

# Dougherty Area Regional Transportation Study (DARTS) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

# *FY 2022*

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## **Executive Summary**

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) document outlines transportation planning priorities and work tasks for the Dougherty Area Regional Transportation Study (DARTS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Fiscal Year 2022. FY 2022 begins July 1, 2021 and ends June 30, 2022.

Preparation of the UPWP is required by the federal transportation legislation known as Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, and the Metropolitan Planning Code of Federal Regulations (23CFR 450.308) of the United States Department of Transportation. The UPWP must present a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (the "3C") approach to transportation planning activities. The UPWP is prepared with cooperation and guidance from federal, state, and local agencies, as well as state & public transportation operators.

In fiscal year 2021, DARTS staff was able to begin the implementation process of the 2045 performance based Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The staff also began the planning process and implementation of it's safety program intended to increase awareness and safety for cyclists and pedestrians. The staff also helped to update the functional classifications of roads in both Dougherty and Lee Counties. Funding was sought for the the update of Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan update as well as the Freight Profile Update. New projects on the horizon include a lighting plan for the exit and entry ramps from the US 19 bypass. Staff provided an update to our Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), assisted with ensuring an accurate Census count through its participation and education sessions on the importance of the Census for transportation planning. The staff also oversaw the update of DARTS MPO website located at www.dartsmpo.org.

## UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Annually, DARTS MPO is required to prepare its budget. This budget is known as the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as it incorporates and describes all transportation planning activities and associated funding for the MPO.

The FY 2022 UPWP describes the transportation planning activities that are proposed to be conducted during the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The program is organized within several work elements.

The UPWP guides transportation planning activities towards adopted goals and objectives of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). This program continues the transportation planning process with an emphasis on detailing the plans and programs that have been developed. Areas of the work program concentrate on developing the information, data, and procedures that are necessary to maintain a viable and effective transportation planning process. Fiscal year 2022-2025 will focus on the following priorities:

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan this is a continuing project from previous fiscal years. The current DARTS MPO Bike/Ped Plan is from 2011. All jurisdictions have been instrumental in developing a trail system and providing additional bike lanes. TSPLOST has also increased awareness and funding around bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. An updated plan that reflects the new environment as well as providing long term solutions for connectivity is needed.
- Freight Profile- this is a continuing project from previous fiscal years. With a renewed focus on freight our profile needs an update. Albany operates the second largest freight airport in the state and with increasing manufacturing and truck movements new data should be inputted in the current profile.
- Continue implementing performance-based planning and programming The adoption of our 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan provided the framework for DARTS MPO to implement performance-based planning and programming. The work on implementing these goals and objectives has already begun and will continue throughout FY 22.
- 2020 Census An accurate census count is key in transportation planning. DARTS MPO relies on data collected in the Census process to feed into our different docuements. In the FY 22 UPWP, Census Data will be used to reformulate percentages for jurisidictions, review information on environmental justice communities and to redefine urban areas as necessary.
- 2050 MTP Begin discussions with committees around the 2050 MTP Update, MPO 101s will be focused on portions of the MTP. Begin the PL Funding application for the 2050 MTP Update.
- Self-Certification Prepare files for the Self-Certification. Review previous selfcertification reports and share these documents with the DARTS committees.
- Update 2022 Safety Targets as when new data from GDOT is released in late August or Early September.
- TIP Update The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a prioritized list of funded transportation projects within the DARTS MPO boundary. The TIP is used as an

implementation guide and is updated every four years. DARTS MPO TIP will be developing the 2024-27 TIP Update to reflect the goals, objectives and priorities identified in our 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

• Annual UPWP (FY 23,24,25) – The DARTS MPO will call for projects and comments for future UPWP's. These projects will correlate with the implantation of the 2045 MTP and in the development of the 2050 MTP.

## Major Accomplishments in FY 2020-2021

• FY 2021-24 TIP Update and Adoption

In order to be eligible for federal assistance with transportation projects, the DARTS MPO is required to prepare and adopt a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Federal regulations require that the TIP be updated every four years to assess and address changing conditions within the study area and changes in projected future conditions. The TIP continues to incorporate performance-based planning for the MPO.

• Website Update

The staff completed an overhaul of the DARTS MPO website to make it more user friendly and content relevant. The new design allows for an archive of information as well as more easily accessible information regarding current documents and projects.

UPWP

The DARTS MPO carried out the compeletion and adoption of the FY 2021 UPWP.

• Safety Program

Partner with the Albany Police Dept. to provide local PSAs and materials that encrouage bike and pedestrian safety, distracted driving, education, walking bridge usage, general traffic safety through social media, videos, and brochures.

• MPO 101

Providing committee members with basic transportation information at each committee meeting. Topics include TIP, UPWP, MTP, Safety and other topics as needed. Standard Agenda item.

• Monthly DOT/FHWA/DARTS Meetings

Staff coordinated calls to keep us updated on new regulations, timing, and required documents.

### **RESOLUTION**

#### Dougherty Area Regional Transportation Study – DARTS

#### A Resolution by the Dougherty Area Regional Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization Fiscal Year 2022 Unified Planning Work Program

WHEREAS, the Dougherty Area Regional Transportation Study is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for transportation planning with the Dougherty Area Regional Area Boundary which includes Dougherty County, the City of Albany, the City of Leesburg and the southern portion of Lee County.

WHEREAS, the FAST Act requires the Metropolitan Planning Organization to develop and adopt a Unified Planning Work Program.

WHEREAS, the Unified Planning Work Program is consistent with all plans, goals, and objectives of the Dougherty Area Regional Transportation Study's Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to prepare the FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program annually.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dougherty Area Regional Transportation Metropolitan Planning Organization adopts the FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program.

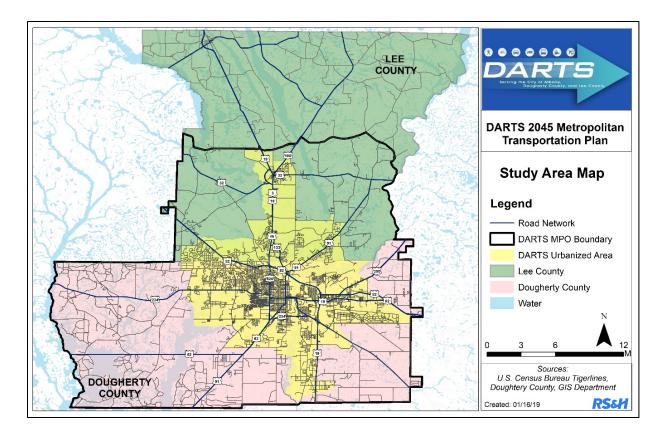
#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Dougherty Area Regional Transportation Study Policy Committee, at their meeting held on April 15, 2021.

Dorough, DARTS Policy Committee Chairman "Bo rmit

# **INTRODUCTION**

## DARTS MPO BOUNDARY



# **Summary of DARTS Metropolitan Planning Organization**

A Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is a federally mandated and federally funded transportation policy making organization that is made up of representatives from local government and governmental transportation authorities. The Dougherty Area Regional Transportation Study (DARTS) was formalized in 1965 as a Continuous, Comprehensive and Cooperative Process as was initially authorized in the Highway Act of 1962.

The purpose of the Dougherty Area Regional Transportation Study (DARTS) is to ensure that federal-aid transportation projects are planned in a continuous, coordinated, and comprehensive manner. The study area of DARTS, the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), includes the existing urbanized area for the City of Albany, Dougherty County, the City of Leesburg, the southern half of Lee County, and those areas that are expected to become urbanized over the next 20 years.

## **Purpose of the UPWP**

A Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is an annual statement of work identifying the planning priorities and activities to be carried out within a metropolitan planning area. At a minimum, a UPWP includes a description of the planning work and resulting products, who will perform the work, time frames for completing the work, the cost of the work, and the source(s) of funds.

The UPWP is an MPO's work program that describes what planning work activities the MPO will perform during the grant period. It is the management plan for the metropolitan planning program. UPWP's are statements of work that:

- Document eligible planning work activities an MPO proposes to undertake with FHWA and FTA planning funds.
- Detail the estimated costs (Federal and matching funds to perform these activities.
- Identify who will perform the work.
- Include proposed funding by work activity and an overall budget summary that identify the category of Federal funds and the source of matching funds.

