

Metroplan Board of Directors Meeting

November 19, 2025

10:00 am

AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes of August 27, 2025
2. Financial Report
3. Metroplan Report
 - a. 2026 Metroplan Budget
 - b. Central Arkansas Planning Needs Assessment
4. Small Cities and Technical Coordinating Committee Bylaws
5. Benchmarking Trip Review
 - Energy and Environment Innovation for the Natural State
6. CPRG Call for Projects
 - a. Multi-Use Trails
 - b. Land Restoration and Tree Planting
 - Transportation Agenda
7. Safety Performance Targets
8. UPWP Amendment
9. Request for Partnership – Hwy 100 Study
10. 2025 & 2026 Project Obligations
11. Call for Projects
 - a. 2026 STBG and 2026 TAP – Additional Funding
 - b. 2027 TAP Funding
12. Agency Reports
13. Metroplan Board Announcements
14. Citizen Communications
15. Adjourn



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ITEM 1. MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 2025

The minutes of the August 27th, 2025 Metroplan Board meeting are attached for review and adoption.

ACTION NEEDED: Motion to adopt minutes from August 27th, 2025.

Metroplan Board of Directors Meeting

August 27, 2025

Attending:

Board Members

Mayor Tom Farmer, City of Benton
Mayor Chris Treat, City of Bryant
Mayor Ken Kincade, City of Cabot
Mayor Caleb Norris, City of Maumelle
Mayor Mike Kemp, City of Shannon Hills
Mayor Mary Jo Heye-Townsell, City of Sherwood
Mayor Charles Gastineau, City of Ward
Mayor Derrick Rainey, City of Wrightsville
Judge Allen Dodson, Faulkner County
Judge Barry Hyde, Pulaski County
Judge Matt Brumley, Saline County
Mr. David Siskowski, ARDOT
Mr. Keith Keck, Hot Springs Village
Ms. Marsha Guffey, Little Rock Port Authority
*Mr. Robbie Alberson, City of Conway
*Mr. David Cook, City of North Little Rock
*Mr. Adam Whitlow, City of Jacksonville
*Brady Zweifel, City of Vilonia

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Casey Covington
Bernadette Rhodes
Tammy Gillis
Leesa Freasier
Peritosh Jambhale
Jonathan Lupton
Daniel Holland
Sydney Dozier

Guest

Mason Morgan, Rasco White Thomas
Tom Anderson, Faulkner County
Tab Townsell, Pulaski County

Matthew Breckenridge, Pulaski County
Mark Stodola, Arkansas Municipal League (AML)
Joe Smith, AML
Mike Watson, Halff
Jon Honeywell, Volkert
John Miller, Crafton Tull
Mark Koch, Olsson
Michael Osburn, VES
Ben Reynolds, VES
Jamie Collins, Neel-Schaffer
Katie LeBlanc, HNTB – LR
Andrew Boatman, HNTB – LR
Grant Cox, LR Public Works
James Walden, Garver
Steven Taylor, ARDOT

I. Approval of minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the July Board meeting was made by Mayor Herrman, seconded by Mayor Gastineau and passed by the Board.

II. Approval of the Financial Report

Ms. Gillis gave a brief financial report to the Board.

Ms. Gillis noted that the financials included in the Board packet were developed by staff and are currently being sent to Landmark for review.

The audit was completed on the 24th and Mason Morgan with Rasco Winter and Thomas will be providing a full report of their findings.

A motion to approve the July financials was made by Mayor Norris, seconded by Mayor Gastineau, and approved by the Board.

III. 2024 Metroplan Audit

Mr. Morgan stated to the Board that a draft of the audit was provided for approval. The final report will be done in the next few days once approved by the Metroplan Board.

Mr. Morgan stated that there were no significant findings to report, and the audit was clean.

A motion to approve the Metroplan audit was made by Mayor Herrmann, seconded by Mayor Heye-Townsell, and passed by the Board.

IV. Metroplan Report

Mr. Covington stated to the Board that an AMPO/ASHTO peer exchange was hosted by the Association of State Highway and Transportation officials. Mr. Steven Taylor represented ARDOT and Casey Covington Metroplan as Arkansas representatives at the event. The peer exchange focused on cooperation opportunities between states and MPOs. There was a total of nine states and MPOs present at the event.

Mr. Covington stated that staff have provided a list of projects to ARDOT from the previous STIP recommendation to include in the new 2027-2030 STIP. While attending a recent meeting of the Arkansas Highway Commission, he notes that most of the projects discussed were partnering projects. Mr. Covington suggested that if members had any partnering projects now would be the time to discuss these with ARDOT. Staff would also provide additional support for projects to ARDOT.

Mr. Covington stated to the Board that also at the meeting there was a discussion on the Arkansas Highway and Needs Study. ARDOT conducts the study, which examines the next 20 years and what types of projects the state needs to invest in, such as freeway widening, maintenance, and highway projects. Staff offered to participate with ARDOT on this study. This will be an opportunity for the jurisdictions to identify projects on the state highway system that are in need of improvement.

Mr. Covington also stated that the notice to proceed on the Smart Streets Plan had been issued to the consultant. This is a partnering study with ARDOT.

Mr. Covington stated that an Appropriations Bill, or extension, which is set to expire, will need to be continued or signed by September 30th.

Furthermore, staff continues to look at IJA reauthorization, which expires next year. This bill sets policies, funding levels, and other transportation directives. There is a request for comments section on this docket that is due by September 8th, which will focus on transportation safety, accelerating project delivery, increasing investment opportunities, and strengthening partnerships. Staff has submitted a letter representing priorities for Metroplan and the national organizations. The director of ARDOT has submitted a letter as well.

Mr. Covington added that on the Regional Planning and Needs Study that examines Central Arkansas Development District had received seven applications from consultants who were working with staff to determine the consultant permit and examine opportunities for collaboration among the agencies.

Mr. Covington noted that the FHWA has asked Metroplan staff and USDOT to review the UPWP for executive orders to ensure its consistency with the President's directive. It is currently being reviewed and any modifications needed will be made.

The Safe Streets 4 All program is being closed on September 15th and is being reviewed by Mr. Haustein. Staff is still waiting on the project agreement which is expected to be received within the next month.

Mr. Covington also stated that some of staff will be attending the AMPO conference in September.

Mr. Covington noted that at the end of October is Arkansas Transportation Summit in Jonesboro, which will focus on transportation planning in Arkansas. Some staff will attend and the agenda for the summit will be sent out to the Board in case anyone wants to attend.

Mr. Covington noted that staff have been working diligently to develop the new Metroplan website. The initial launch of the site will be on September 3rd. If anyone is interested in accessing the website prior to the launch date, staff can provide them with the login information.

Ms. Dozier gave a brief tutorial introduction to the Metroplan website.

Ms. Dozier expressed thanks to the Board members that were very helpful in providing ideas on things that should be a part of the website.

V. Agency Reports

A. Arkansas Department of Transportation

Mr. Siskowski stated to the Board that this year ARDOT will be combining their planning conference and TRC and research conference. The conference will cover 4 days and be held in Jonesboro, October 27th – 30th. The conference will be moved to a different area of the state each year going forward. The agenda is being developed and will be available soon. Registration information will be sent to the Board.

Mr. Siskowski stated that there was only 1 letting in August, which was a quarter mile overlay in Faulkner County. It is expected to be done by the end of the year. There will be three September lettings coming up soon in the metropolitan area.

- Hwy 70 – University Avenue is going to construction with completion by the end of next year.
- I-57 guard rail improvements; 6 areas in Lonoke County in Cabot and Ward and 2 areas in Pulaski County in Sherwood with completion set for mid next year.
- County road overlay projects in Lonoke County with 2.8 miles of overlay on County Road 71 and 1 mile of County Road 76 with completion by the end of the year.

B. Rock Region METRO

There was no report from Rock Region METRO.

C. Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport

There was no report from the Clinton National Airport.

D. Federal Highway Administration

Mr. John Spears stated that FHWA has been working closely with Metroplan staff on development of the UPWP.

E. Little Rock Port Authority

Ms. Guffey stated to the Board that the Port is continuing to grow the railroad business. There is still concern about the crossing at Fouche Dam Pike. The rail crossing elimination program has been started with a kick-off meeting. The consultant was at the meeting when there was a call in alerting them of a crossing block that lasted for about 44 minutes. The consultants were able to pull it up in real time on the ARDOT cameras so that they could watch the behavior of people at the crossing and on I-440. This allowed them to see the actual concerns that have been voiced by Mr. Day that must be addressed. Therefore, the consultants will continue to search for answers for the issues.

Ms. Guffey also stated that the Port celebrated the completion of their barge mooring project. There were 45 mono-pile dolphins in the river. Plans are being put into place for a new dock as well. This will aid in the expansion of dock to barge and barge to truck growth at the Port.

F. Congressional Offices

Mr. Coleman stated to the Board that Congress is finishing up the August recess this week. Senator Cotton, Governor Sanders and Secretary of Education McMann were traveling through the state on visits and made a stop at John Roberts Elementary in Pulaski County and will be making a stop at the Saline County Education Center.

