Huntsville Area
Metropolitan Planning Organization

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RE: HUNTSVILLE AREA MPO FY 2026 ANNUAL REPORT

This report is prepared to address the end of the year reporting as requested by Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT). As reflected in fiscal year 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), the Huntsville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) had a total budget of **$1,389,423.00**; with **$1,114,638.00** (80%) being federal planning funds. The City of Huntsville Planning Department is responsible for providing 20% of the federal funding match, which was **$274,785.00**. Huntsville Area MPO expended a total of **$542,068.00.**

Huntsville-Area MPO consumed a total of **$433,667.00** in federal dollars, while **$108,401.00** was utilized in local match funding. Huntsville-Area MPO spent an average of **$45,172.00** each reporting period across the board. In the following pages, please review accomplishments of the MPO and the breakdown by costs per task.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to call 256-427-5100.

Sincerely,

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# ADMINISTRATION

**Task 1.1** - Administration and Management

- Generated formal, and other planning documents in adherence to federal mandates and memos.
- Prepared agendas, minutes, press releases, advertisements, and social media updates for all meetings concerning the Transportation Planning Process.
- Prepared monthly invoices, reports, and yearly audits
- Attended (in-person & virtually) meetings, conferences, and training workshops related to the Transportation Planning Process.
- Performed day-to-day program administration tasks.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| $300,000 | $240,000 | $289,256 | $231,405 | 8,595 |

**Task 1.2 - Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

- Staff worked on tasks included in the FY2026 UPWP.
- Document compiled in accordance with BIL/IIJA Act requirements.
- Staff completed all comments from FHWA and ALDOT concerning the draft and final FY2027 UPWP.
- Prepared and adopted a 'Draft', and the "Final FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program report.
- Staff held public meetings concerning the FY2027 UPWP
- MPO board approved the Final FY2027 UPWP on August 26, 2026, for the Huntsville Area MPO (Resolution No. 2026-16).
- Reviewed by advisory and planning committees prior to adoption on August 24, 2026.
- Continued coordination with ALDOT on setting performance measures and targets required by the BIL/IIJA Act for inclusion in the UPWP.

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| $50,000 | $40,000 | $21,291 | $17,033 | $22,967 |

**Task 1.3** - Continuity of Operations Plan

- Staff compiled documents in accordance with BIL/IIJA Act requirements
- Staff reevaluated the current Continuity of Operations Plan
- Staff compiled questions and concerns concerning the Continuity of Operations Plan
- Updated and backed up data for transportation planning files

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| $1,000 | $800 | $0 | $0 | $800 |

**Task 1.4** - Staff Training Activities

- Staff attended training with ALDOT using the Trans-CAD Regional Travel Demand Model.
- In-person and/or virtual training sessions were conducted and local representation at transportation-related seminars and training sessions will be arranged.
- Up-to-date literature and periodicals for the transportation planning staff were obtained to remain informed of current planning developments.
- Staff continued to participate in in-person and/or virtual training sessions about implementing provisions of the new surface transportation legislation
- Staff attended in-person and / or virtual conferences, and training sessions (ITE, TRB, NHTSA APTA, National and State APA, AMPO, APBP, APTA etc.

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| $25,000 | $20,000 | $18,339 | $14,671 | $5,379 |

# DATA COLLECTION

**Task 2.1** - Data Collection and Analysis

- Prepared baseline socio-economic and demographic data for use in the 2055 LRTP Update.
- Utilized 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.
- Updated methodology and software database used to develop and maintain socio-economic data.
- Attended quarterly trainings with ALDOT using the Trans-CAD Regional Travel Demand Model.
- Monitor 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.
- Maintained transportation databases enhancing the agency's technical capacity to aid in the decision-making process.
- Travel to and participate in necessary in person and/ or virtual training workshops.

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| $75,000 | $60,000 | $61,963 | $49,570 | $10,430 |

**Task 2.2** - Computer Technical Assistance

- Upgraded Transportation modeling software to Trans-CAD.
- Purchased and Updated Adobe Creative Cloud subscriptions.
- ALDOT provided technical support for maintaining the travel demand forecasting model. Continued development of procedures and software for linkage between land use and travel demand forecasting models.