The Fiscal Year 2022 Unified Planning Work Program describes the organization's planning goals and activities for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The document is organized into the following sections:

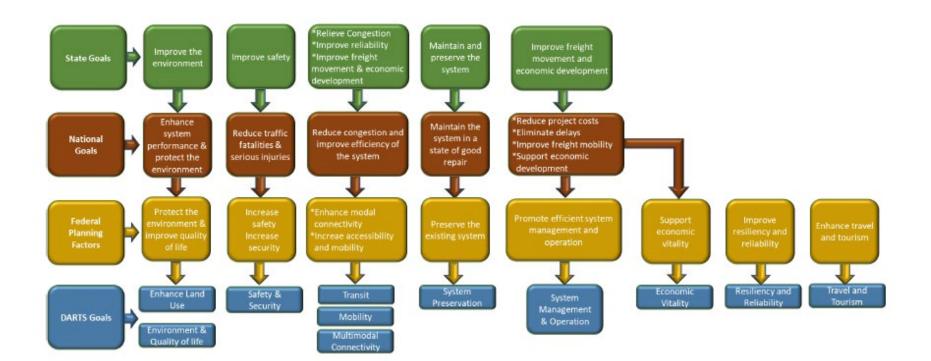
- Administration
- Public Involvement
- Data Collection
- System Planning
- Budget Summary

The five sections of the UPWP include information on the parties' responsible for carrying out the various planning activities.

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## Planning Factors (23 CFR 450.306)

The UPWP is developed to provide comprehensive, cooperative and continuing transportation planning (known as the 3-C Process). The FAST Act requires that the metropolitan planning process consider and analyze the following ten factors for each planning activity. These factors continue to influence the program of the UPWP. The ten planning activity factors with associated goals and objectives are show below and are integrated into the UPWP task elements.



# **Overview of DARTS MPO Planning Process, including MPO's goals and objectives**

DARTS serves as the designated MPO for the Albany, Dougherty, Lee and Leesburg Area. DARTS is responsible under Section 134 of Title 23, United States Code for carrying out a "continuing, cooperative and comprehensive" (3-C) transportation planning process. The process uses three committees (Policy Committee – PC) – the decision-making body, Technical Coordinating Committee – TCC) – staff members and agencies with transportation interest and the Citizens Advisory Committee – CAC) – the public. These committees help to develop and carry out a comprehensive transportation planning process and to ensure that programs, improvements, and expenditures are consistent with regional goals, policies and plans.

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

## **US Department of Transportation**

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

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

FTA provides financial assistance and oversees grants to state and local transit providers, primarily through its regional metropolitan offices. FTA is responsible for ensuring that grantees follow federal mandates along with statutory and administrative requirements.

## **Georgia Department of Transportation**

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

# **MTP Goals and Objectives Comparison to Federal Planning Factors**

The Metropolitan Planning program, under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), is required to consider the following factors in planning projects, programs and strategies:

- Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity and efficiency;
- Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and nonmotorized users;
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- Increase the accessibility and mobility of people and for freight;
- Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns;
- Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;
- Promote efficient system management and operation;
- Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system;
- Improve transportation system resiliency and reliability; Reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of the surface transportation system;
- Enhance Travel and Tourism.

The Goals of DARTS MPO address these national Federal Planning Factors and the UPWP directly works toward the incorporation of these goals.

- **Environment and Quality of Life:** Limit and mitigate adverse environmental impacts associated with traffic and transportation system development through facilities design and system management;
- **Safety/Security:** Maintain and improve transportation system safety and security for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists.
- Accessibility and Mobility: Provide a transportation system that affords sufficient mobility to accommodate the travel demands of Dougherty and South Lee County residents and businesses.
- Enhanced System Integration and Connectivity: Provide a multimodal transportation system which offers cost effective alternatives to the automobile, supports efficient freight movement, provides for bicyclists and pedestrians, and encourages continued use and development of air transportation facilities.

- **System Preservation and Maintenance:** Maintain an efficient transportation system within Dougherty and South Lee Counties for residents and businesses.
- System Management and Operation: Encourage the implementation of TSM and TDM to reduce traffic congestion and promote low cost solutions of road capacity
- **Reliability and Resiliency:** Improve livability and the quality of the transportation system.
- **Travel and Tourism:** Provide a network that enhances regional accessibility for travel and tourism.
- **Economic Vitality:** Ensure a financially balanced plan and the cost of transportation facilities and services are borne by those who benefit from them.

**Efficiency** - Maintain an efficient transportation system within Dougherty and South Lee County for residents and businesses.

- Efficiently manage DARTS resources and priorities through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- Develop a transportation network that links DARTS subareas and reduces travel times for area residents and commerce-related trips.
- Plan and improve routes to increase the efficiency of travel and movement of goods and services.
- Use the functional classification system and road standards to guide public investment, determine funding requirements, and establish conditions for approval of private development projects.
- Consider functional Classification in conjunction with land use designations in the preparation and amendment of both counties' Comprehensive Plans.

**Safety** - Maintain and improve transportation system safety and security for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

- Review traffic crash data to systematically identify potential safety problems on roadway sections, bridges, and intersections with traffic and develop a list of projects necessary to eliminate deficiencies.
- Prioritize and schedule roadway, bikeway, and sidewalk maintenance expenditures to maintain safe conditions for travel.
- Provide adequate access for emergency service vehicles throughout the system.
- Program and carry out safety improvements through the TIP process.
- Assist Albany Transit in continually improving the safety and efficiency of its active vehicle fleet.

**Mobility** - Provide a transportation system that affords sufficient mobility to accommodate the travel demands of Dougherty and South Lee County residents and businesses.

• Expand the transportation system to accommodate a variety of travel modes and minimize reliance on any single mode.

- Design and manage the transportation system to meet a minimum level of service (LOS) "C" on roadways classified as arterials and collectors.
- Encourage transportation services that accommodate the needs of the transportation disadvantaged.
- Identify roadway sections and intersections operating or projected to operate at less than the area level of service standard and develop a list of projects necessary to eliminate deficiencies.
- Program and implement transportation improvements through the TIP process.

**Environment** - Limit and mitigate adverse environmental impacts associated with traffic and transportation system development through facilities design and system management.

- Develop the DARTS 2045 MTP within the context of the Statewide Transportation Plan (SWTP) to meet federal, state, and local air, water, and noise standards.
- Apprise the EPD, EPA, and Army Corps of Engineers of transportation system development projects at the earliest opportunity to identify project-related environmental issues and to ensure compliance with federal and state air, water, wetland, and noise standards.

Enhancement - Improve the livability and quality of transportation system.

- Select projects that will improve the livability and quality of the area's transportation system.
- Pursue transportation enhancement activity funds for suitable projects.
- Use community land use policies, plans, and ordinances to support historic preservation, limit of outdoor advertising, landscaping and other beautification, and provisions for pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

**Multimodal** - Provide a multimodal transportation system which offers cost-effective alternatives to the automobile, supports efficient freight movement, provides for bicyclists and pedestrians, and encourages continued use and development of air transportation facilities.

## Freight:

- Designate, prepare and maintain a map of the Truck Route System.
- Consider freight and truck utilization and impacts on adjacent land uses.
- Proposed transportation projects should consider incorporating features to enhance freight movement and provide adequate design to accommodate large freight vehicles.

## Transit:

- Work with Albany Transit System to provide continued high-quality transit service to City of Albany residents and businesses and transportation disadvantaged.
- Support transit-oriented development through zoning and land-use policy.

- Design complete streets that include provisions for transit access, including complementary pedestrian and bicycle facilities.
- Provide and maintain safe and comfortable transit amenities (i.e. shelters, benches).

## **Bicycle and Pedestrian**:

- Provide for interconnected, direct, and area-wide bicycle and pedestrian circulation system linking recreational areas, schools, shopping areas, employment centers, and adjacent neighborhoods.
- Utilize the Proposed Future Bicycle Corridor Map to guide future bicycle improvements to the Arterial and Collector system.
- Integrate planning of pedestrian and bicycle facilities into development review processes.
- Utilize Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian plan for determining bicycle and pedestrian facility projects

**Air Transportation** - Continue use and development of air transportation facilities.

- Coordinate Southwest Georgia Regional Airport plans with the State Airport Plan.
- Coordinate with service providers and Southwest Georgia Regional Airport to plan for appropriate future expansion.
- Review land use policies to examine compatibility of airport and complementary uses with adjacent development.

# Transportation System Management (TSM) and Transportation Demand

**Management (TDM)** - Encourage implementation of TSM and TDM to reduce traffic congestion and promote low cost solutions for road capacity.

- Support TSM alternatives such as access management and Intelligent Transportation System (ITS).
- Support formal development of a DARTS-regional TDM program.
- Incorporate into the land use planning and permitting process provisions for review of the impact of specific developments on the transportation network.

**Financial** - Provide financially balanced transportation documents.

- Prepare estimates of the amount of funding that will be available from federal, state, and local sources.
- Prepare cost estimates for capital projects and maintenance of the transportation system.

**Equity** - Ensure the cost of transportation facilities and services are borne by those who benefit from them.

• Develop equitable financing mechanisms for existing system maintenance and improvement, and through the development review process, require improvements necessary to accommodate future growth.

• Provide transportation services and facilities in a timely manner according to funding capabilities.

**System Maintenance** - Maintain and preserve the existing transportation system.

- Determine the backlog of deferred maintenance and the annual maintenance requirements of the area roadway system.
- Determine area-wide roadway system reconstruction needs.
- Prioritize and carry out maintenance and reconstruction activities through the annual maintenance and reconstruction program process.

