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INTRODUCTION

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

The Unified Planning Work Program describes the transportation planning activities Metroplan, the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) and Rock Region METRO propose to undertake.

The purpose of the UPWP is to promote a unified regional approach to transportation planning in order to achieve regional goals and objectives. Additionally, the UPWP serves to document proposed expenditures of Federal, State and local transportation planning funds, and provides a management tool for Metroplan and the funding agencies in scheduling major transportation planning activities, milestones, and products.

The UPWP is required of all metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) as a condition to receiving federal funds. Metroplan is the federally designated MPO for Central Arkansas.

Two Year UPWP

This UPWP is adopted for AR Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027. The two-year time period allows for enhanced sequencing of projects and transportation planning within the CARTS Study Area. It also aligns with the two-year election of Metroplan Board Officers and regional priorities determined under their leadership. The priorities and tasks will be reviewed at the end of fiscal year 2026 to determine any changes that are required. The 2027 budget will also be updated pending final determination of federal transportation planning funds.

Metroplan and the CARTS Planning Process

Metroplan is a council of local governments and the designated Metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). ARDOT and Rock Region METRO are partners with Metroplan in the CARTS planning process. Metroplan membership is restricted to municipal and county governments in the MSA, ARDOT, Rock Region METRO, Little Rock Port Authority, and the Bill & Hillary Clinton National Airport.

The US Department of Transportation Planning Emphasis areas have yet to be identified under the current administration. Metroplan will update the UPWP when additional guidance is received by FHWA.

The UPWP fulfills the federal requirement under 23 CFR §450.308:

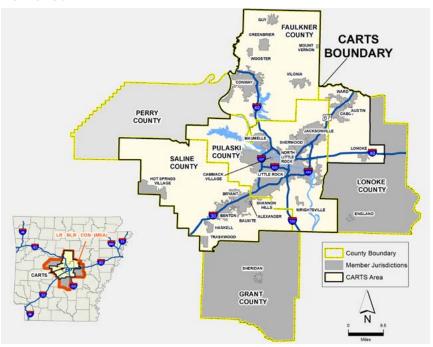
(b) An MPO shall document metropolitan transportation planning activities performed with funds provided under title 23 U.S.C. and title 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 in a unified planning work program (UPWP)...

(c) . . . each MPO, in cooperation with the State(s) and public transportation operator(s), shall develop a UPWP that includes a discussion of the planning priorities facing the MPA. The UPWP shall identify work proposed for the next 1- or 2-year period by major activity and task (including activities that address the planning factors in \$450.306(b)), in sufficient detail to indicate who (e.g., MPO, State, public transportation operator, local government, or consultant) will perform the work, the schedule for completing the work, the resulting products, the proposed funding by activity/task, and a summary of the total amounts and sources of Federal and matching funds.

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FIGURE 1. CENTRAL ARKANSAS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY



MPO decision-making authority resides with the Metroplan Board of Directors. Metroplan member governments, ARDOT. Rock Region METRO, Little Rock Port Authority, and Clinton National Airport have voting representation on the Metroplan Board. Local jurisdictions that have approved and submitted a Resolution of Participation in the CARTS process are identified on the title page of this document. Current voting members of the Metroplan Board of Directors are identified following the title page. **Figure 1** illustrates the location of local government jurisdictions within the Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA and CARTS transportation planning and management area.

Metropolitan Planning Factors

The 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act continues the principles of integrated planning first set forth in 1992 with the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act

Under the IIJA, MPOs must consider ten (10) planning factors when developing transportation plans and programs.

- 1. Support the economic vitality of the Metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency;
- Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
- 3. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
- 4. Increase the accessibility and mobility of people and freight;
- Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns;
- Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;

- 7. Promote efficient system management and operation;
- 8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system;
- 9. Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate storm water impacts of surface transportation; and
- 10. Enhance travel and tourism.

Development of this FY 2026 & 2027 UPWP has been guided by regulations requiring the CARTS planning process to consider and implement projects, strategies, and services that address these ten Metropolitan planning factors. Each of these planning factors affects nearly every task; the degree of consideration and analysis is based on the scale and complexity of many issues, including transportation system development, land use, employment, economic development, human and natural environment, and housing and community development (23 CFR 450.306(b)). The matrix on page 6 summarizes the applicability of each Metropolitan planning factor to the 2026 & 2027 work program tasks.

2026–2027 Planning Priorities

The following planning priorities have been established by Metroplan, ARDOT, and Rock Region METRO for 2026 & 2027. They include a combination of federal, state, and local emphsis areas.

2026-2027 METROPLAN Planning Priorities

	Tasks	Anticipated/ Completion
		Schedule:
STBG Administration Procedures	50	2026
Support MTP Implementation through Technical Assistance to	10	As Requested
Local Jurisdictions		
Regional Greenways Status update	20	Spring 2026
Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendments and Updates	20	As Needed
Regional SMARTS Streets Plan	20, 22, 45	Spring 2026
Conway Loop Study	24	Fall 2027
2026-2029 CARTS TIP	50	Summer 2026
Additional Planning Studies	Various	As Required
Bridge and Pavement Condition Analysis	20, 43	2026
Maumelle Boulevard Study	24	2026
Additional Planning Studies	Various	As Requested
New Metroplan Website	2	Fall 2026

2026–2027 City of Little Rock Planning Priorities

	Tasks	Anticipated/Completion Schedule:
I-30 Deck Park Study	24	Fall 2027

2026–2027 ARDOT Planning Priorities

	Tasks	Anticipated/Completion Schedule:
Statewide Corridors Complete Streets Priorities	24, 41	Ongoing
Resiliency Planning	42, 43	Ongoing
I-40 Corridor Little Rock to Memphis ITS Study	45	2027
Safety Planning	41	Ongoing
Vulnerable Road User Studies	24, 41	2026

Safe Streets For All Planning Grant	41	Beyond 2027
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2026–2027 Rock Region METRO Planning Priorities

	Tasks	Anticipated/Completion
		Schedule:
Transit Oriented Development Study - RCTC	42	Q4 2026
Conway Transit Long Range Plan	42	Fall 2027
Comprehensive Operational Analysis	42	Q4 2027

