

Metroplan Board of Directors Meeting

April 24, 2024

10:00 am

AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes of March 13, 2024
2. Financial Report
3. Metroplan Report & Metroplan Schedule
4. Agency Reports
5. Energy and Environment Innovation Plan

TRANSPORTATION AGENDA

6. Safe Streets and Roads for All
7. Smart Streets Plan (Partnership with ARDOT)
8. Unified Planning Work Program
9. 2024 Project Obligations
10. Metroplan Board Announcements
11. Citizen Communications
12. Adjourn



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SMART PLANNING MAKES SMART PLACES.

ITEM 1. MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2024

The minutes of the March 13, 2024 Metroplan Board meeting are attached for review and adoption.

ACTION NEEDED: Motion to adopt minutes from March 13, 2024.

Metroplan Board of Directors Meeting

March 13, 2024

Attending:

Mayor Bernadette Chamberlain, City of Austin
Mayor Tom Farmer, City of Benton
Mayor Chris Treat, City of Bryant
Mayor Ken Kincade, City of Cabot
Mayor Sammy Hartwick, City of Greenbrier
Mayor Clyde Crookham, City of Haskell
Mayor Mary Jo Heye-Townsell, City of Sherwood
Mayor Charles Gastineau, City of Ward
Mayor Derrick Rainey, City of Wrightsville
Judge Allan Dodson, Faulkner County
Judge Matt Brumley, Saline County
Mr. Keith Keck, Hot Springs Village
*Mr. Sunny Farmahan, Arkansas Department of Transportation
*Mr. Robbie Alberson, City of Conway
*Mr. Jon Honeywell, City of Little Rock
*Ms. Marsha Guffey, Little Rock Port Authority
*David Cook, City of North Little Rock
*Ms. Becca Green, Rock Region METRO
*Mr. Brady Zweifer, City of Vilonia

*Indicates Proxy

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Casey Covington
Tammy Gillis
Sydney Dozier
Lynn Bell

Bernadette Rhodes
Daniel Holland
Hans Haustein
Jonathan Lupton
Jeff Runder

Guest

Finley Vinson, TEC
Dave Roberts, Crafton Tull
Amy Heflin, FHWA
Truett Smith, FHWA
Mike Watson, Halff
Mark Asher, Jacobs
Austin Petty, MCE
Matthew Breckenridge, Pulaski County
Tab Townsell, Pulaski County
Gene Higginbotham, Congressman Crawford's Office
McKenna Nicholson, Senator Cotton's Office
Hunter Sadler, Representative French Hill

I. Approval of the Minutes of January 2024

A motion to approve the December minutes was made by Mayor Heye-Townsell, seconded by Mayor Farmer, and passed by the Board.

II. Financial Statement for January 2024

A motion to approve the financial statement was made by Mayor Heye-Townsell, seconded by Mayor Gastineau, and passed by the Board.

III. Metroplan Report

Mr. Covington stated that since the last meeting, staff has focused on planning projects tracking and reimbursements. Projects that are still open on the books are being worked on by staff to get them closed out for 2023. Staff continues to work on the EEI grant. Staff is also working on the Safe Streets for All grant as well as working on office organization.

Mr. Covington also stated that recertification will be coming up in early summer. This will include a couple of activities that will involve participation by Board members.

Mr. Covington noted that over the last couple of weeks staff attended groundbreaking ceremonies for the Old River Bridge in Saline County, a key piece of the Southwest Trail. Metroplan also attended the groundbreaking for the Southeast Trail, which will go from the Clinton Library to the Airport.

Mr. Covington also noted that Ms. Dozier is working on the creation of a Heels & Wheels Podcast on transportation. An introductory podcast has been filmed and the next episode will feature the Regional Greenways.

Ms. Dozier stated that the podcast will examine transportation topics in Central Arkansas. In the podcast there will be discussions about different types of partnerships, projects and things that are going on that are crucial to the region.

Ms. Dozier noted that staff would be reaching out to our members to participate and talk about the region. The podcast will be available on all listening media including Spotify. Any comments or questions will be open for submission.

The first episode is scheduled to be aired on the first Friday in April.

Mr. Covington added that there are several key dates for grants that were noted during the meeting. Key dates for SS4A are March 15th and August 28th. Submission for bridges is on September 8th, Low Emission Vehicles comes in April, as well as several other grants that were mentioned in the meeting.

Mr. Covington noted that he recently attended a meeting with various MPOs on the Federal Reauthorization Process. A couple of things that were of priority for reauthorization were the increase in planning funds, modifications to discretionary funding programs, and match required. Mr. Covington added that a major priority is keeping advance appropriations which would be critical to the receipt of funding on a yearly basis.

