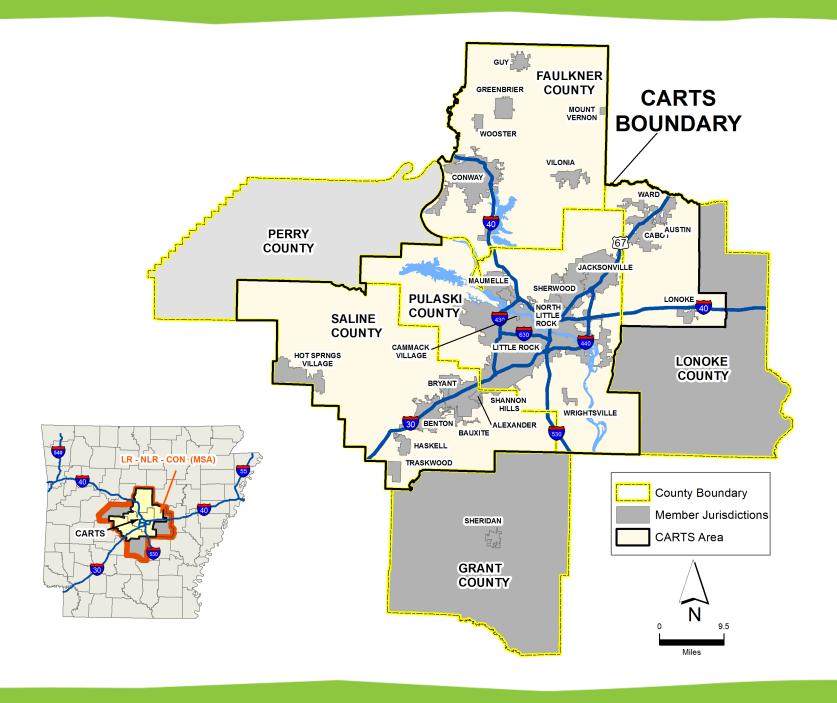
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Regional Planning Advisory Council Technical Coordinating Committee

Wednesday, February 21, 2018





2018 Leadership

President – Mayor Jill Dabbs, Bryant

Vice President – Mayor Joe Smith, NLR

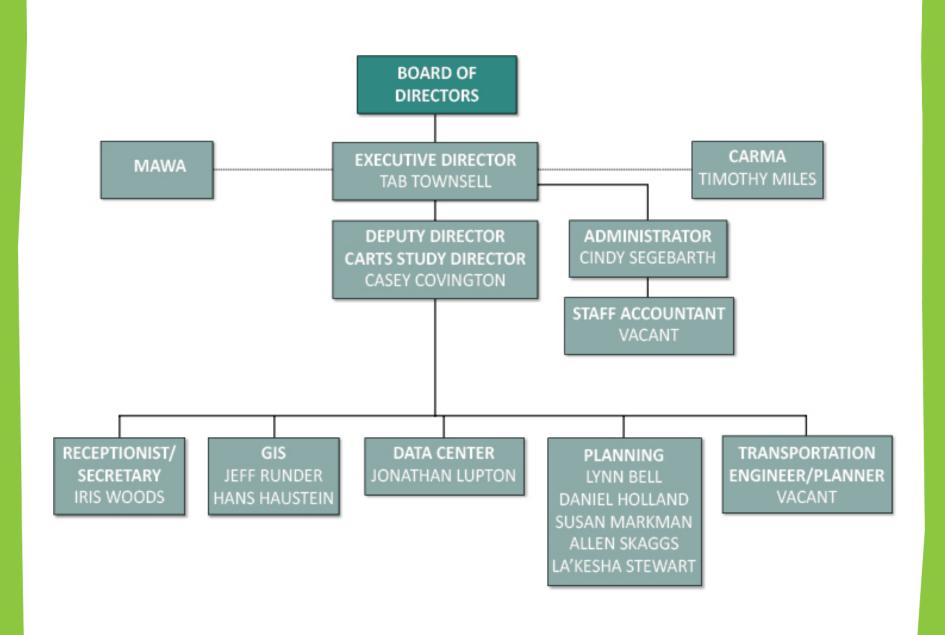
Secretary – Judge **Jim Baker**, Faulkner County

Treasurer – Judge **Doug Erwin**, Lonoke County









A (very) brief history

1955 - Regional Planning Commission

1970 – Council of Governments (cog)

1974 – Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

METROPLAN

METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION OF PULASKI COUNTY

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THE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER SYSTEM OF INTERSTATE AND DEFENSE HIGHWAYS



Metropolitan Planning Organizations were created by federal law in 1962.