Mr. Jimmy Harris noted that both the House and Senate will be back in session in the upcoming week. The Appropriations Bill is scheduled for September.

Mr. Harris noted that the last few days of the Senate recess were the only extended break so far this year. The Senate has been confirming Presidential nominees the fastest it has in the last 20 years. A record 10 consecutive weeks of voting took place as the first time in the last 15 years. When they reconvene, the task will be to develop the fiscal year 2026 budget. The Senate passed 3 bills, and

the House passed 2. Because of procedural requirements, the work month will be 3 weeks instead of 4. Due to this, a continual resolution may be put in place to prevent a government shutdown.

Mr. Pritchford stated to the Board that Congressman Hill has been working steadily over the last week out in the district. He agreed that there may possibly be a resolution put in place when the time is appropriate.

G. Arkansas Department of Economic Development

There was no report from CAPDD.

H. Arkansas Municipal League

Mr. Stodola stated to the Board that the Municipal League has some upcoming meetings. There will be a variety of regional training sessions with the first in Russellville on September 12th from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Registration is \$20.00. More details will be provided.

Mr. Stodola noted that the League will host a family ball night at Dickey Stephens on September 2nd and is inviting fellow cities in the region to attend. Tickets are free and information on pickup can be found by calling the League for details. Mayor Smith added that he would be delivering tickets to anyone requesting them if they would like to contact him.

Mr. Stodola further stated that the National League of Cities Summit meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, is coming up in November and registration is now open.

The new FOI Act Amendment went into effect on August 1st. There has been a lot of discussion on how cities and counties can conduct their meetings, whether closed or public relative to virtual meetings and who can attend. The general opinion is that a virtual meeting of all of the officials cannot be held by allowing anyone who attends virtually to be part of the quorum. The meeting cannot be fully virtual; it has to be enough attendees present in person to form a quorum. There is a debate that is ongoing on the voting power of anyone attending virtually. Mr. Stodola suggested that entities should talk to their city or county attorneys.

Mr. Stodola informed the Board of an organization called Communities Unlimited. This is a 501(c) (3) organization that provides various services to local governments such as business support for water and utility infrastructure, low interest loans, healthy food systems, home repairs and other services.

Mr. Smith stated to the Board that the Opioid Settlements must have a 100% participation of every city involved or there will be a \$15 million penalty, which reduces the settlement amount from \$65 million to \$50 million. Information was

sent out a few weeks ago and must be submitted within the next four weeks.

VI. Benchmarking Trip

Ms. Rhodes indicated that there is going to be good participation in the Benchmarking Trip scheduled for this year. Approximately 2 board members and their staff would be attending. The itinerary for the trip was provided to the Board. Ms. Rhodes noted that the majority of participants will be going on a group flight leaving on October 7th. Those making their own flight arrangements will also be responsible for getting to the hotel and getting checked in.

Ms. Rhodes gave a brief summary of the itinerary and reminded the Board that there would not be a September Metroplan Board meeting, therefore they should keep an eye out for further information on the trip as it is provided.

VII. Energy and Environment Innovation Streetlight Conversion Grant

Ms. Rhodes stated to the Board that there was a recommendation from staff based on applications that were received for the Streetlight Conversion Grant. There were 5 applications received, and it was determined after reviewing their budget, emissions reductions of the projects and their cost efficiency that all five of the projects qualify for awards. The grants will be awarded to the cities of Jacksonville, Maumelle, Sheridan, Haskell and Wrightsville. Four of the five projects will be working with Entergy to convert energy efficient streetlights in their communities. Due to this partnership the grant will only cover the labor cost as the rest of the cost is built into the taxes each city already pays to Entergy.

Resolution 25-17 to approve the award of the Streetlight Conversion Grants was made by Mayor Gastineau, seconded by Mayor Kemp, and passed by the Board.

VIII. TIP Amendment – Rock Region METRO

Mr. Holland stated to the Board that Rock Region METRO has requested an amendment to access funds from the FTA for the City of Conway to be added to the 2025-2028 TIP as indicated in the Board packet.

A motion to approve the TIP amendment for Resolution 25-18 was made by Mayor Gastineau, seconded by Mr. Zweifel, and passed by the Board.

IX. Congestion Management Process Report

Mr. Haustein stated to the Board that Metroplan has been implementing the

Congestion Management Process (CMP) since 1999. This process develops regional congestion and management strategies for the area.

Mr. Covington noted this report was developed in-house by staff using speed data for the USDOT. Being able to complete this report in-house saved money that would otherwise require a consultant.

Mr. Haustein gave the Board a brief summary of the report that was included in the Board packet.

A motion to accept the Congestion Management Process was made by Mayor Rainey, seconded by Mayor Gastineau, and passed by the Board.

X. 2025 Project Obligations

Mr. Holland stated to the Board that the obligation period will end within the next few days and he thanked those who had sent in their information and urged those who hadn't to get their information in before the close of the period.

Mr. Holland noted that there are still a few remaining construction projects that are expected to be fully obligated which are awaiting the federal aid project agreements. Therefore, any documentation requested by ARDOT should be turned in as soon as possible.

Mr. Covington added that a final list of projects would be available in the next few days, and everything would be finalized by September.

Mr. Covington stated to the Board that there will be no September Board meeting.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

ITEM 2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Metroplan staff is finalizing the The January – September 2025 financial statement. It will be provided prior to the board meeting.

ACTION NEEDED: Motion to accept the Financial Report.

ITEM 3. METROPLAN REPORT

SUMMARY

Metroplan staff will provide an update on agency planning activities and the board schedule for 2026 (attached).

A. 2026 Metroplan Budget

The Metroplan agency operating budget has been prepared and is presented in the following pages. Budgets for CPRG passthrough and engineering projects are being prepared and will be included in the budget's approval for December. Highlights of the operating budget include:

- Membership Dues are Unchanged from 2025
- New Central Arkansas Summit – Spring 2026
- Initial phase of a Travel Demand Model Upgrade/Validation
- Budget surplus of \$95,000

B. Central Arkansas Regional Planning Needs Assessment

Metroplan has contracted with Everstrive Solutions to evaluate regional planning needs in central Arkansas and additional collaborative opportunities between Metroplan and CAPDD. Lauren Palmer will present the current findings of the study comparing core responsibilities of both agencies, board compositions, and staffing.

Lauren is conducting input workshops with stakeholders on November 18th and 19th. This includes the Small Cities Council (9:00 am) and medium/large cities and counties (11:00 am).

Everstrive will focus on the finding of these interviews, regional planning gaps, and development of three alternatives for collaboration in December and January. A draft report is expected in January.

ACTION NEEDED: Information only.

2026 METROPLAN BOARD MEETINGS/EVENTS

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

No February meeting

March 25 Metroplan Board meeting 10:00 am (Small Cities at 9:00 am)

April 22 (if needed)

May 6-7—Central Arkansas Summit (tentative)

May 27 Metroplan Board meeting 10:00 am (Small Cities at 9:00 am)

June 7-10—National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Annual Conference

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

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

August 27 Metroplan Board meeting 10:00 am (Small Cities at 9:00 am)

September 14-17— Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) Annual Conference

September 23 Metroplan Board meeting 10:00 am (Small Cities at 9:00 am)

No October meeting

November 18 Metroplan Board meeting 10:00 am (Small Cities at 9:00 am)

December 16 Metroplan Board meeting 10:00 am (Small Cities at 9:00 am)

METROPLAN 2026 ANNUAL BUDGET

Draft 11/14/2025

Metroplan 2026 Operating Budget

Metroplan Operating Revenue		2025 Comparison
MPO Planning Funds	\$1,249,948.54	\$1,227,446.54
EEl	\$31,348.14	\$42,926.78
CPRG	\$252,269.03	\$268,162.22
Metroplan Member Dues	\$655,153.00	\$655,153.00
State of Arkansas MPO Designation	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
MAWA	\$10,340.51	\$10,231.15
Interest Income	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00
Total	\$2,309,059.22	\$2,313,919.70
Metroplan Operating Expenses		
Metroplan Salaries & Fringe	\$1,582,243.53	\$1,534,297.38
Indirect Expenses (excl Salary)	\$457,500.00	\$447,500.00
Local Funds/Board Expenses	\$87,300.00	\$105,000.00
MAWA Direct Support	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Match for Planning Projects/Grants	\$87,000.00	\$137,122.32
Total	\$2,214,043.53	\$2,223,919.70
Unallocated Gains Assets	\$95,015.70	\$90,000.00