Mr. Covington also noted that the Downtown Partnership will be having the Annual meeting on March 28th. Metroplan will have a table of eight available for anyone wanting to attend on a first-come-first-served basis. If anyone is interested, they should contact Metroplan to reserve a spot.

IV. Agency Reports

A. Arkansas Department of Transportation

Mr. Farmahan gave a report on the following projects as awarded:

Contracts awarded at the February 28, 2024, bid letting in the CARTS area.

- **Highway 381 in Lonoke County, from Hwy. 70 to Hwy. 232(S)** (Job A60037)

Mill and Overlay approximately **12.2 miles**
\$3.7M, CK Asphalt, LLC.

- **Highway 89 in Lonoke and Pulaski County, from Cabot to Hwy 107(S)** (Job A60038)

Mill and Overlay approximately **6.1 miles**
\$2.0M, CK Asphalt, LLC.

- **Highways 60, 64 & 65B in Faulkner County, selected sections in Conway** (Job A80028)

Mill and Overlay approximately **5.9 miles**
\$6.3M, Rogers Group, Inc.

- **Various City Streets in Pulaski County, in Jacksonville** (Job C60014)

Overlay and surfacing approx. **1.8 miles** through the State Aid Street Program

\$498K, CK Asphalt, LLC.

- **Trammel Rd. in Pulaski County, in Sherwood** (Job C60013)

Overlay and surfacing through the State Aid City Street Program
\$319K, CK Asphalt, LLC.

B. Rock Region METRO

Ms. Becca Green gave the report for Rock Region METRO.

Ms. Green stated to the Board that Rock Region METRO continues to work on their super shelters. Work has begun on the first of three that will be installed in areas that have the highest ridership. The first will be at Willow St. and Pershing Blvd. in North Little Rock that serves the routes for Levy/Amboy and McCain routes and the Levy/Amboy – McCain micro-transit routes. The new shelters will be bigger and include charging stations along with digital real-route information.

Ms. Green further noted that at the end of the month Rock Region will begin its Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) process. This will be the second system that

the company has ever had. The process will take about 12 -18 months to implement but will be very beneficial to freeing up time.

Ms. Green added that Rock Region just recently filed for a RAISE grant for transit redevelopment for the River Cities Travel Center. This is something that the Rock Region METRO has been working toward for a few years and the feasibility portion has been completed.

Lastly, Ms. Green indicated that Monday would be National Transit Employee Appreciation Day. This is the first time that it is being noted on a national basis.

C. Little Rock Port Authority

Ms. Guffey gave a report for the Little Rock Port Authority.

Ms. Guffey stated to the Board that Mr. Day was in Washington advocating for the region.

Ms. Guffey announced to the Board that the Port had received a Congressional grant for a transit facility at the port. This will be used for road improvements. Rail traffic continues to expand because of all the new locations along the port. It is expected that there will be some press about the new groundbreaking in the upcoming week.

D. Bill & Hillary Clinton National Airport

There was no one in attendance from the National Airport.

E. Federal Highway Administration

Ms. Amy Heflin stated to the Board that the Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program, which is geared toward bicycle and pedestrian grants, will come later in March. Also, there is a pilot program that will be focused on transit-oriented development plans coming in April. She encouraged the Board to look into it.

Ms. Heflin added that the discretionary grants provide an opportunity for a de-briefing service of any applications submitted, whether the project is an issue, or the application is an issue. This will also offer ways to make the project more competitive.

Ms. Heflin also indicated that there is a tool on the DOT website that can allow you to briefly describe your project. This tool will figure out what funding opportunities might be available to fit the project. Ms. Heflin stated that she would send a link to the tool to Mr. Covington for distribution.

Lastly, Ms. Heflin introduced a new planner on staff at FHWA, Mr. Truett Smith.

F. Federal Congressional Offices

A brief report was provided by representatives from congressional offices.

G. Central Arkansas Planning and Development District

Ms. Spencer stated to the Board that in developing a grant, staff from the Central Arkansas Planning and Development District would be visiting with the jurisdictions in the region to become more knowledgeable about the area and better able to help them in finding appropriate grant opportunities.

Ms. Spencer added that there will be a subcommittee meeting held on March 28th with UALR to review the survey results for the SEDs plan. During the meeting they will develop goals and objectives that will later be presented to the full committee. The committee will develop a SEDS document for submission to CAPDD and then to EPA.

Ms. Spencer noted that a Regional Stakeholders Committee has been established that consists of the economic environment and development persons in the area. The committee meets every second Tuesday of the month in various locations.

