

# Metroplan Board of Directors Meeting

November 15, 2023

10:00 am

Central Arkansas Safety Action Plan Facilitated Workshop (9:00 am)  
*Metroplan board members are encouraged to attend a facilitated workshop at 9:00 on the Central Arkansas Safety Action Plan. (see agenda attached).*

## AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes of October 25, 2023
2. Financial Statement for October
3. Metroplan Report
4. Agency Reports
5. 2024 Metroplan Budget
6. Energy and Environment Innovation Plan

## TRANSPORTATION AGENDA

7. TIP Amendment (Rock Region METRO Supershelters)
8. Long-Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan
9. Safe Streets and Roads for All
10. FFY 2024 TAP Call for Projects
11. Metroplan Board Announcements
12. Citizen Communications
13. Adjourn

December Metroplan Board Meeting will be on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

*Following the Metroplan Board Meeting the Central Arkansas Planning and Development District will hold a meeting on the preparation of its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs).*



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# Metroplan Central Arkansas Safety Action Plan

## Metroplan Board Workshop Agenda

**DATE:** November 15, 2023  
**TIME:** 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM  
**LOCATION:** Metroplan Offices  
501 West Markham Street, Little Rock, AR

**9:00 AM WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**9:05 AM PROGRAM AND PROJECT OVERVIEW**

Overview of USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program  
Central Arkansas Safety Action Plan Safety Analysis Results  
Central Arkansas Safety Action Plan Engagement and Outreach Activities

**9:15 AM COMMITMENT TO ZERO**

Commitment to Zero Fatalities and Serious Injuries ([Board Input Requested](#))

**9:25 AM IMPLEMENTATION GRANT APPLICATIONS**

SS4A Implementation Grant Application Requirements and Timeline  
Lessons Learned from Successful SS4A Implementation Grant Applications  
Project Development and Prioritization Process ([Board Input Requested](#))  
Strategies for Creating SS4A Implementation Grant Applications ([Board Input Requested](#))

**9:40 AM NEXT STEPS**

**9:45 AM ADJORN**

**ITEM 1. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2023**

The minutes of the October 25, 2023 Metroplan Board meeting are attached for review and adoption.

**ACTION NEEDED:** Motion to adopt minutes from October 25, 2023.

## **Metroplan Board of Directors Meeting**

**October 25, 2023**

### **Attending:**

Mayor Bernadette Chamberlain, City of Austin  
Mayor Rhonda Sanders, City of Bryant  
Mayor Ken Kincade, City of Cabot  
Mayor Sammy Hartwick, City of Greenbrier  
Mayor Jeff Elmore, City of Jacksonville  
Mayor Caleb Norris, City of Maumelle  
Mayor Danny Hester, City of Mayflower  
Mayor Mary Jo Heye-Townsell, City of Sherwood  
Mayor Charles Gastineau, City of Ward  
Mayor Terry Don Robinson, City of Wooster  
Mayor Derrick Rainey, City of Wrightsville  
Judge Allan Dodson, Faulkner County  
Judge Barry Hyde, Pulaski County  
Judge Matt Brumley, Saline County  
\*Mr. David Finnie, Clinton National Airport  
\*Ms. Marsha Guffey, Little Rock Port Authority  
\*Mr. Sunny Farmahan, Arkansas Department of Transportation  
\*Ms. Jennifer Hill, City of Alexander / City of Haskell  
\*Mr. Jon Honeywell, City of Little Rock  
\*Mr. Brady Zweifel, City of Vilonia

\*Indicates Proxy

### **Metroplan**

Casey Covington  
Tammy Gillis  
Sydney Dozier

Allen Skaggs  
Lynn Bell  
Bernadette Rhodes  
Daniel Holland  
Hans Haustein  
Jonathan Lupton  
Jeff Runder

## **Guest**

Dave Roberts, Crafton Tull  
Mike Watson, Halff  
Jeremy Watts, MCE  
Taylor Clark, MCE  
Finley Vinson, TEC  
Jeff Pitchford, Congressman Hill's Office  
Jimmy Harris, Senator's Boozman Office  
Manesh Krishman, City of Little Rock Public Works

## **I. Approval of the Minutes of August 2023**

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mayor Kemp, seconded by Mayor Chamberlain, and passed by the Board.