Metroplan 2026 Operating Expenses

		2026 Budget	2025 Comparison
Salary and Fringe	Planning	\$1,034,748	\$1,002,812
	EEL	\$20,761	\$28,057
	CPRG	\$167,069	\$175,269
	Indirect	\$231,391	\$239,010
	MAWA	\$2,875	\$2,765
	General Fund	\$125,400	\$86,385
Total		\$1,582,244	\$1,534,297
Indirect Expenses	Local Mileage and Parking	\$5,000	\$5,000
	Depreciation Expense	\$25,000	\$25,000
	Employee Professional Membership	\$5,000	\$5,000
	Financial System Support/Oversight	\$40,000	\$40,000
	General Operating	\$5,000	\$3,000
	Insurance - General	\$7,500	\$7,500
	Legal, Accounting & Audit	\$65,000	\$50,000
	Maintenance and Repair	\$5,000	\$5,000
	Materials and Supplies	\$15,000	\$15,000
	MPO charges	\$2,500	\$2,500
	CPRG Charges	\$2,500	\$2,500
	Lease Expense - Office Equipment	\$8,000	\$15,000
	Outside Printing	\$15,000	\$15,000
	Payroll Preparation Expenses	\$3,500	\$3,500
	Postage	\$2,000	\$2,000
	Professional Membership	\$10,000	\$10,000
	Public Relations	\$8,000	\$8,000
	Rent	\$68,000	\$68,000
	Staff Travel & Training	--	--
	Training MPO	\$35,000	\$35,000
	Travel CPRG	\$17,500	\$17,500
	Subscriptions and Publications	\$1,000	\$1,000
	Technology Expense	\$70,000	\$70,000
	New Website Depreciation	\$12,000	\$12,000
	Telephone & Internet	\$15,000	\$15,000
	Lease Improvement Depreciation	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total		\$457,500	\$447,500
100% Local	Board Engagement/CA Submmit /Travel/Mis.	\$93,300	\$111,000

Indirect Rate Calculation

Indirect Salaries	\$231,390.83
Indirect Expenses	\$457,500.00
Indirect Salaries and Indirect Expenses	\$688,891
Direct Salary and Fringe Total	\$1,350,853
Indirect Rate	51.0%

Metroplan 2026 Planning Studies

Metroplan Studies Revenue

Ozone Action Days	\$48,000.00
Travel Demand Model	\$100,000.00
Regional Study TBD	\$200,000.00
Transferred from Local Dues	\$87,000.00
Total	\$435,000.00

Metroplan Studies Expenses

Ozone Action Days	\$60,000.00
Travel Demand Model	\$125,000.00
Regional Study TBD	\$250,000.00
Total	\$435,000.00

METROPLAN 2025 LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Metroplan Members		2024 Dues
Dues - Saline County	\$	50,604.00
Dues - Pulaski County		44,108.00
Dues - Lonoke County		20,979.00
Dues - Faulkner County		40,531.00
Dues - City of Alexander		3,114.00
Dues - City of Austin		3,183.00
Dues - City of Bauxite		579.00
Dues - City of Benton		32,213.00
Dues - City of Bryant		19,010.00
Dues - City of Cabot		24,443.00
Dues - City of Cammack Village		716.00
Dues - City of Conway		59,003.00
Dues - City of England		2,279.00
Dues - City of Greenbrier		5,250.00
Dues - City of Guy		692.00
Dues - City of Haskell		3,640.00
Dues - City of Jacksonville		27,119.00
Dues - City of Little Rock		186,384.00
Dues - City of Lonoke		3,934.00
Dues - City of Keo		190.00
Dues - City of Maumelle		17,711.00
Dues - City of Mayflower		1,825.00
Dues - City of Mount Vernon		132.00
Dues - City of North Little Rock		59,424.00
Dues - City of Shannon Hills		4,131.00
Dues - City of Sherwood		30,113.00
Dues - City of Traskwood		455.00
Dues - City of Vilonia		3,945.00
Dues - City of Ward		5,568.00
Dues - City of Wooster		959.00
Dues - City of Wrightsville		1,419.00
<u>Associate Members</u>		
Dues - Grant County		500.00
Dues - Hot Springs Village		500.00
Dues - City of Sheridan		500.00
		\$ 655,153.00

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

ITEM 4. SMALL CITIES COUNCIL AND TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE BYLAWS

SUMMARY

Metroplan bylaws include two permanent advisory committees, a Technical Coordinating Committee and Small Cities Council. These committees advise and make recommendations to the full board.

Metroplan Small Cities Council was established in 2018 but lacks formal bylaws. This council is comprised of mayors of member jurisdictions with populations under 10,000. The council provides an opportunity for these members to focus on issues that most affect them through focuses assistance, collaboration and knowledge sharing, capacity building, and advisory role to the full Metroplan board. They meet prior to Metroplan Board meetings.

Metroplan's Technical Coordinating committee was incorporated into the Regional Planning Advisory Committee in 2018. This Regional Planning Advisory Committee was then dissolved with the completion of the regional Long-Range Metroplan Transportation Plan. The MPO's Technical committee, comprised of technical staff from members, serves a vital role to the MPO by serving as a resource and reviewer for staff and the Metroplan Board. The committee also helps implement common practices across the region.

These bylaws are presented as information for approval in December. *This serves as notice to the Metroplan Board of Directors of the vote on bylaws in December.*

ACTION NEEDED: Information only.

**BY-LAWS OF THE METROPLAN SMALL CITIES COUNCIL,
A STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE METROPLAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ARTICLE 1. Name

The name of this committee of small cities in Central Arkansas shall be the Metroplan Small Cities Council.

ARTICLE 2. Purpose

The Small Cities Council serves as a standing committee of the Metroplan Board of Directors, dedicated to supporting the unique needs of smaller cities through:

- (a) *Focused Assistance*: Providing technical support, planning guidance, and resources tailored to the transportation and development challenges of smaller cities;
- (b) *Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing*: Creating a forum where smaller cities can share experiences, exchange best practices, and learn from one another to strengthen governance and planning efforts;
- (c) *Capacity Building*: Empowering smaller communities to build local expertise, advocate for their needs, and effectively plan for sustainable growth; and
- (d) *Advisory Role*: Making recommendations to the full Metroplan Board.

ARTICLE 3. Membership

Any city or community under 10,000 population, including second-class cities and incorporated towns, within the Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway Metropolitan Statistical Area ("Central Arkansas") may participate in the Small Cities Council. Voting committee membership is open to any mayor (or their designated representative) of a Central Arkansas small city/town. Membership to the Metroplan Board of Directors is not required. There is no fee for participation on the Small Cities Council.

Other Metroplan Board members may attend Small Cities Council meetings as non-voting participants.

ARTICLE 4. Committee Structure

Section 1. Meetings

The committee shall be known as the Small Cities Council.

Section 2. Term of Office

A representative shall serve during the term of office to which he or she has been elected or appointed.

Section 3. Meetings

The Small Cities Council shall meet at least once quarterly, with monthly meetings as required. Small Cities Council meetings will typically occur one hour before a full meeting of the Metroplan Board of Directors.

The Chair may call special meetings upon written notice to the full membership. The notice must specify the time, place, and purpose of the special meeting.

Section 4. Voting

The Small Cities Council does not set Metroplan policy but may vote on formal recommendations to the Metroplan Board of Directors. Each member shall have one vote. A majority of those present and voting shall prevail on an issue. Members may appoint a designee for the purpose of casting a vote on their behalf.

Section 5. Officers

- (a) The officers of the Small Cities Council will be a Chair and a Vice Chair. The occupants of these offices should represent jurisdictions located in different counties.
- (b) A Chair and a Vice Chair of the Council shall be nominated at the meeting after the biennial General Election. Nominees will be approved by the Metroplan Board of Directors at its December meeting for two-year terms.
- (c) The Chair shall lead the Small Cities Council with the Vice Chair leading the Council in the absence of the Chair. The Vice Chair should be elected with the intention of succeeding the Chair as the position becomes vacant.
- (d) The Chair shall collaborate with Metroplan Staff to set meeting agendas.

ARTICLE 5. Date of Effectiveness

These by-laws shall become effective upon the adoption of them by a majority of the board members.

ARTICLE 6. Parliamentary Procedure

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall be the authority on all questions of parliamentary procedure not covered by these by-laws.

ARTICLE 7. Amendments

These by-laws may be amended by a vote of a majority of the entire Board of Directors, or by weighted vote, at any meeting of the Board provided at least two weeks written notification of the proposed changes has been distributed to the Board.

ATTEST: [Date], 2025

Secretary _____
Judge Matt Brumley

President _____
Judge Allen Dodson

BY-LAWS OF THE METROPLAN TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE, AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE METROPLAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The TCC, in general, shall have membership, duties and responsibilities, and leadership as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Name

The name of this committee shall be the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC).

ARTICLE 2. DUTIES OF THE TCC

- A. The primary duty of this body is to recommend action to the Board for:
 - 1. all products of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP),
 - 2. revisions to the metropolitan long-range transportation plan (MTP),
 - 3. the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP),
 - 4. and other CARTS planning studies.
- B. Conduct all business delegated to it by the Board.
- C. By majority vote, recommend subject matter experts or citizen advisory committees to the board as needed. These committees would operate for a limited time, with narrow scopes of work.
- D. The TCC shall review and advise the board on all recommendations and findings from subject matter experts and citizen advisory committees.

