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Adopted: August 28, 2019
RESOLUTION NO. 25-19
HUNTSVILLE-AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
ADOPTION OF FY 2020 FINAL UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Huntsville-Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the organization designated by the Governor of the State of Alabama as being responsible, together with the State of Alabama, for implementing the applicable provisions of 23 USC 134 and 135 (amended by the FAST Act, Sections 1201 and 1202, December, 2015); 42 USC 126, 2006d-1, 7401; 23 CFR Parts 450 and 500; 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Transportation requires all urbanized areas, as established by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, performing area-wide urban transportation planning that involves more than one Department of Transportation operating administration, to submit a Unified Planning Work Program as a condition for meeting the provisions of Title 23, U. S. Code, Section 134; and,

WHEREAS, consistent with the declaration of these provisions, the City of Huntsville Planning Division, as staff of the MPO, in cooperation with the Alabama Department of Transportation, has prepared the FINAL Unified Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2020; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to its duties, functions, and responsibilities, the Huntsville-Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), in session this twenty eighth day of August, 2019, did review and evaluate the aforementioned Unified Planning Work Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Huntsville-Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) that the same does hereby adopt said FINAL Unified Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2020.

Adopted, this the 28th day of August, 2019

[Signature]
Chairman, Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Secretary, Metropolitan Planning Organization

ATTEST:
[Signature] Date 9-4-19
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THE UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM
for the
Huntsville-Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Introduction and Tasks Overview
The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) defines the transportation planning activities and products to be developed by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and other transportation planning agencies. It is the basis for allocating federal, state, and local funds for short and long-range transportation planning activities within the Huntsville Metro Area. The UPWP is required by federal law under Title 23 CFR 450.314 and Title 49 CFR 613.100 when federal funds are used for transportation planning. The UPWP is reviewed jointly by the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations (FHWA and FTA) as required by state law under Chapter 339.175 governing MPOs. This UPWP covers a one-year period from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020.

The level of effort in this UPWP is largely based on state and federal requirements, joint efforts with planning partners that support the transportation planning process, and the cycle of updates to the Long-Range Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program. The MPO conducts these activities in a manner consistent with the MPO’s mission statement:

“To develop a comprehensive long-range transportation plan which supports the mobility needs and economic development of the community as reflected in the adopted comprehensive plans. An integral part of the plan will be policies to guide development of a balanced transportation system. These policies shall encourage preservation of neighborhoods, protect the environment, enhance the community’s quality of life and promote public transportation. Cooperation and coordination between the community and agencies are required for the plan to work.”

Huntsville MPO Mission statement June 2015

The Federal Aid Highway Act of 1962 requires that urban areas such as Huntsville have a 3-C (cooperative, comprehensive, and continuing) transportation planning process, in order to qualify for federal funding assistance for highway improvements. The agreement to implement the 3-C process and begin the Huntsville-Area MPO was signed by the Alabama Highway Department (later known as Alabama Department of Transportation) and the City of Huntsville on September 3, 1963. The agreement was updated on June 14, 1976 to comply with regulations combining the planning requirements of the Federal Highway Administration and the Urban Mass Transportation Administration. Joining with the State of Alabama Department of Transportation and the City of Huntsville in this new agreement were the Towns of Owens Crossroads and Triana, the City of Madison, Madison County, and the Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments (TARCOG). On February 20, 2009, the MPO approved a revised transportation planning process agreement based on the 2012 act, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) legislation. In December 2015, the MPO approved a revised transportation agreement based upon the 2015 legislation, the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act).

The Huntsville-Area MPO, as established by the agreement, plans and programs transportation improvements for the Huntsville urbanized area. U.S. Department of Transportation rules and regulations require MPOs, in cooperation with the state and public transit operators, to develop Unified Planning Work Programs (UPWP). The UPWP contains all significant elements of the area wide transportation planning process used in developing the transportation plans and programs. The UPWP includes estimated MPO cost requirements for both federally and non-federally funded planning activities.

The most recent federal transportation authorizing legislation, Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), was enacted by Congress and signed into law in December of 2015. Like previous authorization acts, FAST Act requires the Governor to designate an MPO to carry out the transportation planning process for each urbanized area with a population of more than 50,000. In addition, it specifies that the MPO shall:
• Prepare a Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and provide citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of transportation agency employees, private providers of transportation, and other parties an opportunity to comment;
• Develop a Transportation Improvement Program for the area, which will be updated at least once every four years in compliance with 23 CFR 450.324 and shall be approved by the MPO as part of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) update process.
• In developing such plans and programs, employ a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3C) process;
• Develop a Congestion Management Process; and
• Comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), Executive Order 13166 Limited English Proficiency, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and regulations regarding Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE).

Status of Transportation Planning Activities
On July 8, 2002, the Huntsville Urbanized Area was designated by the FHWA and FTA as a Transportation Management Area (TMA), with a population of greater than 200,000 as determined by the 2000 census. With the designation came additional planning requirements, including establishing a Congestion Management Process (CMP) as part of the metropolitan planning process. Also, the MPO must go through the federal certification process within three years of being designated a TMA. The MPO went through the first certification process in 2005.

Most of the continuing activities included in the UPWP are directed toward accomplishing tasks required of the 3-C transportation planning process. Included in these activities are the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) the UPWP, the CMP, the Bike/Ped Plan, and in the event of air quality non-conformity, the Air Quality Conformity Report. Although the current tasks in these continuing elements may be more oriented toward resolving different issues than have been faced in the past, the basic format and scope of the elements remain similar to past years’ efforts.

Data management is also a continuing element. Designed for monitoring basic data relevant to transportation planning, it has typically required a significant amount of time and resources, primarily in the analysis of census data. A considerable amount of time is utilized analyzing and updating the results of the decennial census.

In the past fiscal year, all federal and state requirements were met by the MPO. In addition, a number of other projects that were essential to the comprehensive transportation planning process were completed. Reports, studies, newsletters, and brochures produced by the MPO are available at the Planning Division located on the 2nd Floor of the Municipal Building (308 Fountain Circle, Huntsville AL), on the MPO website at www.huntsvillempo.org/plans-and-reports/, or in other formats by request. Recent items available include:
• The Huntsville Development Review
• Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan
• Public Participation Plan (PPP)
• Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program
• Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan, also called the Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan
• Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
• Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
• Congestion Management Plan
• Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) (Summary)
The following is a summary of the planning requirements under the FAST Act, as provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation.
The core metropolitan and statewide transportation planning requirements remain intact under FAST Act, emphasizing the role of state and local officials, in cooperation with transit operators, in tailoring the planning process to meet metropolitan and state transportation needs.

Continuing at both the metropolitan and statewide level are provisions concerning fiscal constraint, planning horizon, and public involvement, with modification to the list of named stakeholder groups to add freight shippers and public transit users. Current MPOs remain unchanged, unless re-designated, and retain responsibility for adopting the metropolitan transportation plan. Local officials, in cooperation with the state and transit operators, remain responsible for determining the best transportation investments to meet metropolitan transportation needs. MPOs are responsible for adopting the long-range transportation plan; the Governor and MPO approve the transportation improvement program (TIP). The long-range plan and TIP remain separate documents.

FAST Act embraces and reinforces a 20-year planning perspective, air quality conformity, fiscal constraint, and public involvement established under Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA). The long-range plan must contain operational and management strategies to improve the performance of existing transportation facilities; investment and other strategies that provide for multimodal capacity increases based on regional priorities and needs; and proposed transportation and transit enhancement activities.

A process is required of all MPOs. MPOs with TMAs are required to produce a Congestion Management Plan (urbanized areas with populations larger than 200,000). The planning process in TMAs requires DOT certification. Metropolitan transportation planning funding remains a 1 percent reduction from certain authorized programs in Title 23, and has changed to specific funding levels in Title 49. Funding for State Planning and Research (SPR) supported activities remains a 2 percent set aside of certain apportionments in Title 23, and has changed to specific funding levels in Title 49.

Metropolitan planning area (MPA) boundaries are maintained as they currently reflect air quality non-attainment areas at the existing limits on the date of enactment. They may be extended to reflect increases in non-attainment area boundaries at the discretion of the Governor and the MPO. For new MPOs, the boundaries will reflect the non-attainment area boundaries based on agreements between the Governor and local officials. This does not apply to the Huntsville Area MPO.

The continued involvement of local officials in non-metropolitan areas strengthens the financial aspects of the planning process and improves coordination, cooperation, and public involvement. MPOs and states continue to encourage the coordination of the design and delivery of federally funded non-emergency transportation services. In addition, major investment studies under the provision of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) continue to be integrated.

The key changes in the FAST Act legislation are the modifications to the metropolitan planning processes that include the following:

**Metropolitan Planning in General**

- MPOs will be encouraged to consult or coordinate with planning officials responsible for other types of planning activities affected by transportation, including planned growth, economic development, environmental protection, airport operations, and freight movement.