Ms. Spencer indicated that the Board is welcome to provide anyone from their jurisdiction in this arena to participate in the committee. Submissions should be sent to Ms. Spencer at conya.spencer@capdd.org.

V. Energy and Environment Innovation Plan

Ms. Rhodes stated to the Board that Metroplan was taking on a lead role for the submittal of an application to EPA for the carbon reduction grant. Metroplan is also partnering with other regions in the state to develop regional plans to submit a joint coalition implementation application. Metroplan is working with the Northwest Arkansas Region and the City of Fort Smith to develop the plan. The purpose of the plan is to develop ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The allocation process was included in the Board packet for review.

Ms. Rhodes gave the Board a brief overview of the process.

A motion to adopt Resolution 24-01 was made by Mayor Farmer, seconded by Mayor Chamberlain, and approved by the Board.

VI. Safe Streets and Roads for All

Mr. Roberts gave a briefing on deadline dates to apply for grants funding under the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant.

Mr. Roberts stated to the Board that adoption of the regional plan by the Board is expected on April 24th, with the construction grant due May 15th and the planning grant in August.

Mr. Vinson added that one of the requirements for the grant is for the Metroplan Board to approve an aggressive reduction in fatalities and serious injuries. As a result of the previous workshop, there was a schedule created with several options that are part of the plan; a 10% reduction by 2030, a 25% reduction by 2035, 40% reduction by 2040, 60% reduction by 2045, and an 80% reduction by 2050.

Mr. Vinson noted that the Board had chosen to go with the 40% reduction amount as shown in the resolution.

A motion to adopt Resolution 24-02 was made by Mayor Farmer, seconded by Mayor Gastineau, and approved by the Board.

Mr. Covington stated that he would like to have the Board meet again in a couple of weeks with those especially interested in applying for the grants available to help them determine which grants are applicable for their area.

Mr. Covington anticipated this meeting within the first week of April.

VII. Long-Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Mr. Holland gave the Board a brief overview of the Long-Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Mr. Holland stated to the Board that the public comment period ended in February. There were minimal comments with some minor edits to the plan with no substantial modifications.

In December the goals and policies were discussed, in January the financials, and in this meeting the graphics of Chapter 2 were discussed.

Mr. Holland stated that Chapter 2 examines population characteristics and overall land use.

A motion to adopt Resolution 24-03 was made by Mayor Gastineau, seconded by Mayor Riley, and approved by the Board.

VIII. 2024 TAP and CIE Projects

Mr. Covington stated to the Board that a total of ten applications were received for TAP and CIE projects for the 2024 funding cycle. The applications were reviewed and scored by a six-person scoring committee. A recommendation was made to fund five applications for TAP funding - \$320,000 each. Four additional CIE awards were recommended for \$120,000 each. The list of the projects that were selected was included in the Board packet.

Mr. Covington stated to the Board that the remaining CIE would be include in the next round of TAP Call for Projects.

A motion to adopt Resolution 24-04 was made by Mayor Farmer, seconded by Mayor Hartwick, and approved by the Board.

A motion to adopt Resolution 24-05 was made by Mayor Chamberlain, seconded by Mayor Hartwick, and approved by the Board.

IX. 2024 Project Obligations

Mr. Covington stated that ARDOT expressed to Central and Northwest Arkansas that all funds must be obligated this year. Therefore, it is critical that all projects on the list must be obligated. It is the intent of staff to reach out to the city engineers to review each project to ensure that the projects will be ready to obligate by September. At that time the list will be submitted to ARDOT.

Mr. Covington encouraged the Board to reach out to staff for help with moving the projects forward.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ITEM 2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Attached is the March Metroplan Financial Report, reflecting Metroplan's costs for the first quarter of 2024. This report is from QuickBooks Financial Software, the newly implemented by Metroplan.

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Little Rock, Arkansas

31-Mar-24

*Unaudited Financials – Preliminary & Subject to Revisions

Unrestricted Cash Assets		31-Mar-24
Cash in Bank (Metroplan)		\$2,091,496
Certificate of Deposit		\$1,458,026
Receivables		
Staff Planning Claimed		\$158,527
Staff Planning Unclaimed (Est)		\$240,000
Planning Projects Claimed		\$156,182
Planning projects Unclaimed		\$0
PE Projects Claimed		\$79,610
PE Projects Unclaimed		\$0
Total		\$4,183,840

Restricted Cash Assets		
Cash Held for Others		\$628,080
CARTS Infrastructure Bank		\$1,195,072
Total		\$1,823,151

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Budget vs. Actuals: Budget_FY24_P&L - FY24 P&L
 January - March, 2024 (Unaudited)