## **II. Financial Statement for September**

Mr. Covington indicated that the balance sheet as of September 30<sup>th</sup> was included in the packet.

Mr. Covington noted that the statement reflects an increase of cash in the bank account of \$600,000 since the last meeting. ARDOT is working with staff to ensure that the payments are received on time. Furthermore, the receivables are down by \$600,000. The PL will be paid in November. The federal grants projects are at \$500,000 with the majority being either paid or claimed. Also, the CARTS Infrastructure account of \$1.8 billion has been dormant for about seven years and will be discussed as part of the Call for Projects later in the meeting.

A motion to approve the financial statement was made by Mayor Gastineau, seconded by Ms. Hill, and passed by the Board.

### **III. Metroplan Report**

Mr. Covington stated to the Board that staff and several members of the Board attended the Lehigh Valley Board trip. The trip was very informative.

Mr. Covington suggested that the Board comprise groups of roundtables to discuss various topics that were generated from the trip and develop strategies for implementing them for use in the region through the end of the year.

Staff also attended the AMPO meeting at the end of September. Mr. Covington noted that it was beneficial to see that other MPOs are met with the same challenges as we encounter such as obligation and moving of projects. There were several workshops on this issue that were very informative. The Policy committee for AMPO is working to suggest some changes of some policies such as match requirements, discretionary formulas, and MPOs as direct recipients.

Mr. Covington noted that under the leadership of Mr. Townsell Metroplan initiated the Best Practices Series that looks at implementation of best practices for Metroplan. The next newsletter discusses intersections and roundabouts would be available soon. More information on this will come in November.

Mr. Covington stated that several Board members attended the Energy and Environment Innovation Plan meeting prior to the Board meeting. This meeting was an effort by staff to work with the State to position Central Arkansas in the best position to go after impementation grant funding in the next year. As part of this effort staff will be on display at the Cornbread Festival in Little Rock and the Pecan Festival in Keo.

Mr. Covington added that priorities for November and December are review of the 2024 budget to be brought before the Board at the November Board meeting. He recognized Ms. Gillis for her efforts to run two areas of the office, continuing the old operations while working to update new management operations for the company.

Mr. Covington noted that staff will be moving to a new payroll system in the next couple of weeks to create staff redundancies in the systems and reduce agency liability. In addition, staff will be working with the auditors on updating the financial system for oversight and to ensure that all requirements are met.

Mr. Covington also noted to the Board that Mr. Holland would be present on the Long-Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan to get it out for public comment by the beginning of next year. Ms. Rhodes is working on the Energy and Environment Innovation Plan and working with the State to provide the criteria by December 1<sup>st</sup> and continuing to work on the Regional Supplemental Plan. Mr. Haustein is working with the consultants on the Safe Streets for All Plan which will be presented at the November Board meeting. The Safe Streets Plan will be run as a workshop on the 15<sup>th</sup> prior to the Board meeting.

## **IV. Agency Reports**

### **A. Arkansas Department of Transportation**

Mr. Farmahan stated that there were contracts awarded at the September 2023 letting in the CARTS area.

Mr. Farmahan noted the following jobs that are advertised for November 2023 letting:

- Job 061508 – Hwy. 5 (I-30 – Alcoa Road) – Widen with bike lanes 1.2 miles, Saline County.
- Job 061642 – Hwy. 67 (Hwy. 5 – Hwy. 89) – Widen and improve 3.72 miles of Hwy. 67, Lonoke County.
- Job 061820 – I-30 & I-630 (South Terminal – I-630(S)) – Mill and Overlay approximately 2.8 miles, Pulaski County.
- Job BR6210 – CR 65 (Hurricane Creek) – Replace 2 Bridge and construct the approaches, Saline County.

Mr. Farmahan also noted that there would be a series of public meetings coming up over the next month.

### **B. Rock Region METRO**

There was no report.

### **C. Little Rock Port Authority**

Ms. Guffey stated to the Board that barge traffic has been slowed due to a decrease in the river at this time.

Ms. Guffey further noted that the Port held a workshop with its Board. In a presentation from LSI it was indicated that there will not be much barge movement coming up next year possibly due to the unevenness of river form transportation. They would be looking into it further.

