

Citizens Advisory Committee

Thursday, January 30, 2025, 4:00 PM

**Finance Training Room, 4th Floor, Hall County Government Center
2875 Browns Bridge Road, Gainesville, GA 30504**

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12. Public Comment

13. Upcoming Meeting Date: April 24, 2025

14. Adjourn

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**HR Training Room, 2nd Floor, Hall County Government Center
Draft Minutes of December 5, 2024 Meeting**

Voting Members Present:

Renee Gerrell, Hall County – *Chair*
Patrick O’Rourke, Hall County – *Vice-Chair*
Berlinda Lipscomb, City of Gainesville
Beverly Nordholz, City of Gainesville
Sammy Smith, City of Gainesville
Tony Millwood, City of Oakwood
Pat Jones, City of Oakwood
John Rudio, City of Flowery Branch
Rick Marzano, City of Flowery Branch
Billy Edwards, Town of Braselton
Adrienne Rice, Hall County
Brent Hoffman, Hall County
Jesse Patton, Hall County

Voting Members Absent:

Jason Cox, City of Gainesville
Kim Jackson, Hall County
Jim Southard, Jackson County
Bob Norton, Hall County
Nick Haynes, Hall County

Others Present:

Steve Cote, RS&H
Joseph Boyd, GHMPO
Michael Haire, GHMPO

1. Welcome – Renee Gerrell, Chair

Ms. Gerrell opened the meeting at 4:00 PM.

2. Approval of July 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a motion to approve of the July 25, 2024 meeting minutes, with a second from Mr. Millwood, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. Recommend Approval of the Draft 2025 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Fiscally Constrained Project List

Mr. Cote provided a presentation on the 2025 MTP development process, recapping the developments so far and discussing the results of the public engagement process, and gave an overview of how the draft MTP Fiscally Constrained Projected List is organized.

Mr. Haire gave an overview of all projects included in the Fiscally Constrained Project List, engaging with Committee members when clarification or additional information were needed. Mr. Haire then discussed next steps, including the public comment period, which will run from April 2, 2025 through May 2, 2025, and the final approval of the plan by the Policy Committee on May 6, 2025.

Mr. Millwood asked if the first phase of the US 129/Cleveland Highway widening (GH-020A) was going to straighten out the curve as the road approaches Nopone Road, to which MPO staff said that while they haven't seen the engineering for the project, it is likely that they would take the opportunity to straighten that curve out during the widening.

Ms. Rice asked about the possibility of limiting trucks on SR 369/Browns Bridge Road, to which staff replied that because this road is a State Route, local governments cannot limit freight access.

Mr. Millwood asked whether intersections will be affected or speed limits will be adjusted when the operational improvements on Browns Bridge Road are made (GH-100), to which staff responded that both of those will likely need to be a part of the project, but that will be left up to GDOT.

Mr. Smith asked if the bridge replacement at Flat Creek on SR 283 (GH-141) will have a planned detour while the bridge is being reconstructed, to which MPO staff said they would need to check with GDOT regarding the engineering for that project.

The committee discussed the widening of State Route 365 up to Lula (GH-150), including the corridor transitioning to limited access, and the possibility of it becoming an extended portion of I-985. Mr. Boyd stressed that once design for the project is complete, the remaining phases may receive funding and move out of the unfunded, long-range project band. The committee briefly discussed impact fees.

Mr. Hoffman asked about the Bike/Ped label on the project sheets – specifically regarding the widening of State Route 60/Thompson Bridge Road (GH-038), which has completed pre-engineering but does not have a specific bike/ped element described. GHMPO staff stated they would check on that project and try to get an update on the bike/ped design elements but often times those details are not known until the project is under design.

Ms. Rice asked about if impacts are projected for new developments, to which MPO staff discussed how jurisdictions use traffic impact studies to justify asking developers to make improvements to existing road infrastructure.

Mr. Rudio asked about extending Skelton Road to connect to McEver Road, to which Mr. Boyd responded that that will likely not happen, but Hall County is interested in extending Memorial Park Drive to State Route 53/McEver Road.

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a motion to recommend approval of the Draft 2025 MTP Fiscally Constrained Project List, which received a second from Mr. Millwood, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. Recommend Approval of the 2025 Safety Performance Measures (PM 1)

Mr. Boyd briefly discussed the 2025 Safety Performance Measures, which are set by GDOT and then adopted by MPOs statewide. These performance measures set goals for the number of fatalities, number of serious injuries, fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, serious injury rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, and the total number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries, all operating on a 5-year moving average (2021-2025). Once adopted by the Policy Committee, these performance measures will be inserted into the FY 24-27 Transportation Improvement Program and the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a motion to recommend approval of the draft 2025 Safety Performance Measures (PM 1), which received a second from Ms. Jones, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. Recommend Approval of Draft Amendment #4 to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Haire introduced Draft Amendment #4 to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which contains all projects receiving funding between the fiscal years of 2024-2027. The updates being made to the Transportation Improvement Program with Amendment #4 are below:

- New Project: GH-023B / PI 0015280: Spout Springs Road Widening Phase II
 - Right-of-Way (ROW) funding added for FY 2027 in the amount of \$20,243,000.00.
- New Project Phase: GH-147 / PI 0016089: State Route 211 Widening – Phase II
 - Construction (CST) funding added for FY 2026 in the amount of \$284,140.29.
- New Project Phase: GH-148 / PI 0020370: NEVI – Charging Stations. Four EV charging stations to be added along I-985 corridor, location TBD.
 - Construction (CST) funding added for FY 2025 in the amount of \$30,000.00.
- New Project: GH-150 / PI 0020731: State Route 365 Widening from I-985 to Belton Bridge Road in Lula
 - Pre-Engineering (PE) funding added for FY 2026 in the amount of \$10,000,000.00.
- New Project: GH-151 / PI 0020735: Widening of State Route 53 from State Route 124 to New Cut Road
 - Pre-Engineering (PE) funding added for FY 2026 in the amount of \$1,500,000.00
- Updated procedures for Administrative Modifications and Amendments on Page 7.
- Updated System Performance Report added to Appendix H.

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a motion to recommend approval of Draft Amendment #4 to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which received a second from Mr. O'Rourke, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

6. Recommend Approval of the Draft Carbon Reduction Project List for FY 2024 - 2027

Mr. Boyd led a discussion on the Draft Carbon Reduction Project List for FY 2024-2027, which has been developed in collaboration with local planning partners. This draft list provides several projects for which local agencies would like to utilize funds from GHMPO's allocation of Carbon Reduction Program funding. The project list is listed below:

- Jackson County: EV Charging Stations in Braselton/Hoschton
- Oakwood: EV Charging in new Downtown/INK
- Hall County: EV Charging at Exit 16 Park & Ride
- Gainesville: Replace Lighting (location TBD) or EV charging at Poultry Park
- Hoschton: Replace lighting along SR 53 and/or Low/Zero Emission Trolley or Bus
- Braselton: EV Charging near Town Green
- Flowery Branch: EV Charging along Downtown Parking Spots

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a motion to recommend approval of Draft Carbon Reduction Project List for FY 2024-2027, which received a second from Ms. Jones, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. First Review of Draft FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Haire discussed the first draft of the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program, which is the annual operating budget for the MPO, funding all planning activities and any additional studies GHMPO would like to do. This draft of the FY 2026 UPWP contains finalize funding amounts for FHWA's PL grant and FTA's Section 5303 grant. Additionally, a new Work Element (4.6 – Air Quality) has been created to describe the work that GHMPO does with Atlanta Regional Commission regarding air quality conformity. Lastly, Mr. Haire discussed the potential studies listed within the UPWP that GHMPO and local jurisdictions could choose to pursue in FY 2026 – namely, the Oakwood-Flowery Branch Connection Trail Study, which GHMPO could do utilizing the base PL grant, and the State Route 13 (Oakwood) Corridor Study, which would require applying for additional PL funds. The FY 2026 UPWP will be a voting item at the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting in January.

8. Other

GHMPO staff provided updates on various ongoing projects.

Mr. Haire discussed the State Route 13 / Atlanta Highway Corridor Study. The study team held the first public open house for the project on November 12, and are currently in the process of developing the list of potential improvements. GHMPO staff are hoping to hold a large public meeting for the State Route 13 Study, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan, and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan in February.

Mr. Boyd discussed the Hoschton Transportation Plan, which will begin in 2025 and will create a master transportation plan for the city of Hoschton and their transportation network.

Mr. Boyd discussed the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan, which is still on track to be adopted by May 13, 2025.

9. TCC Agency Reports

Mr. Boyd briefly discussed some of the notable project updates from the TCC Agency Report.

10. Public Comments

Several Committee members asked for the following comments to be placed in the minutes:

Ms. Gerrell mentioned that she's seen discussion of a road washout near Tumbling Creek, but that she wasn't sure of the exact location. MPO staff said they would reach out and try to investigate.

Ms. Gerrell also mentioned that moving southbound on US Route 129, a yield sign has been removed, causing an increase in accidents turning right off the corridor. MPO staff said they would investigate the issue.

Mr. Smith asked if Hall County was going to do an in-depth analysis of the TSPLOST referendum results in order to determine what could have been done differently. MPO staff said they would reach out to Hall County and the Chamber of Commerce to see if any data or information on the results had been released yet.

Mr. Rudio asked if, in the absence of TSPLOST funding, the City of Flowery Branch could look at installing a traffic light at Blackjack Road and Hog Mountain Road in order to make some improvements there while waiting on funding for a more expansive widening. Staff responded that they would reach out to Flowery Branch and Hall County to discuss.

Ms. Lipscomb asked about potholes along EE Butler/US 129 near the intersection of Ridge Road in Gainesville. Mr. Boyd responded that GDOT had taken a look but didn't see anything major, but he would provide her with their contact information so they could discuss it further.

Ms. Lipscomb also raised concerns about the Railroad regularly blocking the at-grade crossing on Athens Street in Gainesville and how disruptive that was to the surrounding community. Mr. Boyd responded that while local agencies cannot control the workings of the Railroad, in recent years a new signal was installed in Flowery Branch that was supposed to aid in this issue. He continued that he would reach out to Flowery Branch to obtain more information on that and also pass this concern along to the City of Gainesville.

11. Upcoming Meeting Date: January 30, 2025

Ms. Gerrell reminded the committee of their next meeting on January 30, 2025.

12. Adjourn

There being no other items of business, the meeting adjourned.

Renee Gerrell, Chair

Michael Haire, GHMPO

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MEMORANDUM

To: Citizens Advisory Committee Members

From: Michael Haire, GHMPO

Date: January 23, 2025

Re: Recommend Approval of the Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Fiscally Constrained List

GHMPO, with consultant RS&H, has been working to develop a 2025 update to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The purpose of this plan is to outline the region's planning priorities over a 30-year horizon, planning for a future year of 2055. Using data from a variety of federal and local sources, the project team projected future congestion and safety conditions within the GHMPO planning boundary, and have developed a prioritized, fiscally constrained project list that seeks to address major transportation issues across the region.

This draft project list includes all projects shown in the Transportation Improvement Program, as well as new projects identified during the needs assessment. Additionally, an "unfunded" table is included for projects that were identified but were rated lower after evaluating the prioritization criteria.

