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Tri-Lakes Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

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Introduction

The Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1962 provided that after July 1, 1965, Federal-aid highway projects could not be approved in urban areas with populations of more than 50,000 unless they were based on a continuing, comprehensive transportation planning process carried on cooperatively by States and local communities in conformance with the objectives stated in section 9 of the Act.¹ Therefore, to carry out the metropolitan transportation planning process, an MPO shall be designated for each urbanized area with a population of more than 50,000 individuals (as determined by the Bureau of the Census).²

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, but are not limited to the following agencies:

- Garland County
- City of Hot Springs, including Hot Springs Intracity Transit.
- 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

Federal regulations, 23 U.S.C. §135, 49 U.S.C. §5303, 23 CFR §450.300 et al and 23 CFR §420.101 et al, provide guidance on the Metropolitan Transportation Planning and Programming activities, including the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and the Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER). Federal regulations require the State DOT to monitor all activities performed by its staff or by subrecipients with FHWA planning and research funds to assure that the work is being managed and performed satisfactorily and that time schedules are being met. The State DOT must submit performance and expenditure reports, including a report from each subrecipient.³

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) jointly carry out the federal mandate to improve urban and rural transportation. Serving as management tools for MPOs and State DOTs, the UPWP and State Planning and Research (SP&R) Work Program are used by both FTA and FHWA to monitor the transportation planning activities of those agencies. These documents are also needed to establish national out year budgets and regional program plans, develop policy on using funds, monitor State and local compliance with national technical emphasis areas, respond to Congressional inquiries, prepare Congressional testimony, and ensure efficiency in the use and expenditure of federal funds by determining that planning proposals are both reasonable and cost-effective.⁴

Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) Map

Figure 1.1

¹ <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/publicroads/13julaug/03.cfm>

² 23 CFR §450.310

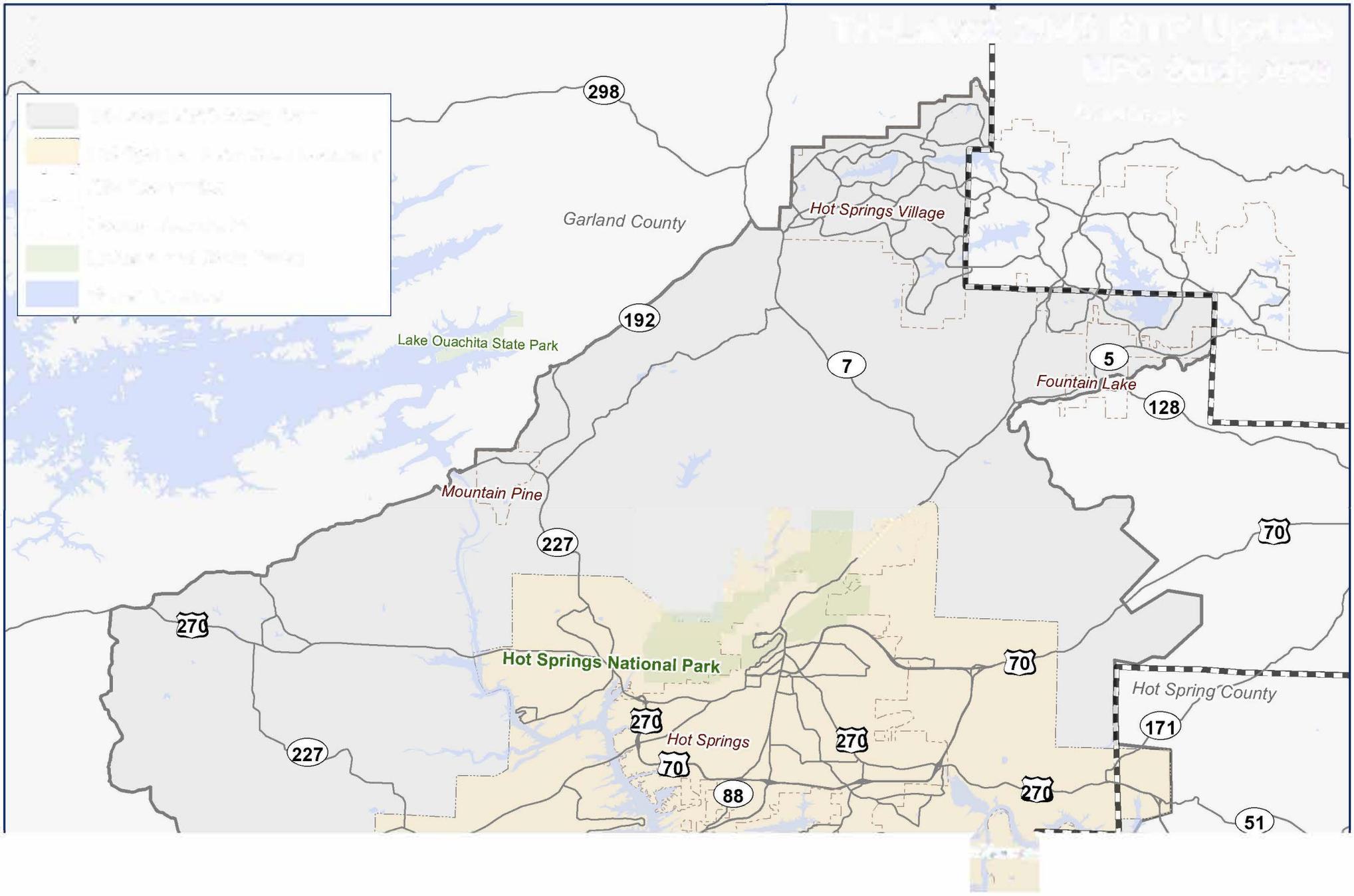
³ 23 CFR §420.117 Program monitoring and reporting requirements

