 28,871.71

TASK # 4.7

Sub-element: Geographic Information System Development

OBJECTIVE

Maintain and update future and existing land use in GIS format. Further development of GIS systems regarding the C-PCTS.

PREVIOUS WORK

Staff maintained and updated GIS datasets to support MPO planning activities, including mapping transportation project locations for the TIP and MTP. Spatial data layers were reviewed and updated, and maps were prepared for planning documents and related actions. GIS was also used to compile and visualize transportation and socio-economic data, including the preparation of maps for rezoning cases to assist with local coordination.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Under this work element, staff maintain and manage geographic information system (GIS) data to support MPO planning activities. Responsibilities include updating spatial data layers, mapping transportation project locations for the TIP and MTP, and preparing maps and exhibits for MPO documents and related actions. GIS is also used to visualize transportation and socio-economic data and to prepare maps for rezoning cases to support coordination and informed decision-making.

PRODUCT

Staff will incorporate land use changes, traffic volume maps and accident data that will affect the transportation network.

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027	LEAD AGENCY	C-PCTS
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (Georgia)	\$ 22,873.90
COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT	\$ 5,718.48
TOTAL (Georgia)	\$ 28,592.38
FHWA (Alabama)	\$ 7,248.02
PHENIX CITY	\$ 1,812.00
TOTAL (Alabama)	\$ 9,060.02
TOTAL	\$ 37,652.40

TASK # 4.11

Sub-element: Metropolitan Transportation Plan

OBJECTIVE

To update, maintain and implement the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and to ensure its full compliance with IJA requirements including performance-based planning & programming. The implementation of the MTP also includes the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which is a subset of the MTP. The long-term goals and strategies of the MTP will be consistent with the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the MPO. The MTP covers a planning horizon of 20 years.

PREVIOUS WORK

Staff continued maintenance of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to ensure consistency with federal and state requirements. Activities included processing amendments and administrative modifications, reviewing project information for accuracy and fiscal constraint, and ensuring alignment with the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and other MPO planning documents. Staff also coordinated with partner agencies and local jurisdictions to support updates and documentation associated with plan maintenance.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Staff will amend the plan as needed and required. Any recommended plan changes will be presented to the MPO committees for their approval. Staff will consider planning strategies, such as safety, security, and freight movement as well as bicycle and pedestrian planning when adding new projects. The adopted Performance Targets will be implemented in the MTP update. Performance based measures and indicators will be set to evaluate C-PCTS planning efforts for both empirical measures such as reduction in accident severity and subjective measures such as progress made towards sustainability.

PRODUCT

MTP amendments and administrative modifications, as needed. Updated plan documentation and supporting materials for MPO board actions. Maintenance of a current, fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan consistent with federal and state requirements.

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027	LEAD AGENCY	C-PCTS
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (Georgia)	\$ 33,527.60
COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT	\$ 8,381.90
TOTAL (Georgia)	\$ 41,909.50
FHWA (Alabama)	\$ 2,284.55
PHENIX CITY	\$ 571.14
TOTAL (Alabama)	\$ 2,855.69
TOTAL	\$ 44,765.19

TASK # 4.12

Sub-element: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

OBJECTIVE

To develop, maintain, and implement a fiscally constrained Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), including preparation of the 2027–2030 TIP, in accordance with federal and state requirements and in support of regional transportation priorities.

PREVIOUS WORK

Staff maintained and administered the current TIP to ensure consistency with federal and state requirements. Activities included processing amendments and administrative modifications, reviewing project information for accuracy and fiscal constraint, coordinating with GDOT and ALDOT on project updates, and ensuring consistency between the TIP and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Staff also initiated coordination and preparatory activities associated with development of the 2027–2030 TIP.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Under this work element, staff will manage and maintain the TIP. Activities include processing amendments and administrative modifications, coordinating with state DOT partners and project sponsors, and reviewing project schedules and funding information to ensure fiscal constraint. Staff will prepare materials for TCC/PCC review and approval. Development of the 2027–2030 TIP will also be completed through required coordination and documentation to reflect current funding and project priorities.

PRODUCT

Products include amendments and administrative modifications to the TIP, as needed, and development and adoption of the 2027–2030 TIP. Updated TIP documentation and supporting materials will be prepared to maintain a current, fiscally constrained program consistent with federal and state requirements.

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027	LEAD AGENCY	C-PCTS
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (Georgia)	\$ 45,682.39
COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT	\$ 11,420.59
TOTAL (Georgia)	\$ 57,102.98
FHWA (Alabama)	\$ 9,533.60
PHENIX CITY	\$ 2,383.40
TOTAL (Alabama)	\$ 11,917.00

TASK # 4.13

Sub-element: Special Transportation Studies & Projects

OBJECTIVE

To evaluate region-specific transportation challenges through focused planning studies that support federal performance management requirements and long-range planning goals.

PREVIOUS WORK

Staff supported a range of special transportation studies and projects addressing system performance and infrastructure needs. Activities included regular coordination meetings with partner agencies and consultants, preparation of administrative and procurement documentation, review of technical materials, and monitoring study progress. Initial coordination and preparatory activities were also undertaken for the Columbus Edgewood Road Corridor Study, Columbus School Traffic Impact Study, and Columbus Trails and Sidewalks Study.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Staff will provide management and oversight for special transportation studies and related planning initiatives. Responsibilities include facilitating communication among consultants and partner agencies, ensuring adherence to study scopes and schedules. Staff will review technical materials for consistency with MPO goals and support required administrative processes. These efforts ensure that study outcomes align with regional transportation priorities and inform future planning and programming decisions.