When projects are planned, designed, or constructed evaluate the life-cycle costs and make appropriate decisions at each step to ensure that projects that are built are as maintenance free as possible.

## Task #1 Administration

## Sub-element 1.1 Program Coordination

#### **Objective** (Meets DARTS MTP GOAL: Efficiency and Financial)

- Coordinate and conduct the transportation planning activities of the MPO in compliance with all federal, state and local laws, regulations and requirements
- Regional Planning with neighboring MPO's, GDOT and the Georgia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (GAMPO), Association of Metropolitan Planning Ogranizations (AMPO) and transit
- Begin the process of planning for the 2050 MTP Update by requesting funds from the PL Committee and the selection of a consultant

#### **Previous Work**

- Served as vice chair for GAMPO
- Served as member on the Technical Coordinating Committee for AMPO
- Served as facilitator for Programs for AMPO

#### FY 2022 Activities

- Work with GDOT and neighboring jurisdictions/agencies to maintain a comprehensive, coordinated, continuous, regional, mutlti-modal transportation process
- Coordinate/participate with other resource agencies at both state and local level on various transportation projects and ongoing activities
- Attend local government finance and board meetings to support DARTS actions as needed
- Continued participation with GAMPO and other state and national organizations on the role of MPO's in planning
- Support statewide GAMPO activities through participation in meeting and events
- Serve on committees to help move forward the conversation of transportation planning
- Ask the PL Funding Committee for funds for the 2050 MTP Update. The DARTS MPO will put out an RFQ for a Consultant. A consultant will be chosen for the MTP Update

#### Product

Correspondence, presentations and public information materials

Target Start and End		Lead Agency	
Dates	7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022		DARTS MPO

Funding Source	Amount
FHWA (80%)	\$19,200.00
Local Match	\$4,800.00
TOTAL	\$24,000.00

# **Sub-element 1.2 Operations and Administration**

#### **OBJECTIVE** (Meets DARTS MTP GOAL: Efficiency and Financial)

- Provide overall management of DARTS's transportation planning program and ensure compliance with applicable federal and state requirements
- Maintain study records
- Prepare for and document committee meetings
- General administration duties

#### **PREVIOUS WORK**

- In FY 2021, the three DARTS committees had four regular meetings in September 2020, January 2021, April 2021 and June 2021. There was one called meeting for the TCC and PC February 2021. Meeting minutes and agendas were prepared and later archived on the DARTS website.
- Quarterly Reports for Reimbursement (August 2020, December 2020, January 2021, April 2020) and an annual report of activities (September 2020) were prepared and submitted to the GDOT Planning Office
- Developed agendas, sign in sheets, and supporting materials packets for all MPO meetings in FY 2021
- Developed minutes for all MPO meetings
- Developed advertisements for meetings dates and documents
- Updated website and Facebook page throughout FY 21
- Establish and maintain a record keeping system that documents official actions of transportation planning processes and related public review
- In FY 2020, DARTS worked with organizations and agencies within the MPO to encourage the public to participate in the 2020 Census. Activities included a community tour with a drive-thru census sign up, social media raffels, and several meetings each month that educated the public on importantance of the 2020 Census.

#### FY 2022 Activities

- Ensure that activities associated with the transportation planning process are carried out in an efficient and cost-effective manner
- Provide opportunity for an open and inclusive process assuring continuing, comprehensive and cooperative decision making with all jurisdictions in the DARTS planning area
- 2020 Census -With the decennial census taking place in FY 20 and FY 21 DARTS staff is prepared to focus on potential changes if there be any based on the data that will be received in FY 22. Staff will focus on the data and its potential effect on the MPO

boundary and/or function if necessary. This work will be carried over into the FY 23 UPWP.

- DARTS agendas, presentations, speakers and minutes
- Quarterly Reimbursement reports
   July 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FY 2021
   October 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY 2022
   January 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY 2022
   April 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY 2022 and an Annual Performance Report FY 2022 August.

TARGET START			
AND END DATES	7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022	LEAD AGENCY	DARTS MPO

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (80%)	\$55,991.14
LOCAL PL MATCH	\$13,997.79
TOTAL	\$69,988.93

# **Sub-element 1.3 Training/Employee Education**

#### **OBJECTIVE** (Meets DARTS MTP GOAL: Efficiency and Financial)

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

#### **PREVIOUS WORK**

• AMPO Virtual Conference- October 26-30, 2020.

#### FY 2022 Activities

- Staff may attend transportation related conferences, seminars and courses including those offered by the National Highway Institute (NHI), Transportation Research Board (TRB), FHWA, FTA and GDOT
- Attend webinars on transportation topics
- Staff Improvement
- Continuing Education
- Updates on current legislation

- Travel documentation
- Training Materials

TARGET START AND END DATES	7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022	LEAD AGENCY	DARTS MPO
FUN	DING SOURCE	AMOUNT	

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (80%)	\$10,000.00
LOCAL MATCH	\$2,500.00
TOTAL	\$12,500.00

# Sub-element 1.4 Equipment and Supplies

### **OBJECTIVE** (Meets DARTS MTP GOAL: Efficiency and Financial)

- Maintain computer systems used by the MPO for relevant transportation planning activities
- Acquire software and hardware, as necessary, to maintain the MPO's transportation planning process
- Purchase necessary office supplies to operate the MPO

#### **PREVIOUS WORK**

- Purchased office supplies including file folders, highlighters, paper, 1-inch binders, 1.5inch binders, 2-inch binders, bookshelf and 3-inch binders
- Updated Adobe Suite for new position
- Purchased Laptop and screen for new position

#### FY 2022 Activities

• Maintain computer systems and other office equipment used by the MPO in line with relevant transportation planning activities

#### PRODUCT

• Adequate technology and office equipment to operate the MPO

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	FUN	DING SOURCE		AMOUNT	
	FHWA	(80%)	\$4,	000.00	
	LOCAL	MATCH	\$1,	000.00	
	TOTAL		\$5,	000.00	

## **Sub-element 1.5 Contracts/Grants**

#### **OBJECTIVE** (Meets DARTS MTP GOALS: Efficiency and Financial)

- Issue and administer contracts for transportation plans and studies
- Apply for transportation grants

#### **PREVIOUS WORK**

• Applied for and was awarded TAP grant

#### FY 2022 Activities

- Administration of contracts and grants awarded to DARTS MPO
- Administration of Freight Profile (FY 24 Completion)
- Administration of Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (FY24 Completition)
- Administration of TAP Grant of downtown signal project

- Freight Profile
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
- Street scape design Plans

TARGET ST		7/1/2021 –6/30/20	022	LEAD AGENCY	DARTS MPO
	FUN	DING SOURCE		AMOUNT	
	FHWA	(80%)	\$6,0	00.00	
	LOCAL	. MATCH	\$1,5	500.00	
	TOTAL	-	\$7,5	500.00	

## Sub-element 1.6 UPWP

**OBJECTIVE** (Meets DARTS MTP GOALS: Efficiency, Safety, Mobility, Enhancement, Multimodal, Air Transportation, Transportation System Management (TSM) and Transportation Demand Management (TDM), Financial, Equity and System Maintenance)

- Identify work tasks undertaken by DARTS to address metropolitan area transportation planning
- Collect public and committee input on a proposed UPWP
- Develop and draft final UPWP

#### **PREVIOUS WORK**

- Submitted FY 2021 Budget Report to GDOT
- FY 2022 UPWP was posted on the DARTS website

#### FY 2022 Activities

- Identify transportation planning work tasks and sub-elements, prepare descriptive narrative and cost estimate for each sub-element, and coordinate input for the FY 2023 UPWP
- Monitor the activities and progress identified in the UPWP to ensure compliance with the approved tasks
- Amendments/Modifications to UPWP
- Call for Projects In July 2021. A draft UPWP will go out in September for a 30-day public comment and adoption in January 2022.

#### PRODUCT

• FY 2023 UPWP

TARGET START AND END DATES	<ul> <li>11/2021</li> <li>GDOT provides funding information for 2023 to MPO</li> <li>12/2021</li> <li>Draft UPWP</li> <li>1/2022</li> </ul>	LEAD AGENCY	DARTS MPO Albany Transit
	<ul> <li>1/2022</li> <li>30 day review of UPWP</li> <li>4/2022</li> <li>Adoption of 2023 UPWP</li> </ul>		

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (80%)	\$6,000.00
LOCAL MATCH	\$1,500.00
TOTAL	\$7,500.00

## TASK #2 Public Involvement

## Sub-element 2.1 Community Outreach/Education

#### **OBJECTIVE** (Meets DARTS MTP GOALS: Efficiency and Equity)

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

#### **PREVIOUS WORK**

- Complete website renovation of dartsmpo.org website on MPO activities, completed February 2021.
- Updated and expanded mail and e-mail contact lists (updated all the contacts, positions and key staff persons)
- Periodic updates to the Facebook page with upcoming events and meetings, hearings and transportation articles that included Traffic warnings and events.

