Macon-Bibb Metropolitan Planning Organization

FISCAL YEAR 2027

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

FOR THE CONTINUING TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS OF THE
MACON AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

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AMENDMENT DATE: This space is reserved for any necessary amendments.

ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS: 6/10/2026, the following updates were added to Previous Work Completed in FY 2026, to reflect work completed in 3rd Quarter, in accordance with guidance received from FHWA on 5/5/2026.

Work Task 1.11 – MATS Program Coordination

Item #1(a) – Include minutes for FY 2026 Q3 MATS CAC meeting (1/14/2026), MATS TCC Meeting (1/21/2026), and MATS Policy Committee Meeting (2/4/2026).

Item #3(g) - Conducted GAMPO Spring Regular Business Meeting and GAMPO Supplemental Funds meeting on 3/30/2026

i. **Reviewed current status of Federal transportation reauthorization bill proposal (i.e., draft language of BASICS Act), as part of coordinating AMPO presentation to GAMPO**
ii. **Review GA House Bill 297 (2025 – 2026 Legislative Session) for potential impacts on MATS, and other MPOs throughout Georgia.**
iii. **Sent notification to GAMPO membership re: request from Sen. Ossoff's staff calling for Congressionally Directed Spending requests for projects/capital requests under IIJA.**

Item #16 - Completed annual SAM.gov registration for Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission (host agency for MATS MPO staff) on 3/16/2026

Work Task 1.30 - Training/Professional Development

Item #8 - Developed templates and training to assist South GA Regional Commission/Valdosta MPO staff with TIP development process.

Item #9 - Attended AMPO Orientation webinar on BASICS Act (H.R. 119-7437 – Federal transportation reauthorization bill)

Item #10 - Attended Rails to Trails webinar on 3/18/2026 re: process for requesting local project funding (primarily bike & pedestrian) through annual August Redistribution of unspent Federal transportation funds

Work Task 1.50 – Contracts and Grants

Item #5 - Prepared FY 2026 Q2 grant reimbursement requests for GDOT PI #0021115 and PI #0021131

Work Task 2.10

Item #4 – Added attendance at Macon-Bibb County Pedestrian Safety Review Board on 1/20/2026 and 3/17/2026

Item #5 – Added attendance at GDOT Vulnerable Road Users Statewide Task Team meeting on 2/5/2026

Item #6 – Added attendance at Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority on 1/8/2026 and 3/12/2026

Item #7 – Added attendance at Macon-Bibb County AARP Age Friendly Council meetings on 1/8/2026 and 3/12/2026

Item #8 – Added attendance at Bike Walk Macon Board of Director's meeting on 2/4/2026

Work Task 3.20

Item #4 - Coordinated with Macon-Bibb County IT to maintain connectivity to County GIS environment, to ensure ability to publish and edit data elements related to activities required under 23 CFR450 (e.g., land use database; GIS feature classes representing MTP Roads & Bridge Projects; master route map for transit routes; etc.)

Item #5 - Compiled GIS data layers for Gresham Smith/Spatial Plans (consultants on MATS 2055 MTP update), in support of contracted work activities

Work Task 4.11 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update/IIJA Compliance

Item #8 - Coordinated with GDOT Office of Planning and Gresham Smith to issue Notice to Proceed on MATS 2055 MTP (GDOT PI #0021364)

Item #9 - Coordination of 2055 MTP activities with Gresham Smith

- **a. Attended 2055 MTP Project Kickoff Meeting with Gresham Smith on 1/29/2026**
- **b. Follow up coordination with Gresham Smith, RKG Consulting, and TSW Consulting, to make sure that population and housing data from Macon-Bibb County Housing Study and Macon-Bibb Comprehensive Plan Update were being incorporated into 2055 MTP development**
- **c. Attended monthly coordination calls on 2/11/2026 and 3/11/2026**
  - **i. Follow up e-mail on 3/13/2026 to Stakeholder Advisory Committee members re: first meeting on 4/22/2026**
  - **ii. E-mail to Jones County School District on 3/11/2026 to discuss possible**

Item #10 - Coordinated with Cambridge Systematics (GDOT Office of Planning Consultant) for:

- **a. Validation of 2020 Base Year population and employment data**
- **b. Development of 2nd Network for GDOT Travel Demand Modeling**

Item #11 - Begin processing Amendments for GDOT PI #0017395 and PI #0020272 (as per GDOT e-mail request of 3/19/2026)

Work Task 4.11 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update/IIJA Compliance (Supplemental Funds)

During FY 2026 Q3, the following tasks were accomplished by Gresham Smith under this supplemental award:

Task 1 – Stakeholder Advisory Committee and Project Management

- **Prepared for and attended/facilitated project kickoff meeting in-person (1/29/26)**
- **Developed draft Project Management Plan (PMP)**
- **Began compiling Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) roster, updating contact information**

- **Conducted internal consultant team kickoff meeting**

Task 2 – Public Outreach

- **Developed Public Involvement Plan**
- **Prepared slide template to use in stakeholder and community engagement activities**
- **Developed project website and on-line survey. Deployed through MATS MPO main website.**
- **Staffed booth at Pan African Festival on 4/25/2026**
- **Presented at MATS MPO Policy Committee meeting on 5/6/2026**
- **Conducted 2055 MTP Open House at Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning/MATS MPO office on 5/6/2026**

Task 3 - Travel Demand Modeling and Socio-Demographic Data Visualization

- **Coordinated with GDOT Office of Planning to review and incorporate GDOT's consultant (Cambridge Systematics and Modern Mobility Partners, LLC) methodology and modeling results for 2020 Base Year and 2055 forecast year socio-demographics and travel demand output.**

Task 4 – Land Use Assessment & Analysis

- **Begin coordinating with Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning consultants for 2050 Comprehensive Plan (TSW Design) and Macon-Bibb County Housing Study (RKG Consulting), to ensure land use models are consistent between 2055 MTP and other regional plans using land use data.**

Work Task 4.12 – Transportation Improvement Program

Item #6 - Amended FY 2024 – 2027 TIP on 2/4/2026 to reflect:

a. **Administrative Modification for GDOT PI #0020056 (move Construction from FY 2026 to FY 2027)**
b. **Amend Transit Chapter, at direction of GDOT Office of Intermodal, to reflect update to Sec. 5307 Capital Grant for consulting services related to route updates**

Item #7 - Briefed MATS MPO Chair and Macon-Bibb County Mayor on projects and adoption timelines for forthcoming FY 2027 – 2030 TIP.

Item #8 - Amended FY 2024 – 2027 TIP on 5/6/2026 to reflect:

a. **Amendment to include GDOT PI #0017395 and GDOT PI #0020272**

Item #9 - Administrative Modifications for GDOT PI #0016130 and GDOT PI #0017121

11/9/2026 – See the following for details on budget adjustments:

FHWA Supported Tasks	FTA Supported Tasks
Work Task 1.11 (Budget Decreased)	
Work Task 1.30 (No Change)	ALI 44.21.00/Work Task 1.31 (No Change)
Work Task 1.50 (Budget Increased)	ALI 44.21.00/Work Task 1.51 (No Change)
Work Task 1.60 (No Change)	ALI 44.21.00/Work Task 1.61 (No Change)
Work Task 2.10 (No Change)	ALI 44.21.00/Work Task 2.20 (No Change)
Work Task 3.20 (No Change)	
Work Task 4.11 (No Change)	ALI 44.21.00/Work Task 4.14 (No Change)
Work Task 4.12 (No Change)	ALI 44.21.00/Work Task 4.20 (No Change)

Work Task 4.13 (No Change)	
Work Task 4.40 (No Change)	
Work Task Y410 (No Change)	

This Administrative Modification does not result in any net increase or decrease to the MATS FY 2026 UPWP budget.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MACON AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY POLICY COMMITTEE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

WHEREAS, it is the objective of the Macon Area Transportation Study, hereinafter referred to as MATS, to maintain a comprehensive transportation planning process which results in plans and programs consistent with comprehensively planned development of the urbanized area;

WHEREAS, the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is an annual element of the MATS process which outlines the transportation related and other planning projects to be undertaken during the forthcoming fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Coordinating Committee and the Citizens Advisory Committee reviewed the draft UPWP and recommend that the MATS Policy Committee, assembled on this 6th day of May 2026, adopt the Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MATS Policy Committee hereby approves the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in the event scrivener's errors are discovered in this Resolution, in the body of the Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program, or any examples or appendices thereto, the MATS Policy Committee authorizes and directs the MATS staff to correct any and all such errors, to post corrected documents as needed, and inform such parties and organizations requiring notice that the errors in question have been corrected.

Adopted by the MATS Policy Committee on the 6th day of May, 2026.

By: Valerie Wynn
Valerie Wynn, MATS Policy Chairman

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INTRODUCTION

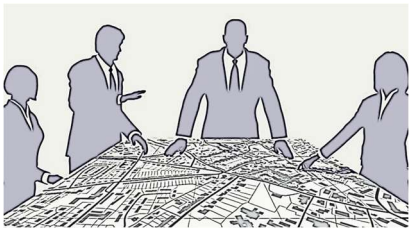
What Is The UPWP?

In all metropolitan regions of more than 50,000 persons, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is responsible for the development of a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), in cooperation with federal, state, and local officials. The UPWP is a financial plan that is produced in compliance with the federally mandated metropolitan transportation planning process. More specifically, the UPWP outlines how federal transportation planning funds will be spent in a fiscal year. The UPWP includes an overview of the MATS planning process, and a description of each work element for the Fiscal Year 2027 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027).

Why Do We Do The UPWP?

A UPWP is developed by the MPO and as a requirement by federal law. Title 23 of The Code of Federal Regulation Part 450 Sub part C 450.308 stipulates:

"MPO(s) in cooperation with the State(s) and public transportation operator(s) shall develop a unified planning work program (UPWP) that includes a discussion of the planning priorities facing the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). The UPWP shall identify work proposed for the next one or two year period by major activity and task in sufficient detail to indicate who will perform the work, the schedule for completing the work, the resulting products, the proposed funding by activity/task, and a summary of the total amounts and sources of federal and matching funds."



By law, an MPO is a policy board comprised of local elected officials. Representatives from local governments and transportation agencies serve on MPOs and perform the seven core functions that follow:

1. Establish a setting for effective decision making – Develop and manage settings for effective regional decision making in the metropolitan area.
2. Identify and evaluate transportation improvement options – Develop options and use planning methods to evaluate if those options support the criteria.
3. Supervise MPO staff in the preparation and maintenance of Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Develop and update an MTP covering a 30-year planning horizon.
4. Supervise MPO staff in the preparation and maintenance of a Transportation Improvement Program. Develop a four-year program of transportation improvements developed from the MTP.
5. Identify performance measures targets and monitor if projects are meeting their target – MPOs should establish targets that address performance measures in regard to transportation.
6. Involve the public – The general public should be involved in decision making.
7. Air Quality Planning – This is a core function for MPOs that are in nonattainment.

Your Local MPO

The Macon Area Transportation Study has been designated as the MPO for the Macon urbanized area and is supported through joint resolution and adopted bylaws of the local governments of Macon-Bibb County, Monroe County and Jones County through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was approved on June 17, 2015. A map of the MPO region is provided on page 10. The implementation of the Unified Planning Work Program is the responsibility of the MPO utilizing the staff of the Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission.

Staff work with the Macon Area Transportation Study Policy Committee, composed of local and state officials, a Technical Coordinating Committee consisting of government department heads and technical staff involved in transportation, and a Citizen Advisory Committee consisting of interested citizens. The committees were established as part of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and each committee holds regular quarterly meetings during the months of (January/February; April/May; July/August; and October/November). However, Special Called meetings are occasionally held. Citizen participation is also encouraged through the public participation process which provides opportunities for input into various planning tasks and project review. All planning documents are readily available to the public through the use of printed materials, newsletters and the Planning & Zoning web site.



This document represents the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program for the Macon Area Transportation Study (MATS). It describes the transportation planning tasks and studies that will be conducted by the staff of the Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 utilizing FHWA-PL and FTA 5303 planning funds.