ARTICLE 3. Membership

A. Eligibility and Selection

- 1. TCC committee appointees must be employees of either a local jurisdiction, the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT), a transit agency, or other transportation/transportation-adjacent agencies outlined in Section I-B-2 of these bylaws.
- 2. All employees of the abovementioned agencies are eligible to serve; however, membership preference will be given to individuals with technical expertise including engineers, planners, public works or street department employees, or employees in active transportation, traffic management, or freight movement.
- 3. Each County shall convene a caucus of Metroplan Board Members to appoint representatives to serve on the TCC.

B. Composition

- 1. Voting membership on the TCC shall be composed of eight (8) appointees from Pulaski County, three (3) appointees from each Faulkner and Saline Counties, two (2) appointees from Lonoke County, one (1) appointee from a transit agency, and the MPO Coordinator at ARDOT, which are signatory to the CARTS Agreement of Understanding, for a total of 18 voting members.
- 2. Non-voting membership on the TCC shall be composed of representatives of the US Department of Transportation (USDOT), ARDOT Transit Division, AR Pollution Control and Ecology Department (APCED), AR Energy Office, Little

Rock Air Force Base (LRAFB), Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport, Port of Little Rock, class 1 railroads and the CARTS Study Director.

3. Written notification of appointment to the TCC from each governmental jurisdiction, transit agency, class 1 railroad, LRAFB, APCED, AR Energy Office, LIT, Port of Little Rock and ArDOT must be provided to the CARTS Study Director to be seated.
4. One designated proxy per appointee is permissible, but must be confirmed by name in an email to the CARTS Study Director.

C. Voting Privileges:

1. Each voting TCC member shall exercise the one-person-one-vote rule in all matters before the Committee.
2. Proxy votes are allowed.
3. A majority of all eligible voting members shall constitute a quorum.
4. Although proposed changes to these bylaws may be initiated by the TCC, a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Metroplan Board is required to officially amend these bylaws, so long as the Board receives official notice of the proposed amendment before its meeting.

D. Terms:

1. Term duration of appointees shall be determined by each appointing entity.

ARTICLE 4. Chair of the Technical Coordinating Committee

- A. The CARTS Study Director shall act as TCC Chair.
 1. Shall perform the duties usually assigned to that office, such as presiding over all Committee meetings.
 2. Shall coordinate with the Vice-Chair to appoint subject matter experts and citizen advisory committees and their chairs.
 3. Shall receive, with the Vice-Chair, the findings of subject matter experts and citizen advisory committees. They shall decide whether to bring the report before the TCC or refer it to a subcommittee for additional consideration.
- B. Vice-Chair of the Technical Coordinating Committee
 1. ARDOT's MPO Coordinator shall act as the TCC Vice-Chair.
 2. Shall consult with the CARTS Study Director on appointments of subject matter experts and citizen advisory committees and their chairs.
 3. Shall receive, with the CARTS Study Director, the findings of standing and ad hoc committees. They shall decide whether to bring the report before the Committee or refer it to the subcommittee for additional consideration.

ARTICLE 5. Meetings

- A. The CARTS Study Director shall call for TCC meetings when there are sufficient business items to warrant a meeting. Meetings will normally be held on the second Wednesday of the month.
 1. The TCC shall meet quarterly with the ability to conduct additional meetings as needed.

2. Because some items are time-sensitive and non-controversial, the CARTS Study Director may take staff recommendations directly to the Metroplan Board without a TCC recommendation. In such cases, the CARTS Study Director will notify the TCC prior to presenting and comments on the recommendations will be made available to the Board.
- B. Notice of all meetings or non-meetings shall be posted on the Metroplan website and communicated by e-mail at least five (5) working days in advance and shall include the date, time and place of the meeting, preliminary agenda, minutes of the previous meeting and copies of proposed resolutions and reports.
- C. All meetings shall be open to the public.

ARTICLE 6. Date of Effectiveness

These by-laws shall become effective upon the adoption of them by a majority of the board members.

ARTICLE 7. Parliamentary Procedure

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall be the authority on all questions of parliamentary procedure not covered by these by-laws.

ARTICLE 8. Amendments

These by-laws may be amended by a vote of a majority of the entire Board of Directors, or by weighted vote, at any meeting of the Board provided at least two weeks written notification of the proposed changes has been distributed to the Board.

ITEM 5. BENCHMARKING TRIP REVIEW

SUMMARY

Thank you to everyone who joined us on the 2025 Benchmarking Trip to Madison, WI.

Board members and staff had a wonderful time collaborating and learning from the various planning partners in greater Madison. From riding the Bus Rapid Transit to exploring Community Resilience, Central Arkansas leaders and planning will long be impacted by the strategies and benchmarks taken away from the trip. Metroplan staff will share highlights from this trip while board members are encouraged to share their takeaways.

ACTION NEEDED: Information only.

ITEM 6. CPRG CALL FOR PROJECTS

Metroplan recommends releasing Calls for Projects in November 2025 for remaining balances in its CPRG budget for multi-use trails, land restoration, and tree planting. The proposed application deadline is January 9th, 2026, at 4:30 PM.

Program	Remaining to Award
Land Restoration (incl. forest, stream, prairie)	\$5,184,000
Tree Planting	\$1,600,000
Multi-Use Trail Infrastructure	\$2,318,400

Background

Metroplan's CPRG Land Restoration Pass-Through Grant funds projects that improve air quality and carbon sequestration through the restoration of natural areas. Eligible land restoration activities include (but are not limited to) invasive species removal and management, prairie and riparian buffer establishment, erosion control, reforestation, and increasing biodiversity with native plants. Restoration will be categorized by activities within the following land types: forest, prairie, wetland/floodplain, riparian area, or stream/riverbank.

Metroplan's CPRG Tree Planting Pass-Through Grant is intended to fund projects that oversee tree planting activities (primarily saplings) in parks, rights-of-way, neighborhoods, and other urban environments. Eligible tree planting activities include (but are not limited to) plant materials, growing containers, soil and amendments, site preparation, education, and watering.

Metroplan's CPRG Green Networks Multi-Use Trail Construction Pass-Through Grant is intended to award projects that reduce pollution from greenhouse gases. Projects must be construction ready with design completed or nearly completed and right of way fully or substantially acquired.

Eligible Entities include Central Arkansas City and County governments and departments, as well as State, quasi-governmental and non-governmental not-for-profit organizations, and/or coalitions that have a letter of support from the City and/or County jurisdiction in which the project will be implemented.

CPRG Multi-Use Trail Construction Requirements

- Recipients are required to pay for other phases of the project (ex: design/engineering, right-of-way, or construction inspection) or a portion of the construction with local funds. Total local investment in the overall project must represent at least 20% of the total project cost. In-kind match is allowed.
- Trail construction proposals must have at least 60% design completion required.
- Awarded trail construction projects must meet the following timeline to retain their award:

Milestone	Deadline
1. 90% design completion	End of May 2026
2. Right-of-way offers made	End of July 2026
3. Construction bid released	End of October 2026
4. Construction begins	No later than December 2026

CPRG Scoring Criteria

All eligible applications will also be evaluated based on the following CPRG criteria:

- Total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction and cost efficiency (50 points)
 - Cost Efficiency = Estimated Cost/MTCO_{2e} (metric tons of carbon dioxide or equivalent emissions) reduced or sequestered by the project (*Metroplan will assist with these calculations*)
- Project implementation and maintenance plan (30 points)
- Implementation timeframe (10 points)
- Connection to multimodal transportation infrastructure (10 points)

Multi-Use Trail applications will also be scored using Metroplan's standard criteria for Regional Greenways and Major Connectors to determine projects that align best with the Long-Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Central Arkansas Regional Greenways Plan.

Application: [Metroplan CPRG Green Networks Application Form 2025-26](#)

ITEM 7. SAFETY PERFORMANCE TARGETS

SUMMARY

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) continues the FAST Act's performance management approach, the objective of which is to invest resources in projects that collectively will make progress toward national goals. The national goals for which MPOs must set performance measure targets are: (1) Safety; (2) Infrastructure Condition; (3) Congestion Reduction; (4) System Reliability; (5) Freight Movement and Economic Vitality; (6) Environmental Sustainability; and (7) Transit. Metroplan must either (1) adopt its own targets or (2) support the state targets.

Resolution 25-19 supports the 2026 Safety Targets established by ARDOT while also recognizes Metroplan's goal of a 40% reduction in regional traffic fatalities by 2040 from the Regional Safety Action Plan.

ACTION NEEDED: Motion to approve Resolution 25-19



RESOLUTION 25-19
SAFETY PERFORMANCE TARGETS
SUPPORT FOR TARGETS BY ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) continues Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act performance management approach, in which states invest resources in projects that collectively will make progress towards national goals; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 USC 148, ARDOT prepared a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Annual Report and has established HSIP targets for each of the five safety performance measures for the purpose of achieving a significant reduction in fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads:

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 CFR §490.105, the MPOs shall establish targets no later than 180 days after the respective state DOT(s) establish their targets, the MPOs have the option of (1) agreeing to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward the accomplishment of the relevant state DOT targets of each performance measure, (2) setting their own targets for each performance measure, or (3) a mix of both options.