#### FY 2022 Activities

- Provide opportunity for public comment and review on documents and activities
- Advertise the availability of draft documents for public review and comment
- Maintain and update the dartsmpo.org website
- Maintain and update database of community stakeholders for mail and electronic notification of transportation activities
- Provide two transportation workshops Fall and Spring to educate the public on transportation related topics
- Meet with minority and traditionally underserved groups to be more inclusive to the transportation planning process
- Workshops, surveys and comment and review on the 2021-2024 TIP
- Support Public Involvement plan from Bike-Ped and Freight Profile contracts

- Updated mailing list
- Updated e-mail list
- Updated Website
- Updated Social Media

TARGET START			
AND END DATES	7/1/2021- 6/30/2022	LEAD AGENCY	DARTS MPO

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (80%)	\$10,000.00
LOCAL MATCH	\$2,500.00
TOTAL	\$12,500.00

## Sub-element 2.2 Environmental Justice/Title VI

#### **OBJECTIVE** (Meets DARTS MTP GOALS: Efficiency and Equity)

- Promote equity of all people independent of age, race, ethnicity, economic status and physical ability
- Identify communities and populations that are traditionally underrepresented in decision making process
- Create relationships with community-based organizations and schools and minority business to engage minority and low-income people in the decision-making process

#### **PREVIOUS WORK**

- Advertisements in English/Spanish
- Updated Social Media for advertisements in English/Spanish

#### FY 2022 Activities

- Use social media to keep environmental justice stakeholders informed of upcoming transportation planning opportunities for public involvement
- Create a database of stakeholders in underserved communities to disseminate information to regarding transportation issues
- Convene a focus group to better reach underserved populations
- Evaluate compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act, particularly around schools, concentrations of disadvantaged populations, social services, medical, and transit facilities
- Data and maps are reviewed to identify the potential impacts of individual projects on populations of concern, and an analysis of the impacts on a project by project basis

#### PRODUCT

• Amend/Update Title VI plan as needed

TARGET START AND			
END DATES	7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022	LEAD AGENCY	DARTS MPO

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (80%)	\$4,000.00
LOCAL MATCH	\$1,000.00
TOTAL	\$5,000.00

## Sub-element 2.3 Participation Plan

#### **OBJECTIVE** (Meets DARTS MTP GOALS: Efficiency and Equity)

- Promote participation, of individuals, community leaders, businesses and special interest groups.
- Provide communications to encourage citizen participation in DARTS MPO processes that are understandable, timely and broadly distributed.
- Provide citizens with an opportunity to be involved early in the process of policy development, planning and projects.

#### **PREVIOUS WORK**

• Updates to the Public Participation Plan

#### FY 2022 Activities

- Amend and update Public Participation Plan as needed
- Support Bike-Ped Participation Plan and Freight Participation Plan

- Updated/Amended Public Participation Plan
- Website and Social Media Updates
- Updated Email Listserv

TARGET START			
AND END DATES	7/1/2021- 6/30/2022	LEAD AGENCY	DARTS MPO

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (80%)	\$2,600.00
LOCAL MATCH	\$650.00
TOTAL	\$3,250.00

## TASK #3 Data Collection

### Sub-element 3.1 Socio-Economic Data and EJ Analysis Data

#### **OBJECTIVE** (Meets DARTS MTP GOALS: Efficiency, Environment and Equity)

- Collect and prepare socio-economic data for the development of long-range transportation plan and transportation studies
- Provide socio-economic information and research services to transportation project
- Provide socio-economic data to policy makers
- Maintain an inventory of socioeconomic data
- Analyze current data and be inclusive of Enivironment Justice Communities with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies.

#### **PREVIOUS WORK**

• See administrative work

#### FY 2022 Activities

- Identify population, housing, median income, employment, and school enrollment information
- Monitor socio-economic data and amend as necessary
- Maintain demographic profiles and maps based on the most current available data to identify areas of low-income, minority and elderly populations, job accessibility, and overlay of major employers for the analysis of projects and their impacts.

#### PRODUCT

• Maps of Environmental Justice Communities

TARGET START			
AND END DATES	7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022	LEAD AGENCY	DARTS MPO

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (80%)	\$4,000.00
LOCAL MATCH	\$1,000.00
TOTAL	\$5,000.00

## **Sub-element 3.2 Land Use Monitoring**

#### **OBJECTIVE** (Meets DARTS MTP GOALS: Efficiency, Environment and Equity)

• Gather information on existing and future land use patterns for the development of long-range transportation planning and special studies.

#### **PREVIOUS WORK**

• See administrative work

#### FY 2021 Activities

- Track land use and growth patterns of the DARTS planning area
- Review Land use as it pertains to COVID Recovery, Safety, Climate Changes and Social Equity.

#### PRODUCT

• Updated Land Use Maps

TARGET START			
AND END DATES	7/1/2021- 6/30/2022	LEAD AGENCY	DARTS MPO

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (80%)	\$4,000.00
LOCAL MATCH	\$1,000.00
TOTAL	\$5,000.00

## **Sub-element 3.5 System Monitoring**

### **OBJECTIVE** (Meets DARTS MTP GOALS: Efficiency, Environment and Equity)

• Collect data pertaining to the current transportation system including Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT)

#### **PREVIOUS WORK**

• Updated system performance report

#### FY 2022 Activities

- Track land use and growth patterns
- 2045 MTP Plans
- 2050 MTP Update

- Average Daily Traffic Counts and crash data
- Updated system performance report

TARGET START			
AND END DATES	7/1/2021- 6/30/2022	LEAD AGENCY	DARTS MPO

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (80%)	\$1,000.00
LOCAL MATCH	\$250.00
TOTAL	\$1,250.00

## **TASK #4 System Planning**

## **Sub-element 4.3 Intermodal (i.e. airports and ports)**

**OBJECTIVE** (*This section contains information gathering and analysis of the transportation systems within the DARTS MPO boundary.* 

• Plan for intermodal modes of transportation.

#### **PREVIOUS WORK**

• No previous work

#### FY 2022 Activities

- Assess local air and freight transportation
- Monitor the needs and issues of the intermodal transportation network

#### PRODUCT

• Freight Profile Update (See grant administration)

#### TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES

ORGANIZATION DARTS ACTIVITIES Intermodal Planning

TARGET START AND END DATES	7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022	LEAD AGENCY	DARTS MPO
	FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT	
	FHWA (80%)	\$1,000.00	
-	LOCAL MATCH	\$250.00	
	TOTAL	\$1,250.00	

## Sub-element 4.5 Bike/Pedestrian

# **OBJECTIVE** (*Meets DARTS MTP GOALS: Efficiency, Safety, Mobility, Environment, Enhancement, Multimodal and Equity*)

- Plan for bicycle and pedestrian modes of transportation
- Find improvements for the bicycle and pedestrian network
- Adopt complete streets policies within the DARTS MPO Boundary
- Define a developed bicycle and pedestrian network

#### **PREVIOUS WORK**

- Coordinated with local, regional, and state bicycle advocacy groups regarding trails
- Presented and distributed information regarding Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding opportunities

### FY 2022 Activities

- Comprehensive update of the 2011 Regional Bike and Pedestrian Plan
- Assessing the safety and condition of pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- Work with consultant on plan update, provide documentation to consultant as needed for plan update.

#### PRODUCT

• Updated Bike/Ped Plan

TARGET AND END		7/1/2021 – 6/3	80/2022	LEAD AGENCY	DARTS MPO
	FUNDI	NG SOURCE	ļ	MOUNT	
	FHWA (80	9%)	\$4,000.0	00	
	LOCAL MA	АТСН	\$1,000.0	00	
	TOTAL		\$5,000.0	00	

## **Sub-element 4.7 GIS Development and Applications**

# **OBJECTIVE** (*Meets DARTS MTP GOALS: Efficiency, Environment, Enhancement, and Equity*)

- Apply GIS to develop maps for transportation plans and studies.
- Create up to date land information for traditional mapping and display

#### **PREVIOUS WORK**

- Requests for mapping to the GIS department
- Developed project maps for PL funding grant applications

#### FY 2022 Activities

- Create GIS maps, as necessary, for analysis.
- Use GIS as a tool in spatial work projects
- Mapping for EJ Analysis

#### PRODUCT

• Maps and Data

TARGET START           AND END DATES         7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022	LEAD AGENCY	DARTS MPO
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (80%)	\$4,000.00
LOCAL MATCH	\$1,000.00
TOTAL	\$5,000.00

## Sub-element 4.8 Highway Planning

# **OBJECTIVE** (*Meets DARTS MTP GOALS: Efficiency, Safety, Mobility, Environment, Enhancement, Multimodal and Equity*)

- Assess performance of the DARTS highways
- Plan highway improvements considering current condition and future travel demands

#### **PREVIOUS WORK**

- Coordinated with local engineering and public works departments on authorized and active construction projects
- Coordinated with GDOT District office for open house for Oglethorpe Bridge Project
- Coordinated with GDOT for functional classification changes

#### FY 2022 Activities

- Develop a list of highway project improvements
- Update maps of functional road classification changes in the DARTS planning area
- Coordination with local engineering, public works, GDOT planning, and GDOT District Office

- Database of functional road classifications
- Notes from concept and design meetings

TARGET START AND END DATES	7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022	LEAD AGENCY	DARTS MPO

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (80%)	\$1,000.00
LOCAL MATCH	\$250.00
TOTAL	\$1,250.00

# **Sub-element 4.10 Freight Planning**

## OBJECTIVE

• Plan for efficient movement of freight throughout the DARTS area.