### **D. Bill & Hillary Clinton National Airport**

Mr. Finnie mentioned that the airport has been making some landside planning efforts with several parking lot closures. Therefore, they have commissioned a planning study to help with development of smaller parking lots for replacement.

#### **E. Federal Highway Administration**

Ms. Heflin stated to the Board that FHWA has begun its grant application process for the RAISE grants. This will begin on November 30<sup>th</sup>, and she urged the Board to apply for grants for any projects that they have ready. Applications will need to be submitted by the end of February.

#### **F. Federal Congressional Offices**

Mr. Jimmy Harris stated that the Government is currently funded through November 17<sup>th</sup>. It is not known at this time what will take place from there. It has been confirmed that grant operations will still be functional if a shutdown does occur.

#### **G. Arkansas Economic Development Commission**

Mr. Twyford stated that Six Hour has added 625 new jobs in Jacksonville with \$126 million in investments, Drive Smart in Newport has added 200 new jobs with \$3.5 million in investments, and the West Rock Coffee expansion in Conway with 600 new jobs with \$300 million, Highbar in Mississippi County with 200 jobs and \$100 million in investments, and Farmecada in Conway with 74 new jobs and \$2.3 million. CAPPD is expanding its focus on small business and entrepreneurship. Some of their divisions have been consolidated. There have also been several public outreach meetings and the next are scheduled for November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> in Wynne.

### **V. Metroplan 2023 Budget Revision**

Judge Hyde stated to the Board that included in the Board packet was a revision of the 2023 Metroplan Budget. A resolution to approve the revision was added.

Mr. Covington noted that the revision came about after the Energy grant from the State, which was not anticipated with the original adoption of the 2023 budgets. These funds were being used to support staff and technical support from the City of Little Rock's Sustainability Office. Additionally, new funding categories are included for the payroll service and update on the financial accounting system. Therefore, the Board is asked to approve the revision of the budget to reflect the receipt and disbursement of those funds.

Mr. Covington added that Metroplan will come in under budget for the year.



A motion to approve Resolution 23-14 was made by Mayor Norris, seconded by Mayor Kincade, and passed by the Board.

## **VI. Metroplan Officer Election**

Judge Hyde noted that the position of Vice President was vacant due to the resignation of the Mayor of Bryant.

Judge Hyde introduced the new mayor for the City of Bryant as Mayor Rhonda Sanders.

With that noted Judge Hyde recommended that the Board move Judge Allen Dodson up from Secretary/Treasurer to Vice President. Mayor Ken Kincade was also recommended for the position of Secretary/Treasurer.

A motion to approve Resolution 23-16 as edited with the inclusion of the new officer in the Board packet was made by Mayor Gastineau, seconded by Ms. Hill, and passed by the Board.

Judge Hyde also asked that the Board approve the change to Resolution 23-15 to include Mayor Kincade as a signatory.

A motion to approve Resolution 23-15 was made by Mayor Heye-Townsell, seconded by Ms. Hill, and passed by the Board.

## **VII. Long-Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan**

Mr. Holland gave a brief review summary of the Long-Range Metropolitan Plan to the Board.

In order to make it more accessible the plan was condensed and comprised of only four chapters with the plan consisting of approximately 75 pages.

Mr. Covington noted that staff is continuing to work on Chapter 4 of the plan. It will be provided to ARDOT in early November for review and brought back before the Board at the November Board meeting as a draft plan that will be ready for public comment and release by December.

## **VIII. Safe Streets and Roads for all Grant Update**

Mr. Finley Vinson stated to the Board that QR code cards have been created to be handed out at the public meetings to allow access to the website designed for the project. The website will provide information as well as a survey, and an interactive map to receive comments from the public. To date public involvement has consisted of attending two public events where there was a booth set up to invite the public to participate. Over the next couple of months staff will attend other events as well.

## **IX. FFY 2024 Call for Projects (TAP > 200K)**

Mr. Covington stated to the Board that in the Call for Projects, applications can be sent to Metroplan and the Highway Department for the TAP grants. The awards for new state TAP grants are anticipated in December. Staff would like to add an application for Metroplan between that award and the next one.