PRODUCT

Coordination and oversight of special transportation studies, including three major planning studies, will be completed. Supporting documentation, consultant-prepared deliverables, and related materials will be prepared. Findings will be incorporated into MPO planning documents and decision-making processes, as applicable.

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027	LEAD AGENCY	C-PCTS
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (Georgia)	\$ 32,243.93
COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT	\$ 8,060.99
TOTAL (Georgia)	\$ 40,304.92
FHWA (Alabama)	\$ 20,000.00
PHENIX CITY	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL (Alabama)	\$ 25,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 65,304.92

5-0 TRANSIT SERVICE PLANNING

TASK # 5.1

Sub-element: Preparation and Administration of Transit Grants

OBJECTIVE

Apply for transit planning and capital grants with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and other transit funding sources. Coordinate transportation planning activities with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), user agencies and transit stakeholders. Prepare and implement next year's UPWP, TIP, POP, and other program requirements that support transit in Columbus. Prepare special transit reports and programs that will enhance the quality of transit services in Columbus/Muscogee County service area.

PREVIOUS WORK

Prepared 5307 grant contracts with FTA and GDOT. Submitted FTA quarterly reports of activities to TrAMS. Submitted quarterly drawdowns to ECHO. Revised the Transit section of the TIP and UPWP. Participated in the Senior-Disabled Transportation Program, coordinated with the Homeless Task Force, Regional Roundtable, Georgia Department of Labor, and DFACS. Planned transit enhancement activities.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

When METRA received 49 USC Section 5307 allocations, the grant applications are prepared and submitted to FTA and GDOT for capital, planning, and operating funds. Programmed activities will be managed, reported and at year-end closed out for audits. Transit planning work element activities will be carried out as described. Prepare and maintain monthly and quarterly records of activities and expenditures of transit planning activities, community outreach, community involvement, capital procurement, transit information and transit education. Implement the UPWP and the TIP (i.e., bus replacement schedule, financial plan, capital schedule, and annual element). Address transit-planning activities for the urbanized area of Columbus, Georgia. Perform other required activities to maintain METRA's eligibility for public grants and contracts (i.e., enhancements, safety and security, energy conservation). When appropriate, apply for supplemental transit grants that support public transit needs and programs.

PRODUCT

Section 5307 financial reports on capital, planning, and operation activities. Transit sections of the TIP and UPWP. Quarterly activity reports. Area wide cooperative and collaborative transit planning activities. Coordination with the MPO, GDOT, FTA, and other community agencies with transportation interests.

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027	LEAD AGENCY	METRA
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FTA 5307	\$ 154,512.00
COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT	\$ 38,628.00
GDOT	\$ 0.00
TOTAL	\$ 193,140.00

TASK # 5.2

Sub-element: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program

OBJECTIVE

To afford Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE’s) the opportunity to participate (without regard to sex or race) in the procurement contracts financed in whole or in part with federal and state funds and ensuring nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts in the Department's highway, transit, and airport financial assistance programs in accordance with US DOT Interim Final Rule (IFR) – DBE IFR 10-03-2025 DBE IFR FAQs issued December 1, 2025.

PREVIOUS WORK

Administered FY26 DBE Program. Developed the FY26 DBE program update. Participated in the Unified DBE Program.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

METRA will monitor the FY27 DBE program to ensure that a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program has been established pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 26, as amended by the USDOT Interim Final Rule issued October 3, 2025, and the DBE IFR FAQs issued December 1, 2025, in all Federal Transit Administration (FTA)-funded contracts. We will update and advertise the DBE program as needed. We will coordinate DBE applications through GDOT as designated by the Unified DBE Program. METRA will monitor Title VI transit activities to ensure compliance with the regulations. Title VI and DBE activities will be updated, advertised for comments, and printed as needed. METRA is a member of the Unified Certification Program that is administered by Georgia Department of Transportation. The UCP will meet all the requirements of this section. METRA will use and count for DBE credit only those DBE firms certified by the Georgia UCP once the GA UCP has completed required reevaluations under the IFR.

PRODUCT

2026 DBE Program updates. Once the GA UCP has completed required reevaluations under the IFR, computation of the DBE share in the USDOT funded procurements. Monitor contracts for compliance.

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027	LEAD AGENCY	METRA
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FTA 5307	\$ 12,876.00
COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT	\$ 3,219.00
GDOT	\$ 0.00
TOTAL	\$ 16,095.00

TASK # 5.3

Sub-element: Transit Planning and Management Information System

OBJECTIVE

Maintain and update the long and short-range transit planning objectives and strategies. Maintain transit and para-transit data that may be needed. Work with the MPO and other transit-related agencies in Columbus/Muscogee County area. Maintain financial, operating, and capital data and reports. Develop and utilize report data to analyze the effectiveness of service delivery, existing and proposed routes, and to plan for future transit needs. Maintain transit demographic, survey, historical, and anecdotal data. Provide data for route adjustments as needed to improve operations. Provide transit planning information and project development support in transportation planning meetings. Encourage welfare to work and reverse commute activities. Encourage energy conservation. Encourage the use of public transit in the community. Increase public awareness of the advantages of public transit. Utilize Intelligent Transit System (ITS) and other emerging technologies to improve system efficiency.