#### **PREVIOUS WORK**

- Attended FHWA Freight workshop
- Utilized new data tools

#### FY 2022 Activities

- Update the DARTS Freight Profile
- Work with consultant to update the Freight Profile, Provide documentation as needed.

#### PRODUCT

• Updated Freight Profile (See grant administration)

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES		
ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITIES	
DARTS	Freight Planning	

TARGET START AND END DATES	7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022	LEAD AGENCY	DARTS MPO

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (80%)	\$4,000.00
LOCAL MATCH	\$1,000.00
TOTAL	\$5,000.00

# **Sub-element 4.11 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)**

**OBJECTIVE** (Meets DARTS MTP GOALS: Efficiency, Safety, Mobility, Enhancement, Multimodal, Air Transportation, Transportation System Management (TSM) and Transportation Demand Management (TDM), Financial, Equity and System Maintenance)

- Continue to implement the 2045 MTP
- Update the 2050 MTP Update -

#### **PREVIOUS WORK**

- Consultant Services to update 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- Monitor the Plan and amend as needed
- Amendments to MTP

#### FY 2022 Activities

- Monitor the Plan and amend as needed
- Begin discussions with committees with MPO 101s focused on portions of the MTP.
- Begin the PL Funding application for the 2050 MTP Update.

#### PRODUCT

• Updates to the 2045 DARTS MTP

TARGET START			
AND END DATES	7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022	LEAD AGENCY	DARTS MPO

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (80%)	\$6,000.00
LOCAL MATCH	\$1,500.00
TOTAL	\$7,500.00

# Sub-element 4.12 Transportation Improvement Plan

**OBJECTIVE** (Meets DARTS MTP GOALS: Efficiency, Safety, Mobility, Enhancement, Multimodal, Air Transportation, Transportation System Management (TSM) and Transportation Demand Management (TDM), Financial, Equity and System Maintenance)

- Programming transportation projects in the region (ONGOING)
- Maintain a financial plan to balance project costs with expected revenues (ONGOING)

#### **PREVIOUS WORK**

- Attended GDOT virtual project meetings
- Updates and changes to 2018-21 TIP
- FY 2021-24 TIP Development, adopted June 2021

#### FY 2022 Activities

- Monitor the TIP, and amend as needed
- Continue implementation of performance measures and targets

#### PRODUCT

• Amend TIP as necessary

TARGET START			
AND END DATES	7/1/2021- 6/30/2022	LEAD AGENCY	DARTS MPO

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (80%)	\$4,000.00
LOCAL MATCH	\$1,000.00
TOTAL	\$5,000.00

# **Sub-element 4.8 Special Studies**

**OBJECTIVE** (Meets DARTS MTP GOALS: Efficiency, Safety, Mobility, Enhancement, Multimodal, Air Transportation, Transportation System Management (TSM) and Transportation Demand Management (TDM), Financial, Equity and System Maintenance)

• Special studies are listed for work to be performed by a consultant for the Metropolitan Planning Organization

## **SPECIAL STUDIES**

#### OBJECTIVE

• This section describes projects that have been identified, and recently were funded through the PL Funding Committee at the March 2021 PL Committee.

#### **PREVIOUS WORK**

- Committee discussions around needed updates for the bike/ped plan
- Development of a comprehensive trail plan

#### FY 2022 Activities

- Bike Pedestrian Plan Update- \$150,000.
- The current DARTS MPO Bike/Ped Plan is from 2011 and is need of an update
- 2050 MTP Update

#### PRODUCT

• Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIESORGANIZATIONACTIVITIESDARTS, Albany TransitTraining and Professional<br/>Development

TARGET START AND END DATES3/2021- Apply for funding 6/2021- Executed contracts 7/2021- Bids for consultants 9/2021- Consultant on board with notice to proceed 11/2021- Public participation plan	LEAD AGENCY	DARTS MPO
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Project delivery September 2022		
FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT	
FHWA (80%)	\$120,000.00	
LOCAL MATCH	\$30,000.00	
TOTAL	\$150,000.00	

## **SPECIAL STUDIES**

#### OBJECTIVE

• This section describes projects that have been identified, and recently were funded through the PL Funding Committee at the March 2021 PL Committee.

#### **PREVIOUS WORK**

• Committee discussions around needed updates for the freight profile

#### FY 2022 Activities

• Freight Profile Update- \$50,000 With a renewed focus on freight our profile needs an update. Albany operates the second largest freight airport in the state and with increasing manufacturing and truck movements new data should be inputted in the current profile.

#### PRODUCT

• Freight Profile

TR	TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES				
(	ORGANIZATION	ACTIV	'ITIES		
DARTS, Albany Transit		Training and Professional Development			
TARGET START AND END DATES	<ul> <li>3/2021- Apply for funding</li> <li>6/2021- Executed contracts</li> <li>7/2021- Bids for consultants</li> <li>9/2021- Consultant on board with notice to proceed</li> <li>11/2021- Public participation</li> </ul>	LEAD AGENCY	DARTS MPO		

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FHWA (80%)	\$40,000.00
LOCAL MATCH	\$10,000.00
TOTAL	\$50,000.00

**Project delivery September** 

plan

2022

# Sub-element 5.1 Program Support/UPWP/Training 44.21.00

# OBJECTIVE

- Identify training opportunities to improve workforce development of current staff.
- Coordinate and perform transportation planning activities of the Transit Planner in compliance of all federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and requirements.
- Develop a compilation of the DARTS planning efforts with the transit portion of the proposed UPWP for the next fiscal year which reflects priorities and special concerns regarding planning of transit services for the local community. The draft will be reviewed by the DARTS planning committees and be recommended for adoption to the Policy Committee.
- Identify training opportunities to improve workforce development of current staff.

# **PREVIOUS WORK**

- Staff purchased large documents and meeting supplies for public meetings and Para Transit Advisory Group
- Coordinated and performed transportation planning activities of the Transit Planner in compliance of all federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and requirements.
- Developed a compilation of the DARTS planning efforts with the transit portion of the proposed UPWP for the next fiscal year which reflects priorities and special concerns regarding planning of transit services for the local community. The draft was reviewed by the DARTS planning committees and be recommended for adoption to the Policy Committee.
- Identified training opportunities to improve workforce development of current staff.

# **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

- Transit staff will hold general public meetings for feedback on new Transportation Center and new transit amenities
- Staff will work closely with Remix to develop new routes and update schedules and route maps
- Staff will prepare draft FY22 UPWP for the website and distribute to local, state, and federal agencies for review and comment. The draft will be reviewed by the DARTS planning committees and recommended for adoption to the Policy Committee
- Staff will maintain Public Transit Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) for FTA. Staff will conduct quarterly meetings of the Safety Committee to discuss safety program issues and safety data/performance indicators.
- Staff will coordinate with consultant to collect NTD sampling data for mandatory trip survey and update NTD Annual Reports, Riders Reports, and Safety & Security Reports.
- Staff will facility general public meetings for feedback on new Transportation Center and amenities.

- Staff will attend GAMPO Conference, GTA Conference, APTA Conference, National APA Conference, CTAA SUN Training, NTD, ADA Training, Title VI Training, and other training
- Staff will attend Financial Management Training, CTAA SUN Training, and other training offered by GDOT and FTA.

#### PRODUCT

- Update Transit Information on website
- Prepare Draft FY2022 UPWP and Final Draft FY 2022 UPWP
- Submit Grant Applications for FY23 for 5339, 5303, 5307 grants
- Training enhances transit planning knowledge and skills to improve the workforce development
- Implement virtual meetings for public and Transit staff.

#### TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES

ORGANIZATION

ACTIVITIES

DARTS, Albany Transit System

Transit Supplies/UPWP/Training & Development

TARGET START			DARTS MPO, Albany
AND END DATES	7/1/2020 – 6/30/2021	LEAD AGENCY	Transit System

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
FTA SECTION 5303	\$18,400.00
STATE FTA MATCH	\$2,300.00
LOCAL FTA MATCH	\$2,300.00
TOTAL	\$23,000.00

# Sub-element 5.2 Long Range Transportation Planning -System Level 44.23.01

#### OBJECTIVE

• Update transportation projects that are identified in the DARTS 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Changing future land use and large-scale developments can have a significant impact on the adjacent road network and can also impact the regional network. Large scale projects can also impact the operation of the transit network.