Back in 2010 there was a stimulus that allowed projects to be moved to 100% funding and the Board decided that they wanted to continue to have a 20% match therefore the match portion was paid back to Metroplan. The funds were used for smaller projects and since 2013 the funds have not been utilized.

Mr. Covington stated that it is his and the officers' decision to recommend usage of the funds. Therefore, the funds should be added to this Call for Projects to award some small projects that are not federal projects that will come in November for a formal award by the Board.

Mr. Holland stated to the Board that the Call for Projects will be released in late November to early December. The TAP will consist of five projects that will be awarded. Staff is working on the final criteria for these projects.

## **X. 2023 & 2024 Project Obligation Report**

Mr. Covington noted to the Board that in the packet is a list of projects for obligation for 2023. Staff will be contacting those projects that are listed to ensure they continue to move forward. With the assistance of ARDOT there was some carryover of funds to be utilized for 2024. Metroplan is expecting to obligate \$24 million - \$25 million in funds in 2024.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_

Barry Hyde, President  
Judge, Pulaski County

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Ken Kincade, Secretary/Treasurer  
Mayor, City of Cabot

**ITEM 2. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 2023**

The financial statement for October will be provided prior to the meeting.

**ACTION NEEDED:** Motion to adopt October 2023 financial statements.

### **ITEM 3. METROPLAN REPORT**

#### **SUMMARY**

Casey Covington will provide an update on the following Metroplan activities:

- Public Outreach
- Grants Planning
- Transportation Planning

**ACTION NEEDED:** Information only.

**ITEM 4. AGENCY REPORTS**

Agency reports will be made by representatives from the following:

**A. Arkansas Department of Transportation**

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**B. Rock Region METRO**

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**C. Little Rock Port Authority**

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**D. Bill & Hillary Clinton National Airport**

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**F. Federal Highway Administration**

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**G. Federal Congressional Offices**

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**I. Arkansas Department of Economic Development**

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**H. Central Arkansas Planning and Development District**

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## **ITEM 5. 2024 METROPLAN BUDGET**

### **SUMMARY**

The 2024 Metroplan Budget is presented for review by the Board. The budget is reflective of the new Metroplan operations and staffing levels. Member dues are unchanged in the 2024 budget. The budget reflects a net asset gain of \$177,199; largely the result of interest income and reduced operating expenses.

Staff will present the budget during the board meeting.

**ACTION NEEDED:** Motion to approve the 2024 Metroplan Budget.



## Metroplan 2024 Operating Budget

<b>Metroplan Operations Revenue</b>		2023 Budget Comparison
MPO Planning Funds (FY 2024)	\$1,202,631	\$1,375,554
EEI (Metroplan Staff)	\$125,310	\$0
Metroplan Member Dues	\$655,153	\$654,151
State of Arkansas MPO Designation	\$20,000	\$20,000
MAWA	\$9,705	\$9,626
Interest/Income	\$125,000	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,137,799</b>	<b>\$2,059,331</b>

<b>Metroplan Operations Expenses</b>		2023 Budget Comparison
Operating Expenses	\$1,798,600	\$1,906,331
Transferred to Planning Studies	\$162,000	\$153,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,960,600</b>	<b>\$2,059,331</b>
Unallocated Gain/Net Assets	\$177,199	\$0

2024 available PL Funds are \$1,267,901. Max eligible for reimbursement per budget is \$1,202,631. Remaining funds are available to support Planning Studies and TIP Software.