TABLE 1. PLANNING FACTORS AND TASK MATRIX

CARTS FY 2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM				MET	METROPOLITAN		PLANNING FACTORS			
	1	2	3	4	2	9	7	8	6	10
PROJECT TASKS	Economic	Safety	Security	Accessibility	Environment	Connectivity	Management	Preservation	Storm Water	Tourism
44.21.00 PROGRAM SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION				ı						
1. Work Program Development and Administration	×	×		×		×	×			
2. Public Information & Citizen Participation	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
44.22.00 GENERAL DEVELOPMENT & COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING										
10. Technical Assistance to Local Governments	×	×	×	×	×	×	×		×	×
11. Geographical Information System Graphics and Mapping		×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	
12. Land Use/Socioeconomic Data Development	×			×	×				×	
44.23.00 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING										
20. Metropolitan Transportation Plan	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
21. Travel Demand Modeling and Emissions Analysis				X	X	×	×	Х		
22. Strategic Regional Network	×	X	X	X	Χ	×	×		X	×
23. Sustainable Transportation Strategies	×	X		X	Χ	×	×	Х	X	×
24. Studies Related to Major Transportation Investments	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
44.24.00 SHORT-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING										
40. Traffic Monitoring & Analysis of Existing Conditions	×	×		×	X	×	×	X	×	×
41. Traffic Congestion & Safety Planning	×	X		X	X	×	×	Х	X	×
42. Public Transport, Goods Movement & Intermodal Planning	×	X	X	X	Χ	×	×	Х	X	×
43. Facility Maintenance, Preservation & Enhancement Planning	×	X		X	X	×	X	X	×	X
44. Air Quality Planning & Public Awareness	×	X			X					×
45. Intelligent Transportation Systems	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
44.24.00 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM										
50. TIP Development, Project Selection & Monitoring	×	×	×	X	×	×	×	X	×	×

■ FISCAL YEAR 2026 & 2027 PROJECT TASK DESCRIPTIONS

CARTS planning activities are divided into five major planning projects taken from the Federal Transit Act, Section 5303, Metropolitan Planning Program, grant categories. Funding sources for CARTS planning activities include a combination of federal transit and highway programs. While UPWP tasks may change from year to year, UPWP projects tend to remain the same.

The following pages describe each task, including its purpose, agency or agencies responsible for carrying out the work, and expected results.

Below is a list of the projects and tasks, and the total budgeted for each project. For details, schedules and responsibilities, see the individual task descriptions beginning on the next page. Resources allocations and the planning project budgets of Metroplan, ARDOT, and Rock Region METRO are identified beginning on page 27.

Project Number	Title		ed Amount
		2026	2027
#44.21.00	■ PROGRAM SUPPORT & ADMINISTRATION	\$	\$
Task 1	Work Program Development and Administration		
Task 2	Public Information and Citizen Participation		
#44.22.00	■ GENERAL DEVELOPMENT & COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING	\$	\$
Task 10	Technical Assistance to Local Governments		
Task 11	Geographical Information System, Graphics, & Mapping		
Task 12	Land Use/Socioeconomic Data Development		
#44.23.00	■ LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING	\$	\$
Task 20	Metropolitan Transportation Plan		
Task 21	Travel Demand Modeling & Emissions Analysis		
Task 22	Strategic Regional Network		
Task 23	Sustainable Transportation Strategies		
Task 24	Major Transportation Investment Planning (Corridor Studies)		
#44.24.00	■ SHORT-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING	\$	\$
Task 40	Traffic Monitoring & Analysis of Existing Conditions		
Task 41	Traffic Congestion & Safety Planning		
Task 42	Public Transportation, Goods Movement & Intermodal Planning		
Task 43	Facility Maintenance, Preservation & Enhancement Planning		
Task 44	Air Quality Planning & Public Awareness		
Task 45	Intelligent Transportation Systems		
#44.24.00	■ TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	\$	\$
Task 50	TIP development, Project Selection & Monitoring		

■ 44.21.00 PROGRAM SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION

Task #1 Work Program Development & Administration

Purpose:

- 1) Prepare and administer the UPWP.
- 2) Support MPO, citizen committees, and subcommittee meetings.
- 3) Education and training activities

Method:

Metroplan, ARDOT, and Rock Region METRO staff will cooperatively develop and administer the UPWP, and coordinate CARTS planning activities and committee meetings in compliance with UPWP funding agencies. ARDOT staff is assigned primary responsibility for coordinating the CARTS planning process with the statewide planning process. Rock Region METRO staff is assigned primary responsibility for coordinating Rock Region METRO's transit planning activities with the CARTS and statewide planning processes.

Expected Results/Product:	Anticipated Completion Schedule:
Metroplan	
1. Administer CARTS FY 2026 & 2027 UPWP	Ongoing
2. Prepare and publish the CARTS FY 2026 & 2027 UPWP	May/June 2027
3. Coordinate consultant-related activities	As Needed
4. Modify UPWP role and responsibilities	As Needed
5. Conduct education and training activities	As Needed
ARDOT	
1. Coordinate ARDOT's planning process within CARTS	Ongoing
Rock Region METRO	
1. Coordinate Rock Region METRO's planning process within CARTS	Ongoing

■ 44.21.00 PROGRAM SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION

Task #2 Public Information & Citizen Participation

Purpose:

- 1) Disseminate public information regarding CARTS activities and current issues in metropolitan transportation planning.
- 2) Encourage and document citizen participation in the development of CARTS' transportation plans, programs and policies via the approved CARTS Public Participation Plan. Metroplan's public participation process also satisfies Rock Region METRO's public process.

Method:

Metroplan, ARDOT, and Rock Region METRO staff will coordinate to: (1) disseminate public information; (2) encourage citizen participation (including low-income and minority households) (3) consult with interested parties, and (4) facilitate and document public involvement in the CARTS planning process. ARDOT and Rock Region METRO staffs are primarily responsible for soliciting public input regarding their planning activities, consistent with their public participation policies.

Expected Results/Product:	Anticipated Completion Schedule:
Metroplan	
1. Implement and document public information and citizen	
participation	Ongoing
2. Modify/update CARTS Public Participation Plan and Title VI Program	
and LEP Plan as part of the long range plan update	As Needed
3. Publish Metroplan reports	
 Metroplan Annual Report 	Spring
 Others 	As Needed
4. Maintain and constantly update Metroplan archives	Ongoing
5. Maintain Metroplan websites (Metroplan.org, ozoneactiondays.org,	
arkansasrivertail.org, centralarkgreenways.com, others)	Ongoing/As Needed
6. Update CARTS Public Participation Plan	As Needed
7. Develop, administer, and implement new Metroplan committee for	
public outreach.	Summer 2026
8. New Metroplan Website	Fall 2026
ARDOT	
1. Solicit public input for ARDOT-led planning activities within CARTS	Ongoing/As Needed
Rock Region METRO	
Solicit public input for Rock Region METRO planning within CARTS	Ongoing/As Needed

■ 44.22.00 GENERAL DEVELOPMENT & COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

Task #10 Technical Assistance to Local Governments

Purpose:

- 1) Assist local governments with planning activities integral to the comprehensively planned development of the CARTS area.
- 2) Assist in bringing local plans, regulations and ordinances into conformity with the long-range metropolitan transportation plan.
- 3) Provide ongoing technical assistance to member jurisdictions to aid local planning efforts in coordination with transportation.