This project list was originally on the agenda for approval at the December 10th Policy Committee meeting, but GHMPO staff was asked to table the item for further discussion and refinement. GHMPO has met with local jurisdictions and elected officials to address concerns and obtain additional feedback, and if no further adjustments are needed, the project list will be on the agenda for approval at the February 11, 2025 Policy Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Recommend Approval of the Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Fiscally Constrained List**

Attachment: Draft MTP Fiscally Constrained List

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**Re: Recommend Approval of Draft Amendment #5 to the FY24-27
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

GHMPO, at the request of the Georgia Department of Transportation, has developed Amendment #5 to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, which contains all projects receiving federal or state funding between fiscal years 2024 and 2027. This amendment includes only one update to the Transportation Improvement Program, listed below:

- New Project: GH-150 / PI 0020731: State Route 365 Widening from I-985 to Belton Bridge Road in Lula
 - Pre-Engineering (PE) funding added for FY 2026 in the amount of \$10,000,000.00.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Recommend Approval of Draft Amendment #5 to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Attachment: Draft Amendment #5 to the FY24-27 TIP



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FY 2024-2027

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Amendment #5

&

Regional Transportation Plan (RTP):

2020 Update

Amendment #10

Adopted: February 11th, 2025

FY 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program – Amendment #5

New Road Projects/Phases

Project MPO #	Project GDOT #	Phase	Program Year	Amount Authorized	Primary Work Type	Update Type	Fund Code	Comments/Description
GH-150	0020731	PE	2026	\$10,000,000.00	Widening	New Project	SGF	New Project – Widening of State Route 365 from I-985 to Belton Bridge Road in Lula. Only PE phase is within TIP program years.

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Before Amendment #5

2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

1/2/2025

GHMPO No.	GDOT No.	Project Name	\$ Thousands																			
			FY 2024					FY 2025					FY 2026					FY 2027				
			SCP	PE	ROW	CST	UTL	SCP	PE	ROW	CST	UTL	SCP	PE	ROW	CST	UTL	SCP	PE	ROW	CST	UTL
GH-016	0003626	Sardis Road Connector from SR 60 to Sardis Road near Chestatee Road										\$56,477	\$2,193									
GH-020A	122060	SR 11/US 129 from Lakeview Street to S of Nopone Rd - Phase I										\$58,108	\$2,387									
GH-020B	0016862	SR 11/US 129 from Brittany Court to S of Lakeview St - Phase II																		\$1,500		
GH-020C	0016863	SR 11/US 129 from Limestone Parkway to N of Brittany Court - Phase III																		\$1,500		
GH-023B	0015280	Spout Springs Widening - Phase II																			\$20,243	
GH-038	132610	SR 60/Thompson Bridge Road - SR 136/Price Road to Yellow Creek Road in Murrayville																			\$27,982	
GH-119	0015551	SR 60/Thompson Bridge Road at Chattahoochee River				\$101																
GH-121	0017392	Green Street Improvements				\$7,092															\$14,566	
GH-124	0015702	SR 53/Dawsonville Hwy from Ahaluna Dr to Shallowford Road				\$3,282	\$70															
GH-126	0015918	SR 60/Green Street at CS 898/Academy Street				\$2,255	\$425															
GH-130	0013762	SR 60/Thompson Bridge Road from SR 400/Lumpkin to Yellow Creek Road/Hall								\$225										\$1,077		
GH-133	0016074	SR 365/Cornelia Hwy at YMCA Drive/Lanier Tech Drive - New Interchange				\$17,622	\$717															
GH-141	0017735	SR 283/Holly Springs Road at Flat Creek								\$270												
GH-144	0019079	SR 284/Shoal Creek Road at Eubank Creek														\$325						
GH-145	0016921	SR 53 @ SR 369				\$750																
GH-147	0016089	Widening of State Route 211 from Pinot Noir Drive to State Route 347 / Friendship Road															\$284				\$4	
GH-148	0020370	NEVI - Charging Stations - I-985 between State Route 53 and State Route 369							\$30		\$1,250											
GH-149	NRT 24(04)	Chicopee Woods Area Park Commission									\$112											
GH-151	0020735	Widening of State Route 53 from State Route 124 to New Cut Road														\$1,500						
TOTAL			\$0	\$0	\$7,193	\$23,909	\$1,212	\$225	\$30	\$270	\$115,947	\$4,580	\$0	\$4,500	\$325	\$284	\$0	\$0	\$1,077	\$48,225	\$14,566	\$2,244

FY 2024-2027	\$ Thousands
SCP	\$225
PE	\$5,607
ROW	\$56,013
CST	\$154,706
UTL	\$8,035
TOTAL	\$224,586



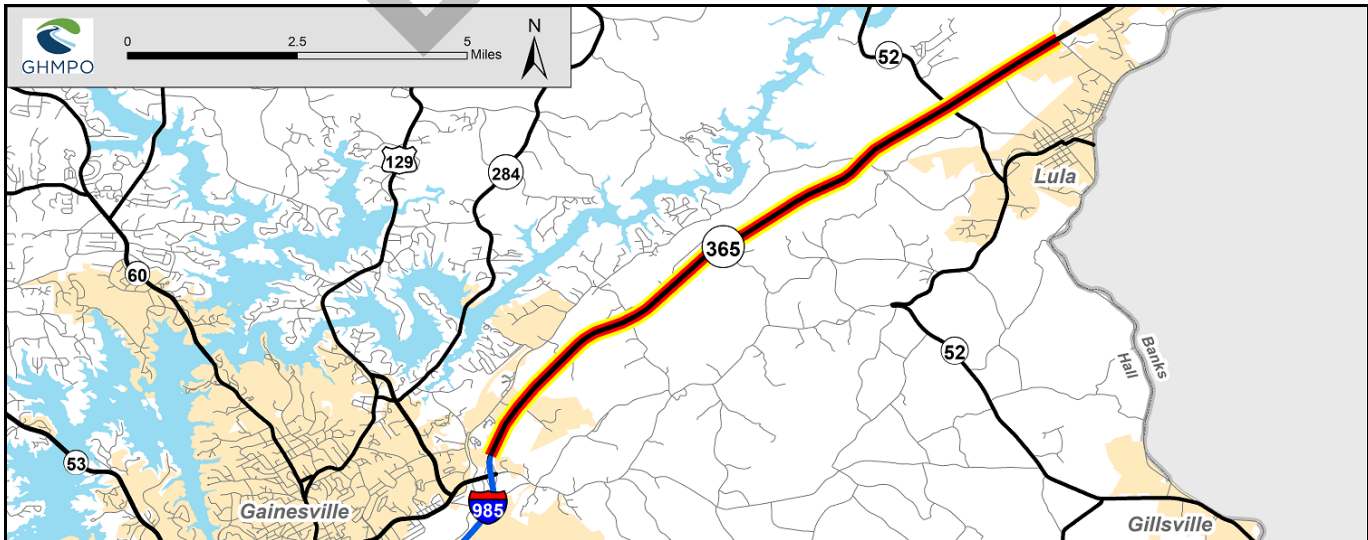
2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

Project Name Widening of State Route 365 from I-985 to Belton Bridge Road in Lula	GHMPO No. GH-150	GDOT No. 0020731
	County Hall	City Gainesville/Lula
Local Rd. Name Cornelia Highway	GDOT District 1	Cong. District 9
US/State Rd. Name State Route 365	Map ID	RC GMRC

Project Description Widening of State Route 365 from four to six lanes from I-985 to Belton Bridge Road in Lula. Will also convert multiple existing at-grade intersections to limited access interchanges.			
Improvement Type Widening	Regionally Significant Yes	Capacity Adding Yes	Funding Source GDOT
Project Intent To improve mobility, increase safety, and decrease congestion by widening State Route 365 and converting various intersections to interchanges.			

Project Termini From I-985 To Belton Bridge Road	Length (miles) 9.4
	Exist. Lanes 4 Future Lanes 6
Bike / Ped. N/A	Exist. Vol. Design Vol.
Connectivity SR 365	
Network Year 2040 L RTP Project Tier: TIP, Band 1 (2028-2041)	Open to Traffic Date 2038

STATUS	PHASE	SOURCE	LOCAL	STATE	FEDERAL	HB 170	TOTAL
2026	Pre-Engineering	SGF	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000
2029	Right-of-Way	Federal/State	\$0	\$23,184,796	\$92,739,183	\$0	\$115,923,979
2035	Utilities	Federal/State	\$0	\$3,107,241	\$12,428,962	\$0	\$15,536,203
2035	Construction	Federal/State	\$0	\$29,160,259	\$116,641,034	\$0	\$145,801,293
TOTAL			\$0	\$65,452,296	\$221,809,180	\$0	\$287,261,476



**A Resolution by the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Committee Adopting Amendment #5 to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation
Improvement Program and Amendment #10 to the Regional Transportation Plan: 2020
Update**

WHEREAS, the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for transportation planning within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area Boundary which includes all of Hall County and a portion of Jackson County following the 2010 Census; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee (PC) is the recognized decision making body for transportation planning with the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization (GHMPO); and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program meets the requirement of Title 23 of the U.S. Code; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Plan meets the requirement of Title 23 of the U.S. Code; and

WHEREAS, GHMPO did conduct a required 15-day public comment period on this Amendment from January 22nd through February 5th, 2025;

WHEREAS, the 2024-2027 TIP and RTP: 2020 Update have been amended, per Attachment #1, to add one new project, GH-150, to the TIP program years;

NOW, THERE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization adopts Amendment #5 to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program and Amendment #10 to the Regional Transportation Plan: 2020 Update.

A motion was made by PC member _____ and seconded by PC member _____ and approved this the 11th Day of February, 2025.

Chairman Marty Clark, Chair
GHMPO Policy Committee

Joseph Boyd, Transportation Planning Director
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MEMORANDUM

To: Citizens Advisory Committee Members

From: Michael Haire, GHMPO

Date: January 23, 2025

Re: Recommend Approval of the Draft FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Each year, GHMPO adopts and publishes the Unified Planning Work Program, which serves as the annual operating budget for the MPO and outlines funding for planning activities. This draft document will be the UPWP for FY 2026, which runs from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

This draft includes the Section 5303 grant awarded to GHMPO by FTA and the Planning (PL) grant awarded to GHMPO by FHWA, as well as the additional PL fund contract awarded to GHMPO for the Hoschton Transportation Plan. This is the final round of review for the draft UPWP, which is on the agenda for approval at the February 11, 2025 Policy Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Recommend Approval of Draft FY 2026 UPWP**

Attachment: *Draft FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)*



GAINESVILLE-HALL
Metropolitan Planning Organization

FY 2026

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Anticipated Adoption: February 11, 2025



In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other nondiscrimination laws, public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, familial, or in income status.

Prepared by the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization in coordination with the City of Gainesville, City of Oakwood, City of Flowery Branch, Town of Braselton, City of Hoschton, Hall County, Jackson County, Hall Area Transit, Jackson County Transit, the Georgia Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration.