The MPO is involved in the development of the MATS 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). One of the elements of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan is the development of goals and objectives which were adopted after considerable public input. This UPWP will guide the transportation planning process of the MPO toward those goals and objectives but is specifically intended to identify planning activities that will occur during the 2027 fiscal year. This represents the continuation of the MATS transportation planning process that will concentrate on developing the information, data, and studies that are necessary to maintain a viable and effective transportation plan.

MATS MPO's FY 2027 Planning Priorities

The overall planning program is designed to align with the requirements of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), which provides long-term funding certainty for surface transportation. IIJA emphasizes the local transportation planning process, and outlines requirements for specific performance measures and targets. MATS MPO will work towards the following planning priorities in FY 2027:

1. Staff will be seeking opportunities to further equitable treatment in Transportation Planning and Public Involvement goals. This will help to identify potential areas for improvement in our planning process. Census data may be used to assist in this process. ***(Task #11, Sub-Element 2.10)***
2. Staff will amend the MTP project list to ensure all GDOT projects in the current TIP, with specific project numbers, are reflected in the MTP approved projects list. This will be conducted through a coordinated agency, stakeholder, and public review. ***(Task #1, Sub-Element 4.11)***
3. Staff will support the adopted Statewide Safety Performance and Management Targets, Bridge and Pavement Performance Targets, Freight and System Performance Management Targets, and Transit Asset Management Targets. ***(Task #4, Sub-Element 4.12)***
4. Staff will maintain the FY 2024 -2027 TIP document by selecting projects included in the current Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update, in conjunction with GDOT Office of Planning and GDOT Office of Intermodal. Staff anticipates coordinating with GDOT Office of Planning and GDOT Intermodal on development of the successor TIP document (FY 2027-2030) during the FY 2026 period. ***(Task #3, Sub-Element 4.12)***
5. MATS will be working with an identified consultant to develop the forthcoming 2055 MTP update for the MATS Planning Area. This task is funded through a PL Supplemental Funds award (GDOT PI#0021364). ***(Sub-Element 4.11, Special Allocation)***
6. Staff will conduct special studies not otherwise identified under other work tasks (e.g., analysis of transportation needs for future growth areas in the Metropolitan Planning Area; assisting MATS constituent agencies with transportation and demographic impacts related to, economic development projects; providing staff support to consultants); conduct research on local EV charging strategies, in support of Georgia NEVI Deployment Program), as needed. Additional special topics may also be undertaken by the MPO staff, as opportunities are identified. ***(Task #2, Sub-Element 4.13)***
7. Staff will coordinate air quality conformity determination consultation activities, in accordance with the requirements set forth in the MATS 2050 Air Quality Conformity Determination Report, Sec. 5.2 and 5.3 ***(Sub-Element 4.40)***
8. Staff will continue the ongoing efforts to increase safe and accessible transportation options along with various stakeholders to identify and prioritize non-motorized transportation projects consistent with Complete Streets policy. ***(Sub-Element Y410).***
9. Staff will continue to provide ongoing planning assistance, and technical support as needed to Macon-Bibb County and the Macon Transit Authority. ***(Task #1 & 2, Sub-Element 4.14 and 4.20)***

MPO Planning Factors



The FY 2027 UPWP follows the emphasis on Planning Factors addressed as part of the ***Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) passed on November 15, 2021 (PL 117-58).*** The Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are required to provide for consideration of projects and strategies that will serve to advance ten transportation planning factors identified under the federal legislation as follows:

1. Support economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.
2. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
3. Increase the security of the surface transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
4. Increase the accessibility and mobility options available to people and for freight.
5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns.
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 preservation of the existing transportation system.
9. Improve transportation system resiliency and reliability, and reduce (or mitigate) the stormwater impacts of surface transportation; and
10. Enhance travel and tourism.

The planning factors are addressed in the UPWP by the work program tasks in FY 2027 as shown in the table on the following page.

MPO Planning Factors

Task #	1. Economic	2. Safety	3. Security	4. Accessibility & Mobility	5.Environmemt & Energy	6. Multi-modal Connectivity	8. Managem ent &	8. Preserve Existing System	9. Improve system resiliency reliability & stormwater impact	10. Enhance travel & tourism
FHWA 1.11: MATS Program Coordination	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FHWA 1.30: Training/Professional Development					X	X	X		X	
FHWA 1.50: Contracts and Grants	X						X			
FHWA 1.60: Unified Planning Work Program	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FHWA 2.10: Community Outreach/Education	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FHWA 3.20: Transportation Systems/Land Use Monitoring	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FHWA 4.10: Freight Planning	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FHWA 4.11: Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FHWA 4.12: Transportation Improvement Program	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FHWA 4.13: Special Studies/Streets/Highways/ Transportation/Land Use	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FHWA 4.40: Air Quality	X				X				X	X
FTA 1.31: Transit/Multimodal Training and Professional Development		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
FTA 1.51: Contracts and Grants	X						X			
FTA 1.61: Unified Planning Work Program	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FTA 2.20: Environmental Justice/Title VI	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
FTA 4.14: Special Transit/Multimodal Studies and Projects	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FTA 4.20: Transit/Para-Transit Planning	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

The matrix on the preceding page demonstrates how each work task addresses the ten planning factors. As an example, the MATS Program work task (FHWA 1.11) supports economic vitality because it provides technical and administrative support for the transportation planning process in order to make it more efficient and productive. This work task also increases the safety of the transportation system through the use of traffic and land use model data. Furthermore, the Transportation Improvement Plan (FHWA 4.12) increases the security of the transportation system by programming projects for all modes of travel that have been prioritized by the MATS Committees. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update (FHWA 4.11) increases mobility & accessibility options, protects the environment, and promotes connectivity because it examines different transportation modes and evaluates the impact of projects regarding land use, economic, historical, and environmental factors and the coordination of these factors. Finally, the Special Transit Studies task (FTA 4.14) helps to promote efficient system management and emphasizes preservation of the system by assessing the feasibility of possible transit route extensions.

Your UPWP

The Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission receives federal funding for both highway and transit planning. The Georgia Department of Transportation and the Macon Transit Authority are active partners in the planning process and also receive federal transportation funding. The Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration and other local agencies in Macon-Bibb County participate in the process as well.

The Fiscal Year 2027 UPWP contains some features that were put in place to; 1) address accounting requirements requested from the Georgia Department of Transportation's Intermodal Programs Division and 2) formatting features that add greater clarity in helping the reader distinguish between planning activities that are new from those that may be ongoing tasks from a previous year.

In terms of accounting requirements, an **Activity Line Item** number (ALI) has been added to the headings of each category heading that is funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The ALI is sandwiched between the task category and the description of the sub-element associated with that task category. In terms of formatting changes, the planning activities that are new are depicted in italicized font.

This document breaks down the UPWP into four task categories that will be undertaken by the staff throughout the fiscal year. The task categories are the following:

(1). Program Support & Administration; (2). Public Involvement; (3). Data Collection; (4). System Planning; (5). Transit Planning

FY 2026 MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The following is a list of the major activities and accomplishments for the prior year's work program (FY 2026)

- Developed orientation materials summarizing MATS MPO role and processes for new staff member orientation.
- Coordinated with Gresham Smith Consultants regarding presenting the MATS 2050 Freight Plan at GPA Conference
- Assisted Rome-Cartersville MPO with presenting GDOT CY2026 PM1 Safety Targets
- Attended and facilitated GAMPO Annual Meeting in Savannah GA on September 25 and 26, 2025
- Presented at Georgia Planning Association conference on 10/8/2025
- Processed FY 2025 closeouts for GDOT PI #0020234 (Main PL Funds) and PI#0019903 (PL Supplemental Funds for MATS 2050 Freight Plan)
- Filed GDOT FY 2025 Annual Project Report for GDOT PI #0020234
- Coordinated with GDOT Office of Planning to obtain FY 2025 information for PI #0020234; PI #0020250 and #0019903, requesting materials for Macon-Bibb Planning & Zoning Commission (MBP&Z) annual audit.
- Completed overhaul of MATS MPO website (begun in FY 2025 Q4)
- Completed FY 2025 Title VI questionnaire for GDOT Office of Planning (transmitted 10/22/2025)
- Responded to request from Middle GA Regional Commission for MATS MPO boundaries resulting from U.S. Census 2000, 2010 and 2020
- Updated MATS MTP Project List in ArcGIS Pro to reflect forthcoming project amendment for GDOT PI #0020736
- Developed language for RFQ/P (including contingency for release of obligation in the event of recission of award
- Completed PL Supplemental Funds application for MATS 2050 MTP Update
- Reviewed Macon 2020 Base year Socio-Economic Data development strategy proposed by Cambridge Systematics, and provided comments
- Attended monthly coordination call for GDOT PI #0017121 on 7/1/2025
- Amended MATS FY 2024 -2027 TIP
- Updated MATS 2050 MTP to reflect adoption of PM 1 Safety Targets for CY 2026, and adoption of new GDOT Project PI # 0020763
- Completed RFQ/P Process, and award of contract, for MATS 2055 MTP
- Filed Conformity Determination Report Amendments related to MATS MTP and FY 2024 – 2027 TIP Amendments
- Completed Title VI reporting for FY 2025

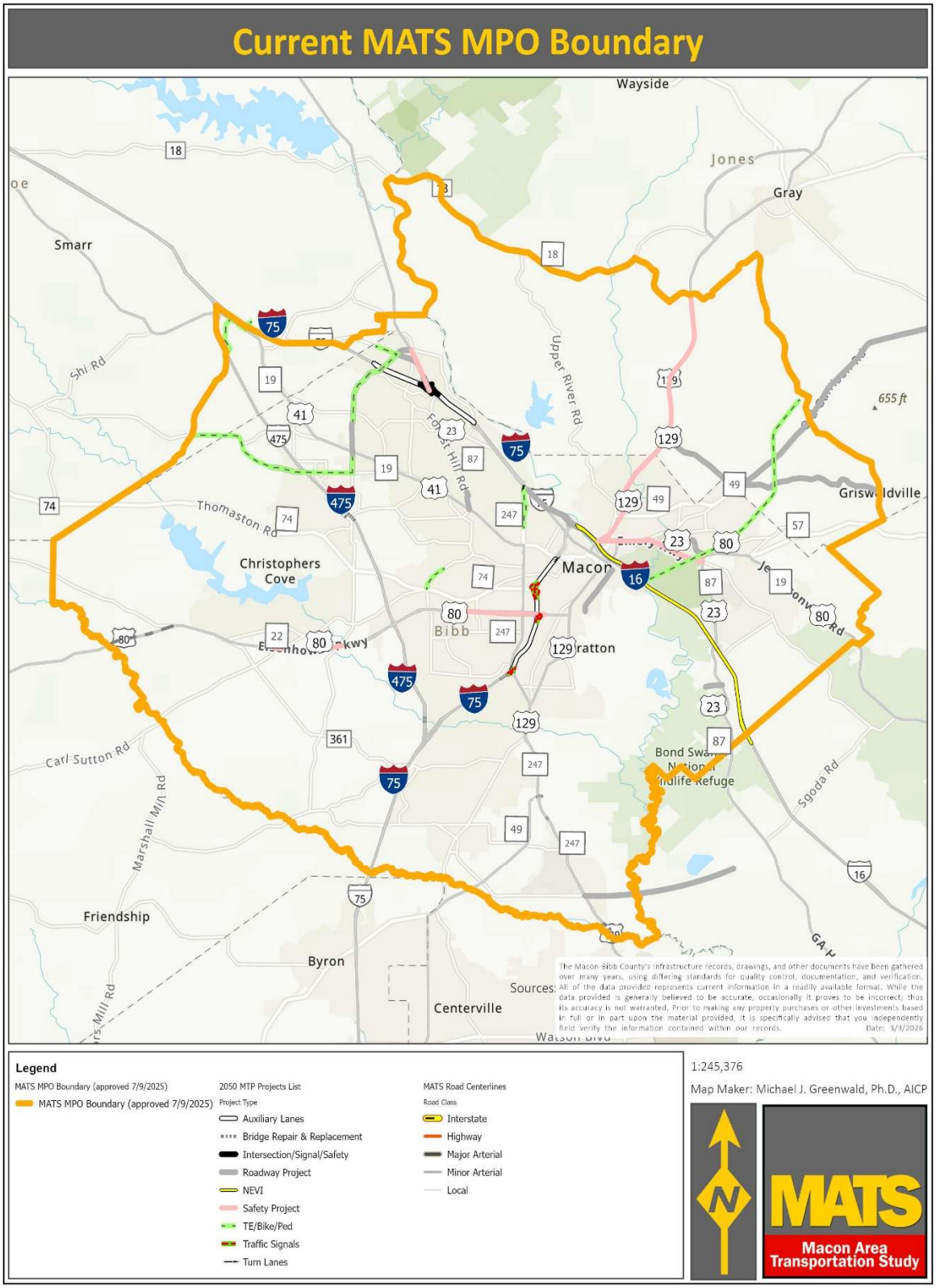
FY 2027 MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

The following are a list of major projects and activities to be initiated or completed in FY 2027

- Coordinate with GDOT staff for development of scheduled activities and deliverables related to MATS 2055 MTP due in FY 2027.
    - Continue coordination with GDOT Office of Planning and their consultants related to the 2055 MTP.
    - Ensure the MATS 2055 MTP data and assumptions are reflected in related local planning efforts, (e.g., Macon-Bibb Comprehensive Plan; Macon-Bibb County 2050 Housing Study, etc.)
- Coordinate with GDOT staff for development of scheduled activities and deliverables related to MATS 2027-2030 TIP due in FY 2027.