PREVIOUS WORK

Collected fare-box information data (revenue and ridership), completed NTD Section 15 reports, Georgia Transit Fact Book reports, Long Range Transportation Plan, TIP, and other reports and special projects. Participated in community forums, information sessions, public engagement activities, community meetings, and school events. Communicated with agencies that are stakeholders in public transportation. Developed the Anti-Idling Resolution for heavy-duty vehicles and research on alternative cleaner fuels such as hybrid buses. Promoted public transit as an alternative to driving personal vehicles. Worked on alternative Transportation Plans, providing data to public forums and agencies.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Compilation of daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, and annual reports of route performance and revenue. Preparation for the next FTA Triennial Review, assist during MPO Certification, MIS reports, NTD report data, and other reports required to maintain public transit services. Coordination with the MPO report data, and other reports required to maintain the efficiency of the public transportation services. Coordination with the MPO report data, and other reports required to maintain the efficiency of the public transportation services. Coordination with the MPO on allocation, reports, project selection/prioritization. Participation in public meetings and forums. Continue dialogues with area agencies and community groups to provide information on transit routes and programs, identify deficiencies, and outline service changes as needed. Participate in the process of reviewing and rewriting the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is required by FEMA to continue to make our city eligible for federal disaster reimbursement funding as well as future funding. Bike-to-work day and other alternative transportation initiatives will be

coordinated. Support programs that encourage biking, walking, and transit use. Community wide transit information and coordination (i.e., Communities in Motion Day). Daily review of GFI information for consistency and effectiveness. Participation in the long and short-range transportation planning to secure a seamless system of transportation – inclusive of all modes of transportation. Provide Park and ride locations that benefit public transportation. Work with groups with Limited English Proficiency. Coordinated public transit and high need focus (i.e., homeless, battered abused individuals, rehabilitated offenders, and disabled military personnel in Public Partnerships. METRA will continue a comprehensive review of services to ensure transit facilities remain positive and viable. METRA supports a sustainable and clean environment through the procurement of electric buses and participation in green initiatives. Implement facets of the Transit Assessment system analysis looking at current and future transit needs funded by TSPLOST – GDOT.

PRODUCT

Transit MIS reports, Bus Route Analysis, Revenue and Rider-ship Analysis, GFI reports, NTD Monthly Safety Report, Section 15 NTD Annual Data Report, quarterly 5307 Federal Financial Report, quarterly 5307 Milestone Report.

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027	LEAD AGENCY	METRA
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FTA 5307	\$ 77,256.00
COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT	\$ 19,314.00
GDOT	\$ 0.00
TOTAL	\$ 96,570.00

(5303 Funding is shown on Page 65)

TASK # 5.4

Sub-element: Training and Transit Conferences

OBJECTIVE

To keep the staff knowledgeable and aware of the current transit technologies, information, transit activities, regulations, and the required guidelines.

PREVIOUS WORK

Staff attended professional training sessions, workshops, and conferences (i.e., NTD Section 15, Transportation Planning, DBE and PSR Workshop, Contracts and Procurement, TrAMS). METRA Staff attended the following webinars/meetings:

- FTA Drug & Alcohol Conference – March 18 -March 20, 2025
- FTA ECHO Training Session- March 25, 2025
- Genfare Fast Fare Training – March 27, 2025
- FTA OTrak Fundamentals for Recipients Training- May 1, 2025
- Columbus Risk Management's Workers Comp 101 Class -June 18, 2025
- GDOT PTASP Refresher Training- June 24, 2025
- GDOT Title VI Training- June 30, 2025
- FFR & MPR Policy Training- July 1, 2025
- Disaster Resilience Across the Chattahoochee Valley Conference July 15 - July 16, 2025
- Columbus, GA Equal Employment Opportunity Officer Training- July 29, 2025
- Policies & Procedures for Pre-Award & Post-Delivery Audits Training- September 17, 2025
- GTA/NEPTA De-Escalation in Action Training- September 25, 2025
- FTA Region IV Procurement Compliance Training- October 2, 2025
- GDOT Drug and Alcohol/Reasonable Suspicion Training- October 27-30, 2025
- FTA Cybersecurity Awareness for Transit Agencies Webinar- October 28, 2025
- FTA FACES Recertification Training for Recipient User Managers- November 13, 2025
- GDOT Introduction to Transit Management Training- November 18, 2025
- Georgia Transit Association Conference in Augusta, GA- November 19 - 21, 2025
- GDOT BlackCat New System Training- January 16, 2026
- Combatting Human Trafficking Training– January 26, 2026

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

METRA staff will attend professional transit meetings and other mandated meetings for professional development and improvement. Staff will participate in relevant transit and air quality training to keep abreast of the latest technical information. Staff will keep abreast of the newest developments in equipment, service delivery, safety and security, transit amenities,

enhancement activities, fuel-efficient vehicles, contracts, regulations, and public information, and information that enhances the ability to communicate with special needs populations (i.e., disabled customers, ESL English as Second Language persons).

PRODUCT

Study guides, handouts, pertinent workshops or training course materials, innovative work strategies, and ways to improve service delivery. Training is continuous and ongoing.

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027	LEAD AGENCY	METRA
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FTA 5307	\$ 12,876.00
COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT	\$ 3,219.00
GDOT	\$ 0.00
TOTAL	\$ 16,095.00

TASK # 5.5**Sub-element: Phenix City Transit Planning (LRCOG)****OBJECTIVE**

To apply for and administer Federal transit grants for capital and operating expenses. Administration will cover monthly and quarterly analysis and reporting of expenditures, revenues, capital procurement, to maintain eligibility for federal grants. Alternate sources of revenue will be identified. The coordination / consolidation of services in the community will be maximized with emphasis placed on developing services to meet the needs of transportation consumers. The development and maintenance of public / private partnerships will continue to provide efficient delivery of services in a cost-efficient manner.