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**A Resolution by the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Committee Adopting the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program**

WHEREAS, the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for transportation planning within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area Boundary which includes all of Hall County and a portion of Jackson County following the 2010 Census; and

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) requires the Metropolitan Planning Organization to develop and adopt a Unified Planning Work Program; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Planning Work Program is consistent with all plans, goals, and objectives of the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization.

NOW, THERE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization adopts the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program for the period from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

A motion was made by PC member _____ and seconded by PC member _____ and approved this the 11th Day of February, 2025.

Commissioner Jim Hix, Chair
GHMPO Policy Committee

Subscribed and sworn to me this the 11th Day of February, 2025.

Notary Public

My commission expires _____

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INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose of the Unified Planning Work Program

The Fiscal Year 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describes the organization's planning goals and activities, provides cost estimates for each activity, identifies funding sources, and outlines a work schedule for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. The document is organized into six major sections as follows:

1. Administration
2. Public Involvement
3. Data Collection
4. System Planning
5. Transit Planning
6. Safe and Accessible Transportation Options/Complete Streets

The six sections of the UPWP include information on the parties responsible for carrying out the various planning activities. These activities are mostly geared towards the preparation and development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) with at least a 25-year horizon and a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which defines funded projects over four years. Public participation is an integral part throughout the planning process.

B. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Planning Factors

The transportation planning process must explicitly address the eleven planning factors included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and previously outlined in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), 23 CFR 450 Subpart C, 23 CFR 420 Subpart A, and 49 CFR Subtitle A, listed below:

1. Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency;
2. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
3. Increase the security of the surface transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
4. Increase the accessibility and mobility options available to people and for freight;
5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, and improve quality of life;
6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;
7. Promote efficient system management and operation;
8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system;
9. Improve transportation system resiliency and reliability;
10. Reduce (or mitigate) the storm water impacts of the surface transportation; and
11. Enhance travel and tourism.

The overall planning program is designed to comply with the requirements of IIJA, which was signed into law on November 15, 2021. It encourages MPOs to address the planning factors listed above when solving current and future transportation issues.

C. Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs)

The FHWA and FTA have outlined Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs), which include transition to performance based planning and programming as per the IIJA, cooperation and coordination across MPO boundaries and across State boundaries where appropriate to ensure a regional approach to transportation planning, and access to essential services in which the transportation planning process identifies transportation connectivity gaps and solutions to address those gaps.

The GHMPO transportation planning process will include the following planning emphasis areas addressed in the UPWP work elements as listed below:

- Tackling the Climate Crisis – Metropolitan Planning Organizations are working with the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Authority to ensure that our transportation plans and infrastructure investments help achieve national greenhouse reduction goals. GHMPO has worked to realize these goals by executing the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, which seeks to reduce greenhouse emissions through various roadway projects designed to increase capacity and reduce delay, and by funding Special Transportation Studies, which seek to explore multi-modal transportation options. Additionally, GHMPO has been proactive in adopting Performance Measures (found in Appendix A), which set 2 and 4-year targets for greenhouse gas emissions, congestion management, and air quality. GHMPO will continue to address this Planning Emphasis Area more specifically in the following Work Elements:
 - *4.3 Long Range Plan* - Develop and update a long-range, multi-modal MTP for the GHMPO planning area. This is a continuing work element.
 - *4.5 Special Transportation Studies* - Integrate land use planning activities with transportation planning.
 - *4.5 Special Transportation Studies* – Continue work on and complete the Hoschton Transportation Plan.
 - *4.6 Air Quality* – Continue to coordinate and cooperate with the Atlanta Regional Commission, Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Environmental Protection Division, Environmental Protection Agency, and other interagency partners in air quality management.
- Equity and Justice – Federal, State, and local planning authorities are always working to advance racial equity and support for underserved and disadvantaged communities. GHMPO recently adopted a 2024 update to both the Title VI Environmental Analysis and Participation Plan, which seeks to ensure that everyone has an equal opportunity to participate in the policy process and carefully analyzes the demographic diversity of the GHMPO planning area. Additionally, GHMPO seeks to specifically address this Planning Emphasis Area in the following Work Elements:
 - *3.1 Socioeconomic Models, Data, and Analysis* - Collect and prepare socioeconomic data for the development of long-range transportation plan and transportation studies.
 - *4.2 GIS & Model Development and Applications* - Apply GIS to develop maps for transportation plans and studies that highlight potential impacts on areas with higher minority populations or households with lower income levels.
- Strategic Highway Network/US Department of Defense Coordination – The national highway infrastructure is imperative to our national defense and a coordinated response in times of peace and war. GHMPO plays a part in maintaining and developing the Dwight E. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, and works with Federal and State partners to plan to meet future travel demand through the development of MPO planning documents. GHMPO plans to address that goal specifically in the following Work Elements:

- *4.3 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* - The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) provides the basis for transportation investment of regionally significant projects and programs within the planning area. The MTP addresses various modes of transportation as well as the safety and security of the region's transportation system.
 - *4.4 Transportation Improvement Program* - Undertake transportation planning activities that will lead to the development/implementation of a transportation improvement program (TIP) and other related transportation studies.
- Federal Land Management Agency – GHMPO is coordinating with local and state agencies in transportation planning endeavors in order to ensure that connectivity needs along major access routes are met. Within the GHMPO planning boundary in particular, staff coordinates long range planning efforts with the US Army Corp of Engineers, which own property along and manage Lake Lanier. GHMPO will specifically address this goal in the following work elements:
 - *4.3 Long Range Plan* - Develop and update a long-range, multi-modal MTP for the GHMPO planning area. This is a continuing work element.
 - *4.4 Transportation Improvement Program* - Created and amended the 2024-2027 TIP document with the input of GDOT, the public, and the three GHMPO committees.
- Planning and Environmental Linkages – Federal, regional, and local planning entities seek to use Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) in the transportation decision-making process. This process considers environmental, community, and economic goals early in the transportation process, and uses the information, analysis, and products developed during planning to inform the environmental review process. GHMPO seeks to incorporate this process in the following Work Elements:
 - *4.2 GIS & Model Development and Applications* - Apply GIS to develop maps for transportation plans and studies.
 - *4.3 Long Range Plan* - Continue to manage the implementation of the transportation projects in the 2055 MTP.
- Complete Streets – A complete street is safe, and feels safe, for everyone using the street. A complete street will provide opportunities for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, micro-mobility users, freight delivery services, and more. GHMPO will address this planning emphasis area by coordinating and collaborating with GDOT, FHWA, and FTA to coordinate federal aid and establish safe facilities for everyone on the road. GHMPO is currently working on a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update concurrently with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update, which will provide an outline of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, as well as future needs. GHMPO is also a recipient of the Safe Streets for All Grant, which seeks to identify potential safety improvements in underserved census tracts. In addition, GHMPO will address this planning emphasis area through the implementation of the following UPWP work elements:
 - *4.1 Intermodal Planning* – Work with local jurisdictions on Highlands to Islands trail expansions.
 - *4.5 Special Transportation Studies* – Complete the Hoschton Transportation Plan.
- Public Involvement – Good public involvement brings diverse viewpoints and perspectives into the decision-making process. GHMPO recently adopted the 2024 GHMPO Participation Plan, which seeks to ensure that nobody in the GHMPO planning area is excluded from the participation process by providing an outline of public participation opportunities. GHMPO continues to be proactive in engaging with the public and notifying citizens of events, planning document updates, and studies. In addition,

GHMPO will address this planning emphasis area through the implementation of the following UPWP work elements:

- *2.1 Community Outreach/Education* – Establish and maintain a record-keeping system that documents official actions of transportation planning processes and related public review. Advertise the availability of draft documents for public review and comment. Provide adequate notice of GHMPO activities as outlined in the Participation Plan. Maintain and update database of community stakeholders for mail and electronic notification of transportation activities. Continue to engage the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) through innovative and new public involvement techniques to increase participation and public outreach.
- Data in Transportation Planning – Data is a valuable asset to transportation planning, and sharing that data across jurisdictions is crucial to developing cohesive and consistent transportation plans. GHMPO works closely with local jurisdictions to coordinate consistent sharing of recently available transportation data. GHMPO provides maps and data for early coordination on GDOT initiatives, as well as crash data to local jurisdictions. In addition, GHMPO will address this planning emphasis area through the implementation of the following UPWP work elements:
 - *3.1 Socioeconomic Data, Models, and Analysis* – Monitor socioeconomic data, and update, as necessary.
 - *4.2 GIS & Model Development and Applications* - Create GIS maps, as necessary, for analysis.

D. Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization (GHMPO) Planning Process

The UPWP originated from the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973 and is prepared annually to describe the ongoing transportation planning process for a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) is the most recent law establishing federal surface transportation policy and funding reauthorizations.

As the designated MPO for the Gainesville-Hall Area, the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization is responsible under Section 134 of Title 23, United States Code, for carrying out a “continuing, cooperative and comprehensive” (3-C) transportation planning process. The process uses three committees (Policy Committee (PC) – the decision making body, Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) – the staff, and Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) – the public) to develop and carry out a comprehensive transportation planning process and to ensure that programs, improvements, and expenditures are consistent with regional goals, policies, and plans.

- The Policy Committee is the decision making body and is represented by elected officials from the member jurisdictions and an official from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). The committee is responsible for taking into consideration the recommendations from the Citizens Advisory Committee and the Technical Coordinating Committee when adopting plans or setting policy.
- The Technical Coordinating Committee membership includes staff from the member jurisdictions, various federal, state, and local agencies and associations that have a technical knowledge of transportation or planning. The TCC evaluates transportation plans and projects based on whether or not they are technically warranted and financially feasible.
- The Citizens Advisory Committee consists of volunteer members who are interested in transportation issues. They are appointed by their member jurisdictions. The CAC is responsible for ensuring that values and interests of the citizens in Hall County and a portion of Jackson County are taken into consideration in the transportation planning process.

The following agencies have roles in the development, implementation, approval of, and/or funding of this UPWP:

U.S. Department of Transportation

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) jointly approve the UPWP. These two federal agencies provide valuable input into the process leading to the development of this document.

FHWA develops regulations, policies, and guidelines to achieve safety, access, economic development, and other goals of FHWA programs, and provides federal financial resources, technical training, education, and assistance to state and local transportation agencies.

FTA provides financial assistance and oversees grants to state and local transit providers, primarily through its regional and metropolitan offices. FTA is responsible for ensuring that grantees follow federal mandates along with statutory and administrative requirements. To better facilitate grant applications for the FTAs 5303 funds, the estimated FY 2027 funds are shown for the appropriate work categories.

Georgia Department of Transportation

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) serves as the liaison between the MPO, the state, and the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT). The MPO works cooperatively with GDOT on various transportation tasks, which include: Transportation Improvement Program, Long Range Transportation Plan, and Travel Demand Modeling. GDOT is the direct recipient of federal planning funds, and the MPOs are sub-recipients of these funds. Therefore, GDOT provides grant oversight of Federal Planning (PL) funds. GDOT also reviews and approves UPWPs and TIPs before requesting concurrency from FHWA and FTA.