- The metropolitan planning process is to promote consistency between transportation improvements and state and local planned growth and economic development patterns.

- Safety and security of the transportation system are separate planning factors that are to be considered during the metropolitan planning process.

- A state will have 30 days to reimburse an MPO for planning expenses after request from the MPO for reimbursement.
Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

- The LRTP will be updated every four (4) years (unless the MPO chooses to do so more frequently) in non-attainment and maintenance areas. Counties within the MPA remain on a 5-year conformity/non-conformity update cycle, subject to changes in EPA and FHWA reporting requirements. The next LRTP is 2045 LRTP Update.
- Intermodal connectors are added as a transportation facility type.
- The LRTP includes a discussion of potential environmental mitigation activities along with potential sites to carry out the activities to be included. The discussion is to be developed in consultation with federal, state, and local government agencies, as well as tribal and wildlife, land management, and regulatory agencies.
- Transit operators are to be included in the cooperative development of funding estimates for the financial plan section.
- MPOs are required to consult with state and local agencies responsible for land use management, natural resources, environmental protection, conservation, and historic preservation concerning development of the LRTP.
- The opportunity to participate in the planning process must be extended to user groups of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities and include the physically disadvantaged.
- The MPO is to maintain the Public Participation Process (PPP) Plan in consultation with interested parties that provides reasonable opportunities for all parties to comment.
- The Participation Plan is to be implemented in accordance with FAST Act, Sections 1201 and 1202, public meetings are to: be conducted at convenient times and at accessible locations; employ visualization techniques to describe plans; and make public information available in an electronically accessible format, such as on the Internet or the World Wide Web (www).
- The LRTP is to be published and made available electronically, including through use of PowerPoint presentations, e-mail, or FTP site distribution or download, and website viewing and download via the World Wide Web.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- The TIP will be amended as needed but subject to being updated every 4 years. The next TIP will be the FY 2020-2023 TIP.
- It will contain a priority list of funded projects and strategies for four (4) years; a financial plan; and descriptions (type of work, termini, length, etc.) of each project.
- The published annual investments in greenways and bicycle/pedestrian facilities are to be included in the listing of projects.
- Once the TIP is adopted into the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) it takes specific actions to revise both TIP and the STIP. Only amendments to the TIP require federal approval of those actions to complete the process.
- There are two basic ways to revise a TIP once it has been adopted.
  - The first is referred to as an administrative modification (also called an adjustment, revision, correction, or administrative amendment). An administrative modification is a minor change to a TIP project, such as to its phase costs, funding sources, or phase initiation dates. This adjustment is usually the quickest means of changing a TIP.
  - The second way is through a formal amendment, which involves a major change to the TIP such as addition or deletion of a project, a major change in the project cost or initiation dates, or a major change in the design concept or design scope. Amendments require a public review and comment period, a re-demonstration of fiscal constraint, and potentially an air quality conformity determination (if in a maintenance or nonattainment area) for the proposed change to be considered.

Planning Priorities for the Metropolitan Area

The Huntsville Area Transportation Study MPO has established planning priorities, focusing on local and regional issues that are intended to supplement and further support the emphasis areas established at the state and federal level. In response to the on-going development throughout the Huntsville Metro Area, state and local governments and transportation agencies have utilized various policy tools and system improvements to ensure the future functionality of the transportation system and the mobility of its users.
Currently there are a number of regionally significant transportation projects that have the potential to increase efficiency and enhance interconnectivity for facilities which serve the Huntsville Area Transportation MPO Study Area.

Regionally significant project means a transportation project (other than an exempt project) that is on a facility which serves regional transportation needs (such as access to and from the area outside of the region, major activity centers in the region, major planned developments such as new retail malls, sports complexes, etc., or transportation terminals as well as most terminals themselves) and would normally be included in the modeling of a metropolitan area’s transportation network, including at a minimum all principal arterial highways and all fixed guide way transit facilities that offer an alternative to regional highway travel.

Regionally Significant Roadways include: Freeways and expressways documented in the Long-Range Transportation Plan, roadways included in the federally-adopted National Highway System (NHS), roadways included as intermodal connectors in the NHS, and roadways identified as principal arterials in the Federal Regional Functional Classification System

This definition is based on the one provided in federal regulations and will be used to determine the format in which arterial roadways are documented in the Long-Range Transportation plan. In most cases, these potential projects address major roadways as well as transit, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities that either individually or collectively serves regional travel needs. These efforts include major investments in infrastructure, transit planning, and providing transportation choices by supporting all modes of travel and planning for sub-areas and corridors. These projects must be in a separate table in the Long-Range Plan and TIP with appropriate mapping

The MPO plays a vital and central role in this process by providing a forum for transportation decision-making and by creating the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and associated work products. The products of the MPO serve as the central source for the envisioned future transportation network and as support in the efforts of its partners to implement projects and policies that lead to that future. Through emphasizing the planning activities and priorities described below, the MPO will continue in this role by implementing its work program. MPO staff will focus on a wide range of planning activities. Most notable among these are:

**Data Collection and Analysis (Task 2.1)**
- Monitor the physical and performance characteristics of the highway system to assist planning efforts that seek to preserve capacity, maximize personal mobility, and maintain system integrity.
- Provide technical support to local officials, agencies, and jurisdictions.
- Maintain data in GIS, which may include land use; population; employment; environmentally sensitive areas; areas of significant travel and tourism; and stormwater management locations on the transportation network to include mapping of manholes, inlets, retention and detention ponds, etc.
- Investigate methods for new data; including use of secondary data, visual inspection of maps, and aerials as well as direct measurement
- Maintain transportation databases enhancing the agency’s technical capacity to aid in the decision-making process
- Travel to and participate in necessary training and workshops

**Pedestrian and Bicycle Access and Safety (Task 3.3)**
- Pursue development of and promote plans and projects that improve roadway safety
- Identify effective safety countermeasures, conduct public education for vulnerable road users, and increase the usage of bicycles and walking as viable modes of transportation
- Work with Huntsville Public Transit for the identification of funding for transit shelters and sidewalk development within ½ mile of stops and within 3 miles for bike facilities.

**Transit Planning (Task 3.4)**
- Public Transit, in coordination with MPO staff, will continue efforts to ensure that the needs of minority and low-income populations are considered in the planning for transit services, including service monitoring, data collection, and analysis and reporting
● Develop and implement outreach activities to educate the public on transportation options and obtain their input on needs and service improvement proposals
● Review new federal and state funding programs and pursue opportunities for obtaining additional funding for service and capital projects
● Develop funding applications and undertake administrative and planning requirements related to the grants, including planning analysis, compliance activities, and quarterly reporting

Regional Plans and Programs (Task 3.0 and Appendix 4.0)
● Strengthen the ongoing process for developing and coordinating regional plans, priorities, and programs.

Public Involvement and Agency Coordination Process
The public and other agencies were involved in formulating this UPWP. The purpose of undertaking the public involvement and agency coordination process is to ensure that transportation planning activities using federal funds are reflecting the needs, values, and concerns of the community being served and that transportation agencies are working cooperatively to plan systems that meet the requirements, intent, and spirit of federal, state, and local guidance. The process included timely public notices, complete access to information, full access and input in key decisions, and allowed for early and continuing involvement of the community.
The Huntsville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is committed to ensuring public participation in the development of all transportation plans and programs. It is the overall goal of the MPO that the transportation planning process be open, accessible, transparent, inclusive, and responsive. As a continuing effort by the MPO to provide public access and the means by which to engage in the planning process, the MPO has established the following public participation goals for all documents and programs:

1. **An Open Process** – To have an open process that encourages early and continued public participation. All MPO and committee meetings are open to the public.

2. **Easy Information Access** – To provide complete and timely information regarding plans, programs, procedures, policies and technical data produced or used during the planning process to the general public and the media. All MPO meeting announcements, documents, maps, and plans can be viewed at [www.huntsvillempo.org](http://www.huntsvillempo.org).

3. **Notice of Activities** – To provide timely and adequate public notice of hearings, meetings, reviews, and availability of documents.

4. **Public Input and Organizational Response** – To demonstrate consideration and recognition of public input and comments and to provide appropriate responses to public input.

5. **An Inclusive Process** – To encourage participation in the planning process by traditionally underrepresented segments of the community; low-income groups, minorities, persons with disabilities, and the elderly; and to consider the needs of these groups when developing programs, projects, or plans.