- Represent the MPO at other transportation related meetings and gather information and data necessary for the planning process not described elsewhere in the UPWP.
- Administer the FHWA and FTA contracts awarded under PL Funds and/or 49 CFR 5303 sub-recipient allocations. This will also include tracking tasks and documenting progress of any supplemental awards for specific projects (e.g., GDOT PI#0021364 supplemental award for consulting services related to MATS 2055 MTP.)
- Prepare the UPWP for FY 2028. This will describe the planning tasks and anticipated costs for the Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission (in their capacity as MPO staff) related to the completion of the anticipated sub-recipient contract with GDOT Office of Planning. The work tasks developed will also address the planning factors originally developed under the FAST Act and continued by the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021 (PL 117-58). The development of the UPWP may include a work program review meeting to ensure a continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process.
- Maintain space to allow the public to address the MATS committees regarding transportation planning.
- Maintain and update email contact lists of citizens and stakeholders to notify regarding transportation activities.
- Attend webinars to learn new public involvement techniques and innovative ways to increase participation and public outreach.
- Staff will maintain maps of populations of interest related to required Title VI reporting activities.
- Maintain and amend the current TIP, as needed, with input from GDOT, the public, and MATS committees.
- Incorporate and support the adopted Statewide Safety Performance and Management Targets, Bridge and Pavement Performance Targets, Freight Movement Performance Measure, and Transit Asset Management Targets, originally developed under the FAST Act and continued by the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021 (PL 117-58).
- Conduct special studies not otherwise identified under other work tasks as opportunities and needs are identified, (e.g., Macon-Bibb County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.)
- Conduct MATS Interagency Coordination Meetings with Federal and State partners.
- Attend transit/multimodal and urban planning related meetings, seminars, conferences, and workshops offered by GDOT, FTA, NTI, American Planning Association (APA), Georgia Planning Association (GPA), Georgia Association of MPOs (GAMPO), Georgia Transit Association (GTA), American Public Transit Association (APTA) and Transportation Research Board (TRB) and other transit related professional organizations which will improve technical capabilities of the MPO staff and enhance professional development. Out of State travel may be required.
- Assist Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority with analyzing the needs of transit riders. These groups sometimes face challenges with accessing employment and other services.
    - Continue providing ongoing planning and technical support for the transit facility update, route mapping services, graphic, GIS, and publishing services for the Macon Transit Authority.
- Provide consultation and assistance to the Middle GA Regional Commission in support of their work to re-establish the passenger rail service to the MATS MPO planning area.

MAP 1: Current MATS MPO Boundary


Current MATS MPO Boundary
Wayside
Jones
Gray
Smarr
Macon
Christophers Cove
Bibb
Griswoldville
Friendship
Byron
Centerville
Thomaston Rd
Upper River Rd
Carl Sutton Rd
Marshall Mill Rd
Sgoda Rd
655 ft
Legend
MATS MPO Boundary (approved 7/9/2025)
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2050 MTP Projects List
Project Type
Auxiliary Lanes
Bridge Repair & Replacement
Intersection/Signal/Safety
Roadway Project
NEVI
Safety Project
TE/Bike/Ped
Traffic Signals
Turn Lanes
MATS Road Centerlines
Road Class
Interstate
Highway
Major Arterial
Minor Arterial
Local
1:245,376
Map Maker: Michael J. Greenwald, Ph.D., AICP
MATS
Macon Area Transportation Study

TASK CATEGORY ONE: Program Support & Administration

Task: Program Support & Administration
Sub-Element: 1.11 MATS Program Coordination

Purpose: To provide technical and administrative support for the transportation planning process and coordinate the activities of the MPO with Macon-Bibb County, Jones County, Monroe County, GDOT, FHWA, and FTA.

Previous Work FY 2026:
The MPO staff worked on or accomplished the following:

1. Administered all aspects of the MATS Committee process (Citizens Advisory Committee; Technical Coordinating Committee; and Policy Committee.)
    a. Prepared for and hosted meetings for the following MATS meeting cycle:
        i. **MATS Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meetings:** July 9, 2025*; (Special Call CAC Meeting)* October 14, 2025; January 14, 2026. Coordinated with Macon-Bibb County's Clerk of Commission regarding MATS CAC vacant Commission Districts 3, 5, 8 and 9; Completed draft minutes from all MATS CAC meetings; Edited
        ii. **MATS Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Meetings:** July 16, 2025; October 15, 2025; January 21, 2026; Completed draft minutes from all MATS TCC meetings
        iii. **MATS Policy Committee Meetings:** August 6, 2025; November 5, 2025; February 4, 2026 Completed draft minutes from all MATS Policy Committee meetings
        iv. Discussed possible strategies for advancing restoration of passenger rail service between Macon and Atlanta (e.g., establishment of TAD around Macon's Terminal Station) with MATS CAC member.
2. Developed orientation materials summarizing MATS MPO role and processes for new staff member orientation.
3. Administered GAMPO Related Tasks
    a. Communicated with GAMPO members via email
    b. Held GAMPO's Annual Meeting, September 25-26, 2025; Held pre-planning meetings prior to the annual meeting
    c. Conducted initial GAMPO Subcommittee Coordination meetings:
        i. GAMPO Website Committee Orientation Meeting, August 4, 2025
        ii. GAMPO Legislative Subcommittee Meeting, August 4, 2025; December 18, 2025
        iii. GAMPO Data & Methods Subcommittee Meeting, August 4, 2025; December 17, 2025
    d. GAMPO website updates.
    e. Coordination/review of GAMPO Membership e-mail list
    f. Distributed the Governor's Office of Highway Safety FY 2027 RFP announcements to GAMPO Membership list
    g. Conducted GAMPO Spring Regular Business Meeting and GAMPO Supplemental Funds meeting on 3/30/2026
        i. Reviewed current status of Federal transportation reauthorization bill proposal (i.e., draft language of BASICS Act), as part of coordinating AMPO presentation to GAMPO
        ii. Review GA House Bill 297 (2025 – 2026 Legislative Session) for potential impacts on MATS, and other MPOs throughout Georgia.
        iii. Sent notification to GAMPO membership re: request from Sen. Ossoff's staff calling for Congressionally Directed Spending requests for projects/capital requests under IIJA.

4. Coordination call with Owen Brier (Sen. Ossoff's office) re: procedures for obtaining PL Supplemental Funds, as related to preservation of Supplemental Funds in forthcoming Federal transportation bill reauthorization.
5. Review of U.S. DOT notification from Secretary Duffy: (re: vacating of awards for projects and administrative requirements supporting climate change/greenhouse gas emissions, DEI and Environmental Justice goals under various Executive Orders (14149, 14151, 14154, 14168, 14170, 14173)
6. Attended MATS/GDOT/FHWA monthly coordination meetings: July 8, 2025; August 1, 2025; December 5, 2025; **March 6, 2026**
7. Attended GAMPO/GDOT/FHWA monthly coordination meetings: July 3, 2025; August 1, 2025; December 5, 2025; January 9, 2026; **February 6, 2026; March 6, 2026**
8. Attended Georgia MPO Coordination Call presented by FHWA Division 4 Office of Planning on 10/22/2025
9. Attended Georgia Clean Energy Road Meeting at Middle Georgia Regional Commission, August 13, 2025
10. Attended I-75 Central Corridor Coalition Meeting in Henry County, August 20, 2025; November 19, 2025
11. Assisted Rome-Cartersville MPO with presenting GDOT CY2026 PM1 Safety Targets
12. Attended Ocmulgee Strategic Plan—Land Use and Development Web meeting, August 18, 2025. Followed with contamination report to consultants Kimley Horn regarding property on Barnes Ferry Road; Attended Ocmulgee Strategic Plan meeting, August 27, 2025.
13. Assisted Southern Georgia Regional Commission/Valdosta MPO staff member with an Introduction to MPO Slide Presentation
14. Coordinated with Gresham Smith Consultants regarding presenting the MATS 2050 Freight Plan at GPA Conference
15. Attended Middle Georgia Regional Leadership Champions Ceremony, December 18, 2025
16. Completed annual SAM.gov registration for Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission (host agency for MATS MPO staff) on 3/16/2026

FY 2027 Activities:

1. Coordinate with GDOT staff for development of scheduled activities and deliverables related to MATS 2055 MTP due in FY 2027.
2. Complete any administrative reports required by Georgia Dept. of Transportation.
3. Represent the MPO at other transportation related meetings and gather information and data necessary for the planning process not described elsewhere in the UPWP.
4. Manage MATS membership committee lists.
5. Administer all aspects of the MATS Committee process (Citizens Advisory Committee; Technical Coordinating Committee; and Policy Committee.)
6. Prepare agendas and minutes for each of the MATS committee meetings.
7. Maintain records of MATS and other meetings, as well as administrative reports as required by Georgia Department of Transportation.

Resulting Product: Ongoing coordination of meetings held at least quarterly, meeting minutes, and other administrative reports as needed.

Transportation Related Planning Activities

Organization	Activities
MBP&Z Macon Transit Authority	MATS committee meetings, coordination.
GDOT, FHWA and FTA Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition	Preconstruction and concept meetings;

Target Start and End Dates: This task will be completed by June 30, 2027

Lead Agency: Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission

(ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION 11/9/2026 – This work task is being decreased from $167,427.73 to $164,427.73 to address unanticipated shortfalls FHWA Work Task 1.50.

This change does not result in any change in total funding received from FHWA or GDOT)

Funding Source	Amount
FHWA – PL	$ 131,542.17 (F
STATE – PL	
LOCAL	$ 33,485.56
FHWA (SPR)	
STATE (SPR)	
TOTAL	$164,427.73

Task: Program Support & Administration
Sub-Element: 1.30 Training/Professional Development

Purpose: To maintain professional competency in transportation planning and enhance the technical capacity of the Planning Staff.