E. FY 2025 Accomplishments

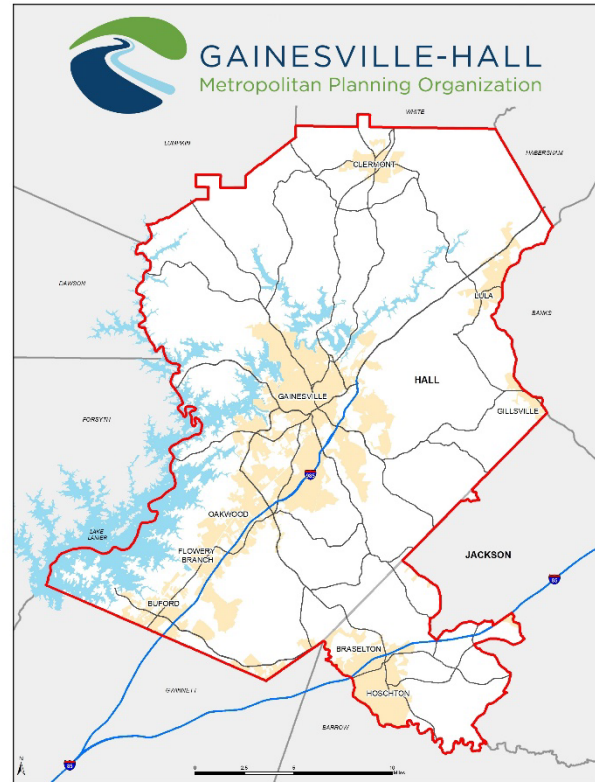
The GHMPO accomplished the following activities and studies in FY 2025:

1. Continued the TCC Trails Subcommittee
2. Completed full updates to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
3. Completed the Hall County Safe Streets for All Safety Action Plan
4. Completed the State Route 13 / Atlanta Highway Corridor Study
5. Kicked off the Hoschton Transportation Plan

F. GHMPO's Planning Priorities in FY 2026

The GHMPO will work towards the following 10 planning priorities in FY 2026:

1. Complete updates as necessary to the 2025 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. (See Task #2, Sub-Element 2.1 & Task #4, Sub-Element 4.3).
2. Work with Jackson County on a partial update to the Jackson County Transportation Plan (See Task #4, Sub-Element 4.5).
3. Continue work on the Hoschton Transportation Master Plan. Expected adoption by February 2026 (See Task #4, Sub-Element 4.5).
4. Amend the current Metropolitan Transportation Plan through agency, stakeholder, and public coordination, as necessary (see Task #4, Sub-Element 4.3).
5. Adopt the new FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program by May 2026 in coordination with GDOT and FHWA. Amend the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, as necessary (See Task #4, Sub-Element 4.4).
6. Continue to plan for and help advance the Highlands to Islands Trail Network within Hall County through the continuation of the TCC Trails Subcommittee (See Task #4, Sub-Element 4.1).
7. Take steps to continually monitor and maintain the transportation system (See Task #1, Sub-Element 1.1 and Task #4, Sub-Elements 4.3, 4.4, and 4.5).
8. Support the Safety Performance Management Targets approved by the Georgia Department of Transportation regarding fatalities, rate of fatalities, serious injuries, rate of serious injuries, and the number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. (See Appendix A)
9. Support the Safety (PM 1) Pavement and Bridge Condition (PM 2) and Performance of National Highway System, Freight, and Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (PM 3) Performance Management Targets approved by the Georgia Department of Transportation regarding fatalities, rate of fatalities, serious injuries, rate of serious injuries, and the number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. (See Appendix A)
10. Support the Transit Asset Management Targets approved by the Georgia Department of Transportation regarding inventory and condition of capital assets. (See Appendix C)



TASK # 1: ADMINISTRATION

Sub-Element 1.1: Operations and Administration

Objective

- Coordinate and conduct the transportation planning activities of the GHMPO in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations and requirements.
- Provide overall management of GHMPO's transportation planning program, and ensure compliance with applicable federal and state requirements.
- Support various transportation related committees and ensure communication among and between the committees.
- Manage the staff contributing to planning activities.
- Monitor consultant contracts performed as part of the MPO process.

FY 2025 Activities

- In FY 2025, the three GHMPO committees had four regular meetings. Meeting minutes were prepared and later archived on the GHMPO website.
- Quarterly reports, reimbursable forms, and an annual report were prepared and submitted to the GDOT Planning Office.
- Continued working with the TCC Trails Subcommittee to further implement trail expansion projects and identify funding opportunities.
- Attended Interagency Consultation Group meetings.
- Coordinated and worked with local governments and agencies regarding rulemaking on MPO planning area reform and performance measures development.
- Represented GHMPO on Atlanta Regional Commission's Transportation Coordinating Committee.
- Attended various project specific meetings with GDOT, ARC, and other local agencies.
- Appointed new members to the Citizens Advisory Committee.
- Upon request, presented information on the GHMPO structure, budget, and current projects to local jurisdictions.
- GHMPO was an active member of the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO), American Planning Association (APA), and the Georgia Planning Association (GPA).

FY 2026 Activities

- Provide opportunities for an open and inclusive process assuring continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative decision making with all jurisdictions in the GHMPO planning area.
- Continue work with the TCC Trails Subcommittee. Meet regularly with local jurisdiction staff members to plan for and implement trail expansion projects, such as the Gainesville Airport Connector Trail, Tumbling Creek Extension Trail, Hog Mountain Trail, Flowery Branch Downtown Trails, etc. Relay new funding opportunities to local partners and assist with grant application as needed.
- Continue work with the TCC McEver Road Subcommittee. Meet regularly with local jurisdiction staff members to plan and implement projects that will continue to lower congestion and increase safety across the corridor. This may include roundabouts, lane extensions, etc. Work with local jurisdiction staff to explore funding opportunities and assist with grant applications as needed.
- Continue to work with Gainesville, Oakwood, Flowery Branch, and Hall County on the implementation of projects from the SS4A Safety Action Plan that was completed in FY 2025.
- Prepare proper study records for the development of progress and performance reports, certification, and reimbursement procedure.
- Coordinate activities of the GHMPO committees, including arranging meetings and preparing meeting minutes.
- Continue coordination surrounding the regional transportation planning activities.

- Coordinate/participate with other resource agencies at both state and local level on various project specific and/or on-going activities.
- Work with the Georgia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (GAMPO) and other state and national organizations on the role of MPOs in statewide and metropolitan transportation planning. Support statewide GAMPO activities through participation in meetings and events.
- Staff will continue to inform the MPO committees of legislative and regulatory actions impacting transportation planning and funding.
- The GHMPO will continue to provide staff that will be the local expert in transportation areas, assisting planning partners in transportation project development, building consensus and value in alternatives analysis, shared planning products, and providing a forum for regional decision making.
- Task # 1.1 will address GHMPO planning priority numbers 5 through 11.

Product

- GHMPO committee meeting agendas and minutes
- Quarterly FY 2026 Reports and an Annual Performance Report FY 2026
- Accounting narratives and invoices

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES	
ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITIES
GHMPO	Operations and administration

TARGET START AND END DATES	7/01/2025 – 6/30/2026	LEAD AGENCY	GHMPO

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (80%)	\$134,611.59
LOCAL IN-KIND MATCH (20%)	\$33,652.90
TOTAL	\$168,264.49

TASK # 1: ADMINISTRATION

Sub-Element 1.2: Training/Employee Education

Objective

Develop staff knowledge of transportation planning through relevant workshops and conferences.

FY 2025 Activities

In relation to the MPO activities, staff attended the following:

- Boyd and Haire attended the 2024 Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations Annual Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah from September 24, 2024 to September 27, 2024.
- Boyd and Haire attended the 2025 American Planning Association in Denver, Colorado from March 29, 2025 – April 1, 2025.

FY 2026 Activities

- Staff plans to attend the 2025 Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations Annual Conference in Providence, Rhode Island in September 2025.
- Staff plans to attend the 2026 American Planning Association National Conference in Detroit, Michigan in April 2026.
- Staff plans to attend the fall and spring conferences of the Georgia Planning Association.
- Staff may attend other transportation related conferences, seminars and courses including those offered by the Georgia Transit Association (GTA), National Highway Institute (NHI), Transportation Research Board (TRB), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD), FHWA, FTA, and GDOT.
- Task # 1.2 will address GHMPO planning priority numbers 4 through 8.
- Staff will attend classes and training related to Performance Based Planning and Programming as they occur.

Product

- Ongoing staff improvement and education

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES	
ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITIES
GHMPO	Training and employee education

TARGET START AND END DATES	7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026	LEAD AGENCY	GHMPO
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (80%)	\$15,000.00
LOCAL IN-KIND MATCH (20%)	\$3,750.00
TOTAL	\$18,750.00

TASK # 1: ADMINISTRATION

Sub-Element 1.3: Equipment and Supplies

Objective

- Maintain computer systems used by the MPO for relevant transportation planning activities.
- Acquire software and hardware, as necessary, to maintain the MPO’s transportation planning process.
- Purchase Geographic Information System (GIS) software and application materials for system planning.
- Purchase necessary office equipment to operate the MPO.

FY 2025 Activities

- Maintained computer systems and other office equipment used by the MPO in line with relevant transportation planning activities.

FY 2026 Activities

- Maintain computer systems and other office equipment used by the MPO in line with relevant transportation planning activities.
- Task # 1.3 will address GHMPO planning priority numbers 3 through 8.

Product

- Adequate technology and office equipment to operate the MPO.

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES	
ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITIES
GHMPO	Equipment and supplies

TARGET START AND END DATES	7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026	LEAD AGENCY	GHMPO
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (80%)	\$10,000.00
LOCAL IN-KIND MATCH (20%)	\$2,500.00
TOTAL	\$12,500.00

TASK # 1: ADMINISTRATION

Sub-Element 1.4: UPWP

Objective

- Identify work tasks undertaken by the GHMPO to address metropolitan area transportation planning.
- Collect public and committee input on a proposed FY 2026 UPWP.
- Take into consideration MPO progress made on FY 2025 UPWP.
- Develop and draft final UPWP.

FY 2025 Activities

- Developed the FY 2026 UPWP and annual budget.
- Submitted GHMPO's FY 2024 Annual Performance Report to GDOT.
- Program was reviewed and approved by the three committees.
- Legal advertisement was published in the *Gainesville Times* seeking public comment on draft FY 2026 UPWP, per the Participation Plan.
- Draft UPWP was posted on the GHMPO website for public review.

FY 2026 Activities

- Identify transportation planning work tasks and sub-elements, prepare descriptive narrative and cost estimate for each sub-element, and coordinate input for the FY 2027 UPWP.
- Amend FY 2026 UPWP, as needed.
- Consider Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs) under each work task.
- Incorporate and support the adopted Statewide Safety, Bridge and Pavement Performance, and Transit Asset Management Targets (See Appendices A, B, and C).
- Task # 1.4 will address GHMPO planning priority numbers 1 through 8.

Product

- Adopt FY 2027 UPWP by February 2026

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES	
ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITIES
GHMPO	UPWP

TARGET START AND END DATES	10/1/2025 – 6/30/2026	LEAD AGENCY	GHMPO
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (80%)	\$10,000.00
LOCAL IN-KIND MATCH (20%)	\$2,500.00
TOTAL	\$12,500.00

TASK # 2: PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Sub-Element 2.1: Community Outreach/Education

Objective

- Gain input from the general public on transportation planning.
- Comply with the federal and local public participation requirements.
- Provide opportunities for convenient public access to review and comment on the GHMPO planning and programming documents and the data and processes leading to those documents.
- Identify and involve stakeholders and traditionally underserved groups in the transportation planning process.