Additionally, the Huntsville Area MPO will be compliant with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 by July 2016. The MPO is and will remain compliant with the following Title VI laws, processes, and programs:

- **Civil Rights Act of 1964**, 42 USC 2000d, et seq. which prohibits exclusion from participation in any federal program on the basis of race, color, or national origin.
- **23 USC 324** which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, adding to the landmark significance of 2000d. This requirement is found in 23 CFR 450.334(1).
- **Rehabilitation Act of 1973**, 29 USC 701 Section 504, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of a disability, and in terms of access to the transportation planning process.
- **Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990** which prohibits discrimination based solely on disability. ADA encourages the participation of people with disabilities in the development of transportation and paratransit plans and services. In accordance with ADA guidelines, all meetings conducted by the MPO will take place in locations which are accessible by persons with mobility limitations or other impairments.
- **Executive Order 12898** or referred to as *Environmental Justice*, which requires that federal programs, policies and activities affecting human health or the environment will identify and avoid disproportionately high and adverse effects on minority or low-income populations. The intent was to ensure that no racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic group bears a disproportionate share of negative environmental consequences resulting from government programs and policies.
- **Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan** which is required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 13166, and FTA Circular C 4702.1B, October 2012. The Huntsville Area MPO has completed a Four Factor Analysis of the Huntsville Area Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) to determine requirements for compliance with the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) provisions. Based on the analysis, the MPO has identified a population within the MPA that may require MPO assistance in participating in the planning process. A Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan has been developed and is incorporated into the PPP. It can be accessed at [www.huntsvillempo.org](http://www.huntsvillempo.org).

In order to further support the public participation goals of the Huntsville Area MPO, the public is encouraged to participate in the development of the UPWP. The 2019 UPWP process will include two public involvement meetings designed to obtain input from the public concerning the UPWP process in the Huntsville Area Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). In addition, once the draft UPWP is approved, it will be subject to a 30-day public comment period before adoption of the final document.
activities and results are included in the Appendices. All Huntsville Area MPO meetings are open to the public. At these meetings, the MPO committees review and approve the draft and final UPWP documents. Interested individuals may also review and comment upon these documents in tandem with the MPO committees. Individuals may address their concerns to the MPO committees directly at any meetings they attend.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is a national law that protects qualified individuals from discrimination based on their disability.

The nondiscrimination requirements of the law apply to employers and organizations that receive financial assistance from any federal department or agency, including the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). These organizations and employers include many hospitals, nursing homes, mental health centers, and human service programs. Section 504 forbids organizations and employers from excluding or denying individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to receive program benefits and services. It defines the rights of individuals with disabilities to participate in, and have access to, program benefits and services.

The agencies with enforcement authority for actions which allege employment discrimination under this subchapter and under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 [29 U.S.C. 701 et seq.] shall develop procedures to ensure that administrative complaints filed under this subchapter and under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are dealt with in a manner that avoids duplication of effort and prevents imposition of inconsistent or conflicting standards for the same requirements under this subchapter and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

For the Federal-aid highway program: (1) Each State must have procedures approved by the FHWA to carry out a public involvement/public hearing program pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 128 and 139 and CEQ regulation. (2) State public involvement/public hearing procedures must provide for:

i. Coordination of public involvement activities and public hearings with the entire NEPA process.
ii. Early and continuing opportunities during project development for the public to be involved in the identification of social, economic, and environmental impacts, as well as impacts associated with relocation of individuals, groups, or institutions.
iii. One or more public hearings or the opportunity for hearing(s) to be held by the state highway agency at a convenient time and place for any federal-aid project which requires significant amounts of right-of-way, substantially changes the layout or functions of connecting roadways or of the facility being improved, has a substantial adverse impact on abutting property, otherwise has a significant social, economic, environmental or other effect, or for which the FHWA determines that a public hearing is in the public interest.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law on July 26, 1990. Its overall purpose is to make American Society more accessible to people with disabilities. In 2008, the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) was passed. Its purpose is to broaden the definition of disability, which had been narrowed by U.S. Supreme Court decisions.

The ADA is divided into five titles:

1. Employment (Title I) - Title I requires covered employers to provide reasonable accommodation for applicants and employees with disabilities and prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in all aspects of employment. Reasonable accommodation includes, for example, restructuring jobs, making work-sites and workstations accessible, modifying schedules, providing services such as interpreters, and modifying equipment and policies. Title I also regulate medical examinations and inquires. For more information, see http://AskJAN.org/links/adalinks.htm#I

2. Public Services (Title II) - Under Title II, public services (which include state and local government agencies, the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, and other commuter authorities) cannot deny services to people with disabilities or deny participation in programs or activities that are available to people without disabilities. In addition, public transportation systems, such as public transit buses, must be accessible to individuals with disabilities. For more information, see http://AskJAN.org/links/adalinks.htm#II
3. Public Accommodations (Title III) - Public accommodations include facilities such as restaurants, hotels, grocery stores, retail stores, etc., as well as privately owned transportation systems. Title III requires that all new construction and modifications must be accessible to individuals with disabilities. For existing facilities, barriers to services must be removed if readily achievable. For more information, see http://AskJAN.org/links/adalinks.htm#III

4. Telecommunications (Title IV) - Telecommunications companies offering telephone service to the general public must have telephone relay service to individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TTYs) or similar devices.

5. Miscellaneous (Title V) - This title includes a provision prohibiting either (a) coercing or threatening or (b) retaliating against individuals with disabilities or those attempting to aid people with disabilities in asserting their rights under the ADA. The Draft UPWP will be presented to the Citizens and Technical Advisory Committees and the MPO Board’s Policy Committee. All these meetings will be publicly noticed and allowed time for public comment. Agendas were distributed to a wide mailing list and posted on the MPO’s website. Also, review copies of the draft were sent to the ALDOT and FHWA. All comments received were addressed and revisions were made where appropriate in the UPWP. In general, all agency plans and programs comply with the prohibition against discrimination in federally funded programs provisions of Title VI, 42 USC, Section 2000d, which states:

“No person in the United States shall, on ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.”

The MPO will be in compliance with applicable provisions of FTA C 4702.1B. A Language Assistance Plan consistent with provisions of the Limited Proficiency requirements is available in the 2013 Public Participation Plan.

**Scope of the Planning Process and FAST Act**

The MPO uses the planning factors to establish goals for the LRTP and to prioritize projects in the LRTP and TIP. The process for developing these products is continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C), involving regular update cycles, informal partnerships, and formal review processes with metropolitan area stakeholders, and integration of multiple modes and functionalities at all levels of planning. In addition to these core products, many of the processes, plans, and partnerships of the MPO support the planning factors.

FAST Act retains the eight (8) MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century) planning factors as the Scope of the Planning Process, and these factors must be considered in development of road projects, programs, and strategies. Additionally, two other factors were added by the FAST Act. The following factors must be considered:

1. Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency
2. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users
3. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users
4. Increase the accessibility and mobility options available to people and 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 the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system, and reduce (or mitigate) the stormwater impacts on surface transportation
10. Enhance travel and tourism
Planning Emphasis Areas

Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs) are usually themes promoted for consideration in the transportation process. For fiscal year 2020, FHWA and FTA have not identified Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs).

The MPO has identified their own PEAs in the following:

1) FAST Act Implementation – Transition to Performance Based Planning and Programming. The development and implementation of a performance management approach to transportation planning and programming that supports the achievement of transportation system performance outcomes.
   ● Tasks 1.1, 1.2, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 4.1, and 4.2

2) Models of Regional Planning Cooperation - Promote cooperation and coordination across MPO boundaries and across state boundaries, where appropriate, to ensure a regional approach to transportation planning. This is particularly important where more than one MPO or state serves an urbanized area or adjacent urbanized areas. This cooperation could occur through the metropolitan planning agreements that identify how the planning process and how the planning products will be coordinated, through the development of joint planning products, and/or by other locally coordination of transportation plans and programs, corridor studies, and products across adjacent operators of public transportation on activities such as: data collection, data storage, and analytical tools and performance based planning.
   ● Tasks 1.1, 2.1, 2.3, 3.1, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 4.1, 4.2, and 5.0

3) Ladders of Opportunity - Access to essential services - As part of the transportation planning process, identify transportation connectivity gaps in access to essential services. Essential services include housing, employment, health care, schools/education, and recreation. This Ladders of Opportunity Initiative makes funds available to public transportation providers to finance capital projects to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities, including programs of bus and bus-related projects for assistance to sub-recipients that are public agencies, private companies engaged in public transportation, or private non-profit organizations. This emphasis area could include MPO and state identification of performance measures and analytical methods to measure the transportation system’s connectivity to essential services and the use of this information to identify gaps in transportation system connectivity that preclude access of the public, including traditionally underserved populations, to essential services. It could also involve the identification of solutions to address those gaps.
   ● Tasks 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 4.1, and 4.2

Livability Principles and Indicators

Increasingly, federal and state agencies are using Performance Measures as a way of ensuring greater accountability for the expenditure of public funds in an ever-growing number of programs and activities across a variety of disciplines. Within the transportation sector and the planning processes associated with transportation infrastructure development, ALDOT has adopted the Livability Principles and Indicators as a sustainability measurement against future actions.