PREVIOUS WORK

Administration of Federal Transit Grants to Provide Transit Service for Phenix City, Alabama.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Grant and reports will be completed in a timely manner with continued review of alternate funding sources. The coordination / consolidation of services will continue to be a priority. Technical assistance and marketing services will be provided to the public for increased awareness and maximum services.

PRODUCT

Financial reports of monthly expenditure on capital, operating, and planning projects.

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026	LEAD AGENCY	Phenix City, Lee/Russell Council of Governments
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
PL-FHWA/FTA	\$ 24,281.49
COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT	\$ 0.00
PHENIX CITY	\$ 6,070.37
TOTAL	\$ 30,351.86

TRANSIT SERVICE PLANNING
Georgia Section

TASK # 5.3 Transit Planning and Management Information System

Sub-element: 44.21.00: Program Support and Administration

OBJECTIVE

Coordinate transportation-planning activities with local, state, and federal entities such as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), user agencies and transit stakeholders. METRA will prepare the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), planning grants, and other program requirements that support transit in Columbus, GA. Prepare special transit reports and programs that will enhance the quality of transit services in Columbus/Muscogee County. Coordinated activities with the Department of Human Resources, for the purpose of providing public transportation to customers. Apply for transit planning grants with, Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), and other transit funding sources.

PREVIOUS WORK

METRA was in attendance and took notes at the following meetings:

- FY 2026 5303 GDOT Planning Contracts. METRA is participating in GDOT's Group TAM plan mandated by FTA.
- METRA works annually with GDOT to update the PTASP (Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan) and staff attended a virtual refresher training on June 24, 2025.
- METRA staff attended the virtual 2025 Subrecipient Workshop presented by GDOT on July 21, 2025, through July 22, 2025.
- METRA Staff attended the MPO Meetings – Policy Coordinating Committee (PCC) and Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) met on February 13, 2025, February 28, 2025, March 13, 2025, April 10, 2025, May 8, 2025, June 17, 2025, August 14, 2025, September 23, 2025, November 18, 2025, and January 20, 2026

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Develop Georgia Section of the UPWP, which was approved by the MPO committee, (Policy Coordinating Committee (PCC). Develop planning and program documents in coordination with the MPO and transit related agencies. *METRA will prepare and submit the grant applications to FTA and GDOT requesting capital and planning funds. Program activities will be managed, reported and closed out at the end of fiscal year. Transit planning work element activities will be carried out as described. Prepare and maintain monthly and quarterly records of activities and expenditures of transit planning activities, capital procurement, transit information and education. Implement the UPWP elements and the TIP (i.e., bus replacement schedule, financial plan, capital schedule, and annual element). Address transit-planning activities for the urbanized area of Columbus, Georgia. Perform other required activities to maintain METRA's eligibility for public grants and contracts. Implement supplemental transit grants that support public transit needs and

programs (i.e., TIA State Transit Program). *METRA staff will implement the performance targets for transit.

PRODUCT

FY 2026 Georgia POP, UPWP, and TIP other reports and contracts that support transit services. Coordinated transportation with other transportation providers, Night transportation funded by TSPLOST grant.

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027	LEAD AGENCY	METRA Transit System Columbus, Georgia
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FTA 5303	\$ 97,793.00
STATE 5303 MATCH	\$ 12,224.00
LOCAL	\$ 12,224.00
TOTAL	\$ 122,241.00

TASK # 5.3 Transit Planning and Management Information System

Sub-element: 44.24.00: Short Range Transportation Planning

OBJECTIVE

Transit planning activities and reports that relate to the direct implementation of transit efficiency. This may include but is not limited to adjusting routes, enhancing current service, meeting with community groups, public forums and other activities that impact service delivery within 0-3 years. To conduct local surveys, provide revenue and ridership reports, and other required data reports to be used by management, maintenance, and operations of transit services.

PREVIOUS WORK

Collected and analyzed customer and public transit survey. Responded to transit comments and information request. Attended Citywide meetings with citizen groups to discuss transit needs and other public services. Met with students to provide public transit education. Prepared the FY 2022 National Transportation Data Section 15 Report GTA information, and ridership surveys. Communities in Motion Day Surveys, Daily General Farebox Information (GFI) Reports, Limited English Proficiency (LEP) implementation, Wounded Warrior, Homeless Task Force program, Career Days at area schools, and Hispanic Outreach, Mayor's Commission for Unity, Prosperity and Diversity, Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities and Youth Advisory Council. METRA will be providing shuttle services to extend from METRA Transfer Center to the new VA Hospital on Mobley Road to provide service for VA Veteran's. Services began in the summer of 2022. METRA has an Adopt-A-Stop Sign program that allows citizens to adopt a stop to maintain the beautification of the bus stop. METRA partners with the community to allow non-profit organizations to be involved in keeping the bus areas cleaned via a signed agreement.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Garner information from citizens, agencies, and internal data from General Farebox Information (GFI), for the purpose of ensuring that transit services remain viable and short-term changes are developed for review, approval, and upgrading as trends are available. METRA will develop local surveys, revenue reports, ridership reports and other data provided by Operations to include Customer Surveys, GFI Revenue and Ridership Reports.