FY 2025 Activities

- Published legal advertisements in the Times seeking public input on all MPO document updates and amendments (UPWP, TIP, MTP, Participation Plan, Title VI/EJ document, etc.).
- Delivered presentations to various stakeholder groups, such as Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce Issues Committee and Vision 2030 Transportation Committee on transportation issues.
- Updated and maintained a website on MPO activities.
- Updated and expanded mail and e-mail contact lists of citizens and stakeholders.
- Coordinate a robust public outreach effort for the 2025 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update.
- Interviewed with the Gainesville Times and Access WDUN on current local transportation topics for news dissemination.

FY 2026 Activities

- Provide opportunity for public comment and review on various GHMPO and Hall Area Transit (HAT) documents and activities.
- Establish and maintain a record-keeping system that documents official actions of transportation planning processes and related public review.
- Advertise the availability of draft documents for public review and comment.
- Research potential procedures to evaluate the effects of development and transportation investments on communities including environmental justice issues. This is an ongoing activity.
- Provide adequate notice of GHMPO activities as outlined in the Participation Plan.
- Maintain and update database of community stakeholders for mail and electronic notification of transportation activities.
- Review and update the Participation Plan as appropriate. Annually report on the status of the Participation Plan, Title VI compliance, Environmental Justice outreach, and Limited English Proficiency analysis. Staff will annually attend training events for ADA, Title VI, EJ, and LEP, as available.
- Continue to engage the Citizens Advisory Committee through innovative and new public involvement techniques to increase participation and public outreach.
- Continue to develop visualization tools and techniques to better communicate the transportation planning process, MPO plans, and programs for the public and local officials.
- The GHMPO will continue to carry out the strategies and policies identified in the Participation Plan for all documents and plans, as appropriate, including the 2025 MTP Update.
- Continue to explore ways to make the GHMPO transportation planning process more transparent and inclusionary.
- Maintain and update information on the GHMPO website regarding Performance Based Planning and Program and in regards to the statewide targets.
- Task # 2.1 will address GHMPO planning priority numbers 1 through 8.

Product

- Ongoing community outreach and education
- Updated GHMPO website
- Updated mailing list
- Updated e-mail list

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES	
ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITIES
GHMPO	Community outreach & education

TARGET START AND END DATES	7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026	LEAD AGENCY	GHMPO
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (80%)	\$10,000.00
LOCAL IN-KIND MATCH (20%)	\$2,500.00
TOTAL	\$12,500.00

TASK # 3: DATA COLLECTION

Sub-Element 3.1: Socioeconomic Data, Models, and Analysis

Objective

- Collect and prepare socioeconomic data for the development of long-range transportation plan and transportation studies.
- Gather information on existing and future land use patterns for the development of long-range transportation plan and transportation studies.
- Collect and analyze data for the development and update of transportation plan and studies.
- Areas covered include appropriate database development and maintenance for transportation planning issues and activities leading to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and TIP.
- As needed for transportation planning efforts, use technical data – such as Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) and GIS mapping to provide important tools in the development of the TIP, RTP, and other MPO planning efforts.

FY 2025 Activities

- Assisted Alta Planning and Design with the development of the High Injury Network Crash Profiles for the Safe Streets for All Action Plan.
- Established Safety, Bridge and Pavement, and Transit Asset Management (TAM) performance targets, consistent with the state targets, as required per the IJJA's Performance Based Planning & Programming.

FY 2026 Activities

- Monitor socioeconomic data, and update, as necessary.
- Track land use and growth patterns of the GHMPO planning area and incorporate into the MTP, the regional travel demand model, and the Transportation Demand Management (TDM), as needed.
- Continue to use GIS as an analytical and data management tool in spatial work projects including MTP updates and demographic studies.
- As requested, attend meetings with local and regional agencies for data sharing regarding the Atlanta non-attainment area and planning data needs.
- Collect 2025 crash data, and update crash reports for Hall County and Jackson County.
- Continue to monitor, support, and assist as needed with the Statewide Safety Performance Management Targets.
- Task # 3.1 will address GHMPO planning priority numbers 1 through 8.

Product

- 2025 Hall County and Jackson County Crash Profiles by June of 2026

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES	
ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITIES
GHMPO	Socio-economic data review and update

TARGET START AND END DATES	7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026	LEAD AGENCY	GHMPO
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (80%)	\$8,000.00
LOCAL IN-KIND MATCH (20%)	\$2,000.00
TOTAL	\$10,000.00

TASK # 4: SYSTEM PLANNING

Sub-Element 4.1: Intermodal Planning

Objective

- Plan for intermodal modes of transportation.

FY 2025 Activities

- Continued work with the TCC Trails Subcommittee to actively advance the planned Highlands to Islands Trail network.

FY 2026 Activities

- Work with Hall Area Transit on transit expansion or improvement initiatives, including on the microtransit service branded “WeGo”.
- Work with local jurisdictions on Highlands to Islands trail expansions through the TCC Trails Subcommittee, particularly the previously identified Gainesville Airport Trail, Tumbling Creek Trail, Thurmon Tanner Trail, Hog Mountain Trail, and Flowery Branch Downtown Trail segments.
- Task # 4.1 will address GHMPO planning priority numbers 4 through 8.

Product

- Assistance to local governments on trails grant applications, trail planning, and expansion projects.
- Gainesville Connection and Hall Area Transit service expansion/enhancement, specifically involving “WeGo”.

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES	
ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITIES
GHMPO	Intermodal planning

TARGET START AND END DATES	7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026	LEAD AGENCY	GHMPO
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (80%)	\$8,000.00
LOCAL IN-KIND MATCH (20%)	\$2,000.00
TOTAL	\$10,000.00

TASK # 4: SYSTEM PLANNING

Sub-Element 4.2: GIS & Model Development and Applications

Objective

- Update travel demand and air quality models as necessary.
- Apply GIS to develop maps for transportation plans and studies.

FY 2025 Activities

- Updated Hall County and Jackson County crash profiles, mapped crashes, and identified high crash locations.

FY 2026 Activities

- Create GIS maps, as necessary, for analysis.
- Task # 4.2 will address GHMPO planning priority numbers 1 through 8.

Product

- Travel demand model updates as necessary.
- GIS map creation as necessary.

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES	
ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITIES
GDOT	Travel demand model development
GHMPO	Travel demand model & GIS applications

TARGET START AND END DATES	7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026	LEAD AGENCY	GDOT
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (80%)	\$8,000.00
LOCAL IN-KIND MATCH (20%)	\$2,000.00
TOTAL	\$10,000.00

TASK # 4: SYSTEM PLANNING

Sub-Element 4.3: Long-Range Plan

Objective

- The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) provides the basis for transportation investment of regionally significant projects and programs within the planning area. The MTP addresses various modes of transportation as well as the safety and security of the region’s transportation system. The long-range 2055 MTP is the latest version of the GHMPO long-range plan document.
- Develop and update a long-range, multi-modal Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the GHMPO planning area. This is a continuing work element.

FY 2025 Activities

- Amended the 2025 MTP, per request from GDOT, to add projects for funding and implementation
- Continue the development of the MTP: 2025 Update with MPO committees and GDOT.

FY 2026 Activities

- Continue to manage the implementation of the transportation projects in the 2025 MTP update.
- Task # 4.3 will address GHMPO planning priority numbers 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

Product

- Continued updates to the 2025 Metropolitan Transportation Plan as needed.

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES	
ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITIES
GHMPO	Long-range planning

TARGET START AND END DATES	7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026	LEAD AGENCY	GHMPO
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (80%)	\$8,000.00
LOCAL IN-KIND MATCH (20%)	\$2,000.00
TOTAL	\$10,000.00

TASK # 4: SYSTEM PLANNING

Sub-Element 4.4: Transportation Improvement Program

Objective

- Undertake transportation planning activities that will lead to the development/implementation of a transportation improvement program (TIP) and other related transportation studies.
- The development and adoption of a TIP with a four-year element for project programming. The TIP is a process for selecting and scheduling all federally funded and regionally significant projects in a manner consistent with the MTP. The TIP is updated at least every four years and amended as required.

FY 2025 Activities

- Began early coordination with GDOT on the new 2027-2030 STIP/TIP.
- Attended quarterly pre-construction project meetings at the GDOT District 1 Office.
- Coordinated with GDOT and local jurisdictions on project status and dollar amounts.
- Maintained and amended the 2024-2027 TIP document with the input of GDOT, the public, and the three GHMPO committees.

FY 2026 Activities

- Create and adopt the new 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program in coordination with GDOT/FHWA. New TIP will be adopted by GHMPO no later than May 12, 2026.
- Maintain and amend the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program as needed.
- Incorporate and support the adopted Statewide Safety Performance and Management Targets, Bridge and Pavement Performance Targets, and Transit Asset Management Targets.
- Task # 4.4 will address GHMPO planning priority numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.
- Coordinate with GDOT, as needed, for future TIP projects and updates.

Product

- Amendments to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program as necessary.

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES	
ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITIES
GHMPO	Transportation Improvement Program

TARGET START AND END DATES	7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026	LEAD AGENCY	GHMPO
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (80%)	\$8,000.00
LOCAL IN-KIND MATCH (20%)	\$2,000.00
TOTAL	\$10,000.00

TASK # 4: SYSTEM PLANNING

Sub-Element 4.5: MTP/Bike & Ped Plan Update/Special Transportation Studies

Objective

- Integrate land use planning activities with transportation planning.
- Provide information and recommendations to member jurisdictions and other planning and design agencies.

FY 2025 Activities

- Completed the 2025 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
- Completed the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update.
- Completed the State Route 13 / Atlanta Highway Corridor Study.
- Completed the Safe Streets for All Action Plan.
- Completed a partial update to the Jackson County Transportation Plan.
- Drafted an RFP, selected a consultant, and began work on the Hoschton Transportation Plan.

FY 2026 Activities

- Continue work on and complete the Hoschton Transportation Plan.
- Begin and complete the Oakwood-Flowery Branch Connection Trail Study.
- Complete additional smaller studies with local jurisdictions as needed.
- Task # 4.5 will address GHMPO planning priority numbers 3 through 8.

Product

- Hoschton Transportation Plan
- Additional studies and plans as needed.

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITY	
ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITY
GHMPO, City of Hoschton	Hoschton Transportation Plan
GHMPO, City of Oakwood, City of Flowery Branch	Oakwood-Flowery Branch Connection Trail Study

TARGET START AND END DATES	7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026	LEAD AGENCY	GHMPO
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FUNDING SOURCE (PL Funds – Base Grant)	AMOUNT	FUNDING SOURCE (Pl. 0020784 – Hoschton Transportation Plan)	AMOUNT
FHWA (80%)	\$80,000.00	FHWA (Additional Award) (80%)	\$120,000.00
LOCAL IN-KIND MATCH (20%)	\$20,000.00	LOCAL CASH MATCH (20%)	\$30,000.00
TOTAL	\$100,000.00	TOTAL	\$150,000.00

TASK # 4: SYSTEM PLANNING

Sub-Element 4.6: Air Quality

Objective

- Improve air quality in the GHMPO region as part of the Atlanta air quality maintenance area.
- Comply with air quality conformity requirements.