All planning tasks must be measured against these Livability Principles:

1) Provide more transportation choices
2) Promote equitable, affordable housing
3) Enhance economic competitiveness
4) Support existing communities
5) Coordinate policies and leverage investment
6) Value Communities and neighborhoods

As a measure of sustainability of these principles, the MPO provides the following Livability Indicators:

1) Percent of jobs and housing located within one-half (1/2) mile of transit service
2) Percent of household income spent on housing and transportation
3) Percent of workforce living within a twenty-nine (29) minute or less commute from primary job centers
4) Percent of workforce living within a thirty (30) minutes or more commute from primary job centers
5) Percent of transportation investment dedicated to enhancing accessibility of existing transportation systems
6) Percent of transportation projects where more than one federal funding source is utilized
7) Percent of housing units located within 1/4 mile of major retail centers and recreational facilities.

The Livability Principles and Indicators may be found in Appendix B of this document.

**Organization and Management of the Planning Process**

The Governor has designated the Huntsville-Area MPO as the agency responsible for transportation planning in the MPO study area. The City of Huntsville Planning Division staff provides much of the professional manpower that is required locally for transportation planning. The Local Transportation Bureau of the Alabama department of Transportation is responsible for providing the MPO with Technical planning and funding data support and guidance, and travel modeling portion of highway studies. Other departments and agencies also have planning and/or functional responsibilities in the development of the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) planning process. These organizations, functions, and interrelationships are outlined in the prospectus for the Huntsville Area MPO.

The governing body for the transportation planning process is the Huntsville-Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The MPO is a committee of officials representing the state and local governments that are involved in planning and programming transportation improvements for the Huntsville-Area MPO study area. The MPO sets the goals and objectives of the study and directs the execution of all phases of the ongoing plan.

The MPO receives technical guidance for the transportation planning process from the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC). The TCC consists of technical and professional members of the community who can furnish the expert guidance needed for plan development and implementation. The TCC reviews and analyzes the procedural aspects of the planning process, coordinates the work of participating agencies, and recommends alternative transportation plans and programs to the MPO.

The Citizens’ Advisory Committee (CAC) provides structured citizen input to the MPO. The CAC is comprised of a cross-section of area residents appointed to serve the MPO. The CAC provides recommendations directly to the MPO and assures that all interested parties have an adequate opportunity to express their views on transportation related matters.

By federal and state law, urbanized areas with a population of at least 50,000 must designate a single agency, an MPO, to conduct long range transportation planning and receive federal planning funds. Federal agencies such as the FTA and FHWA, as well as the state agency ALDOT, review the plans and programs of the MPO.
Unified Planning Work Program Tasks

TASK 1.0: PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

1.1 MPO Administration and Management

Objectives
To oversee the management and monitoring of planning tasks in compliance with administrative, financial, and legal requirements for maintaining the continuing, comprehensive and cooperative (3C) process for the Huntsville Urbanized Area. To maintain a transportation planning work program that responds to the needs of the community, and meets state and federal requirement. To monitor and report on progress in achieving objectives.

Previous Work
- Prepared meeting materials, agendas, and meeting minutes for all Board and Committee meetings
- Prepared and adopted the Draft and Final FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program
- Prepared progress reports and reimbursement request for MPO activities
- Attended trainings and workshops relevant to administrating the MPO (FHWA Planning Grants Management Training and AMPO Annual Conference)
- Updated the MPO planning agreement to FAST Act requirements

Proposed Work
- Prepared agendas, minutes, news releases, advertisements, and social media updates for all meetings concerning the Transportation Planning Process
- Attended and conducted all meetings of the MPO Policy Board, the Technical Coordinating Committee, and Citizens Advisory Committee
- Prepared Invoices, reports, and yearly audits
- Attended other meetings concerning the Transportation Planning Process
- Coordinate with other transportation planning agencies in the metropolitan area and provide opportunities for input in the development of the UPWP
- Certify compliance with state and federal regulations regarding expenditure of funds for transportation planning
- Assess progress towards meeting UPWP objectives and budget targets on a monthly basis.
- Annual UPWP amendments to update UPWP and preparation of next year’s UPWP
- Manage in-house staff and consultants to accomplish planning tasks
- Participate in transportation workshops, conferences, meetings, and coordination activities to provide staff, board, and committee members training and education; maintain technical expertise
- Potential meetings/webinars and related activities with local, state, regional, and federal entities including, but not limited to, the Transportation Research Board, Institute of Transportation Engineers, American Planning Association, National Highway and Transit Institutes, bicycle/pedestrian conferences, and transportation disadvantaged activities
- Purchase new computers or components to upgrade existing computers, as necessary, along with other related equipment and furniture to maximize the MPO’s capacity to support public outreach and the decision-making process

Products
- Progress reports (Monthly)
- Grant applications and budget submittals (Ongoing)
- Reports and presentations to the MPO and its committees, the TCC and CAC

Staffing
MPO Staff

Timeline for Proposed Work
October 2019 through September 2020
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1.2 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Objectives
To develop and obtain MPO endorsement/adoption and state and federal agency approval of an annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that provides a description and cost estimates of the overall transportation planning activities ongoing and anticipated within the Urbanized Area, including funding sources and agency responsibilities.

Previous Work
- All Tasks included in the FY 2019 UPWP were worked on.
- A Public Involvement Review Process for the FY 2019 UPWP was completed.

Proposed Work
- Prepare a Draft and Final FY 2020 UPWP.
- Annual UPWP amendments as required to update UPWP and preparation of next year’s UPWP.
- Assess progress towards meeting UPWP objectives and budget targets on a quarterly basis.
- Coordinate with other transportation planning agencies in the metropolitan area and provide the opportunities for input in the development of the UPWP.

Products

Staffing
MPO Staff.

Timeline for Proposed Work
Prepare Draft and Final FY 2021 UPWP
October 2019 through September 2020

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1.3 Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)

Objectives
To maintain and update the COOP for the Huntsville Metropolitan Area, which will allow for rapid recovery from a disaster to resume the transportation planning process

Previous Work
● Tested data implementation of COOP.
● Updated and backed up data for transportation planning files.

Proposed Work
● Implement COOP activities, including procedures, activation, alternate operations, reconstitution, and information technology.

Products
● COOP maintenance activities
● Upgrade software and data capacity

Staffing
MPO Staff

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1.4 Staff Training Activities

Objectives
To maintain and enhance the capabilities of the planning staff to conduct and implement the varied responsibilities of metropolitan transportation planning.

Previous Work
- Staff members maintained expertise by attending conferences, seminars, and webinars on relevant topics statewide, regionally, and nationally.
- Short courses have also been attended by staff members including courses sponsored by the U.S. DOT, FHWA, FTA, and ALDOT.

Proposed Work
- Staff will attend quarterly training with ALDOT using the Cube Voyager Regional Travel Demand Model.
- In-house training sessions will be conducted and local representation at transportation related seminars and training sessions will be arranged.
- Current literature and periodicals for the transportation planning staff will be obtained in order to remain informed of current planning developments.
- Special emphasis will be placed on acquiring training for using personal computers for transportation planning and modeling.
- Staff will continue to participate in training sessions concerning implementing provisions of the new surface transportation legislation.
- Attend conferences and training sessions (ITE, National and State APA, AMPO, etc.)

Products
Well trained and knowledgeable MPO staff

Staffing
State and federal agency or private consultant training staff as required

Timeline for Proposed Work
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2.1 Data Collection and Analysis

Objectives
To monitor changes in demographic characteristics and to ensure transportation projections are compatible with current patterns, local land use policies. To provide required inputs to the regional transportation models; monitor the physical and performance characteristics of the transportation system to preserve capacity, maximize personal mobility, and freight movement. To ensure user safety and system security, and maintain system integrity; evaluate the system’s operating efficiency and conditions to assess current needs, validate the long-range transportation planning model, project future travel demand, and identify future improvements.

Previous Work
- Documented projections of socio-economic data by Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZ) for 2045
- Provided inputs and reviewed socio-economic and land use data for the Huntsville regional model
- Prepared baseline socio-economic 2010 data for use in the 2045 LRTP Update
- Updated MPO Planning Area Boundaries based upon 2010 Census data, and coordination with FHWA and ALDOT
- Utilized data to develop layers in GIS, to include land use; population; employment; environmentally sensitive areas; areas of significant travel and tourism; and stormwater management locations on the transportation network to include mapping of manholes, inlets, retention and detention ponds, etc.
- The MPO collected, prepared, and presented Livability Indicators data as required on p. 43 of the 2019 UPWP. This work task was in response to an FHWA directive to the Alabama Department of Transportation.