Previous Work FY 2026:
The MPO staff worked on or accomplished the following:

1. Provided orientation on MATS MPO role and processes to new staff member (hired 7/1/2025) on 8/12/2025
    a. New planner review of MATS MPO website and associated publicly posted materials related to orientation
2. Coordinated presentations for GAMPO Annual Meeting in Savannah GA on September 25 and 26, 2025
3. Attended and facilitated GAMPO Annual Meeting in Savannah GA on September 25 and 26, 2025
4. Registration activities related to Georgia Planning Association 2025 Annual Conference (attendance to be completed in FY 2025 Q2)
5. Attended Georgia APA Fall 2025 Conference at University of Georgia Campus (Athens, GA)
6. Presented at Georgia Planning Association conference on 10/8/2025
7. Discussions with MATS staff on 12/15/2025 re: exploration of incorporating AI strategies into MATS Website and MATS MPO administration.
8. Developed templates and training to assist South GA Regional Commission/Valdosta MPO staff with TIP development process.
9. Attended AMPO Orientation webinar on BASICS Act (H.R. 119-7437 – Federal transportation reauthorization bill)
10. Attended Rails to Trails webinar on 3/18/2026 re: process for requesting local project funding (primarily bike & pedestrian) through annual August Redistribution of unspent Federal transportation funds

FY 2027 Activities:

1. Attend webinars/in-person conferences hosted by the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO); American Planning Association (APA); Georgia Planning Association (GPA); Georgia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (GAMPO). Attend FHWA/USDOT sponsored webinars and meetings. Out of State travel may be required.
2. Attend other transportation and planning related seminars, conferences, and continuing education courses offered by American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP); Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT); Georgia Transit Association (GTA); Georgia Institute of Transportation Engineers (GaITE); National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO); Transportation Research Board (TRB); Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); Federal Transit Administration (FTA); National Highway Institute (NHI); and Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA). Out of State travel may be required.
3. Attend Air Quality Trainings/Webinars

Resulting Product: Enhanced staff capabilities; training materials and resources.

Transportation Related Planning Activities

Organization	Activities
See above (the organizations listed in FY 2027 Activities)	

Target Start and End Dates: This task will be completed by June 30, 2027

Lead Agency: Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission

Funding Source	Amount
FHWA – PL	$ 18,295.13
STATE – PL	
LOCAL	$ 4,573.78
FHWA (SPR)	
STATE (SPR)	
TOTAL	$ 22,868.91

Task: Program Support & Administration
Sub-Element: 1.50 Contracts and Grants

Purpose: To provide administrative support to prepare, process and track the quarterly progress documentation for the FHWA PL funds.

Previous Work FY 2026:
The MPO staff worked on or accomplished the following:

1. Processed FY 2025 closeouts for GDOT PI #0020234 (Main PL Funds) and PI#0019903 (PL Supplemental Funds for MATS 2050 Freight Plan)
2. Filed GDOT FY 2025 Annual Project Report for GDOT PI #0020234
3. Prepared FY 2026 Q1 grant reimbursement requests for GDOT PI #0021115 and PI #0021131
4. Completed DocuSign process for GDOT PI #0021115, #0021131 and GDOT PI #0021364
5. Prepared FY 2026 Q2 grant reimbursement requests for GDOT PI #0021115 and PI #0021131

FY 2027 Activities:

1. Administer the GDOT contracts awarded under PL Funds sub-recipient allocations. This will also include tracking tasks and documenting progress of the planning work program for reimbursement requests.

Resulting Product: Ongoing contract and grant administration for FY 2027. Closeout for FY 2026 PL Funds Contracts.

Transportation Related Planning Activities

Organization	Activities
MBP&Z	PL Funds documentation
Macon-Bibb Co.	Grant and contract management assistance

Target Start and End Dates: All work on this task to be completed between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027.

Lead Agency: Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission

**(ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION 11/9/2026 – This work task is being increased from $4,547.72 to $7,547.72, to address unanticipated shortfalls in this line item.
Funding for this increase comes from reductions in Work Tasks 1.11. This change does not result in any change in total funding received from FHWA or GDOT)**

Funding Source	Amount
FHWA-PL	$ 3,638.26
STATE	
LOCAL	$909.56
TOTAL	$ 4,547.82

Task: Program Support & Administration
Sub-Element: 1.60 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Purpose: To develop that portion of the FY 2028 UPWP related to the use of the PL Funds portion of the MATS budget, as governed by the annual with GDOT Office of Planning sub-recipient contract.

Previous Work FY 2026:
The MPO staff worked on or accomplished the following:

1. Coordinated with GDOT Office of Planning to obtain FY 2025 information for PI #0020234; PI #0020250 and #0019903, requesting materials for Macon-Bibb Planning & Zoning Commission (MBP&Z) annual audit.
2. Archived signed contract for GDT PI #021115 (FY 2026 PL Funds), and coordination with Macon-Bibb Planning & Zoning Commission (MBP&Z) accountant.
3. Process Administrative Modifications for PI #0021115 in advance of FY 2026 Q2 reimbursement filing
4. Completed development of FY 2027 UPWP (adopted 5/6/2026)

FY 2027 Activities:

1. Prepare the UPWP for FY 2028. This will describe the planning tasks and anticipated costs for the Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission (in their capacity as MPO staff) related to the completion of the anticipated sub-recipient contract with GDOT Office of Planning. The work tasks developed will also address the factors originally developed under the FAST Act, and continued by the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021 (PL 117-58). The development of the UPWP may include a work program review meeting to ensure a continuous, cooperative and comprehensive planning process.

Resulting Product: Completed FY 2028 UPWP document. Administrative modifications to FY 2027 UPWP as needed for work supported under PL Funds contracts.

Transportation Related Planning Activities

Organization	Activities
GDOT	Planning Coordination
CAC, Technical, Policy Committees	Coordination

Target Start and End Dates: According to the GDOT schedule, the timeline for this project will involve completion of the Draft UPWP by December 1, 2026. Final UPWP will be completed by June 30, 2027

Lead Agency: Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission

Funding Source	Amount
FHWA – PL	$ 2,582.36
STATE – PL	
LOCAL	$ 645.59
FHWA (SPR)	
STATE (SPR)	
TOTAL	$ 3,227.95

TASK CATEGORY TWO: Public Involvement

Task: Public Involvement
Sub-Element: 2.10 Community Outreach/Education

Purpose: To provide information to assist the community in understanding the transportation planning process and to maintain a community outreach and education program for the general public in regard to the planning process.

Previous Work FY 2026:
The MPO staff worked on or accomplished the following:

1. Completed overhaul of MATS MPO website (begun in FY 2025 Q4)
2. Responded to request from member of the public re: opportunity and method to comment on Federal Register Docket ID # EPA-HQ-OAR-2025-0194
3. Attended Macon-Bibb County Complete Streets meetings on 8/19/2025; 11/18/2025
4. Attended Pedestrian Safety Review Board meetings on 9/16/2025; 10/1/2025; 11/18/2025; **1/20/2026;3/17/2026**
    a. Coordination and participation in development of pedestrian safety public service announcements
    b. Attended/staffed Pedestrian Safety Review Board outreach efforts for National Pedestrian Safety Month at Macon Mall on 10/30/2025.
5. Attended GDOT Vulnerable Road Users Statewide Task Team meeting on 7/3/2025; 10/3/2025; **2/5/2026**
6. Attended Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority meetings on 7/10/2025, 8/14/2025; 12/11/2025; **1/8/2026; 3/12/2026**
7. Attended Macon-Bibb/AARP Age Friendly Council meetings on 7/10/2025; 9/11/2025; 11/13/2025; **1/8/2026; 3/12/2026**
    a. Responded to Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities Survey, on behalf of board;
8. Attended Bike Walk Macon Board of Directors meetings on 7/22/2025; 9/23/2025; **2/4/2026**
9. Attended Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority press conference for Spirit of Macon park opening on 12/1/2025, at the recommendation of the Macon-Bibb County Age Friendly Council board (see Item #7, above).
10. Met with MATS MPO consultant on 10/17/2025 and for upgrade of website
11. Completed FY 2025 Title VI questionnaire for GDOT Office of Planning (transmitted 10/22/2025)
12. Posted completed MATS 2050 Freight Plan to MATS website

FY 2027 Activities:

1. Prepare and distribute MATS Committee meeting agendas and meeting notices to the public, stakeholders, MPO website, and local media.
2. Maintain a space to allow the public to address the MATS committees regarding transportation planning.
3. Correspond with the MATS CAC on a regular basis.
4. Manage and update website of information and data related to transportation planning issues.
5. Produce MATS Transportation Connection e-newsletters.
6. Receive and present GDOT's Area 3 Project Status Report to MATS CAC.

7. Publish legal advertisements seeking public input on MPO document updates and amendments (UPWP, TIP, MTP, etc.), as needed.
8. Maintain and update email contact lists of citizens and stakeholders to notify regarding transportation activities.
9. Attend webinars to learn new public involvement techniques and innovative ways to increase participation and public outreach.
10. Continue to explore ways to make the MATS MPO transportation planning process more transparent.

Resulting Product: MATS newsletters, a maintained and updated website, a revised public participation plan (if needed), general public information meetings, and education.

Transportation Related Planning Activities

Organization	Activities
GDOT	Coordination of public outreach activities

Target Start and End Dates: This task will be completed by June 30, 2027.

Lead Agency: Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission

Funding Source	Amount
FHWA – PL	$ 47,102.96
STATE – PL	
LOCAL	$ 11,775.74
FHWA (SPR)	
STATE (SPR)	
TOTAL	$ 58,878.70

TASK CATEGORY THREE: Data Collection

Task: Data Collection
Sub-Element: 3.20 Transportation Systems/Land Use Monitoring

Purpose: To maintain the transportation resource database and land use data, provide technical assistance to MPO partners through the use of local traffic and land use model data (where it exists), and to analyze travel demand impacts of development trends and proposals to the transportation network.

Previous Work FY 2026:
The MPO staff worked on or accomplished the following:

1. Responded to request from Middle GA Regional Commission for MATS MPO boundaries resulting from U.S. Census 2000, 2010 and 2020
2. Updated MATS MTP Project List in ArcGIS Pro to reflect forthcoming project amendment for GDOT PI #0020736
3. Coordinated with Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority re: data request for current bus stop locations
4. **Coordinated with Macon-Bibb County IT to maintain connectivity to County GIS environment, to ensure ability to publish and edit data elements related to activities required under 23 CFR450 (e.g., land use database; GIS feature classes representing MTP Roads & Bridge Projects; master route map for transit routes; etc.)**
5. **Compiled GIS data layers for Gresham Smith/Spatial Plans (consultants on MATS 2055 MTP update), in support of contracted work activities**

FY 2027 Activities:

1. Track and update land use activity for the GIS database.
2. Review land use changes for integration into the MPO's transportation plans.
3. Continue supporting 2055 MTP data needs (e.g., existing land use patterns, population and employment, transit routes, forecasts of future population & employment growth, projecting land uses for the purpose of identifying major growth corridors.)

In pursuing these activities, MATS staff will seek opportunities to further the Complete Streets and Data in Transportation Planning goals as described in the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021 (PL 117-58).

Resulting Product: Updated GIS, land use data and transportation databases.

Transportation Related Planning Activities

Organization	Activities
Macon-Bibb Planning & Zoning	Coordination of and use activities with transportation plans
Macon – Bibb County	Coordination of access management

Target Start and End Dates: This task will be completed by June 30, 2027.

Lead Agency: Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission

Funding Source	Amount
FHWA – PL	$ 9,912.20
STATE – PL	
LOCAL	$ 2,478.05
FHWA (SPR)	
STATE (SPR)	
TOTAL	$ 12,390.25

TASK CATEGORY FOUR: System Planning

Task: System Planning
Sub-Element: 4.11 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update/IIJA Compliance

Purpose: To update, maintain and implement the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and to ensure its full compliance with IIJA requirements including performance based planning & programming. The implementation of the MTP also includes the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which is a subset of the MTP. The long term goals and strategies of the MTP will be consistent with the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the MPO. The MTP covers a planning horizon of 20 years.