PRODUCT

Meetings with public groups, schools, public agencies, with special interest group (e.g., Hispanic Outreach, Mayor's Commission for Unity, Mayor's Commission for Prosperity and Diversity (MCUPD), Commission for Persons with Disabilities, and senior citizen's homes. General Farebox Information (GFI) revenue, ridership, National Transportation Data Section 15 reports, special projects, and Transit Assessment Final Reports. METRA staff will participate 54 in

Community forums, information sessions, public speaking, and interactions with agencies that are stakeholders in public transit. METRA is a voting member of the MPO, Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), Policy Coordinating Committee (PCC) and a non-voting member of the Citizen Advisory Committee.

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027	LEAD AGENCY	METRA Transit System Columbus, Georgia
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FTA 5303	\$ 40,006.00
STATE 5303 MATCH	\$ 5,001.00
LOCAL	\$ 5,001.00
TOTAL	\$ 50,008.00

TASK # 5.3 Transit Planning and Management Information System

**Sub-element: 44.25.00: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Georgia Transit Section**

OBJECTIVE

Develop the TIP data and report based on allocation, local matching funds, state matching funds, and local requirements. The TIP is a prioritized listing/program of transportation projects covering a period of four years that is developed and formally adopted by the MPO as part of the metropolitan transportation planning process, consistent with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and required for projects to be eligible for funding under Title 23 of the U.S. Code and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53.

PREVIOUS WORK

FY 2025 Georgia Section of the TIP and Financial Plan.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Submit the Georgia Transit section of the TIP and the Financial Plan to the full MPO for approval. METRA will collect data to show our bus route changes as necessary. Documents will be amended by the MPO committee.

PRODUCT

FY2025 TIP, Financial Plan, and all supporting documentation.

TARGET START AND END DATES	Develop the Georgia Section of the FY 2026 TIP.	LEAD AGENCY	METRA Transit System Columbus, Georgia
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FTA 5303	\$10,372.00
STATE 5303 MATCH	\$1,296.00
LOCAL	\$1,297.00
TOTAL	\$12,965.00

EXHIBIT 4

SECTION 5303 BUDGET INFORMATION

Technical Classifications*

UPWP Task #	Activity Line Item (ALI) Code	Description	Estimated Project Cost
5.3	44.21.00	Program Support and Administration	\$122,241.00
5.3	44.24.00	Short Range Transportation Planning	\$50,008.00
5.3	44.25.00	Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Georgia Transit Section	\$12,965.00
		Total Project Cost (100%)	\$185,214.00

FUND ALLOCATIONS

Federal Share (80%)	\$148,171.00
MPO Share (10%)	\$18,522.00
State Share (10%)	\$18,521.00
Total Project Cost (100%)	\$185,214.00

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Y410

SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION

COMPLETE STREETS

TASK - SAFE & ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS (Y410)

Sub-element:

OBJECTIVE

Increase safe and accessible options for multiple travel modes for people of all ages and abilities.

PREVIOUS WORK

No previous work.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Incorporate standards or policies that ensure the safe and adequate accommodation of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, children, older individuals, individuals with disabilities, motorists, and freight vehicles.

PRODUCT

Complete Streets standards and policies.

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 1, 2026 – June 20, 2027	LEAD AGENCY	C-PCTS
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (GA)	\$ 8,782.12
FHWA (AL)	\$ 3,629.63
STATE	\$ 0.00
LOCAL	\$ 0.00
TOTAL	\$ 12,411.75

FY 2025 CARRYOVER FUNDS

TASK – FUTURE PLANNING STUDIES (CARRYOVER)

Sub-elements: ADA Transition Plans and Safety

OBJECTIVE

To show carryover funding from previous years that has not been allocated to a specific task or project.

PREVIOUS WORK

No previous work.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This task reserves prior-year PL carryover funding that may be used for operations and planning studies that are transportation related (20% match from sponsor required).

PRODUCT

None.

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 1, 2026 – June 20, 2027	LEAD AGENCY	C-PCTS
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (GA)	\$ 0.00
FHWA (AL)	\$ 163,065.00
STATE	\$ 0.00
LOCAL	\$ 40,766.25
TOTAL	\$ 203,831.25

FY 2027 SOURCE OF FUNDS

FISCAL YEAR DRAFT 2027 SOURCE OF FUNDS

March 3, 2026

*The FHWA PL and FTA Planning funds have been consolidated into PL category for Alabama