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| $25,000 | $20,000 | $128 | $102 | $19,898 |

# TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

**Task 3.1** - Long Range Transportation Plan

- Amended 2050 LRTP to satisfy FHWA and ADA requirements.
- Adopted ALDOT's Performance Measures and create a System Performance Report
- The MPO coordinated with ALDOT on setting goals, objectives, performance measures and targets required by the BIL/IIJA Act, to be amended into the TRiP 2050 LRTP
- The MPO used FTA funds w to develop and analyze transit options, safety and system performance and to research transit modeling components.
- Participated in community presentations, events, and meetings to provide information and provide reasonable opportunity for receiving, recording, and analyzing public feedback
- Monitored best practices for implementing BIL/IIJA Act requirements in advance of next major LRTP update
- Continued incorporation of Regional Commuter Study into the LRTP Modeling and Forecasting Updates
- Continued to evaluate projects based on Demographic Trends and Title VI criteria for disproportionate impacts on and distribution of benefits to various populations

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| $25,000 | $20,000 | $10,829 | $8,663 | $11,337 |

**Task 3.2** - Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Amended the FY2024-2027 document
- Analyzed state and federal allocations available under the Transportation Alternative, Surface
- Transportation Block Grant Program (urban attributable), and state intermodal programs
- Investigated procedures for making the project prioritization for TIP projects more accessible
- The MPO prepared and presented the Livability Indicator data as required
- Provided 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 FY2024-2027 TIP
- Began preparations for the 2028-2031 TIP

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| $25,000 | $20,000 | $9,260 | $7,408 | $12,592 |

**Task 3.3** – Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning

- Supported regional bike and pedestrian connectivity goals
- Added 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
- Coordinated Greenway master plan with all MPO member jurisdictions
- Continued 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.
- Continued with the review of road construction projects for bike and pedestrian considerations, which along with the member jurisdictions' bicycle and pedestrian plans will be incorporated into LRTP.
- Coordinated distribution of Transportation Alternative (TA) Set-Aside funds among all MPO jurisdictions
- Reviewed FY 2026 MPO TAP funds call for projects and applications
- Incorporated Singing River Trail and 2025 Regional Bicycle Network Plan into 2050 LRTP
- Coordinate construction of Singing River Trail projects with other MPO member jurisdictions
- Incorporate new maps of Singing River Trail projects with other MPO member jurisdictions
- Completed work on the MPO bicycle plan (Bike the Rocket City)

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| $84,500 | $67,600 | $60,608 | $48,486 | $19,114 |

**Task 3.3.1** - Safe and Accessible Transportation Options

- Secured funding for the "Holmes Avenue" Complete Streets project.
- Outlined a strategy to coordinate the MPO's Bike Plan with member jurisdictions.

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| $15,500 | $15,500 | $64 | $64 | $15,436 |

**Task 3.4** - Transit Planning

- Participated in developing MPO documents to comply with federal and state requirements, including the TIP, UPWP, and TMA Certification materials
- The MPO worked and coordinated with ALDOT on setting goals, objectives, performance measures, and targets required by the BIL/IIJA Act.
- Coordinated with transit entities in Madison County on needs and potential service strategies
- Participated 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
- Participated in developing MPO documents to comply with federal and state requirements, including the TIP, UPWP, and TMA Certification materials
- Reviewed any NOFOs pursuant to new opportunities for obtaining additional funding for service and capital projects
- Attended and participated in various in-person and /training related webinars and workshops

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| $100,000 | $80,000 | $3,789 | $3,032 | $76,969 |

**Task 3.4.1** - Transportation Planning for Disadvantaged Populations

- Included transportation disadvantaged issues into local and regional Comprehensive Plans and all transportation related plans and programs
- Monitored state and federal legislation pertaining to the transportation disadvantaged population
- Coordinated with ALDOT, the designated recipient of Section 5310 funding, to add the awarded funds to the TIP as needed to be distributed to grantee

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| $1,000 | $800 | $0 | $0 | $800 |

**Task 3.4.2** - Transit Asset Management Planning

- Continued to coordinate on the update of Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan
- Updated performance targets as needed for capital assets based on state of good repair (SGR) standards and measures
- Reported SGR targets as well as information related to the conditions of the capital assets to National Transit Databases.