Previous Work FY 2026:
The MPO staff worked on or accomplished the following:

1. Developed language for RFQ/P (including contingency for release of obligation in the event of recission of award;
2. Completed PL Supplemental Funds application for MATS 2050 MTP Update
3. Reviewed Macon 2020 Base year Socio-Economic Data development strategy proposed by Cambridge Systematics, and provided comments
    a. Microsoft Teams Meeting on 9/2/2025 with Cambridge Systematics to review employment data discrepancies
    b. Meeting on 9/24/20025 with Cambridge Systematics re: preliminary review of 2020 Base Year socio-economic data.
4. E-mailed Existing & Completed projects list to GDOT Office of Planning, for incorporation into MATS area TDM model
5. Completed RFQ/P for MATS 2055 MTP
    a. Planning horizon was updated from 2050 horizon year per GDOT Office of Planning request in October 2025
    b. Contract awarded to Gresham Smith per MATS Policy Committee approval on 11/5/2025. Contract finalized with Gresham Smith on 12/19/2025
6. Updated MATS 2050 MTP to reflect adoption of PM 1 Safety Targets for CY 2026, and adoption of new GDOT Project PI # 0020763
7. Reviewed final MATS populations figures produced by Cambridge Systematics (GDOT Consultant) and functional classification maps for finalized 2020 Base Year modeling
    a. Confirmed enrollments at Mercer University for Academic Years 2019/20 – 2024/25 for development of forecasted student enrollments;
    b. Met with Cambridge Systematics and GDOT Office of Planning on 11/17/2025 population data and projections for 2055 MTP. Assembled related GIS data for Cambridge Systematics for 2055 growth distribution.
    c. Informed Cambridge Systematics on 12/11/2025 of population growth forecasts related to Macon-Bibb Housing Study, to ensure updated population forecasts were included in MATS 2055 MTP population projection
8. Coordinated with GDOT Office of Planning and Gresham Smith to issue Notice to Proceed on MATS 2055 MTP (GDOT PI #0021364)
9. Coordination of 2055 MTP activities with Gresham Smith
    a. Attended 2055 MTP Project Kickoff Meeting with Gresham Smith on 1/29/2026
    b. Follow up coordination with Gresham Smith, RKG Consulting, and TSW Consulting, to make sure that population and housing data from Macon-Bibb County Housing Study and Macon-Bibb Comprehensive Plan Update were being incorporated into 2055 MTP development
    c. Attended monthly coordination calls on 2/11/2026 and 3/11/2026

i. Follow up e-mail on 3/13/2026 to Stakeholder Advisory Committee members re: first meeting on 4/22/2026
ii. E-mail to Jones County School District on 3/11/2026 to discuss possible

10. Coordinated with Cambridge Systematics (GDOT Office of Planning Consultant) for:
    a. Validation of 2020 Base Year population and employment data
    b. Development of 2nd Network for GDOT Travel Demand Modeling
11. Begin processing Amendments for GDOT PI #0017395 and PI #0020272 (as per GDOT e-mail request of 3/19/2026)

FY 2027 Activities:

1. Amend the MTP project list to ensure all GDOT projects in the current TIP with specific project numbers are reflected in the MTP approved projects list.
2. Amend the budget in the Roads & Bridges projects list, and the fiscal balancing, as needed.
3. Continue coordination with GDOT Office of Planning on the development of the 2055 MTP (due May 3, 2027).

Resulting Product: Maintenance and update of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Transportation Related Planning Activities

Organization	Activities
GDOT	Coordination activities

Target Start and End Dates: The MTP will be amended as needed. All FY 2027 amendments and administrative modifications will be incorporated and posted by June 30, 2027.

Lead Agency: Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission

Funding Source	Amount
FHWA – PL	$ 12,323.04
STATE – PL	
LOCAL	$ 3,080.76
TOTAL	$ 15,403.80

Task: System Planning
Sub-Element: 4.11 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/IIJA Update (Supplemental Funds))

MATS Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

Purpose: Produce the 5-year update to the MATS Metropolitan Transportation Plan, scheduled for May 3, 2027.

Previous Work FY 2026: This project was awarded supplemental PL funds at the GAMPO annual meeting on September 26, 2025. Contract was awarded to consultant Gresham Smith and sub-consultant Spatial Plans, LLC., by MATS Policy Committee on November 5, 2025. GDOT released funds and provided notice to proceed (GDOT PI#0021364) on January 3, 2026.

During FY 2026 Q3, the following tasks were accomplished by Gresham Smith under this supplemental award:

Task 1 – Stakeholder Advisory Committee and Project Management

- **Prepared for and attended/facilitated project kickoff meeting in-person (1/29/26)**
- **Developed draft Project Management Plan (PMP)**
- **Began compiling Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) roster, updating contact information**
- **Conducted internal consultant team kickoff meeting**

Task 2 – Public Outreach

- **Developed Public Involvement Plan**
- **Prepared slide template to use in stakeholder and community engagement activities**
- **Developed project website and on-line survey. Deployed through MATS MPO main website.**
- **Staffed booth at Pan African Festival on 4/25/2026**
- **Presented at MATS MPO Policy Committee meeting on 5/6/2026**
- **Conducted 2055 MTP Open House at Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning/MATS MPO office on 5/6/2026**

Task 3 - Travel Demand Modeling and Socio-Demographic Data Visualization

- **Coordinated with GDOT Office of Planning to review and incorporate GDOT's consultant (Cambridge Systematics and Modern Mobility Partners, LLC) methodology and modeling results for 2020 Base Year and 2055 forecast year socio-demographics and travel demand output.**

Task 4 – Land Use Assessment & Analysis

- **Begin coordinating with Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning consultants for 2050 Comprehensive Plan (TSW Design) and Macon-Bibb County Housing Study (RKG Consulting), to ensure land use models are consistent between 2055 MTP and other regional plans using land use data.**

FY 2027 Activities:

1. This project is a continuation of activities begun in FY 2026. Details of the specific activities are listed in the signed contract between Macon-Bibb Planning and Zoning and Gresham Smith (see appendix).

Resulting Product: A 5-year update to the MATS Metropolitan Transportation Plan, compliant with the requirements set forth in 23 CFR 450.324. Inputs to this plan may include, but not be limited to, planning projects from other MATS affiliated organizations (e.g., Macon-Bibb County Airport Plan) and projects previously funded through other PL Supplemental Funds awards (e.g., MATS 2050 Freight Study; GDOT PI #0019903)

Transportation Related Planning Activities

Organization	Activities
GDOT	Coordination activities

Target Start and End Dates: The contract began January 8, 2026 and will run through June 30, 2027. Work is anticipated to be completed by May 3, 2027. Zero dollar cost contract extensions will be considered if/as necessary. After a Contract has been executed, any revisions and/or extensions will need to be approved by GDOT and FHWA.

Lead Agency: Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission

Funding Source	Amount
FHWA – PL	$ 240,000.00
STATE – PL	
LOCAL	$ 60,000.00
TOTAL	$ 300,000.00

2055 MTP Development Schedule																							
	2025						2026												2027				
	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
MATS MPO develops RFP for consulting services for development of MATS 2055 MTP Update	X																						
Submission of PL Supplemental Funds Application in time for consideration at GAMPO 2025 Fall meeting		X																					
Notification of PL Supplemental Funds award from GDOT			X																				
Posting of RFP (on or before 10/1/2025), and selection of preferred consultant (on or before 1/1/2026)				X																			
Selected Consultant brought under contract, and project kickoff							X																
GDOT development of Socio-Economic data							X																
MATS MPO staff/MATS Consultant review, coments and revisions of GDOT Socio-Ecoonomic data									X														
MATS MPO and Selected Consultant conducts call for projects from member jurisdictions and partner agencies									X														
GDOT provides MATS MPO and Selected Consultant of projected revenues, State sponsored projects list, project authorizations									X														
GDOT, MATS MPO and Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority hold coordination meetings to reconcile projects list									X														
Development of preliminary draft of FY 2055 MTP Update									X														
IAC Review of Preliminary Draft (in accordance with requirements set forth in MATS Air Quality Conformity Determination Report)																	X						
Presentation of Initial Draft to MATS MPO Committees																			X				
Public Comment period (30 Days, in accordance with MATS Public Participation Plan and 23 CFR 450.326)																				X			
Incorporation of/response to FHWA/FTA/GDOT/Public Comments on Preliminary Draft																					X		
Presentation of Final Draft to MATS Committees (with final adoptions anticipated on/before May 3, 2027																						X	

Task: System Planning
Sub-Element: 4.12 Transportation Improvement Program

Purpose: To maintain the existing FY 2024–2027 TIP 4-year capital improvement plan by programming projects identified in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and preparing to develop the TIP for the next 4-year planning period (FY 2027-2030)

Previous Work FY 2026:
The MPO staff worked on or accomplished the following:

1. Attended monthly coordination calls for GDOT PI #0017121
    a. Attended project meeting with GDOT District Staff at GDOT Dist. 3 Office on 3/3/2026.
2. Submitted letters to GDOT State Environmental Administrator for comments and local points of contact on GDOT PI #0019933, 0019934, 0019945 and 0020213. Sent letters to GDOT on 8/8/2025
3. Reviewed requests from GDOT Office of Planning for FY 2026 Mass Amendments for GDOT PI #0016130, PI #0017121, PI #0017221, PI #0020056, PI #0020763 and PI #311400
    a. Follow up meeting with GDOT Office of Planning on 8/14/2025 to classify projects as either Amendments or Administrative Modifications
    b. Follow up e-mail to GDOT Office of Planning re: meeting in a.), summarizing the discussion and holding back GDOT PI #0017121 for amendment, based on budget questions.
    c. Processed remaining Mass Amendment projects, other than PI #0017121 (i.e., update TIP project sheets; process budget re-balancing; appending IAC process log into TIP appendix).
4. Amended MATS FY 2024 -2027 TIP as follows:
    a. Updated PM 1 Safety Targets for CY 2026
    b. Add CMAQ funding for FY 2026, per GDOT Office of Planning directive on 7/23/2025
    c. Added GDOT PI #0020763
5. Coordinated with MGRC on forthcoming FLAP grant (to be awarded in FY 2028) for Jones County Rail to Trail project
6. **Amended FY 2024 – 2027 TIP on 2/4/2026 to reflect:**
    a. **Administrative Modification for GDOT PI #0020056 (move Construction from FY 2026 to FY 2027)**
    b. **Amend Transit Chapter, at direction of GDOT Office of Intermodal, to reflect update to Sec. 5307 Capital Grant for consulting services related to route updates**
7. **Briefed MATS MPO Chair and Macon-Bibb County Mayor on projects and adoption timelines for forthcoming FY 2027 – 2030 TIP.**
8. **Amended FY 2024 – 2027 TIP on 5/6/2026 to reflect:**
    a. **Amendment to include GDOT PI #0017395 and GDOT PI #0020272**
9. **Administrative Modifications for GDOT PI #0016130 and GDOT PI #0017121**

FY 2027 Activities:

1. Coordinate with GDOT, as needed, for future TIP project updates and successor TIP documents.

2. Maintain and amend the current TIP, as needed, with input from GDOT, the public, and MATS committees.
3. Incorporate and support the adopted Statewide Safety Performance and Management Targets, Bridge and Pavement Performance Targets, Freight Movement Performance Measure, and Transit Asset Management Targets.

Resulting Products: A current TIP consistent with the timeframe covered by GDOT Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Transportation Related Planning Activities

Organization	Activities
GDOT	Financial analysis, programming
MATS committees	Coordination

Target Start and End Dates: All tasks related to this project will be completed by June 30, 2027

Lead Agency: Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission

Funding Source	Amount
FHWA – PL	$ 22,061.66
STATE – PL	
LOCAL	$ 5,515.41
FHWA (SPR)	
STATE (SPR)	
TOTAL	$ 27,577.07

2027 - 2030 TIP Development Schedule										
	FY 2026				FY 2027					
	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26	Sep-26	Oct-26	Nov-26	Dec-26
MATS MPO conducts call for projects from member jurisdictions and partner agencies	X									
GDOT sends MATS MPO projected revenues, State sponsored projects list, lump sum projects and project authorizations	X									
GDOT, MATS MPO and Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority hold coordination meetings to reconcile projects list			X							
Development of preliminary draft of FY 2027 - 2030 TIP				X						
IAC Review of Preliminary Draft (in accordance with 23 CFR 450.330(b))					X					
Presentation of Initial Draft to MATS MPO Committees					X					
Incorporation of/response to FHWA/FTA/GDOT Comments on Preliminary Draft							X			
Presentation of Revised Draft to MATS Citizens' Advisory Committee								X		
Public Comment period (30 Days, in accordance with MATS Public Participation Plan and 23 CFR 450.326)								X		
Presentation of Revised Draft FY 2027 - 2030 TIP to MATS Technical Coordinating Committee									X	
Final Adoption of MATS FY 2027 - 2030 by MATS Policy Committee									X	

Task: System Planning
Sub-Element: 4.13 Special Studies / Streets / Highways / Transportation / Land Use

Purpose: To provide special transportation and urban planning projects located within the boundaries of the Metropolitan Planning Area, that are identified by the MPO, MATS Committees, Macon-Bibb County, the general public, and other transportation stakeholders.