2023 PL Consists of \$1,265,000 of FY 2023 Funds & \$110,554 of Carryover

**Metroplan 2024 Operating Expenses**

2023 Budget Comparison

		Total	Adopted 12/2022
Salaries and Fringe	Planning	\$934,300.40	\$945,281.00
	EI	\$77,880.60	\$0.00
	Indirect	\$219,067.38	\$399,561.00
	MAWA	\$6,031.62	\$5,040.00
	General Fund/Grants (local)	\$71,820.00	\$94,742.00
		<b>\$1,309,100.00</b>	<b>\$1,444,624.00</b>
Indirect Expenses	Employee Professional Membership	4,000	4,000
	Subscriptions & Publications	1,000	900
	Professional Membership	13,000	13,000
	Automobile /Parking Expense	15,000	15,000
	Office Depreciation Expense (Computers/Furniture)	25,000	12,000
	Lease Improvements Expenses (Depreciation)	10,000	-
	Insurance - General	15,000	20,000
	Legal / Accounting / Audit	35,000	35,000
	General Operating	3,000	3,000
	Maintenance / Repair	10,000	20,000
	Technology	80,000	85,107
	Materials and Supplies	20,000	20,000
	Lease Agreements / Office Equipment	25,000	25,000
	Outside Printing	12,000	12,000
	Postage	1,000	1,000
	Public Relations	5,000	1,200
	Rent	68,000	68,000
	Telephone/Internet	19,000	19,000
Staff Travel/Training	40,000	35,000	
Payroll	3,500	-	
Financial System Support/Oversight	40,000	-	
Local Funds Only	Guest Speaker Series	10,000	10,000
	Miscellaneous	5,000	2,500
	Board of Director Travel/Training	30,000	60,000
		<b>489,500</b>	<b>461,707</b>
		<b>\$1,798,600.00</b>	<b>\$1,906,331.00</b>
		60.9%	75.5%

## Metroplan 2024 Planning Studies

Revenue

	OAD	\$48,000
	Safe Street and Roads for All	\$400,000
	Smart Streets Plan	\$200,000
	Southloop Study	\$40,000
	Port of Little Rock Match	\$10,000
	EEI Technical Assistance	\$50,000
	Transfer of Local Dues to Planning Studies (Match)	\$162,000
Total		\$910,000

Expenses

	OAD	\$60,000
	Safe Street and Roads for All	\$500,000
	Smart Streets Plan	\$250,000
	Southloop Study	\$50,000
	EEI Technical Assistance	\$50,000
Total		\$910,000

\*2023 Budget for Planning Studies was \$1,165,000. The transfer of Local dues totaled \$153,000.

### Metroplan 2024 Engineering Budget

Metroplan On-Call Contracts

				Estimate of Revenue and Expenses in 2024		
Job #	Description	Sponsor	Phase	Total Contract	Federal (80%)	Local Match (20%)
061713	Powerline Trail	Sherwood	Engineering	\$195,989	\$28,000	\$7,000
061806	Hwy 38 Traffic signal	Austin	Engineering	\$84,677	\$48,000	\$12,000
061809	Safe Routes to School	Ward	Engineering	\$33,890	\$20,000	\$5,000
061818	Hwy 165 sidewalks/crosswalk	England	Engineering	\$25,033	\$16,000	\$4,000
080667	Hwy 25 Roundabout	Wooster	Engineering	\$51,000	\$160,000	\$40,000
080647	Salem Rd Reconstruction	Conway	Engineering	\$485,445	\$160,000	\$40,000
080576	Hwy 64 Operations Title 2	Conway	Construction	\$100,000	\$20,000	\$5,000
061811	Trail over I-40	Bryant	Engineering	\$358,415	\$240,000	\$60,000
061815	Crystal Hill Road	NLR	Engineering	\$565,279	\$24,000	\$6,000
061814	Dillards River Trail Section	Little Rock	Engineering	\$500,000	\$320,000	\$80,000
061812	Hilldale/Midland Rd Connector	Bryant	Engineering	\$289,000	\$200,000	\$50,000
061553	Park Hill Title 2	NLR	Construction	\$419,112	\$40,000	\$10,000
061720	Lonoke County Trail	Cabot	Engineering	\$624,470	\$160,000	\$40,000
061756	Shannon Hills Bridge Replacement	Shannon Hills	Engineering	\$249,958	\$16,000	\$4,000
080561	Hwy 89 sidewalks	Mayflower	Engineering	\$143,734	\$96,000	\$24,000
061813	Elm St Ped/Bike impvts	Cabot	Engineering	\$349,599	\$260,000	\$65,000
061717	Congo Roundabout	Benton	Engineering	\$261,043	\$40,000	\$10,000
061715	W Main St	Jacksonville	Engineering	\$247,320	\$40,000	\$10,000
061757	Jonesboro Children's Trail	Little Rock	Engineering	\$318,418	\$120,000	\$30,000
080709	College Bridge replacement	Conway	Engineering	\$425,049	\$100,000	\$25,000
061816	Desoto/Hwy 5 roundabout	Saline	Engineering	\$71,585	\$320,000	\$80,000
061782	Saline River Greenway	Benton	Engineering	\$500,000	\$240,000	\$60,000
061810	Sardis Road Trail	Shannon Hills	Engineering	\$30,000	\$320,000	\$80,000
061527	JP Wright Loop	Jacksonville	Eng & Const	\$1,851,415	\$400,000	\$100,000
080566/080636	Markham Street Jump Start	Conway	Eng & Const	\$1,100,403	\$80,000	\$20,000
	Various Projects			\$500,000	\$400,000	\$100,000
				<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,868,000</b>	<b>\$967,000</b>