⁴ 74 FR 39375, 2009-8-6

TRAILWAYS 2045 RMP Update
NPS Study Area
Draft

Legend

- 2045 Study Area
- 2045 Study Area - Water
- 2045 Study Area - Land
- 2045 Study Area - Forest
- 2045 Study Area - Wetland
- 2045 Study Area - Water



SFY 2020 UPWP Activity Summary

The following summary highlights some of the SFY 2020 UPWP accomplishments.

44.21.00 PROGRAM SUPPORT & ADMINISTRATION

- Periodically reviewed and implemented the SFY 2020 UPWP; and submitted the quarterly progress reports; and responded to ARDOT's information request for the SPR report; and drafted and adopted the SFY 2021 UPWP.
- Prepared and published the SFY 2019 APER; and drafted the SFY 2020 APER.
- Held and prepared various meeting documents for the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Policy Board.
- Prepared and submitted the FFY 2019 ARDOT Title VI survey.
- Updated and posted the MPO's demographic data collection survey and translated it to Spanish.
- Prepared and posted MPO's 101 pamphlet Spanish version.
- Reviewed, modified and implemented the Bylaws as needed.
- Implemented, reviewed, modified, and began the Public Participation Plan update.
- Updated the MPO's webpage and Facebook page with various information.
- Opened the MPO's YouTube channel and Zoom account to facilitate public engagement during the Coronavirus pandemic.
- Periodically reviewed and updated the MPO's contact lists as needed.
- Prepared, revised and shared the MPO's 2019 and 2020 meeting calendars.
- Attended various webinars, workshops, and conferences for professional development and training. These included but were not limited to: the 2019 Arkansas Transportation Planning Conference (ATPC) and moderated the Resilient Transportation through Performance Based Planning session. The FHWA Value Capture Workshop: Capitalizing on the value created by transportation; and shared the value capture info. The 2019 Arkansas Transit Association Conference. The Arkansas Association of Development Organizations (AADO) Conference.

44.22.00 GENERAL DEVELOPMENT & COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

- Reviewed various data including but not limited to: traffic data, crash data, and population demographics data.
- Shared information on various transportation related topics, including, but no limited to the following: grants, Value Capture, bicycle and pedestrian info, transit info, public meetings, performance measures, University of Minnesota Auto and Transit Accessibility Report, ARDOT's LPA manual, ARDOT's new numbering system of projects, in regard to the Act 416, ARDOT's crash dashboard, ARDOT's sales tax initiative, ARDOT's passenger rail study summary, ARDOT's Connecting Arkansas Program (CAP-2) potential projects, ARDOT's TAP & RTP grants, Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and etc.
- Attended various meetings and workshops including but not limited to: City of Hot Springs' (CHS) Complete Streets, Planning Commission, Friends of the Parks, and Comprehensive Plan meetings;

WCAPDD Board meetings, VHS Tourism Study presentation, ARDOT's Plan Works workshop, ARDOT's funding options, and etc.

