



Huntsville Area
Metropolitan Planning Organization

AMENDMENTS to the
DRAFT FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Edits made since adoption in June 2017 to generate the:

FINAL FY 2018 UPWP

To be adopted at the Huntsville-Area MPO meeting 08/30/2017

UPWP Edits:

1. Section 3.4.3 minor edits to terminology & proposed work
2. Appendix E added

3.4.3 Huntsville / Madison County Mid-Range Transit and Mobility Options Study

Objectives

The Huntsville-Area MPO will conduct a mid-range transit and mobility options study of existing public transit network. The goals of the study will be to recommend mid-range growth options and parameters to be included in the Year 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) during its update in FY 2019 and FY 2020; to increase ridership on existing public transit infrastructure; to recommend connections between Huntsville public transit and other MPO member jurisdictions; and to establish goals for the LRTP's 10-15 year planning horizon for public transit.

Previous Work

- The last COA transit study was conducted in 2012 and was only for the City of Huntsville Shuttle system.
- This study resulted in a no-cost reconfiguration of City of Huntsville shuttle routes that increased ridership over 20%.

Proposed Work

- Issue Request for Proposals (RFP) for transit study to consultants
- Work with chosen consultant to conduct new transit and mobility options study for the entire Huntsville-Area MPO Transportation Management Area (TMA).
- Following results of the study, establish mid-range goals for public transit.

Products

- Huntsville / Madison County Mid-Range Transit and Mobility Options Study
- Mid-range goals for Year 2045 LRTP

Staffing

MPO Staff; Transit Study Consultant

Timeline for Proposed Work

Complete study during FY 2018; develop LRTP updates based on study in FY 2019

Financial Responsibilities

TYPE	SOURCE	AMOUNT
PL	FHWA/FTA	\$72,000
LOCAL MATCH	HPD	\$18,000
TOTAL		\$90,000

The FHWA PL and FTA 5303 planning funds have been consolidated into one PL category.

Appendix E: Summary of Public Outreach Activities and Results

The Draft FY 2018 UPWP was sent out for public review per the Huntsville-Area MPO's Public Participation Plan. The Draft was made available online for review on the MPO website www.huntsvillempo.org. For two weeks, physical copies of the Draft plan were left at two public locations with comment sheets. A press release specific to the public review period was sent to local media outlets. Public notices alerting member jurisdictions' residents were posted at every member jurisdictional office. Contact information to receive individual printed copies of the plan, if desired, was included in the press release and public notices. A copy of the press release and public notice follows this page. No public comments were received.

The Draft FY 2018 UPWP was presented to the public at the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in June, 2017. The comments from these meetings are as follows:

- Question from the CAC: What is the difference between Final FY 2017 UPWP total funds and Draft FY 2018 UPWP total funds?
 - During the CAC meeting, MPO staff directed the CAC membership to the location of both UPWPs on the MPO website.
 - Final FY 2017 UPWP funds, page 57, total \$745,816
- Comment from the CAC: FY 2018 Transit study should look at additional routes and service after 6pm and on Saturdays.
 - Huntsville Public Transit answered that this study will look at mid-term expansion options for more service, greater service area, and the mid-term steps (in next 2-15 years) toward a long-term goal of a regional transit system.

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PRESS RELEASE

To: All Broadcast and Print Media
From: Huntsville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Date: May 24, 2017

Public comment is requested for edits to the **2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** and for the **DRAFT FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**.

View the edits to the TIP here:

<http://www.huntsvillempo.org/2016-2019-tip/>

View the Draft FY 2018 UPWP here:

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Printed copies of the edits to the **2016-2019 TIP**, as well as a copy of the **DRAFT FY 2018 UPWP** will be available at the following offices for public review and comment, during regular business hours, from May 24, 2017 to June 7, 2017:

1. City of Huntsville Planning Department, City Hall, 2nd Floor,
308 Fountain Circle, Huntsville, AL 35801
2. Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, Main Branch,
Second Floor Information Desk,
915 Monroe Street, Huntsville, AL 35801

Submit comments via e-mail at longrangeplanning@huntsvilleal.gov.

For additional information concerning these items, please visit the Huntsville Metropolitan Planning Organization's website at: <http://www.huntsvillempo.org> or call the MPO staff at 256-427-5100.

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