	Total			
	Actual	Budget	over Budget	% of Budget
Revenue				
Total Revenue	\$ 730,565.22	\$ 2,885,799.00	-\$ 2,155,233.78	25.32%
Cost of Goods Sold				
6000 Consultant Expense	63,126.12	910,000.00	-846,873.88	6.94%
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$ 63,126.12	\$ 910,000.00	-\$ 846,873.88	6.94%
Gross Profit	\$ 667,439.10	\$ 1,975,799.00	-\$ 1,308,359.90	33.78%
Expenditures				
50000 SALARIES AND WAGES			0.00	
Total 50000 SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 224,037.54	\$ 1,309,100.00	-\$ 1,085,062.46	17.11%
Total 50500 FRINGE BENEFITS	\$ 32,829.36	\$ 0.00	\$ 32,829.36	
Total 51000 INDIRECT EXPENSES	\$ 81,918.46	\$ 444,500.00	-\$ 362,581.54	18.43%
Total 55000 LOCAL FUNDS	\$ 3,313.54	\$ 45,000.00	-\$ 41,686.46	7.35%
Total Expenditures	\$ 342,098.90	\$ 1,798,600.00	-\$ 1,456,501.10	19.02%

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ITEM 3. METROPLAN REPORT

SUMMARY

Casey Covington will provide a report on Metroplan activities for March and April and those planned for May.

ACTION NEEDED: Information only.

2024 METROPLAN BOARD MEETINGS/EVENTS

January 24 Metroplan Board meeting 10:00 am (Small Cities at 9:00 am)

March 13 Metroplan Board meeting 10:00 am (Small Cities at 9:00 am)

- Metropolitan Transportation Plan adoption
- CRPG application
- TAP and CIE project awards

April 13 to April 16— National American Planning Association Conference – Minneapolis

April 24 Metroplan Board meeting 10:00 am (Small Cities at 9:00 am)

- SS4A Regional Safety Action Plan Adoption

May **Metroplan Audit**

May 21 to May 23— Arkansas Transportation Research Conference – Hot Springs

May 22 Metroplan Board meeting 10:00 am (Small Cities at 9:00 am)

- Call for projects – 2025 STBG

July 10 Metroplan Board meeting 10:00 am (Small Cities at 9:00 am)

- FHWA Certification

August 28 Metroplan Board meeting 10:00 am (Small Cities at 9:00 am)

- SS4A County Safety Action Plan Adoption
- STBG projects selected

**No
September
Meetings**

September 23 to September 27— Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations – Salt Lake City

October 9 Metroplan Board meeting 10:00 am (Small Cities at 9:00 am)

November 20 Metroplan Board meeting 10:00 am (Small Cities at 9:00 am)

December 18 Metroplan Board Meeting 10:00 am (Small Cities at 9:00 am)

ITEM 4. AGENCY REPORTS

A. Metroplan Executive Director's Report

B. Arkansas Department of Transportation

C. Rock Region METRO

D. Little Rock Port Authority

E. Bill & Hillary Clinton National Airport

F. Federal Highway Administration

I. Arkansas Department of Economic Development

H. Central Arkansas Planning and Development District

ITEM 5. ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT INNOVATION PLAN

SUMMARY

Metroplan submitted the grant proposal *Energy and Environment Innovation for the Natural State* to the EPA on March 29th. This groundbreaking proposal combined the efforts of Metroplan (Central Arkansas), Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission, and Fort Smith to achieve attainable goals for improving the economic opportunities and quality of life within the state's three largest MSAs while producing long-term benefits for air quality. Over 55 support and commitment letters were obtained for the submittal. Metroplan staff would like to recognize the following for their assistance in preparing this highly competitive grant.

- **Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission Staff**
- **City of Fort. Smith Sustainability Staff**
- **City of Fayetteville**
- **Arkansas Federal Delegation**
- **Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport**
- **Port of Little Rock**
- **Pulaski County PACE**
- **Great Plains Institute**
- **Watershed Conservation Resource Center**

ACTION NEEDED: No Action Required.

TRANSPORTATION AGENDA

ITEM 6. SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL GRANT UPDATE

SUMMARY

The draft of the Regional Safety Action Plan was provided to the Metroplan Board and members of the Safety Action Plan Advisory Committee on March 29th. A revised version of the document reflecting edits from committee members and Metroplan staff is attached to the Board notification. Adoption of the plan will facilitate jurisdictions applying for implementation funding in the FY 2024 cycle (May 16 deadline). Kimley Horn is formatting the plan for publication.

Representatives of the consulting team and Metroplan will schedule a meeting with Board Members to review high injury network corridors within their jurisdictions. This information and input from

board members will be used to inform county plans that will accompany the regional plan, scheduled for completion this summer. Additionally, Metroplan staff is reviewing a supplemental planning/demonstration grant application for August that would facilitate projects to evaluate concepts included in the plan. Staff will be engaging with members on the application.