Proposed Work
- Utilizing information from Census Bureau and regional entities, update the MPO's inventory of land use, socio-economic, and environmental data for use in transportation modeling
- Update methodology and software database used to develop and maintain socio-economic data
- Quarterly training with ALDOT using the Cube Voyager-based Regional Travel Demand Module
- Maintain data in GIS, to include land use; population; employment; environmentally sensitive areas; areas of significant travel and tourism; and stormwater management locations on the transportation network to include mapping of manholes, inlets, retention and detention ponds, etc. so that transportation issues related to these elements are considered during the planning process
- Monitor, through data products used by traffic engineers and Huntsville Public Transit that measure the reliability and resiliency of the transportation network, to ensure that corridors are operating at maximum efficiency
- Investigate methods for new data; including use of secondary data, visual inspection of maps, and aerials as well as direct measurement
- Maintain transportation databases enhancing the agency’s technical capacity to aid in the decision-making process
- Possible travel to and participate in necessary training and workshops

Products
- Updated existing and future year highway databases based on 2045 LRTP amendments
- Updated traffic count information and redesigned MPO transportation database
- Transit-supportive area maps for current conditions
- Multi-modal data integration for Comprehensive Bicycle Plan Update
- Population and household estimates and projections for the MPO documents

Staffing
MPO Staff
**Timeline for Proposed Work**
October 2019 through September 2020

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2.2 Computer Technical Assistance

Objectives
To provide computer hardware and software for the MPO planning staff as needed to perform tasks outlined in the UPWP.

Previous Work
- Upgraded Transportation modeling software to Cube.6.2.1
- Upgraded ArcGIS 8.0 to ArcGIS 10
- Purchased laptop computer, monitors, projector, and printers
- Purchased Adobe Creative Cloud subscriptions
- Continued purchasing of computer software updates
- Updated methodology and software database used to develop and maintain socio-economic data

Proposed Work
- Purchase and Update Adobe Creative Cloud subscriptions
- The State will provide technical support for maintaining the travel demand forecasting model developed for the Huntsville study area.
- Continued development of procedures and software for linkage between land use and travel demand forecasting models.

Products
Purchase MPO laptops and tablets (hardware and software) for functionality especially during LRTP season

Staffing
MPO Staff

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3.1 Long Range Transportation Plan

Objectives
Continue to support the Huntsville Area Regional Transportation Model as the primary tool to test alternative networks on a regional basis; review planning assumptions and recommend any amendments needed to keep the plan current, cost affordable, and conforming to federal laws

Previous Work
- Amended 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan as needed
- Evaluated the financial status of projects to determine what improvements could be retained, and which projects would be deferred
- Completed RFP for On-Call Consultant Support and provided Notice to Proceed
- Preliminary incorporation of Streetlytics into the LRTP Modeling and Forecasting Updates
- Drafted Livability Principles and Performance Measures
- Preliminary Public Outreach events scheduled
- Incorporated short and long-term transit system initiatives within the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan
- As needed, provide input to transportation fiscal impact analyses
- FTA funds will be used to develop and analyze transit options

Proposed Work
- Continue to amend the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan as warranted
- The MPO will work and coordinate with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) on setting goals, objectives, performance measures, and targets required by the FAST Act, for inclusion in the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LTRP)
- Participate in community presentations, events, and meetings to provide information and provide reasonable opportunity for receiving, recording, and analyzing public feedback
- Conduct and/or participate in technical studies and community plans (including air quality analysis and conformity determination if required) and incorporate findings as necessary
- Calibrate and validate the Huntsville Regional Planning Model to analyze alternative highway networks
- Assess and prioritize long-range transportation mode needs
- Distribute LRTP material in various formats, such as brochures, foldout maps, and interactive website
- Continue to evaluate projects based on Environmental Justice and Title VI criteria for disproportionate impacts on and distribution of benefits to low-income and minority populations
- Monitor best practices for implementing FAST Act requirements in advance of next major LRTP update
- Possible travel to necessary training or workshops
- STP and/or PL funds may be used to analyze data, prepare documents, distribute informational materials, and notify the public of public hearings or workshops
- Complete Model Updates
- Coordinate meetings with MPO member jurisdictions to discuss projects
- Work with Consultant to streamline and minimize page count of 2045 LRTP
- Complete fiscally constrained projects budgetary update
- Streamline visionary projects listed in 2040 LRTP to be included in 2045 LRTP
- Develop new maps of fiscally constrained and visionary projects

Products
- Amended 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan
- Updated 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan

Staffing
MPO Staff

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3.2 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Objectives
Draw on priorities identified in the adopted LRTP to select projects to receive state and federal funding over the next four years; use sound financial planning to accurately estimate available funds for system expansion, operations, and maintenance costs; develop, maintain, and update the scheduling of improvements and ensure consistency between the MPO’s TIP and the Capital Improvement Programs in part of the Huntsville area; amend the FY 2016-2019 TIP documents as needed; in the event that Air Quality Conformity Determination is required in the Huntsville Area, the MPO will prepare an amended FY 2016-2019 TIP for MPO approval and normal distribution.

Previous Work
- Amended FY 2016-2019 TIP when necessary
- Update FY2020-2023 TIP
- Established highway, transit, bicycle, pedestrian, intermodal, air quality, and transportation disadvantaged priorities for Huntsville Urbanized Area
- The MPO prepared and presented the Livability Indicator data as required on p.43. The data will be displayed in charts, tables, or maps.
- Through the MPO website, provide an annual listing of projects for which federal funds have been authorized in the previous year
- Coordinated with ALDOT to assist in developing a comprehensive STIP, through amendments to FY2016-2019 TIP as well as the development of the updated FY2020-2023 TIP

Proposed Work
- Analyze state and federal allocations available under the Transportation Alternative, Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (urban attributable), and state intermodal programs
- Review FY2020-2023 TIP for consistency and coordination with federal and state MPO certification comments and federal air quality requirements
- Investigate ways to make the TIP products more accessible to the public and user friendly by utilizing web-enabled software
- Coordinate annually with agencies and local governments to develop a tentative and final four-year multi-modal TIP (with required certifications) consolidating roadway, transit, transportation disadvantaged, bicycle, pedestrian, and intermodal improvements
- If required, prepare an amended TIP in accordance with NAAQS, the amended Long Range, and assessment of the SIP budgets and MPO pollutant estimates for conformity determination by EPA

Products
- Amend the FY2020-2023 TIP as needed

Staffing
MPO Staff

Timeline for Proposed Work
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3.3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning

Objectives
With publication of USDOT Bicycle/Pedestrian policy in 2009 and 2010 [per FHWA letter of June 12, 2009 and USDOT announcement March 15, 2010] that states that “bicycling and walking facilities will be incorporated into all transportation projects unless exceptional circumstances exist,” it becomes necessary that the MPO pursue development of and promote plans and projects that improve roadway appearance, identify effective safety countermeasures, conduct public education for vulnerable road users, and increase the usage of bicycles and walking as viable modes of transportation.

Previous Work
● Educational and informational programs on bicycle and pedestrian safety
● Participated in the annual Mayor’s Bike Ride and various Bike/Ped webinars
● Coordination with all MPO member jurisdictions and local cyclists on regional bike routes
● Rated bike routes ease of use and comfort levels for cyclists
● Supported the Singing River Trail 80-mile regional Greenway Master Plan
● Coordinated and Participated in discussions of the Singing River Trail routes and designs with Land Trust of North Alabama, TARCOG, Committee of 100, etc.
● Greenway master plan coordinated with all MPO member jurisdictions
● FY 2019 MPO TAP funds call for projects and applications reviewed
● Update the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

Proposed Work
● Support regional bike and pedestrian connectivity goals
● Add specific bicycling, and/or pedestrian descriptive language to Capacity and Maintenance and Operations project listings for inclusion in the LRTP, TIP, Congestion Management, and all other plans employing project lists
● Continue to work with Huntsville Public Transit for the identification of funding for transit shelters and sidewalk development within ½ mile of stops and within 3 miles for bike facilities.
● Continue with the review of road construction projects for bike and pedestrian considerations, which along with the City of Huntsville’s bicycle and pedestrian plans will be incorporated into the 2045 LRTP
● Coordinate distribution of Transportation Alternative (TA) Set-Aside funds among all MPO jurisdictions
● Review FY 2020 MPO TAP funds call for projects and applications
● Incorporate Singing River Trail and 2020 Regional Bicycle Network Plan into 2045 LRTP
● Coordinate construction of Singing River Trail projects with other MPO member jurisdictions
● Incorporate new maps of bike and pedestrian projects in the 2045 LRTP

Products
● 2020 Regional Bicycle Network Plan

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3.4 Transit Planning

Objectives
Continue to develop services and programs that focus on analyzing needs, identifying and evaluating alternatives and priorities, and developing strategies to implement the selected improvements; coordinate with passengers, businesses, local and regional governments, community groups, other stakeholders, and transit operators. Continue collection of transit system and route level data including ridership and schedule performance to support detailed analysis of Huntsville Metropolitan Planning area transit and services; use this information to monitor service and develop transit service improvements.