Method:

Consistent with MPO priorities and policies, Metroplan staff may provide technical assistance requested by a member government to complete local planning activities integral to the comprehensively planned development of the CARTS area. Consistent with statewide planning priorities, ARDOT staff may also provide planning assistance to CARTS area local governments.

Expecte	d Results/Product:	Anticipated Completion Schedule:
Me	troplan	
1.	Provide mapping and other technical assistance to CARTS area	
	local governments	Ongoing
2.	Update local plans and ordinances necessary to conform to	
	regional goals	Ongoing/As Requested
3.	Conduct technical studies for member jurisdictions, which may	
	include field data collection; inter-regional coordination; municipal	
	annexation/incorporation; traffic; transit, parking, population,	
	housing, environmental, and/or signal warrants; safety and access	
	management	As Requested
4.	Develop or revise comprehensive and general plans, master street	
	plans, land use plans, zoning ordinances and maps, subdivision	
	regulations and design standards, bikeway and pedestrian system	
	plans, public transit service plans, and other community facility plans	As Requested
5.	Other CARTS Area local government planning activities	As Requested
6.	Provide staff support to the Small Cities Council. (1) Assist jurisdic-	
	tions with the application of model ordinances supporting MTP	
	goals. (2) Conduct training sessions to planning commissions and	
	others.	Ongoing

44.22.00 GENERAL DEVELOPMENT & COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

Task #11 Geographical Information System, Graphics & Mapping

Purpose:

- 1) Map and analyze appropriate spatial features and attributes in and near the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).
- 2) Maintain and improve GIS and related technical capabilities.
- 3) Produce, print, plot, display, publish, acquire, and maintain data, documents, digital imagery, illustrations and maps.
- 4) Provide spacial decision support to assist MPO planning tasks and member jurisdictions.

Method:

As needed, Metroplan staff will develop and manage digital computing facilities; employ desktop publishing and visual presentation/multi-media systems; collect and utilize digital imagery and GPS location data, as well as U.S. Census and other spatially referenced data in developing and maintaining an Arc/GIS™-based geographical information system (GIS) covering the MSA and CARTS Area.

Expecte	d Results/Product:	AnticipatedCompletion Schedule:
Me	troplan	
1.	Maintain and enhance digital computing and communications, internet sites, and related technical capabilities	Ongoing
2.	Continue development of an Arc/GIS™-based GIS covering the MSA and CARTS Area	Ongoing
3.	Manage and improve Metroplan's local area network (LAN) and internet capabilities, including digital data storage, security & backup	Ongoing
4.	Produce, display and publish CARTS area data, documents, illustrations, and maps; provide GIS support for the CARTS Travel Demand Model and socioeconomic data development.	Ongoing
5.	Provide spatial decision mapping support for other UPWP tasks	Ongoing/As Needed
6.	Provide GIS and mapping assistance to CARTS area local governments	Ongoing/As Requested
7.	Utilize GIS to set goals, assist, and monitor a performance-based planning program	Ongoing

44.22.00 GENERAL DEVELOPMENT & COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

Task #12 Land Use/Socioeconomic Data Development

Purpose:

Efforts for this task will be associated with the development of scenarios for the long-range transportation plan.

- 1) Provide the CARTS planning process with data analysis of regional economic and demographic trends, population and employment forecasts.
- 2) Further develop the Metroplan Data Center.
- 3) Provide timely and reliable information characterizing land use and socioeconomic conditions and trends for the MSA and CARTS Area.

Method:

As needed, MPO staff will coordinate with CARTS committees and data providers to: (1) collect, develop, maintain, analyze and document land use and socio-economic data; (2) provide data support for and coordinate with other UPWP activities; and (3) prepare and publish technical reports and analyses.

Expected Results/Product:	Anticipated Completion Schedule:
Metroplan	
Develop, analyze, maintain and document land use and socio- economic data characterizing MSA and CARTS area conditions and	
trends	Ongoing
2. Develop and refine socioeconomic data for use in the CARTS and	
Statewide Travel Demand Models	Ongoing
3. Publish two <i>MetroTrends</i> magazines:	
 Yearly Economic Review and Outlook 	Fall
Yearly Demographic Review and Outlook	Spring
4. Publish semi-annual Best Practices Newsletter	Winter/Summer
5. Provide support for other UPWP tasks	Ongoing

Task #20 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Purpose:

To manage and update the regional long-range metropolitan transportation plan (MTP)

Method:

In accordance with Metroplan policy and applicable federal regulations, Metroplan will coordinate and undertake various activities to update the metropolitan transportation plan in consultation and coordination with ARDOT and Rock Region METRO staffs. The existing plan will be monitored and amended as necessary.

Expecte	d Results/Product:	Anticipated Completion Schedule:
Metroplan		
1.	Update the MTP	As Needed
2.	Satisfactory progress in monitoring and implementing the MTP	Ongoing
3.	Coordinate with ARDOT and Rock Region METRO on Regional	
	Performance Measures	As Needed
4.	Process requests for MTP amendments	As Needed
5.	Regional Greenways Status Report	Annually
6.	Complete county transportation plans	2026–2027
7.	Develop Smart Streets plan (with ARDOT)	Spring 2026
8.	SS4A integration into MTP	Ongoing
Ar	DOT	
1.	Support MPO in MTP update	Ongoing
2.	Consider the impact of recommendations from various studies on	
	MTP, in association with ARDOT planning efforts	Ongoing
3.	Evaluate the impact of performance measure targets on ARDOT	
	long-term planning efforts	Ongoing
4.	Implement Statewide Long-Range Intermodal Transportation Plan	Ongoing
Ro	ck Region METRO	
5.	Support Metroplan in MTP update	Ongoing
6.	Review MTP in association with Rock Region METRO's planning	
	efforts	Ongoing
7.	Evaluate the impact of performance measure targets on Rock Region	
	METRO's long-term planning efforts	Ongoing

Consultant Studies	Total Contract	Estimated Expenditure	
	Amount	FY 2026	FY 2027
Smart Streets and ITS Plan	\$375,000	\$41,700	\$0

Task #21 Travel Demand Modeling & Emissions Analysis

Purpose:

- 1) Simulate existing and future travel demand.
- 2) Effectively model, analyze, and document multi-modal transportation networks.
- 3) Estimate on-road motor-vehicle emissions, as needed.
- 4) Incorporate new data into the CARTS Model.
- 5) Provide travel demand, congestion, delay, and other data to assit studies of proposed transportation projects.

Method:

- 1) Metroplan and ARDOT will cooperatively utilize the CARTS travel demand model; prepare, analyze and document network-based travel forecasts, as needed; and undergo training in the use of travel demand modeling and emissions analysis tools.
- 2) Process socioeconomic data from the 2020 census to update the base-year model.