WORK ELEMENTS	GEORGIA											ALABAMA				GRAND TOTAL
	SPR (GADOT)		PL (MPO)			SEC 5303 (METRA)			SEC 5307 (METRA)			SPR (ALDOT)		*PL (MPO)		
	FHWA	GADOT MATCH	FHWA	GADOT MATCH	COL. MATCH	FTA	FHWA/GDOT MATCH	COL. MATCH	FTA	GADOT MATCH	COL. MATCH	FHWA	ALDOT MATCH	FHWA	P.C. MATCH	
ADMINISTRATION																
1.2 Operations and Administration	0.00	0.00	101,763.65	0.00	25,440.91							0.00	0.00	46,487.25	11,621.81	185,313.62
1.3 Training and Employee Education	0.00	0.00	12,451.20	0.00	3,112.80							0.00	0.00	3,055.00	763.75	19,382.75
1.6 Unified Planning Work Program	0.00	0.00	10,851.20	0.00	2,712.80							0.00	0.00	5,067.55	1,266.89	19,898.44
1.7 Quarterly and Annual Reports	0.00	0.00	6,507.50	0.00	1,626.88							0.00	0.00	1,527.00	381.75	10,043.13
Subtotal	0.00	0.00	131,573.55	0.00	32,893.39							0.00	0.00	56,136.80	14,034.20	234,637.94
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT																
2.1 Community Outreach/Education	0.00	0.00	5,836.49	0.00	1,459.12							0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,295.61
2.2 Title VI	0.00	0.00	3,036.48	0.00	759.12							0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,795.60
2.3 Public Involvement Plan	0.00	0.00	9,116.16	0.00	2,279.04							0.00	0.00	1,150.00	287.50	12,832.70
Subtotal	0.00	0.00	17,989.13	0.00	4,497.28							0.00	0.00	1,150.00	287.50	23,923.91
DATA COLLECTION																
3.1 Socio-Economic Data	0.00	0.00	3,036.48	0.00	759.12							0.00	0.00	1,550.00	387.50	5,733.10
3.4 Trans. Analysis, Models & Surveys	0.00	0.00	21,614.70	0.00	5,403.67							0.00	0.00	3,055.20	763.80	30,837.37
Subtotal	0.00	0.00	24,651.18	0.00	6,162.79							0.00	0.00	4,605.20	1,151.30	36,570.47
SYSTEM PLANNING																
4.1 Congestion Management	0.00	0.00	17,528.96	0.00	4,382.24							0.00	0.00	1,528.00	382.00	23,821.20
4.2 Air Quality Technical Studies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4.5 Bicycle - Pedestrian Planning	0.00	0.00	16,432.17	0.00	4,108.04							0.00	0.00	6,665.20	1,666.30	28,871.71
4.7 GIS Development	0.00	0.00	22,873.90	0.00	5,718.48							0.00	0.00	7,248.02	1,812.00	37,652.40
4.11 Metropolitan Transportation Plan	0.00	0.00	33,527.60	0.00	8,381.90							0.00	0.00	2,284.55	571.14	44,765.19
4.12 Trans. Improvement Program	0.00	0.00	45,682.39	0.00	11,420.59							0.00	0.00	9,533.60	2,383.40	69,019.98
4.13 Special Trans. Studies & Projects	0.00	0.00	32,243.93	0.00	8,060.99							0.00	0.00	20,000.00	5,000.00	65,304.92
Subtotal	0.00	0.00	168,288.95	0.00	42,072.24							0.00	0.00	47,259.37	11,814.84	269,435.40
TRANSIT SERVICE PLANNING																
5.1 Prepare & Administer Grants									154,512.00	0.00	38,628.00					193,140.00
5.2 DBE									12,876.00	0.00	3,219.00					16,095.00
5.3 Transit MIS						0.00	165,801.00	18,424.00	77,256.00	0.00	19,314.00					280,795.00
5.4 Training & Conferences									12,876.00	0.00	3,219.00					16,095.00
5.5 Phenix City Transit Planning														32,404.00	8,101.00	40,505.00
Subtotal			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	165,801.00	18,424.00	257,520.00	0.00	64,380.00			32,404.00	8,101.00	546,630.00
GRAND TOTAL	0.00	0.00	342,502.81	0.00	85,625.70	0.00	165,801.00	18,424.00	257,520.00	0.00	64,380.00	0.00	0.00	145,185.00	35,388.84	1,111,197.72
Y410 - Safe & Accessible Transportation - Complete Streets	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,782.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,629.63	\$0.00	\$12,411.75
Future Planning Activities (FY 25 AL Carryover)														163,065.00	40,766.25	203,831.25

The MPO does not utilize indirect costs in the quarterly reimbursement process.

**FISCAL YEAR DRAFT 2027 SOURCE OF FUNDS
METRA**

WORK ELEMENTS	GEORGIA								GRAND TOTAL
	SEC 5303 (METRA)			SEC 5307 (METRA)					
	FTA	GDOT MATCH	COL. MATCH	FTA	GDOT MATCH	COL. MATCH	COL. MATCH		
TRANSIT SERVICE PLANNING									
5.1 Prepare & Administer Grants				154,512.00	0.00	38,628.00			193,140.00
5.2 DBE				12,876.00	0.00	3,219.00			16,095.00
5.3 Transit TP & MIS	0.00	166,692.00	18,522.00	77,256.00	0.00	19,314.00			96,570.00
5.4 Training & Conferences				12,876.00	0.00	3,219.00			16,095.00
Subtotal	0.00	166,692.00	18,522.00	257,520.00	0.00	64,380.00	0.00	0.00	507,114.00
GRAND TOTAL	0.00	166,692.00	18,522.00	257,520.00	0.00	64,380.00	0.00	0.00	507,114.00

ALABAMA PLANNING STUDIES

SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION
ALDOT	Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan https://www.dot.state.al.us/programs/BicyclePlan.html
ALDOT	Statewide Freight Plan https://www.dot.state.al.us/programs/pdf/FreightPlanning/FinalALDOTStatewideFreightPlan.pdf
ALDOT	Statewide Transportation Plan https://www.dot.state.al.us/programs/StatewideTransportationPlan.html

APPENDIX

MPO COMMITTEE BYLAWS

COLUMBUS-PHENIX CITY TRANSPORTATION STUDY

POLICY COMMITTEE

By-Laws

(Last Amended: August 2020)

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the organization shall be the Policy Committee for the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study.