FY 2025 Activities

- Completed conformity determination short form for amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- Adopted resolutions, complying with air quality conformity requirements, for Atlanta Regional Commission TIP amendments.

FY 2026 Activities

- Continue to coordinate and cooperate with the Atlanta Regional Commission, Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Environmental Protection Division, Environmental Protection Agency, and other interagency partners in air quality management.

Product

- Conformity determination reports for Atlanta Regional Commission.
- Adopted resolutions for air quality conformity, as needed.

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES	
ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITIES
GHMPO	Air Quality Planning

TARGET START AND END DATES	7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026	LEAD AGENCY	GHMPO
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (80%)	\$8,000.00
LOCAL IN-KIND MATCH (20%)	\$2,000.00
TOTAL	\$10,000.00

TASK # 5: TRANSIT PLANNING

Sub-Element 5.1: Program Support & Administration (FTA ALI Code 44.21.00)

Objective

- Administer and operate the MPO transit planning process by properly coordinating MPO functions with the Georgia Department of Transportation, the Federal Transit Administration, and all involved stakeholders, including accounting for all MPO transit planning-related activities during fiscal year 2026.

FY 2025 Activities

- Developed the transit section in the 2026 UPWP and presented to the GHMPO committees.
- Adopted the FY 2026 UPWP in February 2025.
- Managed the FY 2025 Section 5303 contract and successfully completed all tasks listed in the grant program.
- Participated in the transit program update calls conducted by GDOT.
- Prepared and submitted the FY 2026 Section 5303 grant application to GDOT.
- Hall Area Transit Indirect Costs Analysis
- GHMPO retained its membership of the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

FY 2026 Activities

- Provide transit planning administration and assistance to HAT.
- Work alongside HAT and consultant to develop an indirect-cost analysis to enable HAT to claim indirect cost reimbursements in the future.
- Continue coordination with HAT in developing the transit work element for the FY 2026 UPWP.
- Participate and present transit related information and activities before municipalities and/or appropriate committees.
- Continue to assist HAT with their microtransit service “WeGo”.
- Task # 5.1 will address GHMPO planning priority numbers 3 through 8.

Product

- FY 2027 Section 5303 grant application by September 2025
- 2024-2027 TIP amendments, as necessary, by June 2026
- Accounting report at the end of each fiscal quarter

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES

ORGANIZATION

ACTIVITIES

GHMPO

Program Support & Administration

**TARGET START
AND END DATES**

7/1/2025 –
6/30/2026

LEAD AGENCY

GHMPO

FUNDING SOURCE

AMOUNT

FTA

\$54,443.00

STATE 5303 MATCH

\$6,805.00

LOCAL CASH MATCH

\$6,806.00

TOTAL

\$68,054.00

Anticipated Funding for FY 2027

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FTA	\$54,987.43
STATE 5303 MATCH	\$6,873.05
LOCAL CASH MATCH	\$6,874.06
TOTAL	\$68,734.54

TASK # 5: TRANSIT PLANNING

Sub-Element 5.2: Long Range Transportation Planning (Project Level) (FTA ALI Code 44.23.01)

Objective

- Develop and keep current the transit portion of the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
- Address the eleven IJA Planning Factors and the three Planning Emphasis Areas through this plan.

FY 2025 Activities

- Continued work on the the 2025 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update, which was adopted in May 2025.
- Assisted Hall County, Gainesville, Oakwood, and Flowery Branch on the creation of a Safety Action Plan through the Safe Streets for All grant.

FY 2026 Activities

- Make updates to the 2025 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update as necessary.
- Task # 5.2 will address GHMPO planning priority numbers 1 through 8.

Product

- MTP: 2025 Update amendments, as necessary.
- Various other studies or reports as needed.

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES

ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITIES
GHMPO	Long Range Transportation Planning (Project Level)

TARGET START AND END DATES		LEAD AGENCY	
7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026		GHMPO	

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FTA	\$54,443.00
STATE 5303 MATCH	\$6,805.00
LOCAL CASH MATCH	\$6,806.00
TOTAL	\$68,054.00

Anticipated Funding for FY 2027

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FTA	\$54,987.43
STATE 5303 MATCH	\$6,873.05
LOCAL CASH MATCH	\$6,874.06
TOTAL	\$68,734.54

TASK # 5: TRANSIT PLANNING

Sub-Element 5.3: Transportation Improvement Program (FTA ALI Code 44.25.00)

Objective

- Update and amend Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as necessary, to keep it up-to-date.

FY 2025 Activities

- Adopted amendments to the 2024-2027 TIP.

FY 2026 Activities

- Update and amend the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program as necessary.
- Task # 5.3 will address GHMPO planning priority number 2.

Product

- Amendments to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, as necessary

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES

ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITIES
GHMPO	Transportation Improvement Program

TARGET START AND END DATES	7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026	LEAD AGENCY	GHMPO
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FTA	\$7,197.00
STATE 5303 MATCH	\$900.00
LOCAL CASH MATCH	\$900.00
TOTAL	\$8,997.00

Anticipated Funding for FY 2027

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FTA	\$7,268.97
STATE 5303 MATCH	\$909.00
LOCAL CASH MATCH	\$909.00
TOTAL	\$9,086.97

TASK # 6: SAFE & ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS/COMPLETE STREETS

Sub-Element 6.1: Safe & Accessible Transportation Options

Objective

- Provide safe and accessible transportation options
- Work to fulfill the vision, principles, and strategies outlined in the GHMPO Complete Streets Policy.

FY 2025 Activities

- Worked with the GHMPO TCC Trails Subcommittee to explore programing various segments of the Highlands to Islands Trails into the Metropolitan Transportation Plan: 2025 Update.
- Began an update to the GHMPO Complete Streets Policy.
- Work with Hall County, Gainesville, Oakwood, and Flowery Branch on the completion of the Safety Action Plan through the Safe Streets for All grant.

FY 2026 Activities

- Complete update to the Complete Streets Policy and maintain Complete Streets project list.
- Continue the expansion of the Highlands to Islands Trail network in partnership with the TCC Trails Subcommittee.
- Assist Hall County, Gainesville, Oakwood, and Flowery Branch with the implementation of the Safety Action Plan that was created through the Safe Streets for All grant.

Product

- Updated Complete Streets Policy and maintained Complete Streets project list.
- Implement projects on the Safety Action Plan for Hall County, Gainesville, Oakwood, and Flowery Branch.

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES	
ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITIES
GHMPO	Complete Streets Planning

TARGET START AND END DATES	7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026	LEAD AGENCY	GHMPO
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (Y410)	\$7,887.47
NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$7,887.47

GHMPO BUSINESS PLAN & UPCOMING UNFUNDED STUDIES

Objective

- Provide GHMPO planning partners information on current and future unfunded projects and required planning activities.

Anticipated Unfunded Products in FY 2026

Product	Cost Estimate & Funding Source	Date of Completion
SR 60/US 129 Connectivity Study	\$150,000	FY 2026
SR 60/Candler Road Improvement Study	\$150,000	FY 2026
SR 60/SR 124/Sam Freeman Road Corridor Improvement Study	\$100,000	FY 2026
State Route 13 (Oakwood) Corridor Study	\$200,000	FY 2026

Potential Unfunded Products in Future Years

Product	Cost Estimate	Potential Funding Year
North Hall Parkway Study	\$200,000	FY 2027

GHMPO Five Year Funding Plan Table

GHMPO Five Year Funding Plan					
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
FHWA Allocation	\$384,514.49	\$388,359.63	\$392,243.23	\$396,165.66	\$400,127.32
FHWA PL Apply	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Y410	\$7,887.47	\$7,966.34	\$8,046.01	\$8,126.47	\$8,207.73
FTA Allocation	\$116,083.00	\$117,243.83	\$118,416.27	\$119,600.43	\$120,796.44
State Match	\$14,510.00	\$14,655.10	\$14,801.65	\$14,949.67	\$15,099.16
Local Cash Match	\$14,512.00	\$14,657.12	\$14,803.69	\$14,951.73	\$15,101.25
Total Revenue	\$687,506.96	\$542,882.03	\$548,310.85	\$553,793.96	\$559,331.90
Contracts	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Staff/Direct	\$537,506.96	\$542,882.03	\$548,310.85	\$553,793.96	\$559,331.90
Total Expenditures	\$687,506.96	\$542,882.03	\$548,310.85	\$553,793.96	\$559,331.90

1% annual growth in allocation

Staff/Direct includes: salaries, fringe, indirect and other direct charges

FHWA PL Apply are prior year funds GHMPO must apply for

FUNDING SOURCE BY TASK

FUNDING SOURCE	TASK NO.	TASK DESCRIPTION	FHWA	FHWA-SPR	FEDERAL TOTAL	STATE PL MATCH	STATE SPR MATCH	STATE TOTAL	LOCAL MATCH	TOTAL
PL	1.1	Operations & Administration	134,611.59	0	134,611.59	0	0	0	33,652.90*	168,264.49
PL	1.2	Training/Employee Education	15,000.00	0	15,000.00	0	0	0	3,750.00*	18,750.00
PL	1.3	Equipment & Supplies	10,000.00	0	10,000.00	0	0	0	2,500.00*	12,500.00
PL	1.4	UPWP	10,000.00	0	10,000.00	0	0	0	2,500.00*	12,500.00
PL	2.1	Community Outreach/Education	10,000.00	0	10,000.00	0	0	0	2,500.00*	12,500.00
PL	3.1	Socio-Economic Data	8,000.00	0	8,000.00	0	0	0	2,000.00*	10,000.00
PL	4.1	Intermodal Planning	8,000.00	0	8,000.00	0	0	0	2,000.00*	10,000.00
PL	4.2	GIS, Model Development & Apps.	8,000.00	0	8,000.00	0	0	0	2,000.00*	10,000.00
PL	4.3	Long Range Plan	8,000.00	0	8,000.00	0	0	0	2,000.00*	10,000.00
PL	4.4	TIP	8,000.00	0	8,000.00	0	0	0	2,000.00*	10,000.00
PL	4.5	Special Transportation Studies	80,000.00	0	80,000.00	0	0	0	20,000.00*	100,000.00
FHWA (Additional Awards)	4.5.1	Hoschton Transportation Plan Contract	120,000.00	0	120,000.00	0	0	0	30,000.00	150,000.00
PL	4.6	Air Quality	8,000.00	0	8,000.00	0	0	0	2,000.00*	10,000.00
PL	1.1 - 4.6	Total	427,611.59	0	427,611.59	0	0	0	106,902.90	534,514.49