## METROPLAN 2024 Local Contributions

Metroplan Members	2024 Dues
Saline County	\$50,604
Pulaski County	\$44,108
Lonoke County	\$20,979
Dues - Faulkner County	\$40,531
Dues - City of Alexander	\$3,114
Dues - City of Austin	\$3,183
Dues - City of Bauxite	\$579
Dues - City of Benton	\$32,213
Dues - City of Bryant	\$19,010
Dues - City of Cabot	\$24,443
Dues - Cammack Village	\$716
Dues - City of Conway	\$59,003
Dues - City of England	\$2,279
Dues - City of Greenbrier	\$5,250
Dues - City of Guy	\$692
Dues - City of Haskell	\$3,640
Dues - City of Jacksonville	\$27,119
Dues - City of Little Rock	\$186,384
Dues - City of Lonoke	\$3,934
Dues - City of Keo	\$190
Dues - City of Maumelle	\$17,711
Dues - City of Mayflower	\$1,825
Dues - City of Mount Vernon	\$132
Dues - City of North Little Rock	\$59,424
Dues - City of Shannon Hills	\$4,131
Dues - City of Sherwood	\$30,113
Dues - City of Traskwood	\$455
Dues - City of Vilonia	\$3,945
Dues - City of Ward	\$5,568
Dues - City of Wooster	\$959
Dues - City of Wrightsville	\$1,419
Associate Members	
Dues - Grant County	\$500
Dues - Hot Springs Village	\$500
Dues - City of Sheridan	\$500
	\$655,153

Dues are calculated as \$.92 per population of the 2020 Census.  
County's dues are for unincorporated population.

## ITEM 6. ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT INNOVATION PLAN

### SUMMARY

Central Arkansas' regional EEI Priority Action Plan Supplement is under development by Metroplan staff and the Little Rock Sustainability Office (LRSO). The supplement is due to the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment on December 1, 2023 for inclusion in the statewide plan to be submitted to EPA by March 1, 2024.

#### Recent and upcoming activities include:

- Community Input Survey – launched 9/5
- Transportation Sector Workshop in NLR 9/21
- Metroplan Board & Stakeholder Workshop 10/25
- Energy Sector EEI Workshop in Pine Bluff 11/14  
(registration details: [www.tinyurl.com/EEI-Plan-Elect](http://www.tinyurl.com/EEI-Plan-Elect))
- Regional Priority Action Plan Supplement Submittal to Dept. of E&E 12/1
- EPA Implementation Grant Application Deadline: 4/1/2024

#### Public outreach:

- Presentations to LR Sustainability Commission, Sierra Club, CAPDD, WTS Arkansas
- Television interviews on THV11 The Vine and PBS Arkansas Week
- Tabling at North Pulaski County Community Festival, UALR Sustainability Day, Cornbread Festival

#### Draft Priority Action Measures

Based on a combination of public/stakeholder input, data analysis, and competitiveness for implementation funding, Metroplan and LRSO staff have identified four draft priority action areas with sample projects under each:

1. Clean Transportation Choices & Green Corridors
  - a. Regional Greenways
  - b. Transit Electrification & Optimization
  - c. Complete Streets
  - d. Green Infrastructure (street trees, rain gardens)
  - e. Energy Efficient Street Lighting
2. Electric & Efficient Vehicles
  - a. Short-Term Emission Reduction Technology
  - b. Long-Term Electrification Strategy
  - c. Regional EV Charger Placement Strategy
3. Net-Zero Buildings
  - a. Rooftop Solar with Focus on Public & Commercial
  - b. Energy Conservation Measures (insulation, LEDs)
  - c. Building Controls (lighting schedules, HVAC set points)
  - d. Building Code Upgrades
4. Waste Management & Recycling
  - a. Biomass Gasification
  - b. Composting

**ACTION NEEDED:** Motion to support draft priority action measures.

## TRANSPORTATION AGENDA

### ITEM 7. TIP AMENDMENT (Rock Region METRO Supershelters)

#### SUMMARY

Rock Region Metro has applied for and received four (4) grants for the construction of super shelters at high volume bus stop locations.