Previous Work
The City of Huntsville Planning Division has been involved in ride sharing and energy contingency activities. In FY 1998, a Memorandum of Understanding between the MPO and the City of Huntsville Public Transportation was drafted and approved. The UPWP will describe the planning tasks to be undertaken by each entity and source of funding. The Americans with Disabilities Act Complimentary Paratransit Service Plan for the City of Huntsville was approved by the MPO in 1992 and was updated by the City of Huntsville in June 2015. Staff has provided technical assistance in the past including gathering demographic information, reviewing regulations, and meeting with state and federal officials. Additional work is as follows:
- Programmed projects for FY 2016 federal grants
- Coordinated with the City of Huntsville, bus/bike stop locations
- Participation in local transportation planning activities, including the prioritization of transit funds
- MPO approved the designated recipient status for the City of Huntsville for Section 5307 funds, as submitted by Public Transit
- MPO approved the designated recipient status for the State of Alabama for Section 5310 funds, as submitted by Public Transit
- ADA Complimentary Transit Plan Update, June 2015
- Input into the development of the TIP and UPWP
- ArcGIS analysis for ridership review, ridership patterns, and bus stop analysis
- Funded and provided planning assistance for a Transit Study completed in FY 2019; includes a 5-year implementation plan

Proposed Work
- Implement service revisions approved as part of the FY 2020 budget process
- Participate in developing MPO documents to comply with federal and state requirements, including the TIP, UPWP, and ALDOT Work Program
- Coordinate with other transit providers in Madison County on needs and potential service strategies
- Public Transit, with the MPO staff, will continue efforts to ensure that the needs of minority and low-income populations are considered in the planning for transit services, including service monitoring, data collection, and analysis and reporting
- Prepare ridership and revenue forecasts for existing and proposed services
- Develop and implement outreach activities to educate the public on transportation options and obtain their input on needs and service improvement proposals
- Develop funding applications and undertake administrative and planning requirements related to the grants, including planning analysis, compliance activities, and quarterly reporting
- Review new federal and state funding programs and pursue opportunities for obtaining additional funding for service and capital projects
- Compare peer statistics from other communities, underlying demographics, trip purpose, and trends over time
- Travel to and participate in necessary training and workshops
- Expand Technical Coordinating Committee to add representatives from Universities throughout the MPO
- The MPO will work and coordinate with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) on setting goals, objectives, performance measures, and targets required by the FAST Act, for inclusion in the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
Products
● Transit elements for TIP, LRTP, UPWP, and ALDOT Work Program

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3.4.1 Transportation Planning for Disadvantaged Populations

**Objectives**
Identify transportation disadvantaged populations and their travel needs, and monitor the activities of the Huntsville Urbanized Area Transportation Disadvantaged Program; assess the level of unmet needs. While the Alabama Department of Transportation is the direct recipient of Section 5310 funds for distribution, TARCOG maintains the community plan, called the Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan.

**Previous Work**
- MPO approved resolution appointing the State of Alabama as designated recipient and distributor of Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program) funds
- Adoption of amendments to the Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan

**Proposed Work**
- Update sections of the Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan as required. Include transportation disadvantaged issues into local and regional Comprehensive Plans.
- Monitor state and federal legislation pertaining to the transportation disadvantaged population
- Coordinate with ALDOT, the designated recipient of Section 5310 monies, to add the awarded funds to the TIP so they may be distributed to grantees.

**Products**
- Update Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan as required.
- Advertise the availability of Section 5310 funds on the MPO website, when informed by ALDOT

**Staffing**
MPO Staff, Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments, Alabama Department of Transportation

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3.4.2 Transit Asset Management Planning

Objectives
The Federal Transit Administration issued a final rule on the Transit Asset Management (TAM) that was made effective on October 1, 2016. This final rule requires public transportation providers to develop and implement out transit asset management plans. The TAM plans must include an asset inventory, condition assessments of inventoried assets, and a prioritized list of investments to improve the state of good repair of their capital assets.

The final rule also establishes a state of good repair (SGR) standards and four state of good repair (SGR) performance measures. Transit Providers are to set performance targets for their capital assets based on the SGR measures and report their targets as well as information related to the conditions of their capital assets, to the National Transit Databases.

Previous Work
● 2018 Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan

Proposed Work
● Develop Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan
● Set performance targets for capital assets based on state of good repair (SGR) standards and measures
● Report SGR targets as well as information related to the conditions of the capital assets to National Transit Databases.

Products
● SGR performance targets

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3.5 Congestion Management Process

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

**Previous Work**
- The MPO prepared and presented the Livability Indicator data as required on page 43. The data is displayed in charts, tables, or maps.
- Developed maps with Level of Service and travel times, and incorporated them in the Year 2040 Transportation Plan.
- Developed map that shows connectivity of transit routes to bike/ped infrastructure.
- Updated/maintained new version of Transportation Inventory Database located in Appendix F of the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan.
- Evaluated the effectiveness of implemented strategies from Corridor and Sub-Area Studies.

**Proposed Work**
- Include CMP priorities in the TIP by identifying, prioritizing, and estimating the cost of projects related to congestion, maintenance, operations, security, and safety.
- Produce, publish, and distribute informational material outlining CMP recommendations.
- Travel to and participate in necessary workshops/meetings.
- STP and/or PL funds may be used to collect and analyze data and prepare plans in support of these tasks.
- Add a Congestion Management section to the MPO's website to include maps, short-term improvements, and educational information regarding demand management strategies and operational improvements.

**Products**
- Assist agencies in implementing management systems and CMP recommendations under development.
- Analysis throughout the fiscal year, dependent upon any significant long-range transportation plan amendments.

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3.6 Intermodal Freight Management Process

Objectives
To develop a Freight Intermodal Management System (FIMS) for the Huntsville Urbanized Area, and to identify all elements of the freight community. The FIMS will identify intermodal facilities, establish efficiency measures and performance standards, collect/maintain relevant data, evaluate facilities performance, and establish strategies for the improvement of intermodal facilities in the Huntsville Urbanized Area.

Previous Work
- Attended ALDOT freight planning meetings with other MPOs
- Identified chokepoints, rail crossing delays for ALDOT freight plan
- Updated list of Huntsville MPO freight hot-spot locations
- Data has been collected on intermodal transportation facilities in the study area for the Long-Range Transportation Plan. Specific streets have been designated as Truck-Only routes to enhance the movement of freight through the Urbanized Area.
- The Freight Element was developed and incorporated into the 2040 Transportation Plan

Proposed Work
- Identify key freight industry stakeholders and opportunities to develop partnerships among business, trade, transportation, and economic development officials
- Identify best practices in freight movement planning, including programs to generate revenue specifically for freight-related transportation improvements
- Research INFRA grants
- continue to coordinate with ALDOT statewide freight plan while updating the freight element for 2045 LRTP
- Work with ALDOT consultants to identify freight routes in the State and assess freight movement and needed road improvements
- Maintain data regarding “freight bottleneck” locations, identified chokepoints, and rail crossing delays, to further monitor the transportation network for efficient freight movement
- The MPO will work and coordinate with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) on setting goals, objectives, performance measures, and targets required by the FAST Act.”

Products
Update the Freight Element for the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan

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3.7 Safety Management System

Objectives
To incorporate transportation safety into the MPO planning process

Previous Work
- Staff has participated in Alabama’s Safety Management System Steering Committee activities.
- MPO staff and local jurisdictions participated in CARE training.
- The TCC serves as a safety committee.
- Safety tasks were added to the LRTP and the TIP

Proposed Work
- Identifying specific safety projects, prioritizing them, and including them in the TIP
- Provide data requested by ALDOT in its development of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan
- Travel to necessary workshops/meetings
- The MPO will work and coordinate with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) on setting goals, objectives, performance measures, and targets required by the FAST Act.

