

Introduction

MPO's are designated by federal law to serve in urbanized areas with populations of at least 50,000 people. The Tri-Lakes Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is a regional transportation planning organization that was established in 2003. The MPO serves the Hot Springs Area Transportation Study (HSATS), whose member jurisdictions and planning partners include:

- Garland County
- City of Hot Springs
- Hot Springs Village
- Town of Fountain Lake
- City of Mountain Pine
- Greater Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce
- Hot Spring County
- Arkansas Department of Transportation
- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Transit Administration
- National Park Service

In metropolitan planning areas, on an annual basis, no later than 90 calendar days following the end of the program year, the State, public transportation operator(s), and the MPO shall cooperatively develop a listing of projects (including investments in pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities) for which funds under 23 U.S.C. or 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 were obligated in the preceding program year. The listing shall be prepared in accordance with 23 CFR §450.314(a) and shall include all federally funded projects authorized or revised to increase obligations in the preceding program year, and shall at a minimum include the TIP information under 23 CFR §450.326(g)(1) and (4) and identify, for each project, the amount of Federal funds requested in the TIP, the Federal funding that was obligated during the preceding year, and the Federal funding remaining and available for subsequent years. The listing shall be published or otherwise made available in accordance with the MPO's public participation criteria for the TIP.¹

¹ 23 CFR §450.334 Annual listing of obligated projects