<u>Grant Application</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>Total</u>
Metroplan CARTS STBG FFY 2022	256,000	64,000	320,000
ARDOT TAP FFY 2021	250,000	62,500	312,500
Metroplan CARTS TAP FFY 2022-23	200,000	50,000	250,000
Metroplan CARTS STBG FFY 2023	500,000	125,000	625,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>1,206,000</u></b>	<b><u>301,500</u></b>	<b><u>1,507,500</u></b>

To facilitate construction of these projects, these funds have been transferred to FTA, allowing Rock Region METRO to follow its normal procurement procedures. A TIP amendment is required to show these funds as FTA.

**ACTION NEEDED:** Motion to approve Resolution 23-17.



**RESOLUTION 23-17**  
**AMENDING THE CENTRAL ARKANSAS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (CARTS)**  
**FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, Metroplan is the officially designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway metropolitan area;

**WHEREAS**, the MPO is charged with the responsibility of developing and administering the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Central Arkansas Regional Transportation Study;

**WHEREAS**, Rock Region METRO applied for and received grants from Metroplan and ARDOT totaling \$1,206,000 for the construction of Supershelters;

**WHEREAS**, these funds are transferred to FTA for project implementation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that as the metropolitan planning organization for Central Arkansas, the Metroplan Board of Directors, hereby approves the TIP amendment to reflect:

<i>Project Number</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Type/Phase of Work</i>	<i>Estimated Cost</i>	<i>FFY</i>
<i>RRMTA-02b</i>	<i>Capitol – Bus Support Equipment and Facilities (Construction of Supershelters)</i>	<i>Transit</i>	<i>Total - \$1,507,500</i> <i>FTA 5307 - \$1,206,000</i> <i>Local - \$301,500</i>	<i>2024</i>

Duly recorded this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_

Barry Hyde, President  
 Judge, Pulaski County

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Ken Kincade, Secretary-Treasurer  
 Mayor, City of Cabot



## **ITEM 8. LONG-RANGE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

### **SUMMARY**

Metroplan staff are finalizing the draft of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. A draft will be presented at the Metroplan Board meeting and provided to ARDOT and Rock Region METRO. The Board will be asked to release the MTP for public comment at the December Metroplan meeting.

**ACTION NEEDED:** Information Only.

## **ITEM 9. SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL GRANT UPDATE**

### **SUMMARY**

The safety action plan is under development by the consultant Kimley-Horn.

Recent and upcoming activities include:

- Review of the High Injury Network (HIN)
- Review of the Joe T Robinson Roadway Safety Study
- Safety Action Plan Advisory (SAPAC) – Meeting on 11/14 to review status of the Safety Action plan and provide input.
- Bi- Weekly calls with Kimley-Horn to provide input and review of Safety Action Plan components.

Public outreach:

- Cornbread Festival (Little Rock) 11/4
- Wrightsville 11/14
- Conway Expo (Conway) 11/21
- Pettaway Workshop (Little Rock) 12/8
- Cabot 12/12

Walk audits:

- Baseline and Geyer Springs (Little Rock) 11/2

*Metroplan Board members are encouraged to attend the 9:00 am workshop on Safe Street and Roads for All Action Plan. The agenda for the workshop follows.*

**ACTION NEEDED:** Information Only.

**ITEM 10. FFY 2024 CALL FOR PROJECTS (TAP > 200K)**

**SUMMARY**

Metroplan staff continues to prepare for the FY 2024 call for TAP projects and will provide an update at the board meeting.

**ACTION NEEDED:** Motion to authorize staff to release the call for projects following review of officers.