44.23.00 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

- Revised the 2040 MTP in regard to the Hot Springs Intracity Transit (HSIT) FTA 5339 & 5307 projects/funds.
- Updated the 2040 MTP with performance measures and targets.
- Continued 2045 MTP Draft development process.
 - Reviewed 2035 and 2040 MTPs.
 - Reviewed, updated and shared the MTP development schedule.
 - Drafted, reviewed, updated and shared draft MTP chapters, projects, financial plan and other information.
 - Held meetings to discuss the draft projects and other draft chapters.
 - Prepared and disseminated the 2045 MTP Survey Monkey, and summarized and shared the survey's responses; and translated the survey to Spanish.
 - Received and incorporated the Chamber's Transportation Committee projects in MTP.
 - Coordinated with ARDOT on GIS mapping, traffic data, and other information.
 - Coordinated with HSIT on transit projects and other transit related information.
 - Drafted and updated the system performance report with PM1, PM2, PM3 and other performance measures related information.
 - Released the draft for public comments.
 - Received bike/ped master plan updates from CHS.

44.24.00 SHORT-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

- Received, shared, and adopted ARDOT's CY 2020 Safety Targets (PM1).
- Attended ARDOT's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) meetings, and shared related information.
- Received and shared ARDOT's 2018 NHS pavement condition rating data and map (PM2).
- Received access to the NPMRDS, and shared the 2017-2019 NPMRDS (PM3) report.
- 061577 FLAP (Hot Springs Area Wayfinding Signage Project): Coordinated with CHS, MERJE, ARDOT, and other stakeholders on Planning and Design (Phase 1), and the next steps.
- 061555 (MLK Interchanges study): Attended meetings and shared project info. Coordinated with ARDOT on the study's display maps for the 2045 draft MTP's public comment (presentation) period.
- R60140 (MLK Expressway Extension): Shared project info and responded to bid inquiry from the Arkansas Democrat Gazette.
- 061562 (Southwest Trail): Received and shared project info including the webpage <https://swtrail.transportationplanroom.com>.

- 061620 (AR 227/Sunshine Rd from Airport Rd/U.S. 70 to Oakgrove Rd - Safety Improvements): Shared project information as received.
- HSIT: Coordinated with HSIT and ARDOT on PTASP and the triennial review information request. Shared EDA's federal resources and announcements with HSIT. Shared information on HSIT's extended service hours.

44.25.00 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

- Updated the TIP's performance measures and targets information as needed.
- Received and shared info on FHWA's TIP/STIP fiscal constraint flexibilities.
- Published FFY 2019 ALOP.
- Received and shared ARDOT's upcoming jobs (Planning & Programming) and Construction reports.
- Reviewed TIP projects, ARDOT's planning report, construction report, staff minutes, bid letting, and ALOP.
- Coordinated with HSIT and ARDOT on the 5339 & 5307 MTP/TIP amendment request.
- Coordinated with ARDOT on the FFY 2019-2022 STIP map and projects list status update for the draft 2045 MTP public comments (presentation) period.

SFY 2020 UPWP Financial Summary

Financial Summary							Expended	Carryover
Activity Code	Activity Line Item (ALI)	APER (UPWP) SFY 2020 Budget						
		Federal Share 80% (FHWA&FTA Consolidated Planning Funds)	Local Match 20%	Total	Percent by ALI			
44.21.00	Program Support & Administration	\$22,009.60	\$5,502.40	\$27,512.00	20%	\$23,401.51	\$4,110.49	
44.22.00	General Development & Comprehensive Planning	\$22,009.60	\$5,502.40	\$27,512.00	20%	\$25,630.22	\$1,881.78	
44.23.00	Long-Range Planning	\$27,512.00	\$6,878.00	\$34,390.00	25%	\$22,287.15	\$12,102.85	
44.24.00	Short-Range Planning	\$22,009.60	\$5,502.40	\$27,512.00	20%	\$24,515.87	\$2,996.13	
44.25.00	Transportation Improvement Program	\$16,507.20	\$4,126.80	\$20,634.00	15%	\$15,601.01	\$5,032.99	
TOTAL		\$110,048.00	\$27,512.00	\$137,560.00	100%	\$111,435.76	\$26,124.24	