ACTION NEEDED: Adoption of Resolution 24-06



RESOLUTION 24-06

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE
REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN
SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL**

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

WHEREAS, the MPO is charged with the responsibility of providing for the continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Central Arkansas Regional Transportation Study;

WHEREAS, Metroplan received a Safe Streets and Roads for All planning grant to develop a regional Safety Action Plan (Resolution 22-15);

WHEREAS, the Metroplan Board of Directors, Policy Board of the MPO, recognizes that fatalities and serious injuries are not inevitable and chooses to aspire to Vision Zero to eliminate all fatal and serious injuries and sets a goal of reducing fatal and serious injury crashes by 40% by 2040 (Resolution 24-02);

WHEREAS, Metroplan has completed the consultant-led Regional Safety Action Plan, which was developed through consultation with expert stakeholders, Board members, the Safety Action Plan Advisory Committee, and public outreach across Central Arkansas;

WHEREAS, the Regional Safety Action Plan meets the requirements of the Safe Streets and Roads for All;

WHEREAS, county-specific plans are being developed and will be incorporated into the regional plan as completed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metroplan Board of Directors, the Policy Committee of the MPO:

Section 1: That the Central Arkansas Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan is hereby approved and identifies a wide variety of strategies, goals, and potential projects.

Section 2: Will develop yearly progress reports through staff identifying changes in the number of fatal and serious Injuries and high injury locations.

Duly recorded this 24th day of April 2024.

Signed: _____

Barry Hyde, President
Judge, Pulaski County

Attested: _____

Ken Kincade, Secretary-Treasurer
Mayor, City of Cabot

ITEM 7. SMART Streets Plan (Partnership with ARDOT)

SUMMARY

Consistent with the direction of the Board (June 2023), Metroplan staff engaged ARDOT staff in a scope for Central Arkansas SMART Streets Plan. The recently adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan, *Central Arkansas Transforming Mobility*, and ARDOT's Strategic Plan, *Full Steam Ahead*, both acknowledge the growing role of technology in the transportation network and need for its integration into projects. Metroplan and ARDOT staff are proposing an initial phase that will:

Define a Central Arkansas Smart Street

- Researching Smart Technologies and Federal Initiatives to identify potential Smart Street strategies and project types for Central Arkansas
 - V2I & V2X initiatives (vehicle to infrastructure and vehicle to everything)
 - ITS America
 - US DOT SMART Street Grant Program
 - Federal Highway Complete Streets
 - Managed Lane Applications
 - Infrastructure Accommodations (striping and lighting)
- Engagement of Transportation Professionals for defining a Central Arkansas Smart Street
 - State DOT and Local Agency Staff
 - Professional Organizations (WTS, APA, ITS)
 - Industry Personnel and Business (Transit Agencies, Arkansas Trucking, Delivery & Logistics Services, Chambers of Commerce)
 - Education (Universities and STEAM programs)
 - Transportation Advocates and General Public
- Development of Central Arkansas Smart Streets Examples
- Reviewing and Updating CARTS ITS Architecture minor update

Metroplan is proposing funding for this initial phase would come from a combination of Carryover Planning Funds from Metroplan and match from ARDOT.

A goal of the project is to apply in 2025 for the SMART Grant Program through the US Department of Transportation for phase II of the study focusing on implementation and demonstration projects.

ACTION NEEDED: Motion to authorize staff to distribute the following letter to ARDOT



April 24, 2024

Lorie Tudor
Director
Arkansas Department of Transportation
PO Box 2261
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-2261

Dear Director Tudor

On behalf of the Metroplan Board of Directors, I am requesting a partnership with the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) for the Development of a Central Arkansas SMART Streets Plan and CARTS ITS Architecture update.

As technology is transforming transportation modes, it is imperative that cities, counties and ARDOT work cooperatively to ensure that transportation decisions today facilitate opportunities for the future. ARDOT's participation in this study is representative of the relationship between ARDOT and local public agencies for managing traffic operations on state highways while leveraging its existing staff expertise. A critical piece of this forthcoming technology is connected vehicles and vehicle-to-infrastructure technology defined in the National ITS Architecture.

It is apparent that ARDOT recognizes technologies' increasing role in Transportation, as demonstrated in ARDOT's Strategic Plan, *Full STEAM Ahead*, and its core value of Modern – Innovation for the Future. Recent implementation of technology and innovation include ARDOT's Traffic Management Center and Managed Lanes on the I-430 Arkansas River Bridge.