ARTICLE II

Composition

The Policy Committee shall be composed of officials of participating government jurisdictions. Membership shall be determined by organization position with the following positions being members:

Voting Members

Mayor - Columbus, Georgia - Committee Chair
Mayor - Phenix City, Alabama - Committee Vice-Chair
Mayor – Smiths Station, Alabama
Chairman of County Commission - Russell County, Alabama
Chairman of County Commission - Lee County, Alabama
Commissioner - Georgia Department of Transportation
Representative - District 3, Georgia State Transportation Board
Southeast Region Engineer - Alabama Department of Transportation
Project Director - Columbus, Phenix City Transportation Study
Chairman – Citizen’s Advisory Committee
Chairman of County Commission – Chattahoochee County, Georgia
Transit Manager – METRA - Columbus, Georgia
Transit Manager – PEX – Phenix City, Alabama

Advisory Members (Non-Voting)

Division Administrator - Federal Highway Administration, Alabama
Division Administrator - Federal Highway Administration, Georgia
Intermodal Planning Engineer - Federal Highway Administration, Georgia
Branch Chief, Office of Planning - Georgia Department of Transportation
District III Engineer - Georgia Department of Transportation
Assistant Bureau Chief Metropolitan Planning & Transit - Alabama Department of Transportation
Commanding General - Fort Benning, Georgia
Others as determined by the Chairman

ARTICLE III

Duties

The Policy Committee is the body responsible for review and approval of the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study and all aspects including goals, objectives, plans, and programs developed by the Study.

The Policy Committee has the responsibility for ensuring that the Study is kept up to date, that timely reports are made to inform the public of progress of the Study, that a complete multi modal work program is developed for all aspects of the Study and that the respective agencies, jurisdictions, or commissions are kept informed of Study progress.

The Policy Committee shall serve as a liaison representative between governmental units in the study area to obtain optimum cooperation of all governmental units in providing information and in implementing various elements of the plan.

The Policy Committee shall have the authority to determine and alter from time to time the membership of the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC).

The Policy Committee shall have the authority to determine and alter from time to time the membership of the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) with the intended purpose of providing a broad cross-section of citizen participation.

ARTICLE IV

Organization

The Policy Committee shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson from among its voting members. Such an election shall be by a majority of that voting membership.

Elections shall take place at the first meeting of the calendar year providing there is a majority of the voting members present.

An officer may succeed himself with no limitation of number of terms, except that such term will not continue in the event an officer becomes ineligible for membership on the Policy Committee.

The term of office shall be one year, from January to January or until such time new officers are elected.

The chairperson or vice chairperson may be removed from office by a vote of the majority of all voting members of the Policy Committee.

ARTICLE V

Duties of the Chairperson

The chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Policy Committee.

The chairperson shall authenticate by signature all resolutions adopted by the Policy Committee.

The chairperson shall serve as chief policy advocate for the Committee.

The chairperson shall represent the Committee as hearings, conferences, and other events as required or designate another member of the Committee and/or the Project Director to serve in his place.

ARTICLE VI

Project Director

The Project Director shall be appointed by the Policy Committee but shall be the chief executive of the primary agency responsible for the planning activities of the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study.

The Project Director shall serve as Secretary of the Policy Committee and chairperson of the

Technical Coordinating Committee and shall coordinate all activities of the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

The Policy Committee shall meet monthly on the third (3rd) Tuesday unless otherwise specified.

The Policy Committee shall meet at least twice each year or as development dictates for the purpose of reviewing the plan and actions which may materially affect the plan and its implementation.

For business to be transacted there must be a recognized quorum of voting members or their alternates and such a quorum consists of a majority.

At the discretion of MPO Staff or the Chairperson, conference calls or virtual meetings will be permitted and available.

All voting members shall designate alternatives, who shall in the event of a member's absence, serve in the member's place.

ARTICLE VIII

Rules of Order

The Policy Committee shall conduct business as prescribed in Robert's Rules of Order Revised in all areas unless prescribed otherwise by these by-laws.

The Parliamentarian shall be the Secretary of the Policy Committee.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments to By-Laws

These By-Laws may be amended by an affirmative vote of a simple majority of full voting membership of the committee. A By-Law change shall be presented for consideration at a regular meeting of the Committee; however, voting shall be deferred until the regular meeting following the meeting at which the By-Laws change was proposed.

COLUMBUS-PHENIX CITY TRANSPORTATION STUDY

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

By-laws

(Last Amended, May 2022)

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the Technical Coordinating Committee of the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study.

ARTICLE II

Composition

The Technical Coordinating Committee shall be composed of key staff members participating in governmental jurisdiction or a designated alternate of these members. Membership shall be based upon the organizational position held, with the following people being members:

Voting Members

Columbus, Georgia

Director - Department of Planning - Committee Chair

Chief - Transportation Planning Division - Committee Vice Chair

Deputy City Manager

Chief - Traffic Engineering Division - Department of Engineering

Highway Coordinator - Department of Planning

Director - Department of Transportation (METRA)

Airport Manager

Executive Director – River Valley Regional Commission

Fort Benning, Georgia

Civil Engineer

Georgia Department of Transportation

Urban Transportation Planner, Office of Planning

District III Preconstruction Engineer

Phenix City, Alabama
City Manager

Phenix City, Alabama
City Engineer

Russell County, Alabama
County Engineer

Lee County, Alabama
County Engineer

Alabama Department of Transportation
Assistant Bureau Chief Metropolitan Planning & Transit
Preconstruction Engineer, Southeast Region

Chattahoochee County Commission

Smiths Station, Alabama
City Engineer

Advisory Members (Non-Voting)

Representative - District III, State Transportation Board, Georgia
Chairman - Columbus Airport Commission - Columbus, Georgia
Planning and Research Engineer - FHWA, Alabama Division
Urban Planning Engineer - FHWA, Georgia Division
Georgia Department of Transportation - Multi-modal Planner
Georgia Department of Transportation - District III Scheduling Engineer
Chairman – Citizen’s Advisory Committee
Inter-modal Planning Engineer - FHWA, Georgia Division
District 6 Engineer
Resident Engineer - Georgia Department of Transportation
Others as determined by the Chairman
Lee-Russell Council of Governments
County Planner - Hamilton, Georgia
Cooperative Extension Service - Columbus, Georgia

ARTICLE III

Duties

The Technical Coordinating Committee shall prepare the Unified Planning Work Program, review all studies related to transportation with the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study area, and make recommendations to the Policy Committee and other agencies upon the work program and studies.