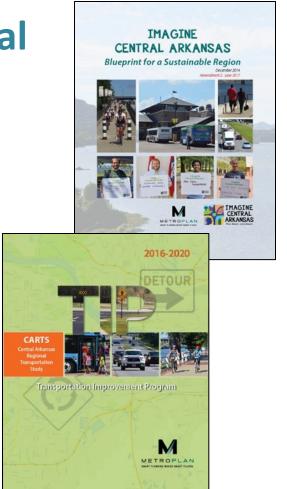
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Federal Aid Highway Act

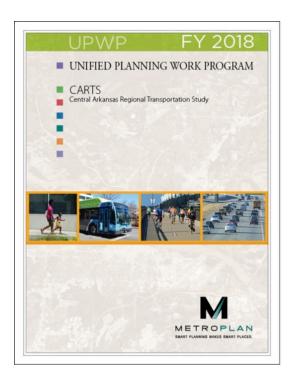
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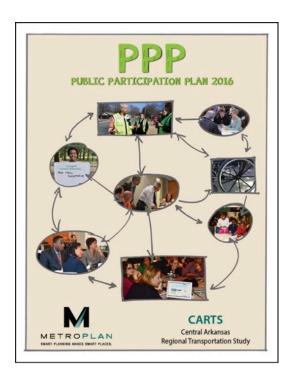
- ✓ Producing a long-range regional transportation plan (LRMTP)
 - 20 year planning horizon
 - Financially constrained
- ✓ Developing a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)



Additional required documents

- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- Public Participation Plan (PPP)





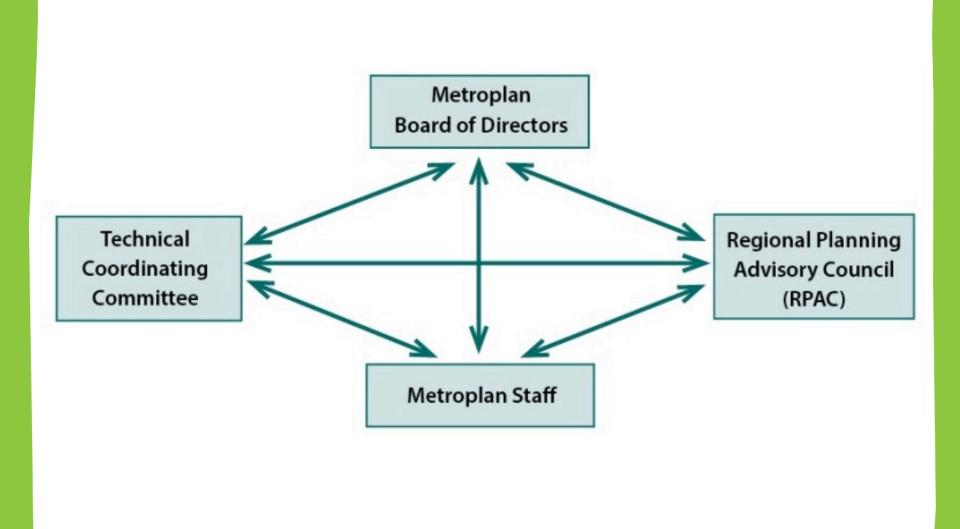
RPAC

1992 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA)

Metroplan reorganized to address new requirements:

- Public engagement
- Multi-modal and inter-modal planning





Technical Coordinating Committee

Technical staff of member jurisdictions, including ArDOT and Rock Region METRO

Responsible for:

- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- UPWP review
- Technical review of studies and projects
- Assisting with technical aspects of LRMTP, e.g. alternative analyses, iterative drafts

Works with:

- RPAC
- Metroplan staff

Regional Planning Advisory Council

Citizen-based; diverse – geographical, ethnic, interest groups . . .

Responsible for:

- Drafting strategic overview of long-range transportation plan to submit to the Board
- Developing & overseeing public engagement LRMTP & TIP
- Considering other matters that the Board may refer

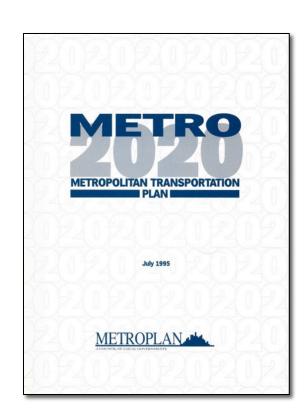
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- TCC
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The Metropolitan Transportation Plan Vision Statement

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan will contribute to a more livable and efficient environment in central Arkansas. This plan should significantly change how we allow our transportation systems and our communities to develop, by defining an intermodal transportation system that:

- Maximizes the mobility of people and goods;
- Minimizes transportation related fuel consumption and air pollution; and
- Establishes a strong link between transportation infrastructure and land use.



Imagine Central Arkansas Vision Statement

Imagine Central Arkansas is a community-driven guide to creating a sustainable, healthy and prosperous region that celebrates diversity, community cooperation, educational excellence, economic vibrancy, and quality choices in housing and transportation. Imagine...

What's next

- White Paper update (Casey)
- Imagine Central Arkansas update will be the focus of 2018-2019 (Daniel)
- Demographic Report (Jonathan)
- Public Engagement (Kesha & Susan)