Expected Results/Product:	Anticipated Completion Schedule:
Metroplan	
Maintain and implement the CARTS Travel Demand Model	Ongoing
2. Oversee consultant use of the CARTS Travel Demand Model	Ongoing
3. Provide forecasts for regional studies	Ongoing/As Requested
ARDOT	
Assist with maintenance/implementation of the	
CARTS Travel Demand Model	Ongoing
Rock Region METRO	
1. Provide route modification suggestions to Metroplan and ARDOT	
staffs for incorporation into respective travel demand models	Ongoing/As Needed

Task #22 Strategic Regional Network

Purpose:

- 1) Plan for CARTS area freeways, regional arterials, regional transit improvements, and regional bikeway and pedestrian systems in support of the MTP update.
- 2) Optimize the efficiency of the existing transportation networks.

Method:

- Metroplan, ARDOT, and Rock Region METRO staffs will coordinate with CARTS committees on projects of regional significance. Metroplan staff will be primarily responsible for coordinating projects on the Regional Arterial Network (RAN) with affected municipalities and ARDOT (on state highways). ARDOT will coordinate with Metroplan staff on freeway projects. Rock Region METRO will coordinate with Metroplan on transit projects of regional significance.
- 2) Bicycle and pedestrian transportation planning will focus on implementation of the new regional bikeway plan over the next 10 years.

Expecte	d Results/Product:	Anticipated Completion Schedule:
Me	troplan	
1.	Evaluate RAN network	Ongoing/As Needed
2.	Conduct long-range regional bike and pedestrian planning with a	
	focus on implementation of the Regional Greenways Plan.	Ongoing
3.	Conduct other long-range regional freeway or RAN corridor	
	planning in consultation with ARDOT	As Needed
4.	Conduct other strategic regional network planning in support	
	of Task 20	Ongoing/As Needed
5.	Consult, cooperate, and assist local governments and CARTS	
	committees on city and regional bike plans.	Ongoing/As Needed
AR	DOT	
1.	Continue the evaluation of federal-aid maintenance needs and	
	cost estimates, including system infrastructure performance	
	measures, jointly with Metroplan	Ongoing
Roo	ck Region METRO	
1.	Develop long-term implementation strategies from Move Central	
	Arkansas	Ongoing

^{*}The Regional Safety Action Plan and Smart Streets Plan conducted under Task 20 will support development of the strategic regional network.

Task #23 Sustainable Transportation Strategies

Purpose:

Increase the livability of the region by developing and advancing sustainable transportation strategies, Jump Start implementation strategies, all consistent with the goals and objectives of *Central Arkansas 2050*.

Method:

Metroplan will participate in regional collaborations that promote sustainable transportation strategies.

Expecte	d Results/Product:	Anticipated Completion Schedule:
Me	troplan	
1.	Administer Jump Start plans	As Needed
2.	Participate in Healthy Active Arkansas and other stakeholder groups	Ongoing
3.	Promote sustainability practices from Central Arkansas Transforming	
	Mobility to the general stakeholder groups	Ongoing
4.	Promote transit-oriented developments as a strategy to increase	
	transit ridership	Ongoing
5.	Perform any other activities required to develop and advance	
	sustainable transportation strategies	As Needed
6.	Coordination of EEI Plan and MTP	Ongoing

Task #24 Studies Related To Major Transportation Investments (Corridor Studies)

Purpose:

Cooperatively perform corridor/subarea studies related to major transportation investments within the region. These studies will be used to determine the need for a major investment study (MIS) or to address issues left unresolved by a MIS or a major transportation investment and may involve the application of access management techniques.

Method:

As needed, ARDOT, Metroplan, or Rock Region METRO may cooperatively undertake corridor/subarea planning activities to determine the need for a MIS or otherwise related to a major transportation investment.

Expected Results/Product:	Anticipated Completion Schedule:
Metroplan	
1. Multi-modal corridor studies	
a. Conway Loop Study	Fall 2027
b. Maumelle Blvd. Study	Fall 2026
c. Additional Studies	As Requested
ARDOT	
1. Satisfactory progress on corridor studies requested by the Arkansas	
Highway Commission	Ongoing
City of Little Rock	
1. City of Little Rock I-30 Deck Park Phase I Planning Study (\$5 million)	2027

Task #40 Traffic Monitoring & Analysis of Existing Conditions

Purpose:

Identify and analyze existing and near-term transportation system and travel conditions in the CARTS area and monitor deployment of network optimization strategies.

Method:

ARDOT staff will coordinate traffic data collection for the CARTS area and provide data to Metroplan, Rock Region METRO, local governments, and others. Metroplan staff will develop an "existing conditions report" to support these efforts, and report on regional performance measures.

Expected Results/Product:	Anticipated Completion Schedule:
ARDOT	
1. Collect traffic volume, vehicle classification, vehicle speed, vehicle	
registration, and Highway Performance and Monitoring System	
(HPMS) data	Ongoing
2. Collect and provide traffic data in support of other UPWP activities	Ongoing
3. Prepare, publish and distribute traffic-related data and technical	
reports	Ongoing
Metroplan	
1. Satisfactory progress in collecting and reporting traffic related data,	
and publication of appropriate data and technical reports identifying	
and analyzing existing and near-term CARTS area transportation	
system and travel conditions	Ongoing
2. Develop applicable regional performance measures	Biennial

Task #41 Traffic Congestion & Safety Planning

Purpose:

- 1) Further develop and implement the CARTS area system reliability by advancing travel demand reduction and operational management strategies.
- 2) Address CARTS area surface transportation safety concerns as needed.

Method:

- 1) Traffic Congestion/System Reliability: ARDOT, Rock Region METRO and Metroplan staff will coordinate and cooperate to further develop, implement, and report the CARTS area System Reliability Measures and Congestion Measures.
- 2) Transportation Safety: As needed, ARDOT, Rock Region METRO and Metroplan staff will coordinate and cooperate to address surface transportation safety concerns in the CARTS area.

