

**RESOLUTION BY THE MADISON ATHENS-CLARKE OCONEE REGIONAL  
TRANSPORTATION STUDY (MACORTS) POLICY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and any amendments thereto must be approved by the MACORTS Policy Committee and,

WHEREAS, the Technical Coordinating Committee has reviewed the technical merit of the elements of the Amended FY 2022 UPWP and has recommended the approval of the final amended draft including the addition of the Transit Development Plan under element 4.2 Transit / Paratransit Planning using Section 5307 funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MACORTS Policy Committee approves the FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program in its present form for submission to the Georgia Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration.

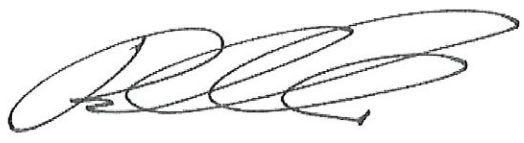
FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the MACORTS Policy Committee approves the proposed planning projects outlined in the 'Unfunded Section' of the FY 2022 UPWP should any of them be selected to receive funding. All member counties of MACORTS acknowledge and resolve to provide the necessary local match requirement for the completion of these projects, if funded by the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Madison Athens-Clarke Oconee Regional Transportation Study Policy Committee at their meeting held on May 12, 2021.

  
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John Daniell  
MACORTS Policy Committee Chairperson

May 12, 2021

  
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Brad Griffin  
MACORTS Technical Coordinating Committee Chairperson

May 12, 2021

## 4.2 TRANSIT / PARATRANSIT PLANNING

FTA ALL: 44.24.00 Short Range Transportation Planning

### Purpose

The purpose of this element is to address and monitor ongoing short-range transit planning activities including the Americans with Disabilities Act, Charter Regulations, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program Update, Athens-Clarke County Transit Development Plans, Title VI Update, Financial Planning, Competitive Services Planning, and Safety/Alcohol-Drug Control Studies. These planning efforts are intended to improve transit operations and to meet legal requirements including the final federal regulations associated with the FAST Act

Also included in this element is the continuous monitoring of system performance within the constraints of the surrounding transit environment. This is performed continuously with data resulting from this process providing the input needed to study possible improvements to the efficiency and service provided by Athens-Clarke County Transit Department (ACCTD). With the declining role of federal financial support and the increased emphasis on local control, private enterprise participation, and competitive contracting, it is important for the transit system to become as efficient as possible within the limitations of a public service organization.

### Previous Work

Providing transit planning administration and assistance is an ongoing MACORTS planning activity.

### Project Description

Transit Planning staff will collect data in order to study and update all activities necessary for the successful administration of transit activities. This includes helping the ACCTD in preparing the update of the transit section of the TIP, conduct public hearings, coordinate with other agencies, develop the Athens-Clarke County Transit Department Transit Development Plan (TDP), and apply the ADA regulations to the operation of paratransit services. Performance of certain duties, as needed, will also include, but is not limited to:

- Special projects that may require planning efforts during the fiscal year
- Development/Update of the Athens-Clarke County Transit Department Transit Development Plan will begin in FY 22 using Section 5307 Capital funding (up to \$200,000 federal)
- Participation in and presentation of transit-related information before the appropriate committees involved in the MACORTS transportation planning process
- Scheduling and coordination of public hearings as required to meet state and federal guidelines regarding mass transportation services
- Staff technical support for transit-related committees
- Analysis of system-wide performance and the tracking of trends in the public use of the system
- Evaluate the ridership characteristics of individual routes
- Maintain the content of the ACCTD website
- Reporting to the National Transit Database
- Grant Administration

Activities

1. Federal and State quarterly progress reports
2. Federal and State quarterly financial reports
3. FTA 5307 Grant Application & Administration
4. Development/Update of the Athens-Clarke County Transit Development Plan
5. National Transit Database reporting
6. System monitoring and reporting
7. Participate in development and adoption of GDOT's Statewide Transit Asset Management Plan.

Resulting Products

Performance of administrative tasks as needed. Individual products will vary depending on the needs identified by the Director of ACCTD and the Planning Director.

Responsible Agency

Athens-Clarke County (ACC) Planning Department in support of the ACCTD System

Target Start and End Dates / Lead Agency

Work on this element will be from July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022. Lead Agency: ACC Planning Department.

Cost Estimates/Funding Sources

Funding Source	Responsible Agency	
	MPO	GDOT
FTA Sect. 5303 Transit Planning (80%) – FY22	\$55,673.00	\$0.00
GDOT Sect. 5303 Transit Planning Match (10%)	\$0.00	\$6,959.00
Local Sect. 5303 Transit Planning Match (10%)	\$6,959.00	\$0.00
FY 2022 Total	\$62,632.00	\$6,959.00
FTA Sect. 5303 Transit Planning (80%) – FY23	\$56,800.00	\$0.00
GDOT Sect. 5303 Transit Planning Match (10%)	\$0.00	\$7,100.00
Local Sect. 5303 Transit Planning Match (10%)	\$7,100.00	\$0.00
FY 2023 Total	\$63,900.00	\$7,100.00

**Athens-Clarke County Transit Department – Transit Development Plan**

Funding Source	ACC Transit	GDOT
FTA Sect. 5307 Capital (80%) – FY 22	\$200,000.00	
GDOT Sect. 5307 Match		\$0.00
Local Sect. 5307 Match (20%)	\$50,000.00	
FY 2022 Total	\$250,000.00	\$0.00