*In-kind local match

FUNDING SOURCE BY TASK

FUNDING SOURCE	TASK NO.	TASK DESCRIPTION	FTA – 5303	FEDERAL TOTAL	STATE 5303 MATCH	STATE TOTAL	LOCAL MATCH	TOTAL
5303	5.1	Program Support & Administration	54,443.00	54,443.00	6,805.00	6,805.00	6,806.00	68,054.00
5303	5.2	Long Range Planning	54,443.00	54,443.00	6,805.00	6,805.00	6,806.00	68,054.00
5303	5.3	TIP	7,197.00	7,197.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	8,997.00
5303	5.1 - 5.3	Total	116,083.00	116,083.00	14,510.00	14,510.00	14,512.00	145,105.00

FUNDING SOURCE BY TASK

FUNDING SOURCE	TASK NO.	TASK DESCRIPTION	FHWA	FHWA-SPR	FEDERAL TOTAL	STATE PL MATCH	STATE SPR MATCH	STATE TOTAL	LOCAL MATCH	TOTAL
Y410	6.1	Safe & Accessible Transportation Options	7,887.47	0	7,887.47	0	0	0	0	7,887.47

FY 2026 TOTAL BUDGET

GHMPO's total budget for FY 2026 is **\$687,506.96** from all sources:

Work Elements	PL Funds (\$)			PL Funds (Additional Awards)			Y410 Funds (\$)		Section 5303 Funds (\$)				Total Budget Amount (\$)
	Budget Amount (100%)	FHWA (80%)	Local Match (20%)	Budget Amount (100%)	FHWA (80%)	Local Cash Match (20%)	Budget Amount (100%)	FHWA (100%)	Budget Amount (100%)	FTA (80%)	GDOT Match (10%)	Local Match (10%)	
1.0 Administration													
1.1 Operations and Administration	168,264.49	134,611.59	33,652.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	168,264.49
1.2 Training/Employee Education	18,750.00	15,000.00	3,750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,750.00
1.3 Equipment and Supplies	12,500.00	10,000.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,500.00
1.4 UPWP	12,500.00	10,000.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,500.00
Work Element 1.0 Total	212,014.49	169,611.59	42,402.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	212,014.49
2.0 Public Involvement													
2.1 Community Outreach/Education	12,500.00	10,000.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,500.00
Work Element 2.0 Total	12,500.00	10,000.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,500.00
3.0 Data Collection													
3.1 Socioeconomic Data	10,000.00	8,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
Work Element 3.0 Total	10,000.00	8,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
4.0 System Planning													
4.1 Intermodal Planning	10,000.00	8,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
4.2 GIS, Model Development & Applications	10,000.00	8,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
4.3 Long-Range Plan	10,000.00	8,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
4.4 Transportation Improvement Program	10,000.00	8,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
4.5 Special Transportation Studies	100,000.00	80,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00
4.5.1 Hoschton Transportation Plan Contract	0.00	0.00	0.00	150,000.00	120,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150,000.00
4.6 Air Quality	10,000.00	8,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
Work Element 4.0 Total	150,000.00	120,000.00	30,000.00	150,000.00	120,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300,000.00
5.0 Transit Planning													
5.1 Program Support & Administration	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	68,054.00	54,443.00	6,805.00	6,806.00	68,054.00
5.2 Long Range Transportation Planning	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	68,054.00	54,443.00	6,805.00	6,806.00	68,054.00
5.3 Transportation Improvement Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,997.00	7,197.00	900.00	900.00	8,997.00
Work Element 5.0 Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	145,105.00	116,083.00	14,510.00	14,512.00	145,105.00
6.0 Complete Streets													
6.1 Safe & Accessible Transportation Options	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,887.47	7,887.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,887.47
Work Element 5.0 Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,887.47	7,887.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,887.47
Total Work Elements (\$)	384,514.49	307,611.59	76,902.90	150,000.00	120,000.00	30,000.00	7,887.47	7,887.47	145,105.00	116,083.00	14,510.00	14,512.00	687,506.96

IN-KIND MATCH COSTS AND SALARIES

The Gainesville-Hall MPO claims **\$7,650.00** in direct costs per quarter from the following sources:

Work Element	Cost
1.1 Study Coordination and Operations	
<i>Office Space (3 office rooms)</i>	\$7,650.00
Total	\$7,650.00

Additionally, the Gainesville-Hall MPO collects in-kind match from local jurisdiction staff performing work directly related to MPO activities, using the following hourly rates:

GHMPO In-Kind Match Salary Table (FY 2024)	
City/County/Town Manager	\$76 - \$112
Public Works Director	\$91 - \$96
Assistant Public Works Director	\$59 - \$93
Assistant City/County/Town Manager	\$79 - \$81
Planning/Development Director	\$44 - \$71
Public Works - Other	\$54 - \$59
Transit Director	\$29 - \$58
GIS Manager	\$50 - \$56
Administrative Assistant/Grants Specialist	\$22 - \$30

METROPOLITAN PLANNING FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED

METROPOLITAN PLANNING FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE 2026 UPWP												
Work Element	Work Sub-Element	METROPOLITAN PLANNING FACTORS										
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1.0 Program Support & Administration	1.1: Operations & Administration	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	1.2: Employee Training & Development	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
	1.3: Equipment & Supplies	X						X				
	1.4: Unified Planning Work Program	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
2.0 Public Involvement	2.1: Community Outreach/Education	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
3.0 Data Collection	3.1: Socio-Economic Data	X						X				
4.0 System Planning	4.1: Intermodal Planning		X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X
	4.2: GIS, Model Development & Applications							X				
	4.3: Long Range Plan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	4.4: Transportation Improvement Program	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	4.5: Bike/Ped Plan Update & Special Transportation Studies							X	X			
	4.6: Air Quality	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5.0: Transit Planning	5.1: Program Support & Administration	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
	5.2: Long Range Transportation Planning (Project Level)	X			X			X		X	X	X
	5.3: Transportation Improvement Program	X			X			X		X	X	X
6.0: Safe & Accessible Transportation Options/Complete Streets	6.1: Safe & Accessible Transportation Options	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

FY 2026 UPWP SCHEDULE

FY 2026 GHMPO UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Work Element	Work Sub-Element	2025						2026					
		Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
1.0 Administration	1.1: Operations and Administration	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	1.2: Training/Employee Education	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	1.3: Equipment and Supplies	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	1.4: Unified Planning Work Program				X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
2.0 Public Involvement	2.1: Community Outreach/Education	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3.0 Data Collection	3.1: Socio-Economic Data, Models, and Analysis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4.0 System Planning	4.1: Intermodal Planning	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	4.2: GIS & Model Development and Applications	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	4.3: Long Range Plan	X			X			X			X		
	4.4: Transportation Improvement Program	X			X			X			X		
	4.5: Special Transportation Studies	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	4.6: Air Quality	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5.0: Transit Planning	5.1: Program Support and Administration	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	5.2: Long Range Transportation Planning (Project Level)	X			X			X			X		
	5.3: Transportation Improvement Program	X			X			X			X		
6.0: Safe & Accessible Transportation Options/Complete Streets	6.1: Safe & Accessible Transportation Options	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Planning Documents Development Schedule

<i>Document Title</i>	Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)	Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)	Participation Plan (PP)	Title VI Program and Environmental Justice (EJ) Analysis
Update Requirement	Every five years	Every four years	Annually	Every five years	Every three years
Last Update	5/12/2025	8/8/2023	2/11/2025	2/13/2024	2/13/2024
Next Update Before	5/12/2030	8/8/2027	2/10/2026	2/13/2029	2/13/2027
Public Meetings	Two full rounds of review by all three GHMPO committees	Two full rounds of review by all three GHMPO committees	Two full rounds of review by all three GHMPO committees	Two full rounds of review by all three GHMPO committees	Two full rounds of review by all three GHMPO committees
Comment Period	30 days	30 days	30 days	45 days	30 days
Comment Period for Amendments	15 days	15 days	15 days	45 days	15 days

APPENDIX A: Performance Management Targets Resolution



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A Resolution by the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee Setting Performance Management Targets

WHEREAS, federal regulations require that the Long Range Transportation Plans and the Transportation Improvement Programs include Safety Performance Management Targets for urbanized areas; and

WHEREAS, the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization (GHMPO), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), has reviewed the requirement to adopt PM1 (Safety), PM 2 (Bridge and Pavement), and PM 3 (National Highway System, Freight, and CMAQ) Performance Management Targets for use in the transportation process; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) and the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) at their meetings on December 4, 2024 and December 5, 2024, respectively, recommended that GHMPO support the Bridge and Pavement Performance Management Targets approved by GDOT as follows:

PM 1 Targets for 2025

GHMPO supports the following Safety Performance Management Targets approved by the Georgia Department of Transportation for calendar year 2025:

- **Number of Fatalities: 1,600**
 - To maintain the 5-year moving average traffic fatalities under the projected 1,680 (2021-2025) 5-year average by 2025
- **Number of Serious Injuries: 7,109**
 - To maintain the 5-year moving average serious traffic injuries under the projected 8,966 (2021-2025) 5-year average by 2025
- **Fatality Rate: 1.25**
 - To maintain the 5-year moving average traffic fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled under the projected 1.25 (2021-2025) 5-year average by 2025
- **Serious Injury Rate: 5,711**
 - To reduce the 5-year moving average serious traffic injuries for every 100 million vehicle miles traveled under the projected 5.711 (2021-2025) 5-year average by 2025
- **Total Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries: 797**
 - To maintain the 5-year moving average non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries under the projected 797 (2021-2025 rolling average) by 2025

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PM 2 Targets

Table 1 Bridge Level of Service Measure

ASSET	PERFORMANCE MEASURE	DESCRIPTION	2-YEAR TARGET	4-YEAR TARGET
Bridge Structures	Percent of NHS Bridge in Poor condition as a percentage of total NHS bridge deck area	Bridge Conditions are based on results of inspection on all Bridge structures. Bridges rated as "Poor" are safe to drive on; however, they are nearing a point where it is necessary to either replace the bridge or extend its service life through substantial rehabilitations investments	≤ 10% (NHS) in Poor Condition	≤ 10% (NHS) in Poor Condition
Bridge Structures	Percent of NHS Bridges in Good condition as a percentage of total NHS bridge deck area	Bridges rated as "Good" will be evaluated as to cost of to maintain Good condition. Bridges rated as "Fair" will be evaluated as to cost of replacement vs. rehabilitation to bring the structure back to the condition rating of Good.	≥ 50% (NHS) in Good Condition	≥ 60% (NHS) in Good Condition

Table 2 Pavement Level of Services

ASSET	PERFORMANCE MEASURE	DESCRIPTION	TARGET
Interstate NHS	Percent of Interstate NHS pavements in Poor condition	Pavement conditions are measured through field inspections. Pavements in "poor" condition are in need of work due to either the ride quality or due to a structural deficiency.	≤ 5% (NHS) in Poor Condition
Interstate NHS	Percent of Interstate NHS pavements in Good condition	Interstate pavement rated as "good" will be considered for potential pavement preservation treatments to maintain the "good" rating.	≥ 50% (NHS) in Good Condition
Non-Interstate NHS	Percent of NHS pavements in Poor condition	Non-interstate NHS pavements in "poor" condition are in need of major maintenance. These will be evaluated for potential projects.	≤ 12% (NHS) in Poor Condition
Non-Interstate NHS	Percent of NHS pavements in Good condition	Non-interstate NHS pavements in "good" condition will be evaluated for potential preservation treatments.	≥ 40% (NHS) in Good Condition

Note: The 2-yr and 4-yr targets are the same. GDOT will have an opportunity to revisit and adjust (if necessary) the 4-year target in 2024

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PM 3 Targets

Summary of the PM 3 Performance Measures

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	GEOGRAPHIC EXTENT	APPLICABLE ROADWAYS
Percentage of person-miles traveled on the Interstate that are reliable	Statewide	Interstate
Percentage of person-miles traveled on the non-Interstate NHS that are reliable	Statewide	Non-Interstate
Truck Travel Time Reliability (TTTR) Index	Statewide	Interstate
Annual Hours of Peak Hour Excessive Delay (PHED) Per Capita*	Atlanta Urbanized Area	Entire NHS
Percent of Non-Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) Travel*	Atlanta Urbanized Area	All Roads
Total Emissions Reduction	Statewide	All Roads

*GDOT, Atlanta Regional Commission and Cartersville-Bartow Metropolitan Planning Organization are required to establish and report single targets for Annual Hours of Peak Hour Excessive Delay (PHED) Per Capita and Percent of Non-Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) Travel for Atlanta urbanized area.