#### **PREVIOUS WORK**

- Coordinated with planning and development services for new land use projects that impacted the transit network
- Staff will continue working with DARTS MPO and coordinate extension across Lee County line within MPO boundaries

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

- Improve Transit Service Expansion into Lee County on Ledo Rd in coordination with MPO.
- Develop a Transit Route Analysis.
- Coordinate with State Tollway & Road Authority for the new Albany Transportation Center.

#### PRODUCT

- Continuous monitoring of transit system development and planning processes.
- Staff will continue to monitor performance measures and targets from Public Transit Agency Safety Plan for inclusion in the MTP document.

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES								
ORGA	ANIZATION	ACTI	VITIES					
DARTS, Alba	ny Transit System	Program Support	and Ad	ministration				
TARGET START AND END DATES	7/4/2024	LEAD AGENCY		S MPO, City of y Transit				
	FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT						
	FTA SECTION 5303	\$10,000.00						
	STATE FTA MATCH	\$1,250.00						
LOCAL FTA MATCH		\$1,250.00						

TOTAL	\$12,500.00

## OBJECTIVE

• Continuous monitoring of the transit system performance and accessing the needs of all transit patrons. Provide continuous maintenance financial reports for transit planning program. Develop provisions for management and operational improvements and initiatives with a Bus Stop Improvement Plan that will benefit the region.

#### **PREVIOUS WORK**

- Coordinated planning activities among DARTS committees to ensure that the DARTS transportation and transit planning needs were met
- Submitted quarterly transit planning reports to GDOT for reimbursement
- Maintained proper records on all invoices, reports and annual reports
- Staff attained assistance from consultant who assisted with the NTD sampling development trip survey
- Ridership Tracking and Data Analysis with Gen-Fare fare collection system
- Coordinated with local university to launch additional service routes for Albany State University

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- Prepare and submit quarterly reports to GDOT for reimbursement of transit planning section 5303 funds
- Coordinate with Urban Transportation Associates in collecting data and track ridership trends for an efficient service through Automatic Passenger (APC)
- Staff will continue working with DARTS MPO and coordinate extension across Lee County line within MPO boundaries
- Staff will coordinate planning activities for New Transportation Center including route revisions.
- Continuous coordination of community outreach for transportation need of transit patrons by hosting public meetings and Para Transit Advisory Group meetings
- Staff will coordinate with ATS staff to purchase mobility management software to provide more efficient and economical services

#### PRODUCT

- Bus Stop Improvement Plan
- Coordinate extensions within the region with MPO
- Purchase of Remix Software (\$12,500)

TARGET START	7/1/2021 –	LEAD	DARTS MPO, Albany Transit
AND END DATES	6/30/22	AGENCY	System

Funding Source	Amount
FTA SECTION 5303	\$25,200.00
STATE FTA MATCH	\$3,150.00
LOCAL FTA MATCH	\$3,150.00
TOTAL	\$31,500.00

# Sub-element 5.4 Transportation Improvement Program 44.25.00

#### OBJECTIVE

 Prepare the Transit portion of the UPWP FY 2022. This document contains planned transit and transportation improvements over the next four years. The TIP lists projects and identifies the fiscal year that preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction is scheduled. This schedule includes estimated costs and funding source for each project. The TIP must be financially balanced for the funding period. Federal regulations require that the TIP include proposed public transportation activities such as capital improvements, and requests for operating assistance in order to secure federal assistance in financing mass transportation. This element highlights TIP projects as it relates to transit.

#### **PREVIOUS WORK**

- Monitored bus purchase schedule for new transit fleet
- Continuous coordination with Albany State University for the Ram Rush service
- Monitored and updated ADA bus stop improvements
- Identified areas that need bus stop amenities
- Major Service Changes and Route Modification Ram Rush service additional bus
- Staff will identify performance measures and targets from Public Transit Agency Safety Plan for inclusion in the TIP document

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

- Monitor and update ADA bus stop improvements and compliance
- Continuous coordination with ATS staff to identify areas in need of amenities and monitor installation service for signs, shelters, trash cans, and benches
- Coordinate with MPO to develop a Transit Oriented Development Plan

## PRODUCT

- Monitor Transit portion of the FY 21-25 TIP
- Provide measures and targets for Public Transit Agency Safety Plan (PTSAP)
- Develop annual improvement plans for bus stops

TRANSPORTATION	RELATED F	PLANNING	ACTIVITIES

ORGANIZATION DARTS, Albany Transit System

ACTIVITIES Transportation Improvement Program

TARGET START	7/1/2021-6/30/22	LEAD AGENCY	DARTS MPO, Albany Transit
AND END DATES			System

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
ETA SECTION 5303	\$14,000.00
STATE FTA MATCH	\$1,750.00
LOCAL FTA MATCH	\$1,750.00
TOTAL	\$17,500.00

# SUMMARY BUDGET TABLE

#### PROPOSED FUNDING BY TASK PERFORMING AGENCY FUNDING TASK **FEDERAL STATE 5303** FHWA **TASK DESCRIPTION** FTA - 5303 STATE TOTAL LOCAL TOTAL SOURCE TOTAL MATCH NO. \$19,200.00 \$19,200.00 \$4,800.00 \$24,000.00 **Program Coordination** PL 1.1 \$13,997.79 \$69,988.93 \$55,991.14 \$55,991.14 ΡL 1.2 **Operations and Administration** \$10,000.00 \$10,000.00 \$2,500.00 \$12,500.00 ΡL 1.3 Training/Employee Education \$4,000.00 \$1,000.00 \$5,000.00 ΡL **Equipment and Supplies** \$4,000.00 1.4 \$6,000.00 \$6.000.00 \$1,500.00 \$7,500.00 ΡL 1.5 Contracts/Grants \$6,000.00 \$6,000.00 \$1,500.00 \$7,500.00 UPWP ΡL 1.6 \$10,000.00 \$10,000.00 \$2,500.00 ΡL \$11,000.00 2.1 Community Outreach/Education \$4,000.00 \$4,000.00 \$1,000.00 \$5,000.00 ΡL Environmental Justice/Title VI 2.2 \$2,600.00 \$2,600.00 \$650.00 \$3,250.00 ΡL 2.3 **Participation Plan** \$4,000.00 \$5,000.00 \$4,000.00 \$1,000.00 PL 3.1 Socio-Economic/EJ Analysis Data \$4,000.00 \$4,000.00 \$1,000.00 \$5,000.00 ΡL 3.2 Land Use Monitoring \$1,000.00 \$1,000.00 \$250.00 \$1,250.00 ΡL 3.5 System Monitoring \$1,000.00 \$1,000.00 \$250.00 \$1,250.00 ΡL 4.3 Intermodal (i.e. airports and ports) \$1,000.00 \$4,000.00 \$4,000.00 \$5,000.00 ΡL 4.5 **Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan** \$4,000.00 \$4,000.00 \$1,000.00 \$5,000.00 ΡL 4.7 GIS Development and Applications \$1,000.00 \$1,000.00 \$250.00 \$1,250.00 ΡL 4.8 **Highway Planning** \$4,000.00 \$4,000.00 \$1,000.00 \$5,000.00 ΡL 4.10 Freight Planning \$6,000.00 \$6,000.00 \$1,500.00 \$7,500.00 ΡL 4.11 Metropolitan Transportation Plan \$4,000.00 \$4,000.00 \$1,000.00 \$5,000.00 ΡL 4.12 Transportation Improvement Plan 5303 A.L.I 44.21.00 5.1 Program Support/UPWP/Training \$18,400.00 \$18,400.00 \$2.300.00 \$2.300.00 \$2.300.00 \$23,000.00

#### Summary Budget Table

5303								
A.L.I.		Long Range Transportation Planning						
44.23.01	5.2	System Level	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$12,500.00
5303								
A.L.I		Short Range Transportation Planning						
44.24.00	5.3	(SRTP)	\$25,200.00	\$25,200.00	\$3,150.00	\$3,150.00	\$3,150.00	\$31,500.00
5303								
A.L.I								
44.25.00	5.4	Transportation Improvement Program	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$17,500.00

#### **Contract Totals:**

FHWA PL (80%)	\$150,791.14	FTA 5303 (80%)	\$67,600.00
STATE PL	0	STATE 5303 (10%)	\$8,450.00
LOCAL PL (20%)	\$37,697.79	LOCAL 5303 (10%)	\$8,450.00
TOTAL	\$188,488.93	TOTAL	\$84,500.00

# **SPECIAL STUDIES**

	PROPOSED FUNDING BY TASK PERFORMING AGENCY								
FUNDING	TASK	TASK DESCRIPTION	FHWA	FTA –	FEDERAL	STATE 5303 MATCH	STATE TOTAL	LOCAL	TOTAL
SOURCE	NO.	TASK DESCRIPTION	FIIVA	5303	TOTAL	STATE 5505 WATCH	STATE TOTAL	LOCAL	IOTAL
PL	SS	Freight Profile Update	\$40,000.00		\$40,000.00			\$10,000.00	\$50,000.00
PL	SS	Bicycle Pedestrian Plan Update	\$120,000.00		\$120,000.00			\$30,000.00	\$150,000.00