Expecte	d Results/Product:	Anticipated Completion Schedule:
AR	DOT	
1.	Complete operations studies and safety studies, in coordination	
	with Metroplan staff and local governments	As Requested
2.	Provide public information regarding ARDOT-operated	
	park/ride facilities	Ongoing
3.	Consider safety concerns with respect to state highway system	
	incident management in the CARTS area	Ongoing
Me	troplan	
1.	Monitor regional performance measures	Ongoing
2.	Evaluate and iplement demonstration projects for SS4A	Ongoing
3.	Develop a Smart Streets Plan focused on traffic operations and safety	
	(also under Task 20)	Summer 2026
Roc	ck Region METRO	
1.	Promote Rock Region METRO's public transit commuter service	Ongoing
2.	Identify how safety concerns impact the operations or use of	
	Rock Region METRO's facilities and transit vehicles	Ongoing
3.	Identify how safety concerns impact the operations or use of Rock	
	Region METRO's transit vehicles in the Conway Service Area	Ongoing
4.	Conduct reporting for Transit Safety Performance Measure to	
	National Transit Database	Monthly
5.	Conduct reporting for Transit Safety Performance Measures for	
	Conway's Microtransit Service to the National Transit Database	Ongoing

Task #41 Traffic Congestion & Safety Planning, continued

6. Conduct Conway Transit Long-range Plan for the Conway service	
area.	2027
City of Little Rock	
1. City of Little Rock I-30 Deck Park Phase II Planning Study (\$5 million)	2027
2. Safe Streets for All planning	Beyond 2027

Task #42 Public Transportation, Goods Movement & Intermodal Planning

Purpose:

- 1) Perform short-range public transit service and operations planning, as needed.
- 2) Carry out inventories and short-range planning for public transportation facilities and equipment, as well as for public and private intermodal person and goods movement facilities and systems.

Method:

- 1) Public Transit Service & Operations Planning: As needed, Rock Region METRO will coordinate and cooperate with Metroplan and ARDOT to develop short-range plans, programs and policies to expand and enhance its public transit services and system operations.
- 2) Public Transportation Facilities & Equipment: Rock Region METRO staff will coordinate and cooperate with Metroplan and ARDOT staff to carry out any inventories and short-range planning for Rock Region METRO's transit facilities and equipment, as needed. Rock Region METRO staff is primarily responsible for any inventories of Rock Region METRO facilities and equipment. ARDOT staff is primarily responsible for coordinating inventories of any other transit facilities and equipment in the CARTS area. Metroplan staff is primarily responsible for integrating the results of public transit inventories into the CARTS planning process.
- 3) Intermodal Facilities & Systems: ARDOT staff will coordinate and cooperate with MPO and Rock Region METRO staff to carry out inventories and short-range planning for public and private intermodal person and goods movement facilities and systems, as needed. ARDOT staff is assigned primary responsibility for any inventories of person and goods movement facilities and systems. Metroplan staff is primarily responsible for the modeling of truck trips, and for integrating the results of any intermodal inventories into the CARTS planning process.

Task #42 Public Transportation, Goods Movement & Intermodal Planning, continued

Expecte	d Results/Product:	Anticipated Completion Schedule:
Roc	k Region METRO	
1.	Satisfactory progress in developing short-range plans to improve	
	public transit system services and operations	Annual
2.	Continue Rock Region METRO Comprehensive Implementation	
	Stratagem:	Ongoing
	a. Update inventories of public transit facilities and equipment	Annual
	b. Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) data reporting	As Required
3.	Satisfactory progress on Streetcar Strategic Study	Ongoing
4.	Transit Oriented Development Study	2026
5.	Continue various neighborhood and community service route	
	planning	Ongoing
6.	Coordinate with any other public or private transit providers	
	regarding transportation services for the urbanized area	Ongoing
7.	Coordinate with human service agency transportation providers to	
	implement and update the Arkansas Statewide Transit Coordination	
	Plan: 2023	As Needed
8.	Maintain ITS data to constantly improve/upgrade transit network	Ongoing
9.	Review Transit ADA Standards and potential violations	Ongoing
10.	Conduct Conway Transit Long-range Plan for the Conway service	
	area.	2027
AR	DOT	
1.	Continue modeling truck trips and short-range plans for intermodal	
	person and goods movement facilities and systems in support of	
	CARTS Travel Demand Model Update	Ongoing/As Needed
Me	troplan	
1.	Support the short-term planning activities of Rock Region METRO	Ongoing

Consultant Studies	Total Contract	Estimated Exp	penditure
	Amount	FY 2026	FY 2027
Phase II Transit Oriented Development Study - RCTC	\$5,860,000	\$2,930,000	\$2,930,000
Comprehensive Operational Analysis	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0

Task #43 Facility Maintenance, Preservation & Enhancement Planning

Purpose:

- 1) Carry out inventories and short-range planning for pavement, bridge systems and other CARTS area transportation facilities.
- 2) Plan for corridor maintenance, preservation and enhancements.

Method:

- 1) Pavement Management: As needed, ARDOT and Metroplan staff will consult and coordinate to carry out pavement inventories and prepare short-range pavement improvement plans for federal-aid roadways in the CARTS Area. The focus of such inventories will be area freeways and regional arterials.
- 2) Bridge Management: ARDOT staff is responsible for inspecting all publicly owned bridges in the CARTS area and maintaining a bridge inventory. Special emphasis will be on freeway structures and identified "critical" bridges on regional arterials. Metroplan staff is primarily responsible for integrating the results of bridge inventories and analyses into the CARTS planning process (refer to Tasks #20 and #22), including regional performance measures.
- 3) Highway-Railway Grade Separation Planning: As needed, ARDOT staff with the assistance of Metroplan staff will conduct studies of at-grade highway rail crossings to consider upgrades to existing crossings equipment and possible grade separations.
- 4) Other Facility Maintenance, Preservation & Enhancement Planning: As needed, Metroplan, ARDOT, and Rock Region METRO staff will jointly coordinate and cooperate to investigate methods of standardizing financial and project related record keeping for transportation maintenance and capital expenditures, and any other short-range transportation corridor or facility maintenance, preservation or enhancement planning.

Expected Results/Product:		Anticipated Completion Schedule:
AR	DOT	
1.	Inventory, analysis, and performance reports of pavements	
	on the state highway system	Ongoing
2.	Inventory, analysis, and performance reports for all	
	publicly owned bridges in the CARTS area	Ongoing
3.	Conduct studies of at-grade highway rail crossings	As Needed
4.	Develop standardized financial and project related record keeping	
	of transportation maintenance and capital expenditures on the state	
	highway system	Ongoing
5.	Perform other facility maintenance, preservation and	
	enhancement planning	As Needed

Task #43 Facility Maintenance, Preservation & Enhancement Planning, continued

Metroplan	
1. Compile local governments' pavement	inventories When Provided
2. Integrate pavement inventories/analyse	es into the CARTS planning
process (see Tasks #20 and #22), includi	ng regional performance
measures	As Needed
3. Develop applicable regional performan	ce measures, in coordination
with ARDOT	Biennial
4. Identify corridors, facilities and rights-o	F-way (ROW) to be preserved Ongoing
5. Coordinate analysis of any proposed tra	nsportation enhancements As Needed
6. Perform other facility maintenance, pre	servation, and
enhancement planning	As Needed
7. Coordinate meetings and activities for	he Southwest Trail task force
and the Arkansas River Trail task force	Ongoing
Rock Region METRO	
1. Monitor and maintain standardized fina	ncial and project related
record keeping of transportation maint	enance and capital expendi-
tures on the regional transit network	Ongoing
2. Perform other facility maintenance, pre	servation and
enhancement planning	As Needed
3. Continue to implement Facilities Maste	Plan Ongoing

Task #44 Air Quality Planning & Public Awareness

Purpose:

- 1) Increase public awareness of local air quality concerns.
- 2) Provide for stakeholder involvement in air quality planning.
- 3) Conduct planning activities that lead to improved air quality for Central Arkansas.