The Metroplan Board of Directors also recognizes this importance, with its new Metropolitan Transportation Plan, *Central Arkansas Transforming Mobility*, including a core policy to embrace new technologies and best practices to optimize mobility and protect the environment. As the primary operator of traffic signals, Metroplan jurisdictions are actively pursuing the latest technology for coordinated signal systems.

Following input from ARDOT Staff, the initial phase of the project would focus on defining a Central Arkansas Smart Street and inform transportation officials and the public of forthcoming opportunities. It should be forward looking, ensure consistent technology across the region (and hopefully state), and focus on applications relevant to Arkansas.



Partnering with Metroplan on this study is a proactive opportunity to look beyond today and define the future of streets and highways in Arkansas Metropolitan areas. It will also position ARDOT and Metroplan to successfully compete in the new discretionary Grant Program from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, *Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART)*.

The Metroplan Board and Staff are committed to:

- Providing up to \$300,000 in carryover Federal-aid Planning Funds for Phase I of the study, to be matched by ARDOT.
- Coordinating with ARDOT to develop a project scope for an on-call planning consultant.
- Assisting with oversight of the consultant.
- Coordinating with city and county staff overseeing operations on streets and state highways.
- Assisting with public outreach and education.

This proposed partnering arrangement would only be for Phase 1 of the study. If the results from Phase 1 prove mutually beneficial, then arrangements could be pursued for additional phases. I look forward to hearing from you regarding this important opportunity.

Casey R. Covington, PE, AICP
Executive Director
Metroplan

ITEM 8. Unified Planning Work Program

SUMMARY

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes all transportation planning activities conducted within the Metroplan study area. In May 2023, Metroplan adopted a two-year UPWP covering the period from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2025.

For a two-year UPWP, the second year is reviewed and may be revised for tasks or budget. Metroplan staff expects to complete all tasks/deliverables within the two-year period. No adjustment to work tasks are proposed. Budget adjustments are proposed for the following.

1. Funding Sources and Amounts for SMART Streets Plan
2. Updated Funding for Safe Street and Roads for All

ACTION NEEDED: Motion to authorize staff to release for public comment amendment #2 for the 2022-2023 UPWP. *Adoption scheduled for May.*

Central Arkansas Regional Transportation Study - Unified Planning Work Program - FFY 2025			Metroplan Work Program Total			Rock Region METRO Work Program			ARDOT Work Program			CLR Work Program			CARTS Work Program Total		
Table 4 - FY 2023 Project Task Budget			TOTAL			5307			SRP			Reconnecting Communities			TOTAL		
CODE	TASK	ACTIVITY	Federal	Local	Total	Federal	Local	Total	Federal	Local	Total	Federal	Local	Total	Federal	Local	Total
44.21.00	Program Support and Administration		200,000	50,000	250,000	160,000	40,000	200,000	24,000	6,000	30,000				384,000	96,000	480,000
	1.	Work Program Development & Administration															
	2.	Public Information & Citizen Participation															
44.22.00	General Development & Comprehensive Planning		440,000	110,000	550,000				40,000	10,000	50,000				480,000	120,000	600,000
	10.	Technical Assistance to Local Governments															
	11.	Geographical Information System, Graphics & Mapping															
	12.	Land Use/Socioeconomic Data Development & Forecasting															
44.23.01	Long-Range Transportation Planning		1,000,000	250,000	1,250,000				320,000	80,000	400,000	1,500,000	375,000	1,875,000	2,820,000	705,000	3,525,000
	20.	Metropolitan Transportation Plan															
	21.	Travel Demand Modeling & Analysis															
	22.	Strategic Regional Network															
		<i>Regional Safety Action Plan (Consultants)</i>	<i>200,000</i>	<i>50,000</i>	<i>250,000</i>										<i>200,000</i>	<i>50,000</i>	<i>250,000</i>
		<i>Smart Streets Plan and ITS Plan (Consultants)</i>	<i>240,000</i>	<i>60,000</i>	<i>300,000</i>				<i>0</i>	<i>60,000</i>	<i>60,000</i>				<i>240,000</i>	<i>120,000</i>	<i>360,000</i>
	23.	Sustainable Transportation Strategies															
	24.	Major Transportation Investment															
		<i>Corridor Studies (Consultants)</i>							<i>160,000</i>	<i>40,000</i>	<i>200,000</i>				<i>160,000</i>	<i>40,000</i>	<i>200,000</i>
		<i>Little Rock I-30 Deck Park Phase I Planning Study</i>										<i>1,500,000</i>	<i>375,000</i>	<i>1,875,000</i>	<i>1,500,000</i>	<i>375,000</i>	<i>1,875,000</i>
44.24.00	Short-Range Transportation Planning		148,000	37,000	185,000	720,000	180,000	900,000	80,000	20,000	100,000				948,000	237,000	1,185,000
	40.	Traffic Monitoring & Analysis of Existing Conditions															
	41.	Traffic Congestion & Safety Planning															
	42.	Public Transportation, Goods Movement & Intermodal Planning															
		<i>River Centers TOD Study (Phase 2)</i>															
		<i>Zero-Emission Transition Plan</i>															
		<i>Southwest Little Rock TOD Study</i>				<i>200,000</i>	<i>50,000</i>	<i>250,000</i>							<i>200,000</i>	<i>50,000</i>	<i>250,000</i>
		<i>Comprehensive Operation Analysis</i>				<i>280,000</i>	<i>70,000</i>	<i>350,000</i>							<i>280,000</i>	<i>70,000</i>	<i>350,000</i>
	43.	Facility Maintenance, Preservation & Enhancement Planning															
	44.	Air Quality Planning & Public Awareness															
		<i>Ozone Awareness</i>	<i>48,000</i>	<i>12,000</i>	<i>60,000</i>										<i>48,000</i>	<i>12,000</i>	<i>60,000</i>
	45.	Intelligent Transportation Systems															
		<i>Operations Study/ITS</i>	<i>Included Under Item 22</i>												<i>Included Under Item 22</i>		
44.25.00	Transportation Improvement Program		60,000	15,000	75,000				12,000	3,000	15,000				72,000	18,000	90,000
	50.	TIP Development, Project Selection & Surveillance															
		TOTAL	1,848,000	462,000	2,310,000	880,000	220,000	1,100,000	476,000	119,000	595,000	1,500,000	375,000	1,875,000	4,704,000	1,176,000	5,880,000
<i>CONSULTANT-LED STUDIES ARE SHOWN IN ITALICS AND INCLUDED IN PROJECT TOTAL</i>																	
¹ Metroplan Work Program Reflects FTA 5303, FHWA PL and STP Funds																	