#### **Contract Totals:**

FHWA PL (80%)	\$160,000.00
STATE PL	0
LOCAL PL (20%)	\$50,000.00
TOTAL	\$210,000.00

#### **APPENDIX**

## **MPO Self-Certification**

#### CERTIFICATION **OF THE** DOUGHERTY AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Be it known to all, the below signees do hereby endorse and certify the Metropolitan Planning Process for the Dougherty Area Regional Transportation Study (DARTS), and further certify that the Metropolitan Planning Process is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of:

#### I. 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5305, and this subpart

- Agreements are in place to address responsibilities of each MPO for its share of the overall Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA), where multiple Metropolitan Planning Organizations share geographic portions of a Transportation Management Area (TMA).
- All major modes of transportation are members of the MPO 0
- Any changes to the MPA boundaries were reflected in the Policy Board representation.
- Agreements or memorandums are signed and in place for identification of planning responsibilities among the MPO, GDOT, public transit operator(s), air quality agency(ies), or other agencies involved in the planning process.
- Roles and responsibilities are defined for the development of the Long Range 0 Transportation Plan (LRTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and other related planning documents.
  - <u>UPWP</u>
- The UPWP documents in detail the activities to be performed with Title 23 and the 0 Federal Transit Act. 0
- The UPWP activities are developed, selected and prioritized with input from the State and public transit agency(ies). 0
- The UPWP provides funding for the professional development of MPO staff. 0
- The final UPWP is submitted in a timely manner to GDOT with authorization occurring by before the MPO's fiscal year begins. 0
- Amendments to the UPWP are developed and processed in accordance with procedures outlined in the MPO's Participation Plan. 0
- Planning activities and status reports are submitted quarterly by the MPO to GDOT. <u>LRT</u>P
- The LRTP incorporates a minimum 20-year planning horizon. 0 0
- The LRTP identifies both long-range and short-range strategies and actions leading to the development of an intermodal transportation system.
- The LRTP is fiscally constrained. 0
- The development of the LRTP and the TIP are coordinated with other providers of 0 transportation (e.g. regional airports, maritime port operators)
- All of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST-Act) planning factors were considered in the planning process.

- The LRTP includes a discussion of types of potential environmental mitigation 0 activities and potential areas to carry out these activities in consultation with federal, state and tribal land management and regulatory agencies.
- The Congestion Management Process (CMP) was developed as part of the LRTP in 0 TMA's.
- The MPO approves the LRTP in a timely manner without entering into a planning 0 lapse.
- Amendments to the LRTP/STIP/TIP follow the approved Amendment Process. 0
- The MPO approves LRTP amendments in accordance with procedures outlined in the MPO's Participation Plan. 0
- The transit authority's planning process is coordinated with the MPO's planning process.
- In non-attainment and maintenance areas the MPO, as well as FHWA and FTA, must 0 make a conformity determination on any updated or amended LRTP in accordance with 40 CFR Part 93.

#### TIP

- The TIP is updates at least every 4 years, on a schedule compatible with STIP 0 development. 0
- Each project included in the TIP is consistent with the LRTP.
- The MPO, GDOT and the transit operator collaborate on the development of the TIP. 0 0
- The TIP contains all projects to be funded under Title 23 U.S.C. and Title 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53. 0
- The TIP is financially constrained by year and revenue estimates reflect reasonable assumptions. 0
- The MPO TIP is included in the STIP by reference, without modification.
- Amendments to the LRTP/STIP/TIP follow the approved Amendment Process. 0
- In non-attainment and maintenance areas, the MPO as well as the FHWA and FTA 0 must make a conformity determination on any updated or amended TIP in accordance with 40 CFR Part 93.

#### Participation Plan

- A 45-day comment period was provided before the Participation Plan process was 0 adopted/revised.
- Transportation plans, programs and projects provide timely information about 0 transportation issues and processes to citizens and others who may be affected.
- Opportunities are provided for participation for local, State, and federal 0 environmental resource and permit agencies where appropriate.
- The public involvement process demonstrates explicit consideration and 0 responsiveness to public input received during the planning and program development process.
- The transportation planning process identifies and addresses the needs of those 0 traditionally underserved, including low-income and minority households.
- The disposition of comments and changes in the final LRTP and /or TIP are 0 documented and reported when significant comments are submitted.
- Additional time is provided if the "final" document is significantly different from the 0 draft originally made for public review.

- The MPO undertakes a periodic review of the public involvement process to determine if the process is efficient and provides full an open access for all. <u>CMP (applies to TMAs)</u>
- In TMA's, the planning process includes the development of a CMP that provides for effective management of new and existing transportation facilities through the use of travel demand reduction and operational management strategies, thus meeting the requirements of 23 CFR Part 500.
- The CMP is fully integrated into the overall metropolitan planning process.
- The CMP has established performance measures.
- The MPO has a process for periodically evaluating the effectiveness of the CMP.
- The CMP is updated on a periodic basis to reevaluate network strategies and projects.
   The CMP work activities are included in the UPWP.

#### List of Obligated Projects

- The MPO provides a listing for all projects for which funds are obligated each year, including bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
- The annual listing is made available to the public via the TIP or the LRTP.
- In non-attainment and maintenance areas, sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93
  - The MPO's UPWP incorporates all of the metropolitan transportation-related air quality planning activities addressing air quality goals, including those not funded by FHWA/FTA.
  - Agreements exist to outline the process for cooperative planning within full nonattainment/maintenance areas that are not designated by the MPO planning area.
  - The MPO coordinates the development of the LRTP with SIP development and the development of Transportation Control Measures (TCM) if applicable.
  - The LRTP includes design concept and scope descriptions of all existing and proposed transportation facilities in sufficient detail, regardless of funding source, to permit conformity determinations.
  - The MPO's TIP includes all proposed federally and non-federally funded regionally significant transportation projects, including intermodal facilities.
  - If applicable, the MPO ensures priority programming and expeditious implementation of TCMs from the STIP.

# III. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21

- The MPO has adopted goals, policies, approaches and measurements to address Title VI and related requirements.
- The public involvement process is consistent with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Title VI assurance execution by the State.
- The MPO has processes, procedures, guidelines, and/or policies that address Title VI, ADA, and DBE.
- The MPO has a documented policy on how Title VI complaints will be handled.
- The MPO has a demographic profile of the metropolitan planning area that includes identification of the locations of protected populations.

- As appropriate, the planning process identifies/considers/addresses the needs of protected/traditionally underserved populations (low-income/minority as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau).
- IV. 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment of business opportunity
  - The MPO adheres to all requirements prohibiting discrimination against a person under, a project, program, or activity receiving financial assistance under because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age.
- V. Section 1101(b) of the FAST-Act (Pub. L. 114-357) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects
  - The GDOT establishes overall goals for the percentage of work to be performed by DBE's based on the projections of the number and types of federal-aid highway contracts to be awarded and the number and types of DBE's likely to be available to compete for the contracts.
- VI. 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts
  - The MPO as required by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, does not discriminate on employment opportunities based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin;
- VII. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38
  - The MPO as required by 49 U.S.C. 5332 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age, and prohibits discrimination in employment or business opportunity, otherwise known as Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, and U.S. DOT regulations, "Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation—Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act," 49 CFR part 21 at 21.7.
- VIII. The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance
  - The MPO has identified strategies and services to meet the needs of older persons' needs for transportation planning and programming.

- IX. Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender
  - The MPO adheres to the Act on Equality between women and men and prohibits both direct and indirect discrimination based on gender.
  - The MPO adheres to the Equal Pay Act of 1963 (EPA), which protects men and women who perform substantially equal work in the same establishment from sexbased wage discrimination;
- X. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.
  - The MPO adheres to Title I and Title V of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), which prohibits employment discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities in the private sector, and in state and local governments

Paul Forgey, Director, Planning and Development Services Albany-Dougherty Planning Commission

Radney Simpson, Assistant State Transportation Planning Administrator Georgia Department of Transportation, Office of Planning

Cynthia L. VanDyke, State Transportation Planning Administrator Georgia Department of Transportation, Office of Planning

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<u>30-1</u> Date

# **COMMENTS**

From: Carter, Dennis Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 7:36 AM To: <u>Davis, Kerrie</u> Subject: Draft UPWP review

Morning Kerrie,

I've reviewed the draft UPWP document and have a few comments. I know most of them are spacing issues and that may be because my view is a different format. Forgive me if so.