Method:

Metroplan, ARDOT and Rock Region METRO staff will cooperatively participate in interagency air quality planning activities. ARDOT and Rock Region METRO staff will be primarily responsible for coordinating their own agency action plans in support of the Ozone Action Days program (OAD). The responsibilities of Metroplan, ARDOT, and Rock Region METRO staff for regional air quality (AQ) analysis and other AQ planning will be cooperatively determined as the need arises or as delineated in an interagency memorandum of agreement (MOA).

Expected Results/Product:	Anticipated Completion Schedule:
Metroplan	
Execution of the OAD awareness program for Central Arkansas	May-September
2. Develop 2026 & 2027 ozone season awareness plan	February
3. Monitor ambient air quality data, assist with regional emissions	
analyses, and coordinate preparations of any Metroplan conformity	
determination documents (see also Tasks #21 and #40)	As Required
ARDOT	
Support Ozone Action Days through ARDOT's activities	Ongoing
Rock Region METRO	
Support Ozone Action Days through Rock Region METRO activities	Ongoing

Consultant Studies	Total Contract	Estimated Expenditure	
	Amount	FY 2026	FY 2027
Ozone Action Days	\$60,000 Annually	\$60,000	\$60,000

Task #45 Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)

Purpose:

Refine and implement the CARTS ITS Plan in accordance with the regional ITS architecture, leading to improved efficiency and safety for the movement of people and goods throughout Central Arkansas.

Method:

Metroplan, ARDOT and Rock Region METRO staff will continue to refine and implement the CARTS ITS Plan, Incident Management Plan, and CARTS Freeway Management System Plan, consistent with federal requirements and the adopted MTP (also see Task #20).

Expected Results/Product:	Anticipated Completion Schedule:
Metroplan	
Coordinate with ARDOT on regional and state ITS initiatives	As Needed
2. Update regional ITS plan and architecture as part of Smart Streets	
Plan	Spring 2026
ARDOT	
Evaluate incident management strategies	Ongoing
Rock Region METRO	
Monitor and maintain ITS data	Ongoing
2. Evaluate and monitor annual service enhancement reporting	Ongoing

Consultant Studies	Total Contract	Estimated Expenditure	
	Amount	FY 2026	FY 2027
Smart Streets Plan	\$375,000	\$41,700	\$0

■ 44.25.00 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Task #50 TIP Development, Project Selection & Monitoring

Purpose:

- 1) Cooperatively develop and publish the CARTS 2027–2030 TIP.
- 2) Select TIP projects to be implemented (STP, HIP, TAP <200,000).
- 3) Revise policies and procedures for TIP development, as needed.
- 4) Monitor TIP implementation.
- 5) Prepare status reports on previously authorized TIP projects.

Method:

Metroplan, ARDOT, and Rock Region METRO staff will jointly consult and coordinate with each other and with the Metroplan Board and CARTS committees to develop the FY 2023-2026 TIP; monitor authorized TIP projects; revise as needed the CARTS policies and procedures for TIP development; and publish the Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (ALOP).

Expected Results/Product:	Anticipated Completion Schedule:
Metroplan	
1. Develop and adopt the FY 2027-2030 TIP	Summer 2026
Surface Transportation Block Grant Administration Procedures	Summer 2026
3. Publish the ALOP	Annually December 31
ARDOT	
1. Coordinate TIP project proposals for the State Highway System	Ongoing
2. Provide estimates of Federal/State funds available for TIP projects	As Needed
3. Prepare Funds Management Reports on federal obligations	Quarterly
Rock Region METRO	
Coordinate transit TIP projects and amendments	As Needed

FISCAL YEAR 2026 & 2027 CARTS BUDGET

Fiscal Year 2026 & 2027 CARTS Staff Resources

Ten personnel among the three UPWP agencies are committed to full-time direct support of the tasks outlined in the FY 2026 & 2027 CARTS UPWP; another five-plus personnel are committed in part-time direct support. Additional personnel may be assigned to consultant-led work tasks.

At present, Metroplan has eight staff positions committed in direct support of the FY 2026 & 2027 UPWP. Metroplan planning staff is composed of the CARTS Study Director/Deputy Director, three transportation/community planners, one statistician-research planner, two GIS/policy analysts, and one graphics coordinator.

ARDOT commits three study coordinators, plus others as needed, in direct support of the CARTS UPWP.

Rock Region METRO's transit planner is committed to direct support of the CARTS UPWP. Additionally, the CFO and grants accountant, plus others as needed, devote a portion of their time in direct support of UPWP tasks.

Each UPWP agency is assigned primary responsibility for specific activities, as delineated in the task descriptions; interagency working groups are employed to accomplish specific UPWP activities. For example, ARDOT and Metroplan jointly maintain and utilize the travel demand and forecast models for the CARTS Area.

The CARTS Study Director/Metroplan Deputy Director is responsible for overall program support and administration of Metroplan's work program tasks, as well as for interagency coordination with the other UPWP Agencies. Although Metroplan staff often form working groups and share in the performance of work program activities, each staff person dedicated to direct support of the work program is charged with primary responsibility for accomplishing specific tasks or subtasks. For example, one transportation planner is mainly responsible for providing staff support for TCC meetings and TIP development.

TABLE 2. SUMMARY OF FY 2026 & 2027 CARTS STAFF RESOURCES.

CARTS Agency	Direct Support	Direct Support	Indirect Support
	Full -Time	Part -Time	Full -Time
Metroplan	9	2	2.5
ARDOT	1	2+	As needed
Rock Region Metro	2	2	0
CARTS Total	10	5+	4

Tables 3 and 4 summarize overall federal and local revenues budgeted by Metroplan, ARDOT and Rock Region METRO in FY 2026 and FY 2027. Federal funds budgeted constitute 80 percent of the total; State and local matching funds constitute 20 percent, unless overmatched.