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**Task 3.5** - Congestion Management Process

- Developed a map that shows connectivity of transit routes to bike/ped infrastructure
- Updated/maintained new version of Transportation Inventory Database located in Appendix D of the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan
- STP and/or PL funds may be used to collect and analyze data and prepare plans in support of these tasks

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| $10,000 | $8,000 | $0 | $0 | $8,000 |

**Task 3.6** - Intermodal Freight Management Process

- Collected on intermodal transportation facilities in the study area for the Long-Range Transportation Plan.
- Researched federal grants
- Maintained data regarding “bottleneck” locations, identified chokepoints, and rail crossing delays, to further monitor the transportation network for efficient freight movement.
- The MPO coordinated with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) on setting goals, objectives, performance measures, and targets required by the BIL/IIJA Act activity under this task.

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**Task 3.7** - Safety Management System

- Identified specific safety projects, prioritized them, and included them in the TIP & TRiP 2050 LRTP
- Provide data requested by ALDOT in its development of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan
- Travel to necessary workshops/meetings
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- Researched into developing MPO specific Safety Performance Measures; work with member jurisdictions to gather traffic incident data and determine if a local performance measure is appropriate or needed.
- The MPO coordinated with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) on setting goals, objectives, performance measures, and targets required by the BIL/IIJA Act.
- Attend TSMO meetings when necessary.

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# PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

**Task 4.1** - Public Participation Process

- Integrated State PIP with proposed MPO PPP
- Continued with ongoing public involvement activities
- Continued to post copies of updates to plan documents for public review at city and county government sites as indicated in the PPP
- Shared public notice of meetings and hearings with local newspapers, broadcast radio where possible, TV spot ads, and the MPO website, as well as social media
- Provided 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
- Distributed copies of all drafts and finals to MPO subcommittees and interested parties upon request
- Reviewed the Public Participation Plan's effectiveness in conformance with the guidance in BIL/IIJA ACT

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| $95,423 | $76,338 | $0 | $0 | $76,338 |

**Task 4.2** - Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

- The MPO staff reviewed the state's list of certified DBEs to determine potential contractors
- The MPO had no contracting opportunities.

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**Task 4.3** - Title VI and Underserved Populations

- Consulted with local and regional officials on developing transportation plans and programs and identifying critical transportation issues to be put on agendas and research as needed
- Ensured compliance with applicable laws, rules, and procedures when conducting meetings and board and committee business, especially when videoconferencing and voting
- Produced written records of regular and special meetings
- Continue posting meeting calendar, agendas, agenda packets, and other meeting materials on the MPO's website
- Created and placed legal ads and required notice for public hearings
- Consulted 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
- Continued to enhance the agency's website to expand public access to information and make use of the latest available technology for access to people with disabilities
- Updated Title VI discrimination complaint procedures.

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| $2,000 | $1,600 | $1,071 | $856 | $744 |

**Task 4.4** - American Disability Act Planning/Compliance – Special Services

- Staff, with assistance from local agencies and consultants, as well as the disabled community, reviewed current procedures to ensure continued compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Procedures included ongoing monitoring and review process for all ADA regulations as well as staff training and education
- Prepared documents as required by ALDOT
- MPO staff began work to ensure ADA compliance process with memos of ADA Transition Plans in FY2026

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| $50,000 | $40,000 | $754 | $603 | $39,397 |

# ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY

**Task 5.1** - Air Quality Planning

- MPO staff continued to engage the public in the process of the FY2024-2027 TIP. These projects will continue our efforts at air quality planning.
- MPO staff continued 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
- Continued to inform the public of changing issues concerning air quality using local media, TV, radio, newspapers, and the MPO website, as well as conducting public meetings
- Provide staff with the required number of public meetings and hearings to fulfill Conformity Public Involvement requirements under the cited provisions, if applicable
- Supported member jurisdictions in applications for funding such as ADECA Volkswagen grants for air quality improvement and FTA Low-No Emissions grants

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| $1,000 | $800 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $800 |

**Task 6.1** – Corridor Study

- The Huntsville MPO worked with the City of Huntsville to create a vision that helps develop the road network in this area that is accommodating to future growth, as part of the Big Picture Comprehensive Plan
- Created a list of possible corridors to be studied
- Compiled a Scope of Work for proposed corridor study with input from impacted member jurisdictions

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| $250,000 | $200,000 | $628 | $502 | $199,498 |

**Task 6.2 – Inter City Passenger Rail Study**

- Began work on the Intercity Passenger Rail Study.

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| $250,000 | $200,000 | $64,090 | $51,272 | $148,728 |