Products
Prioritization of safety projects process

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4.1 Public Participation Process

Objectives
- To provide information concerning the transportation planning process
- To provide opportunities for citizens, affected public agencies, private providers of transportation, and other interested parties to comment on proposed plans and programs
- To answer inquiries about plan implementation results and to provide advice concerning planning activities in the urbanized area to State of Alabama Department of Transportation officials
- To coordinate the information exchange among the standing committees involved in the Continuing, Cooperative, and Comprehensive (3-C) planning process

Previous Work
- Updated the format of the Transportation Quarterly Review, a department newsletter
- Initiated a transportation blog
- Maintained public involvement and media databases
- Responded to citizens’ requests via phone, e-mail, and internet
- Held public meetings throughout region
- Provided written summaries of public meetings
- Wrote and distributed press releases
- Responded to media requests and facilitated interviews, briefings, and news coverage
- Maintained community outreach web pages
- Updated department Public Participation Plan pursuant to federal transportation legislation
- The MPO described the Livability Principles and Livability Indicators in the Public Participation Plan and insured that agencies and the public have full access to documents and data as requested. The most current available data used in the operational plans (Long-Range, TIP, Congestion Management) was provided in the documents
- Updated and maintained the MPO website and utilized other social media tools for public outreach
- Re-evaluate the Public Participation Plan and update for all FAST Act requirements.

Proposed Work
- Continue with ongoing public involvement activities
- Continue to post copies of updates to plan documents for public review at city and county government sites as indicated in the PPP
- Ensure that adequate public notice of meetings and hearings are in the local newspapers, broadcast radio where possible, TV spot ads, and the MPO website, as well as social media
- Provide copies of all draft and final documents on the MPO website upon request, with personal copies provided by the Huntsville-Area MPO for the cost of printing
- Distribute copies of all drafts and finals to MPO subcommittees and interested parties upon request
- Annual review of the Public Participation Plan’s effectiveness in conformance with the guidelines in FAST Act

Products
- Amend Public Participation Plan as needed

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4.2 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

**Objective**
The goals of contracting with Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Programs are to ensure non-discrimination in the award and administration of contracts, ensure firms meet eligibility standards, help remove barriers to participation, create a level playing field, and to give full consideration to the potential services that can be provided by disadvantaged business enterprises in carrying out the 3-C planning program and any transit related programs. The MPO’s objectives are:

- To meet all requirements of U.S. Code Part 23, 49 CFR and to maximize private transit and para-transit operator participation in the planning and provision of proposed mass transportation service
- A program that funds DBE enterprises and contracts their services whenever possible
- Strive to meet a 10 percent goal of contracting with DBEs
- To successfully complete a desk audit conducted by the Alabama Department of Transportation, to ensure DBE compliance

**Previous Work**
- In FY 2019, the MPO had no contracting opportunities, other than when working with Procurement to ensure RFPs consist of this.

**Proposed Work**
- The Alabama Department of Transportation will monitor the planning agency in their efforts to contract DBE enterprises and cooperate in the contractual procedures.
- The MPO staff reviews the state’s list of certified DBEs periodically to determine potential contractors.

**Products**
Meet a 10 percent goal of contracting with DBEs

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4.3 Title VI and Environmental Justice

Objectives
To support early and continuing public involvement in the development of plans and programs; consult the public through an open process including regular public meetings of the MPO Board and its advisory committee. Provide enhanced citizen awareness, comprehension, and participation in developing plans and programs. Ensure timely response to inquiries and requests for data from citizens, public agencies, consultants, elected and appointed officials, and boards. Confirm MPO compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and Environmental Justice Orders. Document outreach activities as described in the 2013 Public Participation Plan, including how well low-income and minority populations are involved. Use this information to develop new methods to ensure all stakeholders are informed, effectively engaged and have the opportunity to participate.

Previous Work
● Held meetings and public hearings of the Citizens, Technical, Policy, Bicycle/Pedestrian, ITS, advisory committees and the MPO Board in FY2019
● Title VI maps were posted on the MPO website
● Responded to requests for information
● Regularly updated the MPO’s website www.huntsvillempo.org
● Analysis of comments on the effectiveness of meetings and publications

Proposed Work
● Consult with local and regional officials on developing transportation plans and programs and identify critical transportation issues to be put on agendas and research as needed
● Ensure compliance with applicable laws, rules, and procedures when conducting meetings and board and committee business
● Produce written records of regular and special meetings
● Continue posting meeting calendar, agendas, agenda packets, and other meeting materials on the MPO’s website
● Create and place legal ads and required notice for public hearings
● Consult the public through meetings, presentations to community groups, public events, surveys and questionnaires, and other means to elicit equity impacts of transportation plans and projects
● Use demographics to identify key population groups with a stake in transportation planning decisions, and target information and involvement efforts to key audiences
● Continue to enhance the agency’s website to expand public access to information and make use of the latest available technology for access to persons with disabilities.

Products
● Public notices and advertisements of public meetings, workshops and hearings
● Updated membership rosters, mailing lists, and bylaws
● Translation and other services as needed to comply with ADA and Title VI Requirements

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4.4 American Disability Act Planning/Compliance – Special Services

Objectives
To plan, implement and maintain policies, procedures and training methods for maintaining transit related American with Disabilities Act (ADA) awareness and compliance. The MPO will assist local governments within the MPO with the preparation of transition plans.

Previous Work
● Attended statewide, regional, and local conferences and meetings.
● Coordination of ADA transition plan updates with other jurisdictions.

Proposed Work
● Staff, with assistance from local agencies and consultants, as well as the disabled community, will review current procedures to ensure continued compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
● Procedures include ongoing monitoring and review process for all ADA regulations as well as staff training and education
● Attend further training
● Prepare documents as required by ALDOT

Products
● The product will be a program that meets the requirements of the ADA eligibility process to ensure that ADA applications to various jurisdictions are reviewed and processed in accordance with local and federal guidelines.

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5.1 Public Involvement Activities for Air Quality Planning

Objectives
Provide for activities related to the Clean Air Act processes under applicable provisions of 42 USC 7506 (c) and 40 CFR 93.154. This task ensures that there is an adequate and reasonable level of public and agency interactivity during the Conformity Process and that documentation is carried out in support of the process. The Huntsville urbanized area is currently an air quality attainment area and is not subject to air quality conformity requirements.

Previous Work
- The Huntsville MPO has promoted bicycling and walking as means to get to work and school in an effort to reduce air pollution from motor vehicles

Proposed Work
- MPO staff will continue training to become familiar with Air Quality terminology, monitoring methods and measurement, Conformity Process procedures and techniques, and develop interagency contacts with federal and state agencies responsible for Air Quality Conformity
- Continue to inform the general public of changing issues concerning air quality using local media, TV, radio, newspapers, and the MPO website, as well as conducting public meetings
- Provide and staff the required number of public meetings and hearings to fulfill Conformity Public Involvement requirements under the cited provisions, if applicable

Products
A more knowledgeable MPO staff about air quality and/or a well-informed public about air quality.

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5.2 Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions

Objectives
FHWA has determined that climate change should be integrated into transportation planning at the state, regional, and local levels, and appropriate steps be initiated to instruct and train MPO staff in sources and causes of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions and consider potential long-range effects by and to the transportation network. Some effects are currently being addressed through Air Quality Conformity Determination actions in areas that have been designated as NAAQS non-con-forming. The Huntsville urbanized area is currently an air quality attainment area and is not subject to air quality conformity requirements.

Previous Work
None

Proposed Work
MPO staff will attend appropriate Air Quality training courses/seminars to stay informed of current guidelines and other requirements.

Products
A more knowledgeable MPO staff about climate change and/or a well-informed public about climate change.

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The FHWA PL and FTA 5303 planning funds have been consolidated into one PL category.
6.1  FEDERAL METROPOLITAN PLANNING STUDIES

Objectives
Provide for activities related to advancing the region’s ability to meet the future travel needs. This task ensures that there is an adequate and reasonable level of public and agency interactivity during the project study phase. The planning studies permitted under this task will provide detailed evaluation of problems and potential solutions.

Previous Work
● In the past, the Huntsville-Area MPO has supported better coordination efforts of transportation planning and implementation between the MPO, Madison County, the City of Huntsville and other jurisdictions that provide safe solutions for elements of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and ultimately the Transportation Implementation Program (TIP).

Proposed Work
● MPO staff will continue to provide ongoing planning assistance to all federally-funded agencies within the Huntsville-Area region.