TABLE 3. SUMMARY OF FY 2026 CARTS UPWP BUDGET*

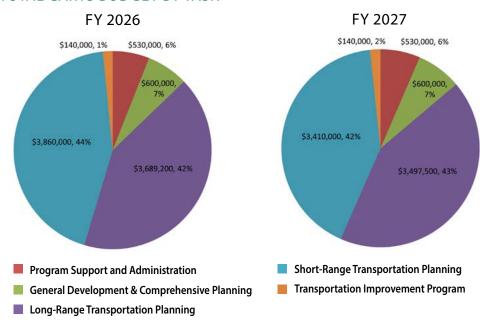
CARTS Agency	Federal	Local	Total
Metroplan	\$1,611,360	\$402,840	\$2,014,200
Rock Region METRO	\$2,920,000	\$730,000	\$3,650,000
ARDOT	\$524,000	\$131,000	\$655,000
City of Little Rock	\$2,800,000	\$700,000	\$3,500,000
CARTS Total	\$7,855,360	\$1,963,840	\$9,819,200

^{*}Subject to change based upon final planning figures

TABLE 4. SUMMARY OF FY 2027 CARTS UPWP BUDGET*

CARTS Agency	Federal	Local	Total
Metroplan	\$1,378,000	\$344,500	\$1,722,500
Rock Region METRO	\$2,640,000	\$660,000	\$3,300,000
ARDOT	\$524,000	\$131,000	\$655,000
City of Little Rock	\$2,800,000	\$700,000	\$3,500,000
CARTS Total	\$7,342,000	\$1,835,500	\$9,177,500

FIGURE 3. TOTAL CARTS BUDGET BY TASK



On the following pages, **Tables 5 and 6** detail expenditures budgeted by Metroplan, ARDOT and Rock Region METRO, on CARTS planning projects or tasks described in this UPWP. For each planning project, total expenditures by each CARTS agency, type of fund, and federal/local matching amounts are identified.

TABLE 5A. FY 2026 CARTS UPWP BUDGET—METROPLAN

Page	Central Arkansas Regional Transportation Study - Unified Planning Work Program - FFY 2026	Metropla FTA/FH	Metroplan Work Program FTA/FHWA ¹ (Staff)	gram	Metropia FTA/FHW	Metroplan Work Program FTA/FHWA PL (Studies)	ram	Metropla	Metroplan Work Program STBGU	ram	Metropia	Metroplan Work Program CMAQ	gram	Metroplan Safe Stre	Metroplan Work Program Safe Streets for All		Metroplan Work Program Total	ork Progra	am Total
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TABLE 5B. FY 2026 CARTS UPWP BUDGET—ALL PARTNERS

Central A	Central Arkansas Regional Transportation Study - Unified Planning Work	Metro	Metroplan Work P	rogram	Rock Regi	Rock Region METRO Work	Work								:	
Program	Program - FFY 2026		Summary		•	Program		ARDOT	ARDOT Work Program	gram	CLR Wo	CLR Work Program		CARTS Wo	CARTS Work Program Total	Total
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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	240,000	90009	300,000	160,000	40,000	200,000	24,000	6,000	30,000				424,000	106,000	530,000
	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	900,009
	10. Technical Assistance to Local Governments															
	11. Geographical Information System, Graphics & Mapping															
	12. Land Use/Socioeconomic Data Development & Forecasting															
44.23.01		591,700	137,500	729,200				160,000	50,437	1,231,437	2,000,000 5	500,000 2,500	2,500,000	2,751,700	7 26,789	4,460,637
	20. Metropolitan Transportation Plan															
	21. Travel Demand Modeling & Analysis															
	22. Strategic Regional Network															
	Smart Streets Plan and ITS Plan (Consultants)	41,700	0	41,700				0	10,437	10,437				41,700	10,437	52,137
	23. Sustainable Transportation Strategies															
	24. Major Transportation Investement															
	Corridor Studies (Consultants)							160,000	40,000	200,000				160,000	40,000	200,000
	Complete Streets (Statewide)									121,000						
	Vulnerable Road Users Studies (Statewide)									900,000						
	Little Rock I-30 Deck Park Phase I Planning Study										2,000,000	500,000 2,5	2,500,000	2,000,000	200,000	2,500,000
44.24.00	-,	248,000	62,000	310,000	2,760,000	000,069	3,450,000	80,000	20,000	100,000	800,000	200,000 1,000	1,000,000	3,088,000	772,000	3,860,000
	40. Traffic Monitoring & Analysis of Existing Conditions															
	41. Traffic Congestion & Safety Planning															
	SS4A Demonstration Project Planning (2025 Award)	80,000	20,000	100,000							800,000	200,000	1,000,000			
	Conway Safety Reporting and Service Studies (FY2020 5307)				7,400	1,850	9,250									
	RRM reporting and SMS/PTSASP Planning Updates				26,000	14,000	20,000									
	42. Public Transportation, Goods Movement & Intermodal Planning															
	River Centers TOD Study				2,344,000	286,000	2,930,000									
	Conway Transit Long-Range Plan (FY2020 5307)				232,600	58,150	290,750									
	Comprehsenvie Operation Analysis				120,000	30,000	150,000							120,000	30,000	150,000
	43. Facility Maintenance, Preservation & Enchancement Planning															
	44. Air Quality Planning & Public Awareness															
	Ozone Awareness	48,000	12,000	60,000										48,000	12,000	60,000
	45. Intelligent Transportation Systems															
	Operations Study/ITS	Incluc	Incluced Under Item	122										Incluced	Incluced Under Item 22	2
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44.25.00		100,000	75,000	172,000				12,000	3,000	15,000				117,000	78,000	140,000
	50. IIP Development, Project Selection & Surveillance	0,70	0,00	2000	000			4	100	100						1000
	TO1AL	1,611,360	402,840	2,014,200	2,920,000	/30,000	3,650,000	1,141,150	782,287	1,426,437	2,800,000	700,000 3,500	3,500,000	7,672,510 1	1,918,127	9,590,637
CONSULTANT	CONSULTANT-LED STUDIES ARE SHOWN IN ITALICS AND INCLUDED IN PROJECT TOTAL															
1 Metropi	¹ Metroplan Work Program detailes are provided on the prior page.															
² Metropla	² Metroplan and ARDOT are negotiating the scope of work and funding for the SMART Street Plan. Funding is assumed as 80% federal funds from Metroplan and 20% funds for local jurisdications.	ART Street Pl	an. Funding	is assumed	as 80% federa	Il funds fron	n Metroplan	1 and 20% fu	ands for loc	al jurisdica	tions.					

