



June 5, 2026

Georgia Department of Transportation
MPO Coordinator
Tiona Staples – Assistant State Financial Mgmt. Adm.
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Atlanta, Georgia 30308

RE: Unified Planning Work Program FY 2027

Dear Ms. Staples:

In response to a request from the Planning Department of the Georgia Department of Transportation, we have approved and made the following amendments to our Columbus-Phenix City MPO FY 2027 (PCC Approved) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study MPO is amending the FY 2027 UPWP to:


-Remove language that does not align with the current Executive Orders from Task 2.2 Title VI

-Revise Task 1.3 Training and Employee Education and Task 2.1 Community Outreach and Education of the FY 2027 UPWP to clarify the relationship of identified activities to MPO responsibilities and the transportation planning process; and

The requested change falls under the “administrative modification” guidelines in the STIP/TIP amendment process and does not require a public comment period or re-adoption of the document. The amended 2024-2025 TIP will be made available on our website at www.columbusga.org/planning.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Will Johnson
Planning Director/C-PCTS MPO

TASK # 1.3

Sub-element: Training and Employee Education

EXISTING PREVIOUS WORK

Staff attended the following webinars / workshops:

- Local Administered Project (LAP) Training – July 15-16, 2025
- Walkable City 1: The Useful Walk – August 14, 2025
- Walkable City 2: The Useful Walk – August 14, 2025
- Walkable City 3: The Useful Walk – September 4, 2025
- What is Traffic Congestion – September 6, 2025
- Reinventing Malls: Planning Alchemy – Turning Gray Fields into Gold – September 15, 2025
- AMPO – September 16-18, 2025
- GAMPO – September 24-25, 2025
- Plan Development Process (PDP) Training – September 30- Oct 1, 2025
- Georgia Bike Summit – October 2-3, 2025
- Engineering and Design Procurement Training – December 9-10, 2025

REVISED 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.

TASK # 2.1

Sub-element: Community Outreach and Education

EXISTING PREVIOUS WORK

Staff attended the following community events:

Disaster Resilience Conference (Columbus) - July 15-16, 2025

Columbus Academy for Lifelong Learning - October 30, 2025

Public Involvement Outreach for P.I. 0019527 Fluellen Rec Center - December 4, 2025
2030 Regional Strategy Launch - January 21, 2026

2026 GA Economic Outlook Luncheon - January 27, 2026

2026 State of the City Luncheon - February 17, 2026

2026 Leadership Columbus - February 17, 2026

REVISED 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