WHEREAS, Metroplan's Board of Directors adopted the **Central Arkansas Safety Action Plan** that has a core goal of reducing fatal and serious injury crashes by 40% by the year 2040. This plan was adopted by resolution 24-06 on April 24, 2024 and demonstrates the Board's commitment to improve safety for all road users in central Arkansas. The Regional Safety Action Plan supports ARDOT's safety performance measure targets, approved by Director Wiley on August 29, 2025 and submitted to FHWA on August 31, 2025, for 2026 for fatalities, fatality rate, serious injuries, serious injury rate, and non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that as the metropolitan planning organization for central Arkansas, the Metroplan Board of Directors agrees to plan and program projects that support the state's safety performance targets for 2026 and Metroplan's goal to reduce regional fatalities by 40% by the year 2040.

Duly recorded this 19th day of November 2025.

Judge Matt Brumley, Secretary/Treasurer

Judge Allen Dodson, President

Concur: _____

Date: August 29, 2025

TARGET SETTING FOR 2026

SAFETY

PERFORMANCE MEASURES



In accordance with 23 CFR 490.207, the national performance measures for State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) to use in managing the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) for all public roads are shown below.

Performance Measures
*Number of Fatalities
Rate of Fatalities (per 100 million vehicle miles traveled)
*Number of Serious Injuries
Rate of Serious Injuries (per 100 million vehicle miles traveled)
*Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries

**Note: These values represent the numbers of individuals, not the numbers of crashes.*

DATA SOURCES

Fatality Data: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) (2016-2023), National Safety Council (NSC) (2024)

Serious Injury Data: State motor vehicle crash database. Updated definition for "Suspected Serious Injury (A)" from the *Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria* (MMUCC) 4th edition was adopted by Arkansas State Police (ASP) on January 1, 2018.

Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-Motorized Serious Injuries: FARS/NSC and State motor vehicle crash database. Fatalities with attribution codes for pedestrians, bicyclists, other cyclists, and persons on personal conveyance are included. Serious injuries are associated with pedestrians or bicyclists as defined in the *American National Standard Manual on Classification of Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents* (ANSI D16.1-2007).

Volume Data: State Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) data is derived from the Arkansas Department of Transportation's (ARDOT) official submittal of Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) data to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

TARGET SETTING REQUIREMENTS

State DOTs:

- Must establish targets for all public roads.
- State DOTs shall coordinate with the State Highway Safety Office to set identical targets on three common performance measures (Number of Fatalities, Rate of Fatalities, and Number of Serious Injuries). **However, this requirement has been waived indefinitely following a joint final rule issued by FHWA and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) on May 6, 2024.**

- Must establish statewide annual targets by June 30 of each year due to coordination requirements with NHTSA, and report targets by August 31 of each year in the HSIP Report. **The indefinite waiver of the NHTSA coordination requirement yields an effective target setting deadline of August 31.**
- State DOTs shall coordinate with Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) when establishing targets, to the maximum extent practicable.

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs):

- Shall support the relevant State DOT annual target or establish their own targets within 180 days after the State DOT target is established.
- Shall report their established targets to their respective State DOT in a manner that is documented and mutually agreed upon by both parties.
- Shall report baseline condition/performance and progress toward the achievement of their targets in the system performance report in the metropolitan transportation plan.

METHODOLOGY

Through extensive coordination with the ASP Highway Safety Office, FHWA, NHTSA, all MPOs, and other stakeholders, a methodology to determine the targets was finalized in 2017.

Description of Methodology

The target-setting method, like in previous years, is generally described below:

1. Calculate moving averages for the last five years. A moving average smooths the variation from year to year. For this target setting, the moving average was calculated for the last five years that crash data is available (2016-2020, 2017-2021, 2018-2022, 2019-2023, and 2020-2024).
2. Calculate the average of these five data points. This is the unadjusted target for 2026.
3. Consider external factors to account for uncertainties. Past safety performance alone is not necessarily the best indicator of future performance given numerous external factors outside of ARDOT's control. For instance, to account for the increase in the number of agencies turning in eCrash reports from 2015 to 2024 which contributed to an increase in total crash reports from 67,411 in 2015 to 83,268 in 2024, an adjustment factor may be considered to account for the uncertainty of what the final numbers will be, rather than attempting to predict exact numbers.
4. Apply any adjustment factors as needed based on Step 3 to the averages (unadjusted targets) calculated in Step 2 to determine targets.

Step One: Calculate Moving Averages

Calculate the moving average for each of the performance measures for the last five years, as shown in Table 1.

Step Two: Calculate the Average

The average of the five data points for each of the performance measures is then calculated, as shown in Table 2. These values represent the unadjusted targets for 2026.

Table 1 – Calculation of Moving Averages

Data						Moving Averages					
Year	Number of Fatalities ¹	Rate of Fatalities	Number of Serious Injuries	Rate of Serious Injuries	Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	Years	Number of Fatalities	Rate of Fatalities	Number of Serious Injuries	Rate of Serious Injuries	Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries
2016	561	1.569	3,005	8.404	142						
2017	525	1.443	2,800	7.695	176						
2018	520	1.418	2,362	6.440	224						
2019	511	1.377	2,325	6.267	216						
2020	651	1.919	2,751	8.110	274	2016-2020	553.6	1.545	2648.6	7.383	206.4
2021	692	1.801	2,686	7.096	270	2017-2021	579.8	1.592	2584.8	7.122	232.0
2022	637	1.653	2,707	7.026	264	2018-2022	602.2	1.634	2566.2	6.988	249.6
2023	596	1.524	2,827	7.230	286	2019-2023	617.4	1.655	2659.2	7.146	262.0
2024	605	1.529	2,720	6.873	297	2020-2024	636.2	1.685	2738.2	7.267	278.2
Notes:											
¹ 2024 Fatalities are from National Safety Council (NSC), all other years are from Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS)											

Table 2 – Calculation of the Averages

Performance Measure	2016-2020	2017-2021	2018-2022	2019-2023	2020-2024	Average
Number of Fatalities	553.6	579.8	602.2	617.4	636.2	597.8
Rate of Fatalities	1.545	1.592	1.634	1.655	1.685	1.622
Number of Serious Injuries	2,648.6	2,584.8	2,566.2	2,659.2	2,738.2	2,639.4
Rate of Serious Injuries	7.383	7.122	6.988	7.146	7.267	7.181
Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	206.4	232.0	249.6	262.0	278.2	245.6

Step Three: Consider External Factors

As shown below, several external factors that may have an impact on safety performance were identified through coordination with safety stakeholders mentioned on page two.

Legalization of medical marijuana in Arkansas and increase in driver impairment

There is uncertainty regarding the quantifiable impact of medical marijuana and opioid use on highway safety. However, ASP continues to notice significant increases in crashes involving driver impairment in the State over the past few years.

Speed limit increase on rural freeways in Arkansas in 2020

State Act 784 of 2019 increased the maximum allowable speed limit for motor vehicles on rural freeways to 75 miles per hour (mph) effective July 1, 2020.

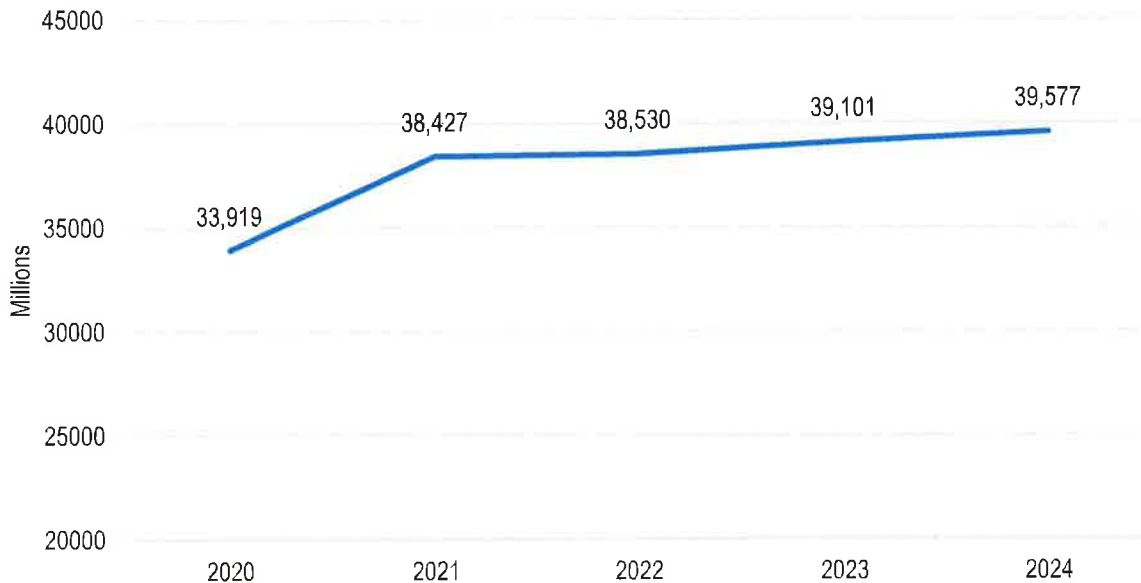
Large fluctuation in vehicle miles traveled in Arkansas

The vehicle miles traveled (VMT) in Arkansas decreased significantly in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As shown in Figure 1, the VMT in Arkansas was increasing yearly until 2020. While the total number of crashes decreased in 2020, it is believed that the lack of congestion and law enforcement presence led to more high-speed collisions which resulted in more severe crashes. In 2021, VMT rebounded, surpassing 2019 levels and increasing each year.