TABLE 6A. FY 2027 CARTS UPWP BUDGET—METROPLAN

Central Arkansas Regional Transportation Study - Unified Planning Work	Metro	Metroplan Work Program	rogram	Metrop	Metroplan Work Program	rogram	Metropl	Metroplan Work Program	ogram	Metropl	Metroplan Work Program	ogram	Metroplan	Metroplan Work Program	Ε			
Program - FFY 2027	Ŧ	FTA/FHWA (Staff)	æ	FTA/FH	FTA/FHWA PL (Studies)	dies)		STBGU			CMAQ		Safe Stre	Safe Streets for All		Metroplan Work Program Total	Nork Progr	am Total
Table 5B - FY 2027 Project Task Budget		TOTAL			TOTAL			TOTAL			TOTAL		2	TOTAL			TOTAL	
CODE TASK ACTIVITY	Federal	Local	Total	Federal	Local	Total	Federal	Local	Total	Federal	Local	Total	Federal Lo	Local Total		Federal	Local	Total
44.21.00 Program Support and Administration	240,000	000'09	300,000													240,000	000'09	300,000
1. Work Program Development & Administration																		
2. Public Information & Citizen Participation																		
44.22.00 General Development & Comprehensive Planning	440,000	110,000	550,000													440,000	110,000	550,000
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	350,000	87,500	437,500	80,000	20,000	100,000	0	0	0							430,000	107,500	537,500
20. Metropolitan Transportation Plan																		
21. Travel Demand Modeling & Analysis																		
22. Strategic Regional Network																		
23. Sustainable Transportation Strategies																		
24. Major Transportation Investement																		
Various Corridor Studies (Consultants)				80,000	20,000	100,000	200,000	20,000	250,000							280,000	20,000	350,000
44.24.00 Short-Range Transportation Planning	120,000	30,000	150,000							48,000	12,000	000'09	0	0	0	168,000	42,000	210,000
40. Traffic Monitoring & Analysis of Existing Conditions																		
41. Traffic Congestion & Safety Planning																		
42. Public Transportation, Goods Movement & Intermodal Planning																		
43. Facility Maintenance, Preservation & Enchancement Planning																		
44. Air Quality Planning & Public Awareness																		
Ozone Awareness										48,000	12,000	60,000				48,000	12,000	60,000
45. Intelligent Transportation Systems																		
44.25.00 Transportation Improvement Program	100,000	25,000	125,000													100,000	25,000	125,000
50. TIP Development, Project Selection & Surveillance																		
TOTAL	TOTAL 1,250,000		312,500 1,562,500	80,000	20,000	100,000	0	0	0	48,000	12,000	000'09	0	0	0 1,	1,378,000	344,500 1	1,722,500
CONSULTANT-LED STUDIES ARE SHOWN IN ITAUCS AND INCLUDED IN PROJECT TOTAL																		

TABLE 6B. FY 2027 CARTS UPWP BUDGET—ALL PARTNERS

Central Arkansas Regional Transportation Study - Unified Planning Work	Metro	Metroplan Work Program	Program	Rock Reg	Rock Region METRO Work	Work									
Program - FFY 2027		Summary ¹			Program		ARDOT	ARDOT Work Program	ram	CLR V	CLR Work Program	E	CARTS V	CARTS Work Program Total	n Total
Table 6B - FY 2027 Project Task Budget		TOTAL			2307			SRP		Reconnec	Reconnecting Communities	unities		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	240,000	60,000	300,000	160,000	40,000	200,000	24,000	6,000	30,000				424,000	106,000	530,000
1. Work Program Development & Administration															
2. Public Information & Citizen Participation															
	440,000	440.000	110,000				000	000	000				000	000	000
44.22.00 General Development & Comprehensive Planning	440,000	110,000	000,000				40,000	10,000	000,00				480,000	120,000	000,000
11 Coographical Information Curton Craphics & Manage															
11. Geographical Information System, Graphics & Mapping 12. Land Use/Socioeconomic Data Development & Forecasting															
44.23.01 Long-Range Transportation Planning	430,000	107,500	537,500				160,000	40,000	200,000	2,000,000	200,000	2,500,000	2,590,000	647,500	3,237,500
20. Metropolitan Transportation Plan															
21. Travel Demand Modeling & Analysis															
22. Strategic Regional Network															
23. Sustainable Transportation Strategies															
24. Major Transportation Investement															
Corridor Studies (Consultants)							160,000	40,000	200,000				160,000	40,000	200,000
Little Rock I-30 Deck Park Phase I Planning Study										2,000,000	200,000	2,500,000	2,000,000	200,000	2,500,000
44.24.00 Short-Range Transportation Planning	168,000	42,000	210,000	2,480,000	620,000	3,100,000	80,000	20,000	100,000	800,000	200,000	1,000,000	2,728,000	682,000	3,410,000
40. Traffic Monitoring & Analysis of Existing Conditions															
41. Traffic Congestion & Safety Planning															
SS4A Demonstration Project Planning										800,000	200,000	1,000,000			
Conway Safety Reporting and Service Studies (FY2021 5307)				7,400	1,850	9,250									
RRM Reporting and SMS/PTASP Planning Updates				26,000	14,000	20,000									
42. Public Transportation, Goods Movement & Intermodal Planning															
River Centers TOD Study				2,344,000	586,000	2,930,000									
Conway Transit Long-Range Plan (FY21 5307)				72,600	18,150	90,750									
Comprehsenvie Operation Analysis				0	0	0							0	0	0
43. Facility Maintenance, Preservation & Enchancement Planning															
44. Air Quality Planning & Public Awareness															
Ozone Awareness	48,000	12,000	60,000										48,000	12,000	60,000
45. Intelligent Transportation Systems															
44.25.00 Transportation Improvement Program	100,000	25,000	125,000				12,000	3,000	15,000				112,000	28,000	140,000
50. TIP Development, Project Selection & Surveillance															
TOTAL	L 1,378,000	344,500	1,722,500	2,640,000	000'099	3,300,000	316,000	79,000	395,000	2,800,000	700,000	3,500,000	6,334,000	1,583,500	7,917,500
CONSULTANT-LED STUDIES ARE SHOWN IN ITALICS AND INCLUDED IN PROJECT TOTAL															

TABLE 7. GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS USED IN THIS DOCUMENT

ARDOT Arkansas Department of Transportation

ALOP Annual Listing of Obligated Projects

ASCT Adaptive Signal Control Technology

AULP Agreed Upon List of Projects

CARTS Central Arkansas Regional Transportation Study

CMP Congestion Management Process

FAST Act Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act

FFY Federal Fiscal Year (October 1 - September 30)

GIS Geographic Information Systems

HPMS Highway Performance and Monitoring System

ITS Intelligent Transportation System

LAN Local Area Network

MAP-21 Moving America for Progress in the 21st Century

MIS Major Investment Study

MOA Memorandum of Agreement

MPO Metropolitan planning organization

MSA Metropolitan Statistical Area

MTP Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan

OAD Ozone Action Days

RAN Regional Arterial Network

ROW right-of-way

RPAC Regional Planning Advisory Council

TAM Transit Asset Management

TCC Technical Coordinating Committee

TIP Transportation Improvement Program

TMC Transportation Management Area

UPWP Unified Planning Work Program

