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November 10, 2021

Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of Planning
Attn: Ms. Kim Grayson
Via email

Subject: Submittal of Amendment to FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Dear Ms. Grayson:

Please find attached a digital copy of the adopted amendment to the FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program for the Madison Athens-Clarke Oconee Regional Transportation Study and the signed resolution that moves the 'Update of the MACORTS Transportation Plan to 2050' to the funded portion of the document. This document was approved at the Policy Committee meeting on November 10, 2021.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this submission, please contact me at (706) 613-3515 or by e-mail at macorts@accgov.com. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Brad Griffin, Director
Madison Athens-Clarke Oconee Regional
Transportation Study (MACORTS)

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Enclosure

cc: Tamara Christion, FHWA – GA Division (with attachment)
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**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 moving the 'Update of MACORTS Transportation Plan to 2050' from the Unfunded to the Funded Section of the FY 22 UPWP. All member counties of MACORTS acknowledge and resolve to provide the necessary local match requirement for the completion of this project.

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 November 10, 2021.



John Daniell
MACORTS Policy Committee Chairperson

November 10, 2021



Brad Griffin
MACORTS Technical Coordinating Committee Chairperson

November 10, 2021

4.11.1 UPDATE MACORTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO 2050

MACORTS staff requested and was awarded discretionary PL funds at the GAMPO PL Funds Committee meeting in September 2021. These funds will be administered under a separate contract from the PL Contract through the Georgia Department of Transportation. This contract will be in effect until the end of 2024.

MACORTS must carrying out the federally required continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive performance-based multimodal transportation planning process for the area. Staff in the Athens-Clarke County Planning Department administer the MACORTS process. MACORTS is required to update the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) every five years. The next update is due on October 9, 2024. At this time, it is uncertain what federal transportation bill will follow the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act of 2015 (FAST Act) which expires September 30, 2021. It is unclear what impact the 2020 Census will have on the MPO boundary.

In broad terms, the scope of this project would include a full update of the MACORTS MTP and the travel demand model including data identification and collection, performance measure development, performance target development, project prioritization, project evaluation, and expanded emphasis on freight planning. The MTP development process and content will prioritize equity, economy, climate change/resiliency, and Covid Relief efforts.

Specific Project Tasks to be Completed Include:

- Prepare a proposed timeline of tasks required to develop the MTP and all associated components for review and approval by GDOT to ensure that the schedule is coordinated with GDOT's model update schedule
- Develop base year (2020) and future year (2050) socioeconomic data and other inputs into the travel demand model maintained by GDOT
- Coordinate with MTP Subcommittee, GDOT, FHWA, FTA and the public to develop a federally-compliant, multi-modal, performance-based 2050 MTP that will provides efficient, safe, and convenient mobility, encourages desirable land use, promotes economic development and a strong economy, minimizes adverse social and environmental impacts including those of equity, and addresses climate change/resiliency, and Covid Relief efforts
- Work with MACORTS to refine and develop comprehensive goals and objectives to guide MTP development
- Work with MACORTS to identify and develop targets in support of the state's performance measures or independent performance measures (as chosen by the MACORTS Policy Committee) and incorporate into MTP
- Identify and compile data sources to support the performance measures / targets. Availability of data and cost of continued compilation of data will be important considerations when developing performance measures and targets.
- Update Financial Plan component of the MTP including project costs and reasonably expected revenue sources for the period of the MTP
- Update all sections of the existing MTP document
- Develop and implement project prioritization process for the MTP development process
- Perform Environmental Justice / Title VI Analysis to inform the public involvement process with a focus of equity

- Expand the Freight section to be more robust and comprehensive including potential mechanisms to strengthen the economy in light of climate change/resiliency needs
- Required public involvement including outreach efforts to reach the traditionally underserved such as minority and low-income populations. All public involvement will be documented for MPO records and future compliance review purposes
- Work with MACORTS MTP Steering / Stakeholder Committee throughout the development process ensuring equity
- Provide updates to MACORTS Technical Coordinating Committee and Policy Committee throughout the process
- Include an Unfunded Section / Aspirations Plan as supplement to MTP
- Document the update process for staff records and federal review purposes

Deliverables:

- Approved socioeconomic data input to be incorporated into the GDOT travel demand model model for the MACORTS area and any revisions required due to the release of the 2020 Census data
- All documentation of process and products (hardcopy and/or electronic)
- Hardcopy (20) and reproducible electronic version of final deliverables (pdf and original file type)
- Federally compliant 2050 MTP that has been approved by the MACORTS Policy Committee

Cost Estimate/Proposed Funding Sources

Funding Source	Responsible Agency	
	MPO	GDOT
FHWA PL (80%)	\$280,000.00	\$0.00
GDOT PL Match (0%)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Madison County Match (3.5%)	\$12,250.00	\$0.00
Athens-Clarke County Match (13%)	\$45,500.00	\$0.00
Oconee County Match (3.5%)	\$12,250.00	\$0.00
Total	\$350,000.00	\$0.00

Madison Athens-Clarke Oconee Regional Transportation Study (MACORTS)
FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program
Appendix E - Table II
Source of Local Match Funds For PL Grant

UPWP Work Element	Total Grant Amount	Federal Share (80%)	Total Local Share (20%)	Madison County (3.5%) Maximum Cash Match	Athens-Clarke County (13%) Maximum Cash Match	Oconee County (3.5%) Maximum Cash Match
1.1 Program Coordination	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 525.00
1.2 Operations and Administration	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
1.3 Training / Employee Education	\$ 9,569.94	\$ 7,655.95	\$ 1,913.99	\$ 334.95	\$ 1,244.09	\$ 334.95
1.4 Equipment and Supplies	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 350.00
1.6 UPWP	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 218.75	\$ 812.50	\$ 218.75
2.1 Community Outreach / Education	\$ 18,750.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 656.25	\$ 2,437.50	\$ 656.25
2.2 Environmental Justice / Title VI	\$ 18,750.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 656.25	\$ 2,437.50	\$ 656.25
2.3 Participation Plan	\$ 18,750.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 656.25	\$ 2,437.50	\$ 656.25
3.1/3.2 Maintain & Monitor Land Use & Soc-Ec.	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 87.50	\$ 325.00	\$ 87.50
3.4 Trans. Surveys, Models, & Analysis (TP+)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 87.50	\$ 325.00	\$ 87.50
3.5 System Monitoring	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 218.75	\$ 812.50	\$ 218.75
4.11 Transportation Plan Maint/ Update	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 612.50	\$ 2,275.00	\$ 612.50
4.12 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 350.00
4.2 Transit/Paratransit Planning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4.5 Bike / Pedestrian Facilities Planning	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 87.50	\$ 325.00	\$ 87.50
TOTALS	\$ 238,319.94	\$ 190,655.95	\$ 47,663.99	\$ 8,341.20	\$ 30,981.59	\$ 8,341.20

Funded Special Study / Work Elements Using Discretionary PL Funds						
Update of MACORTS Transportation Plan to 2050	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 280,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 12,250.00	\$ 45,500.00	\$ 12,250.00