Increase in speeding citations

Citations involving a vehicle traveling at speeds greater than 100 miles per hour (mph) increased 155% in 2024 when compared to 2019 (987 citations in 2019 and 2,515 citations in 2024). These numbers are not expected to revert to 2019 numbers in the immediate future.

Figure 1 – Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) in Arkansas

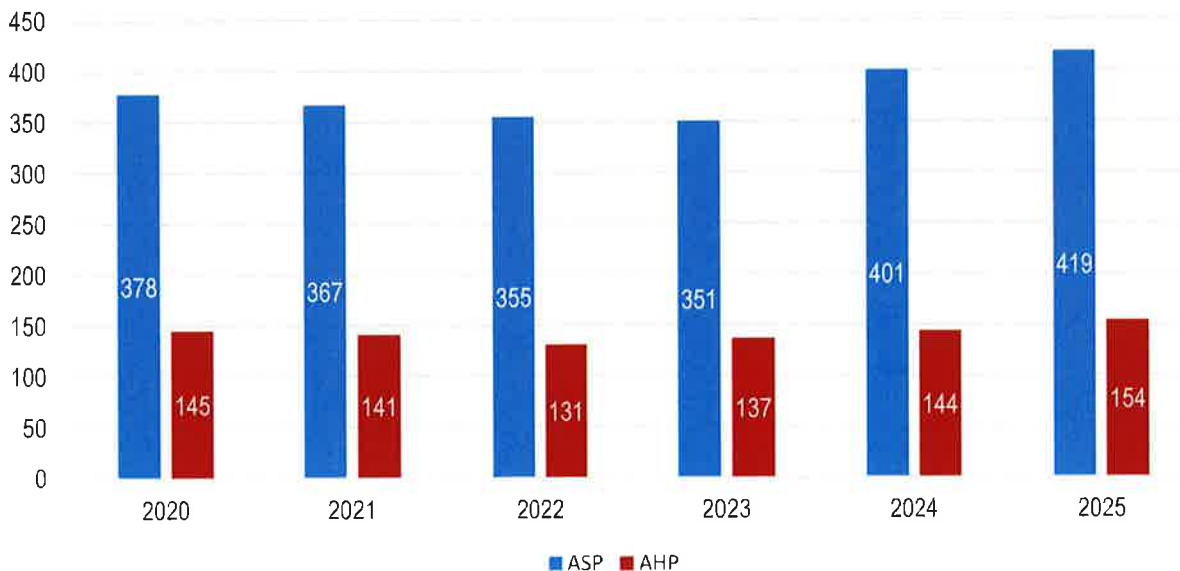


Data Source: FHWA (based on most recent 2020-2023 data) and ARDOT (2024)

Lack of law enforcement officers statewide

There has been a shortage of law enforcement officers across all agencies since 2019. As shown in Figure 2, ASP Highway Patrol was on a downward trend of available troopers but in 2024 finally surpassed 2019 levels and is now at a 6-year high. Arkansas Highway Police (AHP) has historically suffered from a shortage of law enforcement officers. A fully staffed AHP has 208 officers, yet AHP has operated on average with 68% staffing.

Figure 2 – Number ASP & AHP Officers

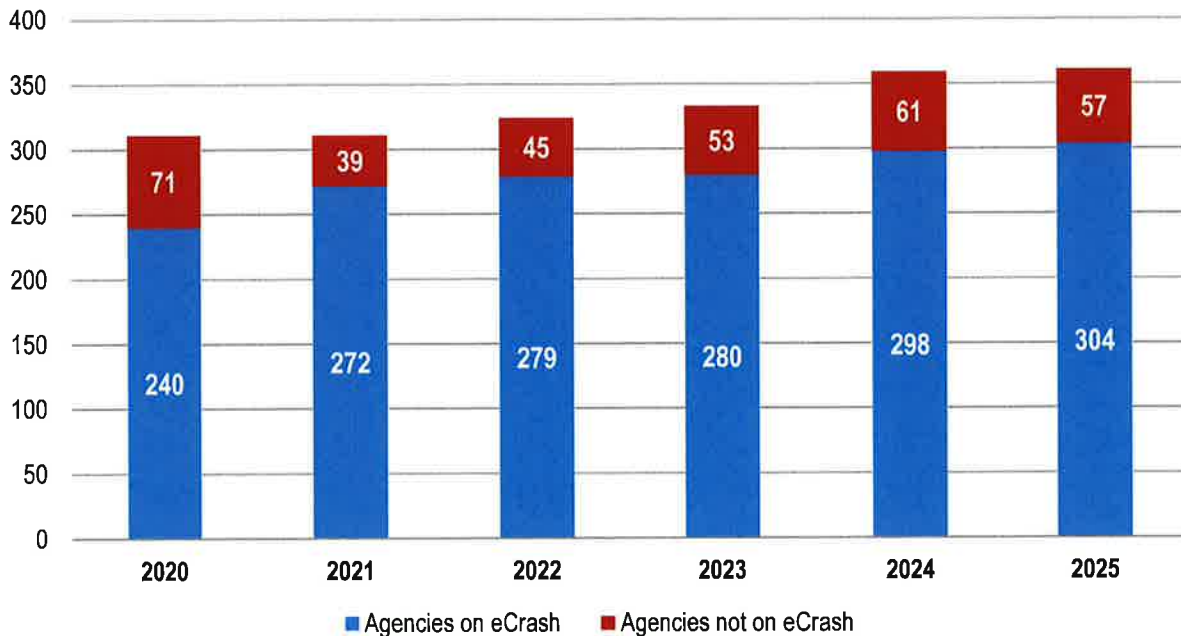


Data Source: ASP & AHP

Continued transition to eCrash system

The eCrash system has made crash reporting timelier and more consistent. Since first implemented by ASP in 2015, law enforcement agencies throughout Arkansas have been transitioning to the eCrash system. To date, 84% of all law enforcement agencies now use eCrash as shown in Figure 3. However, ASP discovered that some law enforcement agencies that are responsible for crash reporting had not submitted crash reports previously. Therefore, there had been a continued increase in the total number of agencies in the state submitting crash reports since 2020, as shown in Figure 3.

Figure 3 – eCrash Use in Arkansas

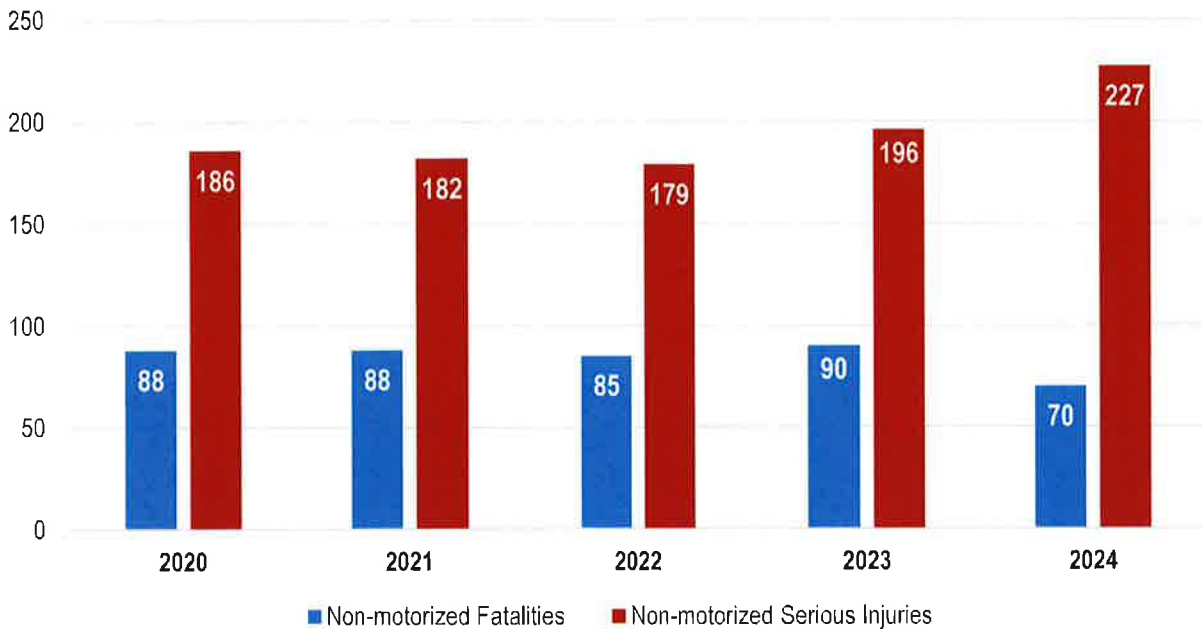


There is uncertainty regarding the quality of data not entered through eCrash, primarily regarding serious injuries. Although ASP has an official definition of suspected serious injuries, it has been noted in the past that the definition was not applied consistently. Future data integration with the Arkansas Department of Health's National Emergency Medical Services Information System (NEMSIS) may provide more accurate crash severity parameters for suspected serious injuries. Until all law enforcement agencies begin using eCrash, and proper training on the definition is conducted, there will continue to be considerable uncertainty regarding data accuracy.