Previous Work FY 2026:
The MPO staff worked on or accomplished the following:

1. Completed RFQ/P process for MATS 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update.
    a. Ran required legal ad
    b. Posted to RFQ/P document to:
        i. GA Procurement Registry website on 8/20/2025
        ii. MATS MPO Website
        iii. Georgia Planning Association website
        iv. TMIP Listserve
    c. Sent invitations to bid on 8/21/2025 to individual firms re #1
    d. Responded to inquiries from Applicants, and posted responses to MATS MPO website on 9/12/2025.
    e. Coordinated RFQ/P review committee
        i. MATS MPO
        ii. Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission
        iii. Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority
        iv. Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority
        v. Middle GA Regional Commission
2. Informed Macon-Bibb County and Macon Transit Authority about Transportation Alternatives Program grant opportunities.
3. Completed RFQ/P Process, and award of contract, for MATS 2055 MTP
    a. Met with Evaluation Committee on 10/13/2025 to review scores and identify selected consultant
    b. Coordination with selected consultant and MATS legal counsel to finalize contract for consulting services.
4. Met with GDOT Office of Transportation Data on 10/1/2025 re: discussion of steps to get US Hwy 129/Broadway off of National Highway System and returned to Macon-Bibb County
5. Responded to request from Hinesville Area MPO (HAMPO) re: request for MATS 20250 Freight Plan Scope of Work
6. Attended Monthly project coordination call for GDOT PI #0017121 on 10/28/2025
7. Revised Scope of Work for MATS 2055 MTP to reflect new 2055 planning horizon year, per GDOT request.
8. Provided references to Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority for Georgia HB 189 (2023/24 Legislative Session) and HB 164 (2025/26 Legislative Session) re: efforts to get Broadway/US Hwy 129 ROW released back to Macon-Bibb County

FY 2027 Activities:

1. Incorporate MATS data and plans into other local planning documents as opportunities arise.
2. Conduct special studies not otherwise identified under other work tasks (e.g., analysis of transportation needs for future growth areas in the Metropolitan Planning Area); assisting MATS constituent agencies with transportation and demographic impacts related to, economic development projects; providing staff support to MATS consultants; conduct research on local EV charging strategies, in support of Georgia NEVI Deployment Program) as needed.
3. Additional special topics may also be undertaken by the MPO staff, as opportunities and needs are identified.

Resulting Product: Reports, studies, plans, and planning assistance to Macon-Bibb Co. & MPO area as needed.

Transportation Related Planning Activities

Organization	Activities
Macon-Bibb Planning & Zoning	Land use / transportation coordination
Macon – Bibb County	Transportation studies

Target Start and End Dates: The special projects will be completed by June 30, 2027
Lead Agency: Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission

Funding Source	Amount
FHWA – PL	$ 12,151.86
STATE – PL	
LOCAL	$ 3,037.96
FHWA (SPR)	
STATE (SPR)	
TOTAL	$ 15,189.82

Task: Air Quality
Sub-Element: 4.40 Air Quality

Purpose: To comply with additional requirements for transportation planning activities in areas designated as not in full conformity with air quality standards authorized under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1991 (42 USC 7506(c)).

This work task is being added at the direction of GDOT Office of Planning and FHWA, to reflect the assignment of funds under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program. These funds were last assigned to MATS MPO during the FY 2017 UPWP cycle. MATS MPO was designated by U.S. EPA as a Maintenance area for the 1997 NAAQS for the 8-hour Ozone standard in November 2007. As part of being designated as a NAAQS Maintenance area, MATS MPO was required to coordinate all Amendments and Administrative Modifications related to the MTP and TIP through an Interagency Coordinating Committee (IAC), composed of staff from MATS, Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority, GDOT, Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources – Air Resources Branch, FHWA Georgia Division Office, and US EPA Division 4 Office. When the 1997 NAAQS for Ozone was replaced with the 2008 NAAQS, MATS received communications from U.S. EPA that the Maintenance designation was lifted, and IAC activities were no longer necessary.

However, MATS designation as a Maintenance area under the 1997 NAAQS for Ozone was reinstated as part of the Federal 3rd Circuit Court decision in *South Coast Air Quality Mgmt. District v. EPA* (882 F.3d 1138). Because of this reinstatement, and the need to reinstate activities related to the IAC (described above), GDOT has assigned monies to MATS to perform IAC coordination work related to demonstrating continued air quality conformity as it relates to the MTP update and to address the South Coast court decision.

Previous Work FY 2026:
The MPO staff worked on or accomplished the following:

1. Sent requests for IAC consultation on 9/12/2025 for Administrative Modification for GDOT PI 0016130 and TIP & MTP Amendments for GDOT PI #0020763.
2. Send e-mail to IAC for consultation on TIP amendment for GDOT PI #0020763
3. Filed Conformity Determination Report Amendments related to MATS MTP and FY 2024 – 2027 TIP Amendments approved on 11/5/2025.

FY 2027 Activities:

1. Conduct MATS Interagency Coordination Meetings with Federal and State partners.
2. Updates to standard operating procedures, as needed, for IAC consultation related to MTP and TIP amendments.

Resulting Product: Producing the Conformity Determination Report (CDR) and the Standard Operating Procedures memo, for future use.

Transportation Related Planning Activities

Organization	Activities
Macon-Bibb Planning & Zoning	Coordination of and use activities with transportation plans
Macon-Bibb County	Coordination of access management

Target Start and End Dates: This task will be completed by June 30, 2027.

Lead Agency: Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission

Funding Source	Amount
FHWA – PL	$ 7,583.11
STATE – PL	
LOCAL	$ 1,895.78
FHWA (SPR)	
STATE (SPR)	
TOTAL	$ 9,478.89

Task: System Planning
Sub-Element: Y410 – Increasing Safe & Accessible Transportation Options

Purpose: To support MATS Committees, Macon-Bibb, Jones and Monroe Counties, the general public, and other transportation stakeholders in identifying and prioritizing non-motorized transportation projects consistent with Complete Streets policies.

Previous Work FY 2026:
The MPO staff worked on or accomplished the following:

1. No activities on this task during FY 2026 Q1 & Q2 related to Pedestrian Safety Review Board or Complete Streets. Activities are anticipated in FY 2026 Q3 and Q4.

FY 2027 Activities:

1. MATS staff will use this fund to support all activities related to the Macon-Bibb County Pedestrian Safety Review Board and Complete Streets Committee in FY 2027. This will include meeting attendance, identification and proposal of Local projects for GDOT inclusion in the STIP.

Resulting Product: Reports, studies, plans, and planning assistance to Macon-Bibb Co. & MPO area as needed.
Project Amendments to the current MATS MTP and TIP as needed.

Transportation Related Planning Activities

Organization	Activities
Macon-Bibb Planning & Zoning	Participation on Macon-Bibb County Pedestrian Safety Review Board (PSRB) Technical assistance to other agencies in the MATS area considering development of Complete Streets policies Research assistance on Complete Streets as needed

Target Start and End Dates: The special projects will be completed by June 30, 2027

Lead Agency: Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission

Funding Source	Amount
FHWA – PL	$ 6,912.65
STATE – PL	
LOCAL	$ 0.00
FHWA (SPR)	
STATE (SPR)	
TOTAL	$ 6,912.65

TASK CATEGORY FIVE: Transit Planning

Task: Transit Planning
Sub-Element: 1.31 Transit/Multimodal Training and Professional Development
ALI# 44.21.00 (Program Support & Administration)

Purpose: To keep the MPO staff knowledgeable and current on transit and multimodal technologies, information, regulations, and guidelines.

Previous Work FY 2026:

1. Attended GDOT Intermodal Annual Subrecipient webinar on 7/21 and 7/22/2025.
2. Attended GDOT Procurement Training webinar (GDOT sub-consultant RLS) on 8/6/2025.

FY 2027 Activities:

1. Attend transit/multimodal and urban planning related meetings, seminars, conferences, and workshops offered by GDOT, FTA, NTI, American Planning Association (APA), Georgia Planning Association (GPA), Georgia Association of MPOs (GAMPO), Georgia Transit Association (GTA), American Public Transit Association (APTA) and Transportation Research Board (TRB) and other transit related professional organizations which will improve technical capabilities of the MPO staff, provide updates on State and Federal policies and generally enhance professional development. Out of State travel may be required.

Resulting Product: Enhanced staff capabilities; training materials and resources.

Transportation Related Planning Activities

Organization	Activities
See above (the organizations listed in FY 2027 Activities)	

Target Start and End Dates: This task will be completed by June 30, 2027.

Lead Agency: Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission

Funding Source	Amount
FTA (SECT 5303)	$3,570.49
STATE	$446.31
LOCAL	$446.33
TOTAL	$4,463.13

Task: Transit Planning
Sub-Element: 1.51 Contracts and Grants
ALI# 44.21.00 (Program Support & Administration)

Purpose: To provide administrative support to prepare, process and track the quarterly progress documentation for the FHWA PL funds and FTA grants.

Previous Work FY 2026:

1. Wrote up closeout for sub-recipient contract T008052 for FY 2025 Q4
2. Complete reimbursements for FY 2026 Q1, and GAMPO/GPA Conference attendance

FY 2027 Activities:

1. Prepare and administer the FTA contract(s) for planning services. This will include tracking tasks and documenting progress of the planning work program for reimbursement requests under the FY 2027 sub-recipient contract (T008054).
2. Closeout of FY 2026 Sec. 5303 sub-recipient contract (T008053).

Resulting Product: Completed 5303 grant application and ongoing contract and grant administration.

Transportation Related Planning Activities

Organization	Activities
MBP&Z	Section 5303 documentation
Macon-Bibb Co.	Grant and contract management assistance

Target Start and End Dates: This task will be completed by June 30, 2027.

Lead Agency: Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission

Funding Source	Amount
FTA (SECT 5303)	$ 24,732.79
STATE	$ 3,091.60
LOCAL	$ 3,091.60
TOTAL	$ 30,915.99

Task: Transit Planning
Sub-Element: 1.61 Unified Planning Work Program
ALI# 44.21.00 (Program Support & Administration)

Purpose: To develop a planning work program that addresses transportation, land use, and other community needs.

Previous Work FY 2026:

1. Filed MATS 5303 application for FY 2027 sub-recipient funding
2. Assisted MATS MPO Accountant with auditing request to GDOT for confirmation of reimbursements from FY 2025 Contracts
3. Complete signing process for GDOT PI #T008053
4. Completed FY 2027 Sec. 5303 sub-recipient application

FY 2027 Activities:

1. Prepare the UPWP for FY 2028. This will describe the planning tasks and anticipated costs for the Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission (in their capacity as MPO staff) related to the completion of the anticipated sub-recipient contract with GDOT Office of Intermodal. The task will involve the production of quarterly reporting and annual close out. Tasks will be developed with input from all MATS committees, with public input regarding tasks to be considered for future UPWPs. The work tasks developed will also address the planning factors originally developed under the FAST Act, continued by the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021 (PL 117-58) and/or any successor Federal policy. The development of the UPWP may include a work program review meeting to ensure a continuous, cooperative and comprehensive planning process.

Resulting Product: Completed FY 2028 UPWP document

Transportation Related Planning Activities

Organization	Activities
GDOT	Planning Coordination
CAC, Technical, Policy Committees	Coordination

Target Start and End Dates: This task will be completed by June 30, 2027.

Lead Agency: Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission

Funding Source	Amount
FTA (SECT 5303)	$ 19,031.98
STATE	$ 2,379.00
LOCAL	$ 2,378.99
TOTAL	$ 23,789.97

Task: Transit Planning
Sub-Element: 2.20 Environmental Justice / Title VI
ALI# 44.21.00 (Program Support & Administration)

Purpose: To ensure full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities in the transportation planning process and to document the continuing planning efforts which are responsive to the requirements of Title VI.