Products
The study will include identification of problems in each intersection, solutions for these problems both short and long term, and projected costs including PE, RW, UT and CN costs for a more knowledgeable MPO staff.
  ● 100070612 - Madison County Transportation Master Plan and Implementation Program
  ● 100070613 - City of Huntsville’s Memorial Parkway Intersections Safety Study

Staffing
MPO Staff, Private Consultant selected by Federal and State guidelines

Timeline for Proposed Work
October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020

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PL funds in this Task are carry over funds from years prior to 2015.
Appendices
Appendix A: Guide to Abbreviations and Acronyms

AADT Annual Average Daily Traffic
ADT Average Daily Traffic
ADA Americans with Disabilities Act
AMPO Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations
APA American Planning Association
ALDOT Alabama Department of Transportation
BPAC Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee
BRAC Base Realignment and Closure
CAA Clean Air Act
CAC Citizens Advisory Committee
CFR Code of Federal Regulations
CIP Capital Improvements Program
CMAQ Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality
CMP Congestion Management Process
COOP Continuity of Operations Plan
EPA US Environmental Protection Agency
FAA Federal Aviation Administration
FAST Act Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act
FHWA Federal Highway Administration
FTA Federal Transit Authority
FY Fiscal Year
GHG Greenhouse Gas
GIS Geographic Information Systems
ITE Institute of Transportation Engineers
ITS Intelligent Transportation Systems
LOS Level Of Service
LRTP Long Range Transportation Plan
MAP-21 Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century
MPA Metropolitan Planning Area
MPO Metropolitan Planning Organization
NAAQS National Ambient Air Quality Standards
PPP Public Participation Plan
SAFETEA-LU Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users
SIP State Implementation Plan
SLS State and local share
SPS State Planning and Research Funds (used by ALDOT)
STP Surface Transportation Program
TAP Transportation Alternative Program
TAZ Traffic Analysis Zones
TCC Technical Coordinating Committee
TEA-21 Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century
TIP Transportation Improvement Program
TMA Transportation Management Area
UPWP Unified Planning Work Program
USC United States Code
USDOT United States Department of Transportation
Appendix B: Livability Principles and Indicators

The details of Livability Principles and Indicators are listed on page ten of the narrative. The measurement of the sustainability of these Livability Principles are included below. These measurements were collected through the US Census Bureau and other sources. The future provision of this data is dependent upon these agencies and organizations.

Following are the Livability Principles and the Livability Indicators that measure each:

1. **Provide more Transportation Choices**
   - Number of Housing Units Located Within 1/2 Mile of Transit Service Area
     - 48,356 (27.6% of total)
     - Source: Esri, 2019 Estimates
   - Total Number of Employees Located Within 1/2 Mile of Transit Service
     - 114,386 (46.7% of total)
     - Source: Esri/Infogroup, 2019 Estimates
   - Total miles of alternative transportation routes currently built in MPO Area
     - Total Multi-use paths: 11.25 miles
     - Total Greenways: 37.25 miles
     - Total Bike Lanes: 7.28 miles

2. **Promote Equitable and Affordable Housing**
   - Percent of Household Income Spent on Housing
     - 24%
   - Percent of Household Income Spent on Transportation
     - 24%
     - Source: Housing and Transportation Affordability Index, Center for Neighborhood Technology

3. **Enhance Economic Competitiveness**
   - Percent of Workforce With 29 Minute or Less Commute Time
     - 72.8%
   - Percent of Workforce With 30 Minute or More Commute Time
     - 27.2%
     - Source: US Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates, Table B08012 (“Sex of Workers by Travel Time to Work”)
     - *Note: Includes workers ages 16 and over who did not work at home within Madison County and the Census tracts within Limestone County that intersect the MPO study area.*

4. **Support Existing Communities**
   - Number of projects contained in the current Transportation Improvement Program that enhance or support existing communities (non-roadway projects)
     - There are 49 non-roadway projects in the current 2020-2023 TIP. Three alternative modes projects and 46 transit projects.
   - Percentage of current LRTP projects that contain bicycle and pedestrian elements, excluding transit projects.
     - 198 bicycle and pedestrian projects listed in 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
     - 441 total projects listed in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
     - ~45% of projects in the current LRTP contain bicycle and pedestrian elements

5. **Coordinate Policies and Leverage Investments**
Percent of Transportation Projects Where More Than One Funding Source is Utilized

- Considering local match, local purchase or donation of right of way, and various state and local funding partnership programs (ATRIP, Restore our Roads), all projects (100%) in the TIP have multiple funding sources.
- Considering multiple federal funding sources for a single project, six projects in the TIP have multiple federal funding sources.

List of policies and plans coordinated with MPO policies and plan

- 2040 LRTP
- 2020-2023 TIP
- 2018 Public Participation Plan
- BIG Picture master plan for City of Huntsville
- Huntsville International Airport Master Plan
- Congestion Management Process
- City of Madison 2040 Transportation Plan
- 2015 Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan
- 2019 Huntsville Transit Study

6. Value Communities and Neighborhoods

Number of Housing Units Located Within 1/2 Mile of Transit Service

- 48,356 (27.6% of total)
  Source: Esri, 2019 Estimates

Total Number of Employees Located Within 1/2 Mile of Transit Service

- 114,386 (46.7% of total)
  Source: Esri/Infogroup, 2019 Estimates

Housing Units Located 1/4 Mile From Major Retail Services

- 7,814 (4.5% of total)
  Source: Esri, 2019 Estimates

Housing Units Located 1/4 Mile From Recreational Facilities

- 35,066 (20.1% of total)
  Source: Esri, 2019 Estimates
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HUA=HUNTSVILLE URBANIZED AREA 20%
PL-FHWA = FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AND FTA- FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION 80%
SPR-State Planning and Research. These are Federal funds allocated for ALDOT technical support of the MPO.
The PL-FHWA and FTA 5303 planning funds have been combined as one fund for better management and tracking.
ALDOT = ALBAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

*MPO's may carry over funds for three (3) years
**Huntsville MPO has included all carryover funds for FY2020 budget
*** Task 6.0 utilizes carryover funding from years prior to 2015
The oldest unexpended funds will be returned to the funding pool for reallocation.
Carryover Funds apply to tasks 1.1, 1.3, 3.5, 4.1

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**FINAL UPWP 2020**
**Adopted: August 28, 2019**

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Appendix D: Other Major Planning Activities

This list describes other major planning activities that will be ongoing during FY 2020-2021. These plans are funded by the sponsor, using either 100 % local funds, or a mixture of federal and State funds.

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| Committee of 100 | Current| Launch 2035: A 20-year regional planning initiative covering Madison, Limestone, and Morgan Counties | [https://launch2035.org/](https://launch2035.org/) |
| Corridor Studies/ Environmental Assessments with Design | City of Huntsville | Current | Resolute Way Interchange Corridor Study (Environmental and Design) | City of Huntsville Engineering Department |
| City of Huntsville | Current | Northern Bypass East Section between US 231 and US 72 (Environmental and Design) | City of Huntsville Engineering Department |

| Access Management Plans | City of Huntsville | Current | Access Management at US72 West between Old Monrovia Road and SR-255 | City of Huntsville Engineering Department |
Appendix E: Public Outreach Activities

Per the Huntsville-Area MPO’s adopted Final 2018 Public Participation Plan (PPP), public comment was sought on the FINAL FY 2020 UPWP. Printed copies of the document were left for public review and comment at the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library Main Branch and the Huntsville Planning Department for two weeks, as specified in the following pages. Public Notices for public comment, with instructions on how to request a printed copy of the FINAL FY 2020 UPWP, if desired, were hung in each of the public offices of the City of Madison, Town of Owens Cross Roads, and Town of Triana. Additionally, a press release for public comment was sent to all local broadcast and print media.

Find all above reference materials on the following pages, as well as a copy of the public comment sheet and public comment folder cover left at the two locations specified above.

No public comments were received on the FINAL FY 2020 UPWP during the comment period of July 19, 2019 through August 16, 2019.
The Citizens Advisory Committee of the Huntsville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization will hold a meeting Monday August 26, 2019 on the seventh floor of the City of Huntsville Municipal Building at 5:00 pm.

The Metropolitan Planning Organization will meet on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 on the first floor of the City of Huntsville Municipal Building, at 4:00 pm. Check out this website for more information on these meetings: http://www.huntsvillempo.org/about/meetings-and-agendas/

At this meeting, the FINAL FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) will be adopted.

- FINAL FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

  http://www.huntsvillempo.org/plans-and-reports/

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

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

To: All Broadcast and Print Media
From: Huntsville-Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Date: July 19, 2019

Public comment is requested for the FINAL FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the FINAL FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

View all documents here:

http://www.huntsvillemopo.org/plans-and-reports/

Printed copies of the FINAL FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the FINAL FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) will be available at the following offices for public review and comment, during regular business hours, from July 19, 2019 to August 16, 2019:

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

Or by regular mail to:
City of Huntsville Planning Department
ATTN: Huntsville-Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
P.O. Box 308
Huntsville, AL 35804

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There will be an additional chance to voice your concerns at the Huntsville-Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Board Meeting held on Wednesday August 28, 2019 on the 1st floor of City Hall.
Please review the

**DRAFT FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

and provide us with your comments.

Comment sheets are available inside the folder.
This comment sheet with your written comments, along with your name & address and any other information you provide hereon will become a part of the Official Record of this plan, and as such, is available to the general public for inspection upon request.

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(Please use the back of this sheet or additional sheets as needed.)

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256-427-5117
If returned by mail, we must receive comments by August 16, 2019