ITEM 9. 2024 PROJECT OBLIGATION REPORT

SUMMARY

Metroplan staff met with ARDOT on March 29th to review the obligation plan for 2024. We were advised the ARDOT will require obligation of the full yearly amount. The following is a list of projects for obligation in 2024.

ACTION NEEDED: Information only.

		Projects: 2023 Obligation (TAP and STP>200K)	Local Sponsor	Estimated Obligation Amount	Status	<i>Funding Category</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>TIP/Metroplan Resolution</i>
State PE	061663	Rock Region METRO Supershelers (TAP-21) (S)	Rock Region	-\$500,000	Obligated	STBG	Construction	MB Resolution 22-12
	080647	Salem Rd. Reconstruction (Conway) (S)	Conway	-\$14,944	Obligated	STBG	Design	MB Resolution 23-13
	061470	Hwy. 183 Jump Start Impvts. (Bryant) (S)	Bryant	\$40,770	Obligated	STBG	Final	
	061468	University Ave. Traffic Ops. Impvts. (Little Rock) (S)	Little Rock	\$181,135	Obligated	STBG	Final	
		State PE		-\$28,000	Obligated	STBG/TAP	State Oversight	
Moved from 2023	061714	Tri-Creek Greenway Ph. III (Little Rock) (S)	Little Rock	-\$2,500,000		STBG	Construction	Reobligaton
	061679	Pike Ave. Impvts. (NLR) (S)	NLR	-\$2,504,070		STBG	Construction	MB Resolution 21-13
	061510	Hwy. 70/University Ave. Inters. Impvts. (S)	ArDOT/Little Roc	-\$600,000		STBG	Construction	MB Resolution 17-18
	061816	Hwy. 5 & Desoto Blvd. Inters. Impvts. (Saline Co.) (S)	Saline County	-\$342,738		STBG	Design (Phase I)	MB Resolution 22-24
	061713	Power-Line Trail (Sherwood) (S)	Sherwood	-\$1,510,000		STBG	Construction	MB Res 21-13, 22-12, 24-04
Design Projects	061836	Southwest Trail Connector: Hill Farm Rd. - W. Sardis Rd. (Bryant) (S)	Bryant	-\$170,000		STBG	Design	MB Resolution 23-13
	061837	Central Arkansas Greenway: Pine St. - Campground Rd. (Cabot) (S)	Cabot	-\$300,000		STBG	Design	MB Resolution 23-13
	080723	Hwy. 65 Ped. Bridge Impvts. (Greenbrier) (S)	Greenbrier	-\$300,000		STBG	Design	MB Resolution 23-13
	061838	Roosevelt Rd. - 17th St. Impvts. (Hwy. 70) (Little Rock) (S)	Little Rock	-\$400,000		STBG	Design	MB Resolution 23-13
	061841	Central Arkansas Greenway: Gap Creek Dr. - Oneida St. (Sherwood) (S)	Sherwood	-\$460,000		STBG	Design	MB Resolution 23-13
		SW Trail Northern Terminus	Pulaski County	-\$320,000		TAP	Design	MB Resolution 24-04
Constructoin Projects	061806	Hwy. 38/Lincoln St. Inters. Impvts. (Austin) (S)	Austin	-\$230,000		STBG	Construction	MB Resolution 23-13
	061758	Southwest Trail: Hazel St. - Saline River (Benton) (S)	Benton	-\$900,000		CRP	Construction	MB Resolution 23-13
	080647	Salem Rd. Reconstruction (Conway) (S)	Conway	-\$2,985,056		STBG	Construction	MB Resolution 23-13