PM 3 Targets

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	2-YEAR TARGET	4-YEAR TARGET
Percent of person-miles traveled on the Interstate that are reliable	73.9%	68.4%
Percent of person-miles traveled on the non-Interstate NHS that are reliable	87.3%	85.3%
Truck Travel Time Reliability (TTTR) Index	1.62	1.65
Annual Hours of Peak Hour Excessive Delay (PHED) Per Capita*	23.7 hours	27.2 hours
Percent of Non-Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) Travel*	22.7%	22.7%
Total Emissions Reduction	VOC: 157.200 kg/day; NOx: 510.900 kg/day	VOC: 257.100 kg/day; NOx: 904.200 kg/day

Note: GDOT will have an opportunity to revisit and adjust (if necessary) the 4-year target in 2024

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the GHMPO Policy Committee (PC) concurs with the recommendations of the TCC and CAC that GHMPO agree to support the Safety Performance Management Targets, Bridge and Pavement Performance Management Targets, and the Targets for Performance of the National Highway System, Freight, and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality, as approved by GDOT.

A motion was made by PC member Commissioner Stowe and seconded by PC member Mayor Asbridge and approved this the 10th Day of December, 2024.



Commissioner Jim Hix, Chair
Policy Committee

Subscribed and sworn to me this the 10th Day of December, 2024.

APPENDIX B: Transit Asset Management Targets Resolution



Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

A Resolution by the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee Setting Transit Asset Management Targets

WHEREAS, the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization (GHMPO) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for transportation planning within the Gainesville-Hall Planning Area which includes entire Hall County and a western portion of Jackson County; and

WHEREAS, federal legislation and rulemaking under MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century) and the FAST Act (Fixing America's Surface Transportation) established new performance management requirements to ensure state Departments of Transportation (DOT) and MPOs focus the use of federal transportation funds on projects which address national transportation goals; and

WHEREAS, GHMPO, in coordination with the Federal Transit Administration and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), has reviewed the requirement to adopt a Group Transit Asset Management Plan for use in the transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, transit providers are required to establish and assess state of good repair performance targets; and

WHEREAS, MPOs are required to establish state of good repair transit performance targets after the transit providers establish their initial targets; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with GDOT and transit providers, GHMPO may update its state of good repair targets annually; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) and the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) at their meetings on January 16th and January 31st respectively recommended that GHMPO support the Group Transit Asset Management Plan Targets approved by the GDOT as follows:

Transit Asset Management 2019-2022 Performance Targets:

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APPENDIX B: Transit Asset Management Targets



Gainesville - Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization

Asset Category/Class	Total Number	Useful Life Benchmark (ULB)	Number Exceeding ULB ¹ / 3.0 TERM Rating	% Exceeding ULB / 3.0 TERM Rating	Proposed FY19 Targets
Rolling Stock	775		96	12.4%	
BU-Bus (35' - 40')	82	14 yrs.	8	9.8%	15%
BU-Bus (29' - 30')	54	12 yrs.	21	38.9%	35%
CU-Cutaway bus	593	7 yrs.	52	8.8%	10%
MV-Minivan	1	8 yrs.	1	100.0%	50%
SB-School bus ²	33	15 yrs.	8	24.2%	50%
VN-Van	12	8 yrs.	6	50.0%	50%
Equipment	55		23	42.6%	
AO - Automobile	18	8 yrs.	11	61.1%	55%
Trucks and other Rubber Tire Vehicles	31	10 yrs.	11	35.5%	55%
Equip. > \$50,000 ³	6	14 yrs.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Facilities	83		7	8.4%	
Administration	62	n/a	2	3.2%	25%
Maintenance	11	n/a	5	45.5%	25%
Passenger / Parking Facilities	10	n/a	0	0%	10%

¹ For facilities, number below 3.0 TERM rating is used
² Refers to vehicle type, not type of service operated
³ For equipment, FTA requires performance targets to only be set for non-revenue or service vehicles

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the GHMPO Policy Committee (PC) concurs with the recommendations of the TCC and CAC that GHMPO agree to support the Group Transit Asset Management Targets as approved by GDOT.

A motion was made by PC member Danny Dunagan and seconded by PC member Richard Higgins and approved this the 12th of February, 2019.


 Mayor Mike Miller, Chair
 Policy Committee

Subscribed and sworn to me this the 12th of February, 2019


 Notary Public

Emily Foote
 Notary Public
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 My commission expires July 31, 2022

My commission expires 7/31/2022

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Citizens Advisory Committee

Thursday, January 30, 2025, 4:00 PM

**Finance Training Room, 4th Floor, Hall County Government Center
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AGENDA

- 1. Welcome – Renee Gerrell, Chair**

- 2. Approval of December 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

- 3. Recommend Approval of the Draft 2025 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Fiscally Constrained Project List**
 - Michael Haire, GHMPO

- 4. Recommend Approval of Draft Amendment #5 to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**
 - Joseph Boyd, GHMPO

- 5. Recommend Approval of Draft FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**
 - Michael Haire, GHMPO

- 6. Recommend Approval of Draft Application for US DOT's Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant Program**
 - Joseph Boyd, GHMPO

- 7. Update on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan**
 - Michael Haire, GHMPO



MEMORANDUM

To: Citizens Advisory Committee Members

From: Joseph Boyd, GHMPO

Date: January 23, 2025

Re: Recommend Approval of Draft Application for US DOT's Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant Program

Created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant program provides funding to increase the resiliency of the surface transportation network against natural hazards, extreme weather events, flooding, and other natural disasters.

There are four types of PROTECT grants, which range from the planning efforts to the construction of resilience-improving projects. GHMPO's PROTECT grant application will be asking for \$400,000.00 in PROTECT funds to develop a Resiliency Plan, which will identify at-risk transportation infrastructure and provide a road map for making improvements. There is no local match required for developing a Resiliency Plan. Once approved, GHMPO will apply for funding prior to the February 24th deadline.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Recommend Approval of Draft Application for US DOT's PROTECT Grant Program**

Attachment: Draft Application for US DOT's PROTECT Grant Program



Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation Program (PROTECT) Grant Program

Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant program provides funding to ensure the resiliency of the surface transportation system against natural hazards, such as flooding and extreme weather events, by supporting planning efforts, resilience improvements, evacuation planning, and the improvement of at-risk coastal infrastructure.

GHMPO, is applying for a **planning** grant, which will fund the development of a **resilience plan**, providing a roadmap of improvements that can be made to improve the strength and resiliency of GHMPO's transportation network.

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED IN THIS GRANT APPLICATION:

PROTECT Grant Funds (FHWA):	\$ 400,000.00
Local Match:	\$ 0.00

The protect grant program does not require a local match.



WHAT WILL A RESILIENCY PLAN DO FOR GHMPO?

GHMPO has already worked with local jurisdictions to determine common locations of infrastructure failure during extreme weather events to include in the grant application. A Resiliency Plan will identify improvements that can be made throughout the planning area to mitigate infrastructure failures and develop an implementation plan. Once a Resiliency Plan is in place, GHMPO and the local jurisdictions therein will be able to apply for additional PROTECT funding that will fund the infrastructure improvements. The local match for infrastructure improvements vary depending on the project, but is generally 10%.

DATES TO REMEMBER

2/24 | Application Due

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MEMORANDUM

To: Citizens Advisory Committee Members
From: Michael Haire, GHMPO
Date: January 23, 2025
Re: Update on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

GHMPO, alongside the consultant team from RS&H, has been working on an update to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan since 2023. The previous Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan was adopted in 2014 and provided a road map for the growth of GHMPO's bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. Since then, the GHMPO planning area has developed significantly, and the Trails Subcommittee has put together their own roadmap for the growth of the Highlands to Islands Trail. Over the past year, GHMPO and the project team have worked together to develop a list of projects to address connectivity and safety concerns, combining the recommendations of the Trails Subcommittee with projects identified by the project team at RS&H. Some of the projects are multi-use paths, but many recommendations listed seek to address gaps in existing infrastructure, such as adding sidewalks and crosswalks to improve safety.

Scan the QR code or click on the link below to access the project website:



<https://www.ghmpo.org/2025-mtp-bikeped/>

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None

Attachment: None

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- Michael Haire, GHMPO

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13. Upcoming Meeting Date: April 24, 2025

14. Adjourn

MEMORANDUM

To: Citizens Advisory Committee Members

From: Michael Haire, GHMPO

Date: January 23, 2025

Re: Update on the State Route 13 / Atlanta Highway Corridor Study

GHMPO, alongside the project team from Keck + Wood, have been developing the State Route 13 / Atlanta Highway Corridor Study since the Summer of 2024. This study is taking an in-depth look at the State Route 13 corridor from Tumbling Creek Road up to Jesse Jewell Parkway, with the goal being to develop a list of projects to address congestion and safety issues for both vehicles and pedestrians alike. The first public meeting was held on the corridor in November 2024, with the purpose being to collect initial feedback on the corridor and highlight the top areas of citizen’s concerns. The project team has developed a draft project list, and will be holding the next public meeting in February. Mr. Haire will provide a brief update on the project.

Scan the QR code or click on the link below to access the project website:



<https://www.ghmpo.org/state-route-13-atlanta-highway-corridor-study/>

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None

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Metropolitan Planning Organization

MEMORANDUM

To: Citizens Advisory Committee Members
From: Joseph Boyd, GHMPO
Date: January 23, 2025
Re: Update on the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan

GHMPO, on behalf of Hall County and the municipalities within, has been working with Alta Planning + Design to develop the Hall County Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan. The Safety Action Plan will provide a comprehensive list of improvements that can be made to improve safety in Hall County for both vehicles and pedestrians. Once developed, Hall County will be able to apply for SS4A implementation funds to begin developing the projects recommended in the Safety Action Plan. The project team has provided a draft project list and will be hosting the next public meeting in February. Mr. Boyd will briefly discuss the recommendations made in the draft Safety Action Plan project list.

Scan the QR code or click on the link below to access the project website:



<https://hallcountysafestreets.com/>

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None

Attachment: None

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