Previous Work FY 2026:

1. Completed Title VI reporting for FY 2025

FY 2027 Activities:

1. Update the documentation of the MPO's compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 for FY 2026.
2. Seek out and consider the needs of those groups who are traditionally underserved by the existing transportation system such as low-income and minority households, older adults and individuals with disabilities.
3. Assist Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority with analyzing the needs of transit riders. These groups sometimes face challenges accessing employment and other services.
4. Coordinate with the MATS Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) in order to achieve a board composition that reflects the population profile of the MATS planning area. The MPO will comply with all Federal requirements for all documents to ensure that services are available to all people regardless of race, gender, age, disability, national origin or income.

In pursuit of these activities, MATS staff will seek opportunities to further the goals as described in the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021 (PL 117-58).

Resulting Product: Completed Environmental Justice/Title VI documentation

Transportation Related Planning Activities

Organization	Activities
Macon Transit Authority	Title VI Documentation

Target Start and End Dates: This task will be completed by June 30, 2027.

Lead Agency: Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission

Funding Source	Amount
FTA (Section 5303)	$ 15,284.45
STATE	$ 1,910.56
LOCAL	$ 1,910.55
TOTAL	$ 19,105.56

Task: Transit Planning
Sub-Element: 4.14 Special Transit / Multimodal Studies and Projects
ALI# 44.23.01 (Long Range Transportation Planning-System Level)

Purpose: To provide for special projects to improve the transit system and other modes of transportation including bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Previous Work FY 2026:

1. E-mail to Sen. Ossoff's staff re: support for establishment of passenger rail service from ATL to Savannah, through Macon
2. Attended FRA Corridor ID Program Update webinar on 12/18/2025

FY 2027 Activities:

1. Provide ongoing planning and technical support to the MPO area in reference to local and regional transit initiatives and other modes of transportation. This work task will include assistance to the Macon Transit Authority to assess feasibility of transit route extensions and changes, including population/service area studies.
2. Provide consultation and assistance to the Middle GA Regional Commission in support of their work to re-establish passenger rail service to the MATS MPO planning area.

In pursuit of these activities, MATS staff will seek opportunities to further the goals as described in the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021 (PL 117-58).

Resulting Product: Reports, studies, and plans as needed.

Transportation Related Planning Activities

Organization	Activities
Macon Transit Authority	Coordination activities
Macon-Bibb County	Coordination activities
Middle Georgia Regional Commission	Coordination activities

Target Start and End Dates: The special projects will be completed by June 30, 2027.

Lead Agency: Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission

Funding Source	Amount
FTA (SECT 5303)	$ 16,680.41
STATE	$ 2,085.05
LOCAL	$ 2,085.06
TOTAL	$ 20,850.52

Task: Transit Planning
Sub-Element: 4.20 Transit/Para-Transit Planning
ALI# 44.24.00 (Short Range Transportation Planning)

Purpose: To provide transit planning assistance to support the improvement of public transit services in Macon - Bibb County.

Previous Work FY 2026:

1. Attended MTA monthly board meetings on 7/29/2025, 8/26/2025 and 9/29/2025 (Work Task 4.20)
2. Meeting with Sen. Ossoff's staff on 8/20/2025, and follow up e-mail on 8/21/2025 Re: Local transit needs in forthcoming Federal transportation reauthorization, (Work Task 4.20)
3. Update of MTA master routes GIS feature class (Work Task 4.20)
4. Attended MTA monthly board meetings on 10/28/2025 (Work Task 4.20; No monthly meeting scheduled in November or December 2025)

FY 2027 Activities:

1. Attend Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority monthly board meetings for FY 2027
2. Continue providing ongoing planning and technical support for the transit facility update; route mapping services, graphic, GIS, and publishing services for the Macon Transit Authority.

In pursuit of these activities, MATS staff will seek opportunities to further the goals as described in the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021 (PL 117-58).

Resulting Product: The Transit Facilities Plan, technical coordination and assistance**,** reports and studies.

Transportation Related Planning Activities

Organization	Activities
Macon Transit Authority	Coordination activities
MGRC	Coordination activities
Macon-Bibb County	Coordination activities

Target Start and End Dates: This task will be completed by June 30, 2027.

Lead Agency: Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission

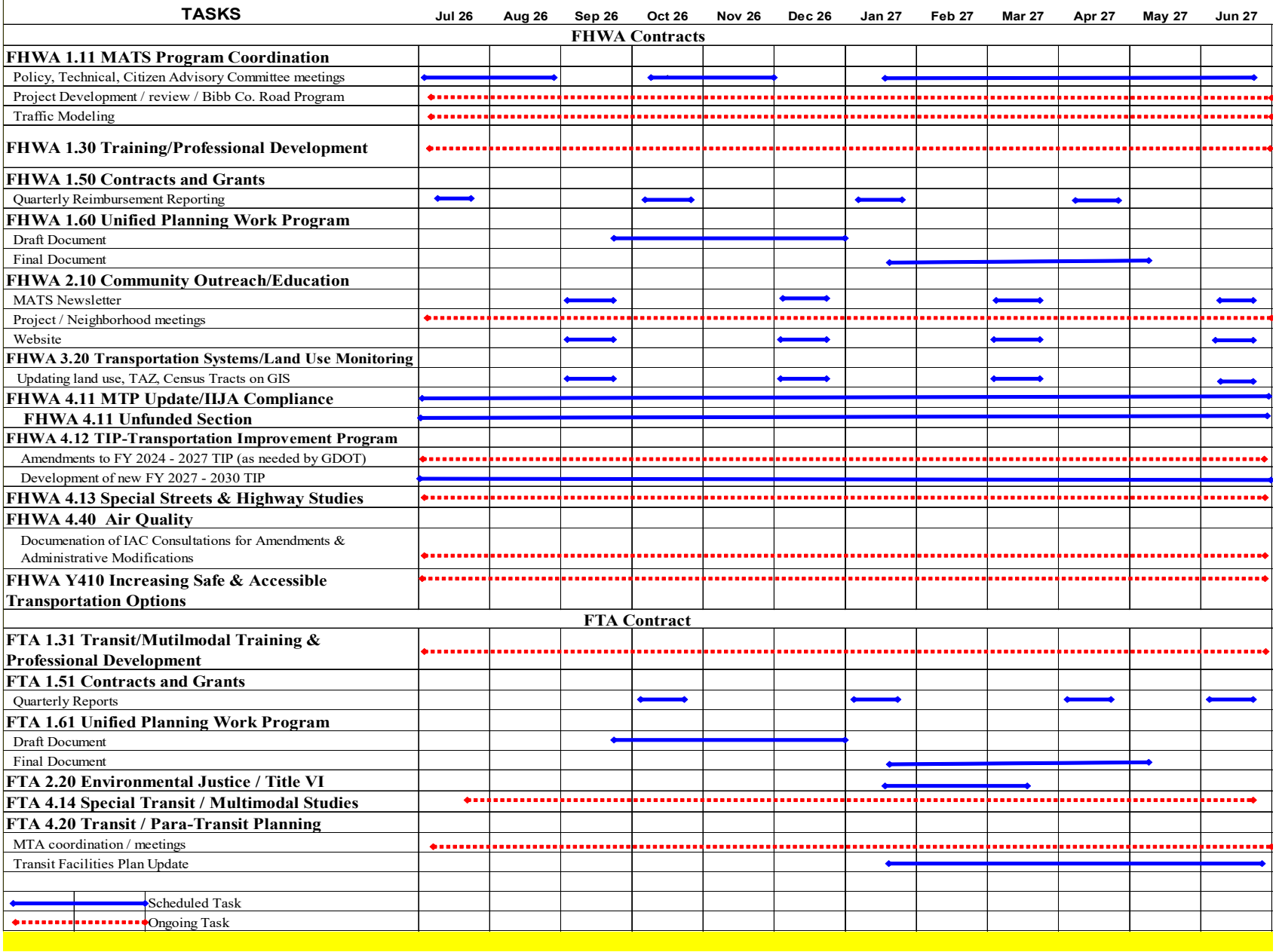
Funding Source	Amount
FTA (SECT 5303)	$ 24,621.91
STATE	$ 3,077.74
LOCAL	$ 3,077.74
TOTAL	$ 30,777.39

TECHNICAL DATA: Proposed Funding Sources and UPWP Task Schedule FY 2027

PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCE BY PERFORMING AGENCY - FY 2027

	FUNDING SOURCE	TASK NO.	Task Description	Work Task Total	FHWA - SPR	FTA -5303	FEDERAL TOTAL	STATE PL MATCH	STATE SPR MATCH	STATE 5303 MATCH	STATE TOTAL	LOCAL	TOTAL
	FHWA - Funded Activities												
	FHWA	1.11	Program Coordination MATS Coordination	*$ 164,427.73*			*$ 131,542.17*				$ -	*$ 32,885.56*	**$ 164,427.73**
	FHWA	1.30	Training / Professional Development	*$ 22,868.91*			*$ 18,295.13*				$ -	*$ 4,573.78*	**$ 22,868.91**
	FHWA	1.50	Grants and Contracts	*$ 7,547.82*			*$ 6,038.26*				$ -	*$ 1,509.56*	**$ 7,547.82**
	FHWA	1.60	Unified Planning Work Program	*$ 3,227.95*			*$ 2,582.36*				$ -	*$ 645.59*	**$ 3,227.95**
	FHWA	2.10	Citizen Participation / Outreach	*$ 58,878.70*			*$ 47,102.96*				$ -	*$ 11,775.74*	**$ 58,878.70**
	FHWA	3.20	TransportationSystems / Land Use Monitoring	*$ 12,390.25*			*$ 9,912.20*				$ -	*$ 2,478.05*	**$ 12,390.25**
	FHWA	4.11	Long Range Transportation Plan Update / SAFETEA-LU Compliance	*$ 15,403.80*			*$ 12,323.04*				$ -	*$ 3,080.76*	**$ 15,403.80**
	FHWA	4.12	TIP - Transportation Improvement Plan	*$ 27,577.07*			*$ 22,061.66*				$ -	*$ 5,515.41*	**$ 27,577.07**
	FHWA	4.13	Special Streets & Highway Transportation studies	*$ 15,189.82*			*$ 12,151.86*				$ -	*$ 3,037.96*	**$ 15,189.82**
	FHWA	4.40	Air Quality	*$ 9,478.89*			*$ 7,583.11*				$ -	*$ 1,895.78*	**$ 9,478.89**
	Total - PL Funds Contract (GDOT PI #TBD)			**$ 336,990.94**			**$ 269,592.75**					**$ 67,398.19**	**$ 336,990.94**
	FHWA	4.11	MTP Update - PL Supplemental Funds	*$ 300,000.00*			*$ 240,000.00*					*$ 60,000.00*	*$ 300,000.00*
	Total - PL Supplemental Funds Contract (GDOT PI #21364)			**$ 300,000.00**			**$ 240,000.00**					**$ 60,000.00**	**$ 300,000.00**
	FHWA	Y410	Increasing Safe & Accessible Transportation Options	*$ 6,912.65*			*$ 6,912.65*				$ -	*$ -*	*$ 6,912.65*
	Total - Y410 Funds Contract (GDOT PI #TBD)			**$ 6,912.65**			**$ 6,912.65**					**$ -**	**$ 6,912.65**
	FHWA Funded Totals			**$ 643,903.59**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 516,505.40**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 127,398.19**	**$ 643,903.59**
	FTA - Funded Activities												
ALI#	FTA	1.31	Transit / Multimodal Training & Professional Development	$ 4,463.13		$ 3,570.49	$ 3,570.49			$ 446.31	$ 446.31	$ 446.33	**$ 4,463.13**
44.21.00	FTA	1.51	Contracts & Grants	$ 30,915.99		$ 24,732.79	$ 24,732.79			$ 3,091.60	$ 3,091.60	$ 3,091.60	**$ 30,915.99**
44.21.00	FTA	1.61	Unified Planning Work Program	$ 23,789.97		$ 19,031.98	$ 19,031.98			$ 2,379.00	$ 2,379.00	$ 2,378.99	**$ 23,789.97**
44.21.00	FTA	2.20	Environmental Justice / Title VI	$ 19,105.56		$ 15,284.45	$ 15,284.45			$ 1,910.56	$ 1,910.56	$ 1,910.55	**$ 19,105.56**
44.21.00	FTA	4.14	Special Transit / Multimodal StudiesProjects	$ 20,850.52		$ 16,680.41	$ 16,680.41			$ 2,085.05	$ 2,085.05	$ 2,085.06	**$ 20,850.52**
44.23.01	FTA	4.20	Transit/Paratransit Planning	$ 30,777.39		$ 24,621.91	$ 24,621.91			$ 3,077.74	$ 3,077.74	$ 3,077.74	**$ 30,777.39**
44.24.00	**FTA Funded Totals**			**$ 129,902.56**	**$ -**	**$ 103,922.03**	$ 103,922.03	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 12,990.26**	**$ 12,990.26**	**$ 12,990.27**	**$ 129,902.56**
	UPWP TOTALS			**$ 773,806.15**	**$ -**	**$ 103,922.03**	**$ 620,427.43**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 12,990.26**	**$ 12,990.26**	**$ 140,388.46**	**$ 773,806.15**