The Technical Coordinating Committee shall maintain inventories of current data used as input to the planning process.

The Technical Coordinating Committee shall review the status of several activities necessary to keep the study current and those activities necessary to update the study plan with timely reports made to the Policy Committee regarding such reviews.

The Technical Coordinating Committee shall make its reviews based on technical sufficiency, accuracy, and completeness of such studies, plans and programs.

The Technical Coordinating Committee shall prepare for consideration by Policy Committee, an Annual Report that demonstrates to the general citizenry the status of transportation in the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study area.

The Technical Coordinating Committee and participating agencies shall adopt and follow a specific work program and schedule of activities. If any agency identifies a need to deviate from the adopted work program or initiate any special studies that have any bearing on the present or proposed transportation system, it will be the responsibility of the respective Technical Coordinating Committee members to bring this to the attention of the full Technical Coordinating Committee for consideration, action, and/or information.

ARTICLE IV

Organization

The Director, Department of Planning, of which the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study comes under, shall be the chairperson of the Technical Coordinating Committee.

The Chief, Transportation Planning Division of the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study shall be the vice chairperson of the Technical Coordinating Committee.

The Chairperson shall appoint members to subcommittees, subject to Technical Coordinating Committee approval.

The Transportation Planning Division staff of the Department of Planning shall be the coordinating staff for the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study and the Technical Coordinating Committee

ARTICLE V

Duties of the Chairperson

The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Technical Coordinating Committee.

The Chairperson shall authenticate by his signature, the minutes and resolutions adopted by the Technical Coordinating Committee.

The Chairperson, as required, shall represent the Technical Coordinating Committee at hearings, conferences, and other events or designate another member of the committee to serve in his place.

During the absence or disability of the Chairperson, or in the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson shall preside over meetings of the committee and shall exercise all the duties of the Chairperson.

The Chairperson shall prepare the meeting agenda and distribute it to the Technical Coordinating Committee members no later than (1) week prior to any scheduled meeting. Members desiring an item to be included on a meeting agenda shall notify the chairperson no later than two (2) weeks prior to the meeting.

The Chairperson, as the Project Director of the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study and Director of the Columbus, Georgia Department of Planning, shall maintain necessary staff in the Department of Engineering to continually execute the planning responsibilities required to keep the study up to date.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

The regular meeting date of the Technical Coordinating Committee shall be on Thursday of the second full week of the month, unless otherwise specified.

At the discretion of MPO Staff or the Chairperson, conference calls or virtual meetings will be permitted and available.

For business to be transacted, there must be at least six (6) voting members. A quorum for voting purposes exists when a simple majority is present.

In the event a regular voting question is brought up during a committee meeting and a quorum is not present, a vote will be taken (recording those voting for and against the question). At the next regular scheduled meeting, a vote will be taken whether approving or disapproving the minutes of the previous meeting (the minutes being sent to all members prior to the meeting) making the vote official. If the minutes are disapproved based on the decision voted on at the previous meeting, discussion of the question will be re-opened and voted on again.

If a quorum is not present again at the next regularly scheduled committee meeting, proxy cards will be sent to those who were not in attendance when the question was originally voted on to obtain their vote which will be entered in the minutes of the original meeting.

In the event an important question is known prior to a meeting and must be decided at that committee meeting, proxy cards will be mailed in advance of the meeting in order for those who cannot be present to send in their vote prior to the meeting. This method will be used only in extreme cases.

In the event an important question is brought up for the first time during a committee meeting when a quorum is not present, and a decision is needed immediately, the Chairperson will determine if proxy cards should be sent immediately following the meeting (as opposed to the procedure in paragraphs A and B) to those who were not in attendance to obtain their vote which will be entered in the minutes of the next meeting.

Membership on the Technical Coordinating Committee is by virtue of the expertise concurrent with the position held and as such, attendance is of the utmost importance. Therefore, the Chairperson to the Policy Committee for review and direction shall report more than three (3) un-excused absences of regular scheduled meetings by a member or his designated alternate during a calendar year.

ARTICLE VII

Rules of Order

The Technical Coordinating Committee shall conduct business as prescribed in Robert's Rules of Order Revised in all areas of parliamentary procedure unless prescribed otherwise by these by-laws.

The Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the Chairperson with the Technical Coordinating Committee approval.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments to By-Laws

These by-laws may be amended by an affirmative vote of a simple majority of full voting membership of the committee. A by-law change shall be presented for consideration at a regular scheduled meeting of the committee; however, voting shall be deferred until the regular schedule meeting following the meeting at which the by-laws change was propose

COLUMBUS-PHENIX CITY TRANSPORTATION STUDY

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MPO STAFF IS RESTRUCTURING THE CAC COMMITTEE AND NEW BY-LAWS WILL BE PUT IN PLACE ONCE A NEW COMMITTEE IS FORMED.

**COLUMBUS-PHENIX CITY TRANSPORTATION STUDY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEMORANDUM
OF UNDERSTANDING**