Underreported fatal crashes

It had been the general understanding that agencies not reporting their crashes were still reporting fatal crashes; however, in late 2020 ASP discovered that those agencies were also not reporting their fatalities. The increase of reported fatalities between 2019 and 2024 can be partially attributed to this underreporting. This underreporting also has an impact on both fatality data and non-motorized crash data. Generally, the number of fatalities, rate of fatalities, and non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries can vary. Figure 4 shows the significance of this variation for non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. The variability of fatality performance measures compared to the serious injury performance measures is illustrated in Attachment A.

Figure 4 – Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities & Serious Injuries



Step Four: Apply Adjustment Factors

The various external factors mentioned under Step Three likely impact Arkansas' safety performance. There is little to no research to justify the application of specific adjustments to account for these external factors. That said, the following factors were applied to adjust the unadjusted targets calculated in Step 2.

The data in Table 1 indicate that safety performance in 2024 was similar to safety performance in 2023 with respect to Number of Fatalities, Rate of Fatalities, Number of Serious Injuries, and Rate of Serious Injuries. Given the external factors discussed above, particularly the increasing VMT trends, the decision was made to retain the same targets from 2025.

It was determined that an adjustment factor of 25% should be applied to the Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries. This adjustment factor is representative of a trend of increasing non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. Reasons for this include increases in speeding driver behaviors as well as changes in vehicle design resulting in an increased severity of non-motorized crashes.

TARGETS

Based on the described methodology, targets for each of the five performance measures are shown below in Table 3, as well as in Attachment B.

Table 3 – 2026 Performance Targets

Performance Measure	Average ¹	Adjustment Factor	Target ²
Number of Fatalities	597.8	N/A	694.0
Rate of Fatalities	1.622	N/A	1.854
Number of Serious Injuries	2,639.4	N/A	2816.6
Rate of Serious Injuries	7.181	N/A	7.686
Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	245.6	+25%	307.1

¹See Table 2

²Adopting the same targets from CY2025 Target Setting for CY2026 except for non-motorized fatal and serious injury.

To gauge how these averages, adjustments, and targets compare to last year's targets, see Table 4.

Table 4 – Comparison of 2025 & 2026 Performance Targets

Performance Measure	2025			2026		
	Average	Adjust.	Target	Average ¹	Adjust.	Target ²
Number of Fatalities	578.3	+20%	694.0	597.8	N/A	694.0
Rate of Fatalities	1.582	N/A	1.854	1.622	N/A	1.854
Number of Serious Injuries	2,632.3	+7%	2,816.6	2,639.4	N/A	2816.6
Rate of Serious Injuries	7.220	N/A	7.686	7.181	N/A	7.686
Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	222.2	+25%	277.8	245.6	+25%	307.1

¹See Table 2

²Adopting the same targets from CY2025 Target Setting for CY2026 except for non-motorized fatal and serious injury.

FHWA ASSESSMENT OF 2024 PERFORMANCE TARGETS

FHWA will conduct an assessment to determine whether states have met or made significant progress toward meeting their previous year's targets in December of each year. For 2024 data, the assessment will be made in December of 2025 by comparing the actual 2020-2024 performance to the 2024 targets and the 2018-2022 baseline performance. At least four of the five targets must either meet or be better than the baseline performance (i.e., be equal to or less than the target) to make significant progress. In some cases, a state may not be better than the baseline performance for any given measure but may meet the target it set, or vice versa. In such cases, the State would pass the test for that measure.

As shown in Table 5, it is predicted that ARDOT will meet four of five targets for 2024 data. Therefore, FHWA should consider ARDOT as having "made significant progress."

Table 5 – 2024 Performance Self-Assessment

Performance Measure	2020-2024 Average	2024 Targets	2018-2022 Baseline	Meets Target?	Better than Baseline?	Met or Made Significant Progress?
Number of Fatalities	636.2 ¹	698.5	602.2	Yes	No	Yes (4 out of 5 targets met or made significant progress)
Rate of Fatalities	1.685	1.854	1.634	Yes	No	
Number of Serious Injuries	2,738.2	2,775.7	2,566.2	Yes	No	
Rate of Serious Injuries	7.267	7.686	6.988	Yes	No	
Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	278.2	266.8	249.6	No	No	
Notes:						
1 Value is based on the actual FARS fatality numbers for 2020-2023, and NSC numbers for 2024. Example: Number of Fatalities = (651+692+637+596+605)/5=636.2						

If FHWA determines that a state has not "made significant progress" toward meeting its safety targets, the penalty as outlined in 23 USC 148(i) is as follows:

- Use obligation authority equal to the HSIP apportionment for the year prior to the target year, only for HSIP projects.
- Submit an HSIP Implementation Plan that describes actions the state will take to meet or make significant progress toward meeting its targets.

ATTACHMENT A

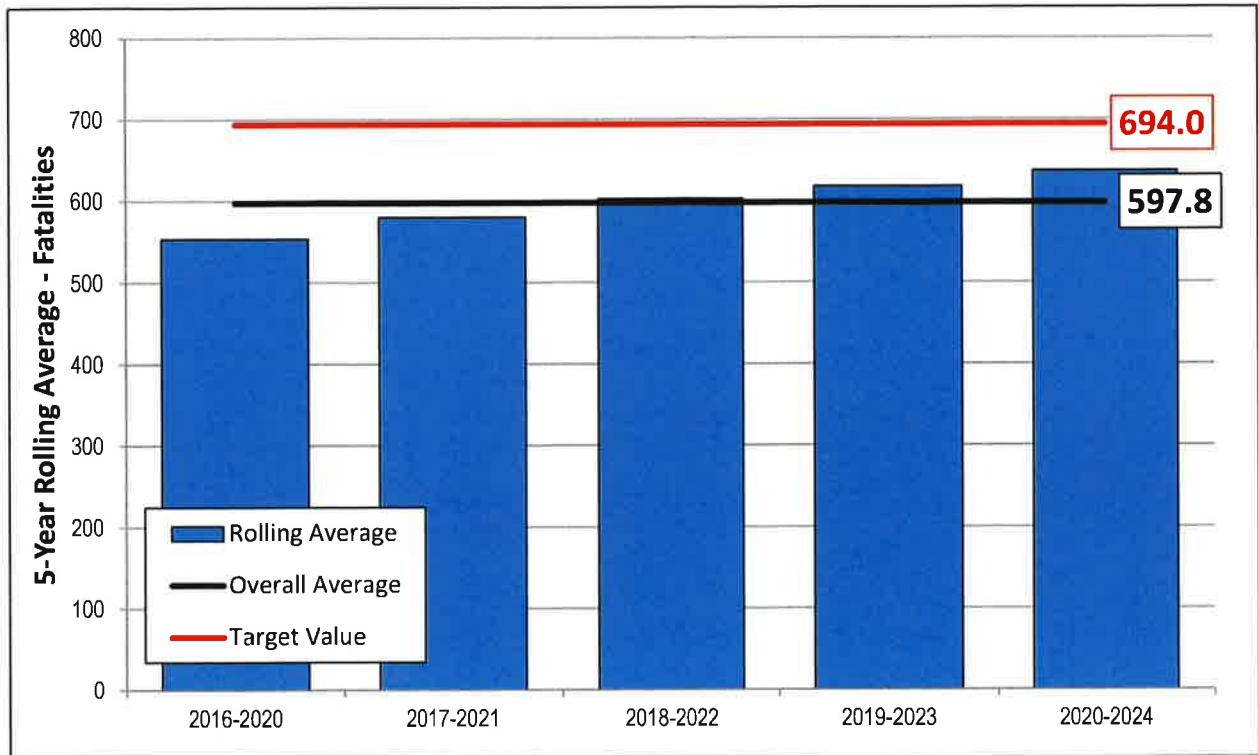
Data Variability Analysis

Year	Number of Fatalities	Rate of Fatalities	Number of Serious Injuries	Rate of Serious Injuries	Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries
2020	651	1.919	2,751	8.110	274
2021	692	1.801	2,686	7.096	270
2022	637	1.653	2,707	7.026	264
2023	596	1.524	2,827	7.230	286
2024	605	1.529	2,720	6.873	297
Mean	636.2	1.685	2,738.2	7.267	278.2
Standard Deviation	34.0	0.155	49.0	0.0	12.0
Coefficient of Variation	5%	9%	2%	6%	4%