MACON MPO UPWP TASK SCHEDULE FY 2027



APPENDIX A: Amendment Process

Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Process

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) issued the Final Rule to revise the Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning regulations incorporating changes from the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST). The revised regulations clearly define administrative modifications and amendments as actions to update plans and programs. 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 450.104 defines administrative modifications and amendments as follows:

- Administrative modification "means a minor revision to a long-range statewide or metropolitan transportation plan, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), or Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) that includes minor changes to project/project phase costs, minor changes to funding sources of previously-included projects, and minor changes to project/project phase initiation dates. Administrative Modification is a revision that does not require public review and comment, redemonstration of fiscal constraint, or a conformity determination (in nonattainment and maintenance areas)."

- Amendment "means a revision to a long-range statewide or metropolitan transportation plan, TIP, or STIP that involves a major change to a project included in a metropolitan transportation plan, TIP, or STIP, including the addition or deletion of a project or major change in project cost, project/project phase initiation dates, or a major change in design concept or design scope (e.g., changing project termini or the number of through traffic lanes). Changes to projects that are included only for illustrative purposes do not require an amendment. An amendment is a revision that requires public review and comment, redemonstration of fiscal constraint, or a conformity determination (for metropolitan transportation plans and TIPs involving "non-exempt" projects in nonattainment and maintenance areas). In the context of a long-range statewide transportation plan, an amendment is a revision approved by the State in accordance with its public involvement process."

The following procedures have been developed for processing administrative modifications and amendments to the STIP and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) TIPs and Metropolitan Transportation Plans (MTPs). Processes described below detail procedures that are to be used to update an existing approved STIP or TIP and associated plan, if applicable. A key element of the amendment process is to assure that funding balances are maintained.

Administrative Modifications for Initial Authorizations

The following actions are eligible as Administrative Modifications to the STIP/TIP/MTP:

A. Revise a project description without changing the project scope, conflicting with the environmental document or changing the conformity finding in nonattainment and maintenance areas (less than 10% change in project termini). This change would not alter the original project intent.
B. Splitting or combining projects.
C. Federal funding category change.
D. Minor changes in expenditures for transit projects.
E. Project phases may have a cost increase less than $4,000,000 or 40% in Federal share, with a project cost cap of $40,000,000, provided that.

a. Where the Federal share of a project is $10,000,000 or less, and fiscal constraint is not impacted, the cost may be increased by an amount up to $4,000,000;
b. Where the Federal share of a project is greater than $10,000,000, and fiscal constraint is not impacted, the cost may be increased by a maximum of 40%;[1]

F. Adding a project phase that utilizes 100 percent non-federal funding that does not impact fiscal constraint, federal share match and air quality.[2]
G. Shifting projects within the 4-year STIP as long as the subsequent annual draft STIP was submitted prior to September 30.
H. Projects may be funded from lump sum banks as long as they are consistent with category definitions. An administrative modification can be processed in accordance with these procedures provided that:
    1. It does not affect the air quality conformity determination.
    2. It does not impact financial constraint.
    3. It does not require public review and comment.

The administrative modification process consists of a monthly list of notifications from GDOT to all involved parties, with change summaries sent on a monthly basis to the FHWA and FTA by the GDOT. The GDOT will submit quarterly reports detailing projects drawn from each lump sum bank with remaining balance to the FHWA.

Amendments for Initial Authorizations

The following actions are eligible as Amendments to the STIP/TIP/MTP:

A. The addition of a new project or the addition of a phase with federal funds to an existing project. This includes any new projects that are funded with Congressionally Directed Spending, Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) funds, or Title 23 or Title 49 discretionary funding.[3]
B. Addition or deletion of a project.
C. Addition or deletion of a phase of a project.
D. Roadway project phases that increase in cost over the thresholds described in the
E. Administrative Modification section.
F. Addition of an annual TIP.
G. Major change to scope of work of an existing project. A major change would be any change that alters the original intent i.e., a change in the number of through lanes, a change in termini of more than 10 percent.
H. Shifting projects within the 4-year STIP which require redemonstration of fiscal constraint or when the subsequent annual draft STIP was not submitted prior to September 30. (See Administrative Modification item F.)

Amendments to the STIP/TIP/MTP will be developed in accordance with the provisions of 23 CFR Part 450. This requires public review and comment and responses to all comments, either individually or in summary form. For amendments in MPO areas, the public review process

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should be carried out in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Participation Plan. The GDOT will assure that the amendment process and the public involvement procedures have been followed. Cost changes made to the second, third and fourth years of the STIP will be balanced during the STIP yearly update process. All amendments should be approved by FHWA and/or FTA.

Notes:

A. The date a TIP becomes effective is when the Governor or his designee approves it. For nonattainment and maintenance areas, the effective date of the TIP is based on the date of U.S. Department of Transportation's positive finding of conformity.
B. The date the STIP becomes effective is when FHWA and FTA approve it.
C. The STIP is developed on the state fiscal year which is July 1-June 30.
D. Funds for cost increases will come from those set aside in the STIP financial plan by the GDOT for modifications and cost increases. Fiscal Constraint will be maintained in the STIP at all times.
E. Before the start of each State Fiscal Year, GDOT shall submit an Annual STIP Amendment that updates the STIP Financial Plan to show funding set aside for amendments and administrative modifications for the upcoming fiscal year. In the event the STIP amendment update is delayed, GDOT will submit the amendment no later than October 1st.
F. GDOT will submit to FHWA/FTA a detailed monthly Modification report, showing financial transactions and balances.
G. GDOT will submit to FHWA/FTA accompanying Administrative Modification Authorizations Tables for review before requesting FMIS authorizations in advance of the monthly Modification report.
H. Projects that are funded with Congressionally Directed Spending, FLAP, or Title 23 or Title 49 discretionary funding can be incorporated into the STIP/TIP/MTP via an informational appendix after the amendment process is complete.
I. A public comment period is required for all projects funded under a Title 23 and Title 49 discretionary grant program. Public review for discretionary grant projects can be advertised as informational only and comments received will be forwarded to the project sponsor.[4]

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the Macon Area Transportation Study (MATS) describes the transportation planning tasks and studies that will be conducted utilizing FHWA-PL and FTA 5303 planning funds. The implementation of the Unified Planning Work Program is the responsibility of the MPO. As earlier stated, the Commission staff works at the direction of the various Macon Area Transportation Study Committees structure composed of a Policy Committee consisting of local and state officials, a Technical Coordinating Committee consisting of government department heads and technical staff involved in transportation and a Citizen Advisory Committee consisting of interested citizens. Citizen participation is also encouraged

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through the public involvement process which provides opportunities for input into various planning tasks and project review. The MATS Policy Committee is responsible for adopting the Unified Planning Work Program.

Amendment Process
For alterations to a specific fiscal year UPWP related to the types of changes described in the TIP and MTP process:

- Administrative modifications to the UPWP can be achieved by MPO staff coordinating with GDOT and the relevant Federal partner agency (i.e., FHWA or FTA);
- Full amendments to the UPWP must first be brought forward by MPO staff and approved by the MATS Policy Committee, then submitted to GDOT and the relevant Federal partner agency (i.e., FHWA or FTA) for final approval.

All planning documents are readily available to the public through the use of printed materials, newsletters and the Planning & Zoning website.

Public Participation Plan (PPP)
Amendment Process
If revisions to the Public Participation Process are needed, then the MATS Policy Committee must approve the changes. A public review period will be required for the subsequent revision to the Public Participation Plan. Public notice will be given for this comment period by publishing an advertisement in a newspaper(s) for general circulation at least forty-five (45) days before the final public participation process is approved by the Policy Committee. The public notice will be placed on the MPO website as well as other places of general interest. The public review notice will also be made available to other interested parties (i.e., public transit agencies, freight companies, and bike/ped users). In addition, the public review period notice will also be made available in minority publications and on public transit buses for minority and low income groups. The proposed Public Participation Plan will be made available to the public at the Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission and on the Commission's website.

Public Comments: When significant written and oral comments are received on the draft transportation plan or TIP as a result of the public involvement process, a summary analysis and report on the deposition of comments will be made part of the final plan and TIP. Plan and/or TIP amendments and the resulting public comments will be made part of the Policy Committee minutes and will be kept on file in the MPO office. Amendments require public review and responses to all comments, either individually or in summary form. For amendments in MPO areas, the public review process should be carried out by the procedures outlined in the Participation Plan. GDOT will ensure that the amendment process and the public involvement procedures have been followed. Amendments, public comments, and MATS responses to public comments will be incorporated into the MTP and TIP, and made available at central locations.[5]

Public comment on a project or policy change under consideration by the MATS may be submitted by contacting MATS staff by telephone call, e-mail or submitting a comment through the MATS website (www.maconmpo.com) prior to the close of the posted public comment period for the project or policy under consideration. Public comment may also be given in person at the meeting where the project or policy is being voted upon, in accordance with the meeting rules for comment set forth by the chair of the MATS Policy Committee.

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Only those comments deemed significant must be reported out by MATS staff to the MATS Committees. "Significant" comments are described as follows:

Materially Significant Comments Include:

- Comments addressing the need for the project or policy change under consideration;
- Comments addressing the scope and/or methods employed in the project or policy under consideration;
- Comments identifying possible secondary effects from a project or policy change under consideration;
- Comments about the adherence to proper public participation procedures, as required by State and Federal regulations and/or previously adopted MATS MPO policies;
- Comments indicating the exclusion from the Public Participation Process, either deliberately or inadvertent, of identified population groups covered under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;
- Any other comments deemed by MATS MPO staff to contribute a useful point of discussion on a project or policy under consideration, and which does not otherwise violate the guidelines for which a comment might be excluded (see following information)

Materially Significant Comments Do Not Include:

- Comments not clearly related to the specific project or policy under consideration;
- Comments or actions taken for the sole purpose of delaying or disrupting the normal business of the MATS Committees;
- Ad hominem personal attacks on any elected official, public agency staff, or members of the general public;
- Threats of physical force or personal consequences, either direct, or perceived threats reasonably implied or inferred from the context in which the comment is given and/or action is taken

For the purposes of reporting significant public comment to the MATS Committees, multiple comments that effectively state the same concern or underlying argument may be consolidated into a single statement, with indication of the frequency of the comment (Example: "MATS staff received 50 comments on the project under consideration. Of those comments, 35 identified excessive cost as a major concern; 23 identified lack of pedestrian infrastructure; 30 identified insufficient lighting/safety…" etc.).

Comments that are not deemed significant do not need to be reported to the MATS Committees, However, comments not deemed significant may (at the discretion of the MATS Executive Director) may be forwarded to other relevant partner agencies or departments for additional clarification on the question or comment raised. In the event of a threat, the MATS Executive Director may refer a comment (and any information identifying the originator of the comment) to relevant law enforcement organizations.

APPENDIX B: MATS MPO Self Certification Concurrence (Sept. 14, 2023)

APPENDIX C: MATS MPO System Performance Report (As published in current MATS FY 2024 – 2027 TIP)