- Page 21 please check the wording Administration of TAP Grant Administration
   Page 31 please check the spacing after the second bullet point information ministration of downtown signal project
- Page 38 please check the spacing after the second bullet point information
   Page 40 please check the spacing after the sixth bullet point information
- Page 41 please check the spacing after the first bullet point information
- Page 42 & 43 combine chart on same page
  Page 44 please check spacing between title and first heading
- Page 44 please check spacing after tenth bullet point
  Page 47 please check spacing after title and first heading
- Page 58 Charles Ryan Walker is with the GDOT Planning Office, Dennis Carter is GDOT District Planning and Programming Coordinator

Thanks,

# Dennis Carter District Planning/Programming Coordinator



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Good Friday Morning Kerrie!

Just finished my read through the draft. Looks great, and I'm excited to continue focusing on Freight and passenger growth at the airport with the DARTS committee!

I did notice my first name was misspelled on page 58. Unfortunately, that's just part of the curse of having a name that has no consensus for its spelling. Beyond that, I think it was a great draft!

Don't hesitate to reach out to me if there is ever anything I can do to assist! Looking forward to working with you and the DARTS team!

Enjoy the weekend!

Respectfully,

Shaun Cookson CM, ACE, IACE Superintendent of Operations Southwest Georgia Regional Airport 3905 Newton Rd., Suite 100 | Albany, GA, 31701 229-302-1500 (o) | 229-854-9587 (c) Airport.albanyga.gov

#### From: Sathi, Kaniz S Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 9:45 AM To: Davis, Kerrie C: tcalaif-@dot.ga.gov; jwilliams@dot.ga.gov Subject: GDOT Comments on Draft DARTS FY 2022 UPWP

Good morning Kerrie,

Thank you for sending the draft DARTS FY 2022 UPWP for review. Planning reviewed the draft and the overall document looks great; we have a few comments:

- Contents, (Page:3): Typo "UNFUNED" should be UNFUNDED.
- Purpose of the UPUVP, [Page: 8]: "The Fiscal Year 2021" and "activities for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022".
- Sub-element 1.1 Program Coordination, (Page: 16): Please revise the TOTAL Amount, it should be \$24,000.00 instead of \$20,400.00.
- Sub-element 1.2 Operations and Administration, (Page: 18): Product: "Annual Performance Report FY 2021 August" needs to be updated to "Annual Performance Report FY 2022 August".
- Sub-element 1.6 UPWP, (Page: 22): Product: Adoption of 2023 UPWP date "4/2021" needs to be updated to "4/2022".
- Sub-element 4.3 Intermodal (i.e. airports and ports), (Page: 31): Product: Typo " adiministration" should be "administration".
- Summary Budget Table, (Page: 48-49):
  - o Task No. 1.1 Program Coordination: Please revise the FEDERAL TOTAL and LOCAL, these amounts should be \$19,200.00 and 4,800.00 instead of 20,000.00 and 4,000.00.
  - o Task No. 1.3 Training/Employee Education: Please revise the FEDERAL TOTAL, it should be \$16,000.00 instead of \$15,000.00.
  - Please make sure the TOTAL is \$188,488.93, FEDERAL TOTAL is \$150,791.13, and LOCAL is \$37,697.80.
- POLICY COMMITTEE VOTING MEMBERS, (Page: 57): Please replace GDOT Commissioner Russell McMurry as PC Member with Jannine Miller, GDOT Director of Planning.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me and thank you for the opportunity to review the MPO draft UPWP.

Thanks!

Kaniz S. Sathi Transportation Planning Specialist



Office of Planning 600 West Peachtree Street, 5th Floor Atlanta, GA, 30308 Phone: 404.631.1745 office

## **POLICY COMMITTEE VOTING MEMBERS**

The Policy Committee is the decision-making body and is represented by elected officials from the member jurisdictions and an official from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). The committee is responsible for taking into consideration the recommendations from the Citizen's Advisory Committee and the Technical Coordinating Committee when adopting plans or setting policy.

Billy Breeden	Interim Mayor, City of Leesburg
Kermit "Bo" Dorough	Mayor, City of Albany
Michael McCoy	Dougherty County Administrator
Sharon Subadan	Albany City Manager
Christopher Cohilas	Dougherty County Commission
Rozanne Braswell	Vice Chair, Lee County Director of Planning &
	Engineering
Billy Mathis	Lee County Commission
Bob Alexander	Leesburg City Manager
Jannine Miller	GDOT Director of Planning
Van Mason	GDOT District Engineer, District 4

\* Five (5) voting members are required for a quorum.

## **Non-Voting Members**

FHWA Division Administrator

# **TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The Technical Coordinating Committee membership includes staff from the member jurisdictions, various federal, state, and local agencies and associations that have a technical knowledge of transportation or planning. The TCC evaluates transportation plans and projects based on whether they are technically warranted and financially feasible.

Paul Forgey	Chair, Director, Planning & Development Services
Michael Persley	Albany Chief of Police
Stacey Rowe	Public Works Director (City)
Bruce Maples	Albany Director of Engineering
David Hamilton	Transportation Director
Don Gray	Albany Facilities Management Director
Larry Cook	Dougherty County Public Works Director
Jeremy Brown	Vice Chair, Dougherty County Engineering Manager
Kenneth Johnson	Dougherty County Chief of Police
Rozanne Braswell	Lee County Director of Planning & Engineering

**Bob Alexander** Leesburg Public Works Director, Leesburg City Manager Kimberly Brooks/Beka Shiver Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Kerrie Davis Transportation Planner, DARTS MPO Gwendolyn McDaniel Transit Planner, DARTS MPO Shaun Cookson SWGA Regional Airport Superintendent of Operations Kaniz Sathi GDOT Office of Planning, Transportation Planner, Atlanta Jason Willingham GDOT Assistant District Engineer, District 4 Ken Breedlove Albany Traffic Engineering Manager Hubert Smigelski Marine Corp Logistic Base

\* Nine (9) voting members required for a quorum.

# **TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE Non – Voting Members**

Mary Teter	Planning Manager
Charles Ryan Walker	GDOT Office of Planning, Atlanta
Dennis Carter	GDOT, District 4 Planning and Programming Coordinator
Thomas Caiafa	GDOT, Branch Chief
Ann Marie Day	U. S. Department of Transportation, FHWA
Sanford Hillsman	Albany Dougherty Planning Commission
Larry McClain	Citizens' Transportation Committee Representative
Bob Alexander	Leesburg Engineer

# **CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The Citizens Advisory Committee consists of volunteer members who are interested in transportation issues. They are appointed by their member jurisdictions. The CAC is responsible for ensuring that values and interests of the citizens in Dougherty County, City of Albany, City of Leesburg and a portion of Lee County are taken into consideration in the transportation planning process.

Dr. Surendra Pandey Tommy Gregors Glenn "Tyler" Harris Sonya Johnson Dr. Peter A. Ngwafu Vacant Larry McClain Bruce Capps Vacant Billy Merritt Dougherty County Appointment Dougherty County Appointment Dougherty County Appointment Lee County Appointment Lee County Appointment City of Leesburg Appointment City of Albany Appointment City of Albany Appointment City of Albany Appointment Albany/Dougherty Planning Commission Appointment **DARTS Meeting Schedule (**All meetings are held quarterly in room 380 at 240 Pine Avenue, meeting times and dates are subject to change**).** 

• CTC (Citizens Transportation Committee) .....9:00AM

September 15, 2021 January 19, 2022 April 20, 2022 June 15, 2022

• TCC (Technical Coordinating Committee) .....9:00AM

September 16, 2021 January 20, 2022 April 20, 2022 June 15, 2022

• PC (Policy Committee) .....10:00AM

September 16, 2021 January 20, 2022 April 20, 2022 June 15, 2022

# **ACRONYMS USED IN THIS DOCUMENT**

- 3C Continuing, Comprehensive, Cooperative
- APTA American Public Transit Association
- APA American Planning Association
- ATS Albany Transit System
- CFR Code of Federal Regulations
- CTC Citizens Transportation Committee
- DARTS Dougherty Area Regional Transportation Study
- EPA Environmental Protection Agency
- FHWA Federal Highway Administration
- FRA Federal Railroad Administration
- FTA Federal Transit Administration
- GDOT Georgia Department of Transportation
- GIS Graphic Information Systems
- HPMS Highway Performance Monitoring System
- HSIP Highway Safety Improvement Program
- ITS Intelligent Transportation Systems
- LEP Limited English Proficiency
- MTP Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- MAP-21 Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century
- MPO Metropolitan Planning Organization
- NEPA National Environmental Protection Act
- PBPP Performance Based Planning and Programming
- PC Policy Committee
- PEL Planning and Environmental Linkages
- PL Planning Funds (Highway) Allocated for the MPO
- RTP Regional Transportation Plan
- SRTS Safe Routes to School
- STIP State Transportation Improvement Program
- SWGRC Southwest Georgia Regional Commission
- TCC Technical Coordinating Committee
- TDP Transit Development Plan
- TAZ Traffic Analysis Zone
- TE Transportation Enhancement
- TIP Transportation Improvement Program
- UPWP Unified Planning Work Program