	061839	Pearl Ave. - Pine St. Impvts. (Markham St.) (Little Rock) (S)	Little Rock	-\$1,100,000		STBG	Construction	MB Resolution 23-13
	061840	Club Manor Dr. Impvts. (Maumelle) (S)	Maumelle	-\$1,100,000		STBG	Construction	MB Resolution 23-13
	061815	Crystal Hill Rd. Realignment (North Little Rock) (S)	North Little Rock	-\$3,000,000		STBG	Construction	MB Resolution 23-13
	061781	Southwest Trail: Hilaro Springs Rd. - Baseline Rd. (S)	Pulaski Co	-\$3,000,000		STBG/CRP	Construction	MB Resolution 23-13
	061720	Lonoke Co. Multi-Use Trail (Cabot) (S)	Cabot	-\$1,372,290		STBG	Construction	MB Resn 22-12 & 23-13
2023 TAP Projects - Moved to 2024	061817	Downtown Streetscape (Cabot) (S)	Cabot	-\$200,000		2023-TAP	Construction	MB Resolution 22-01
	061807	Alcoa Park - Mills Park Trail (Bryant) (S)	Bryant	-\$200,000		2023-TAP	Construction	MB Resolution 22-01
	061808	General Samuels Rd. Sidewalks (Jacksonville) (S)	Jacksonville	-\$200,000		2023-TAP	Construction	MB Resolution 22-01
	061782	Benton Saline River Greenway Ph. 2 (RTP) (S)	Benton	-\$200,000		2023-TAP	Construction	MB Resolution 22-01
	061818	Hwy. 165 Sidewalk (England) (S)	England	-\$70,000		2023-TAP	Construction	MB Resolution 22-01
	080561	Mayflower Hwy. 89 Sidewalks (S)	Mayflower	-\$50,000		2023-TAP	Construction	MB Resolution 22-01
	061809	Ward Safe Routes to Schools	Ward	\$100,000		2023-TAP	Construction	MB Resolution 22-09
	061810	Sardis Rd. Trail Ph. 1 (Shannon Hills) (S)	Shannon Hills	-\$100,000		2023-TAP	Construction	MB Resolution 22-09
	080629	Vilonia Church St. Sidewalks (TAP-19) (S)	Vilonia	-\$100,000		TAP	Construction	MB Resolution 22-09
	061636	North Little Rock 14th St. Ped. Bridge (TAP-19) (S)	North Little Rock			TAP	Construction	MB Resolution 22-01
2024 TAP	061757	Jonesboro Dr. Children's Trail (Little Rock) (S)	Little Rock	-\$370,000		STBG	Construction	MB Res 24-04 (21-13 & 22-01)
	061671	Old River Bridge	Saline County	-\$320,000		TAP	Construction	MB Resolution 24-04
		NE Lonoke County Greenway (Austin Phase I)	Austin	-\$320,000		TAP	Construction	MB Resolution 24-04
	CARTS Planning (TBD)	TBD	-\$400,000		STBG	Study		
	Geyer Springs Final	Little Rock	\$2,000,000		STBG	Closeout		
Total				-\$23,845,193				
Ending Balance Obligation Limitation				\$758,099				

HIP Funding Total Available = \$680,806

	Projects: 2023 Obligation (HIP)	Local Sponsor	Estimated Obligation Amount	Approved for Obligation	<i>Funding Category</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>TIP/Metroplan Resolution</i>
061715	W. Main St. Realignment (Jacksonville) (S)	Jacksonville	-\$680,806		HIP - 2021	Construction	MB Resolution 21-13
	Total		-\$680,806				
	Available HIP Funding		\$680,806				
	Ending Balance		\$0				