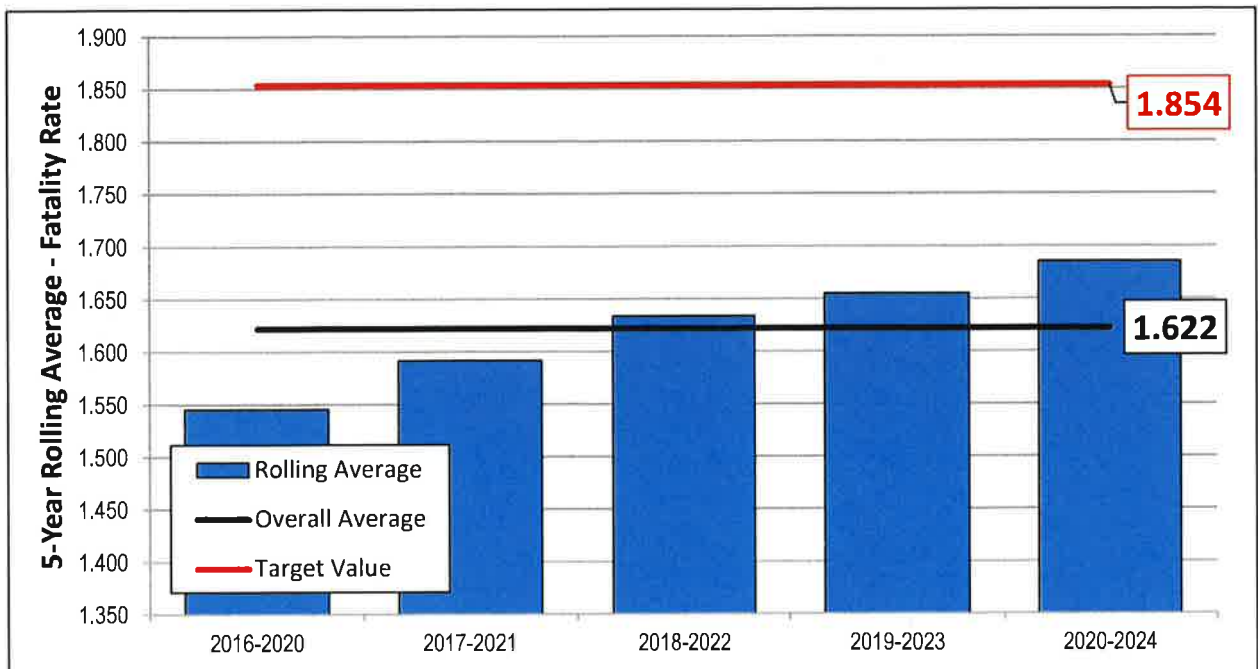
The Coefficient of Variation is a statistical measure of the dispersion of data around the mean. It is utilized for comparing the degree of variation from one data set to another, even if the means are drastically different from one another.

ATTACHMENT B

HSIP 2026 Target – Number of Fatalities

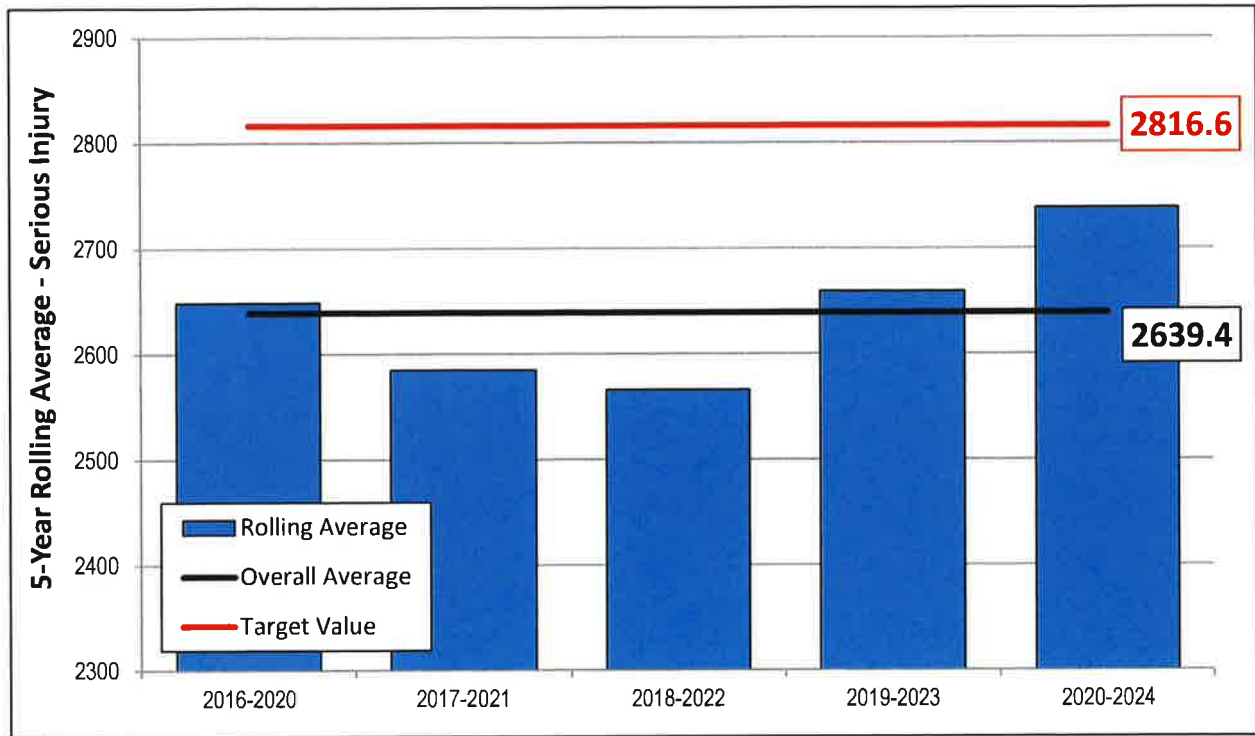


HSIP 2026 Target – Fatality Rate

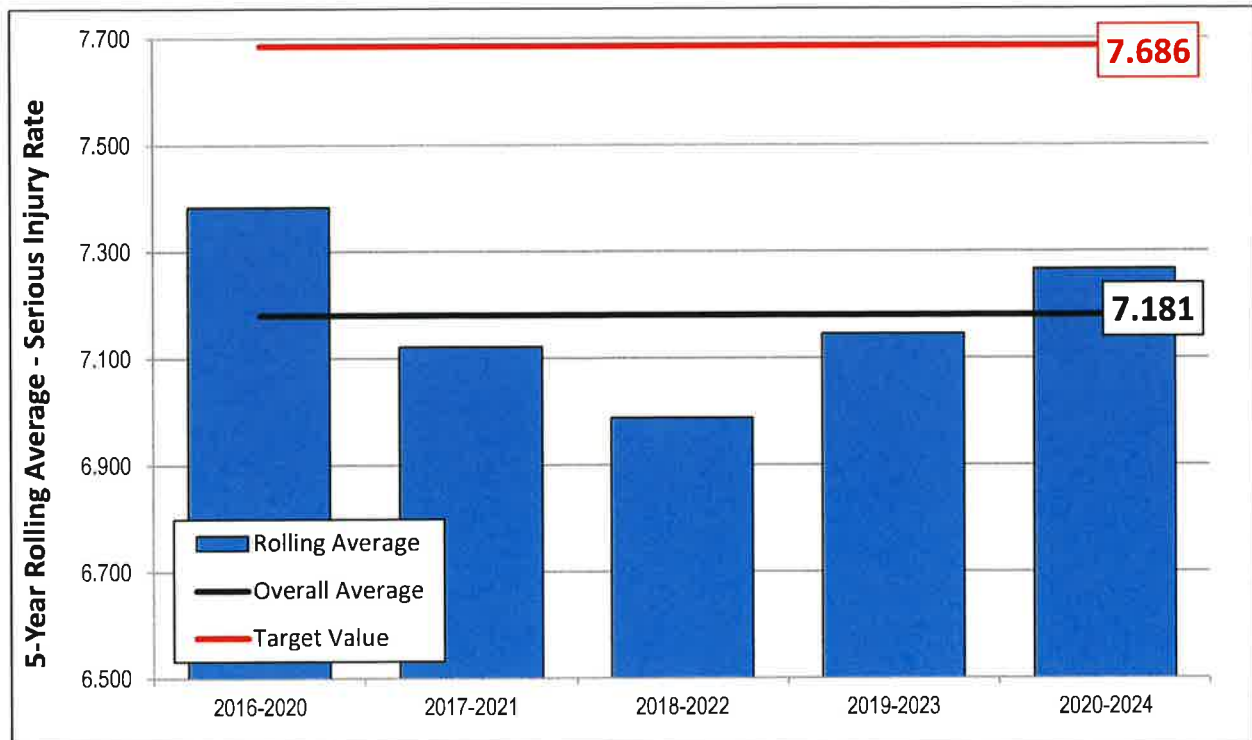


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HSIP 2026 Target – Number of Serious Injuries

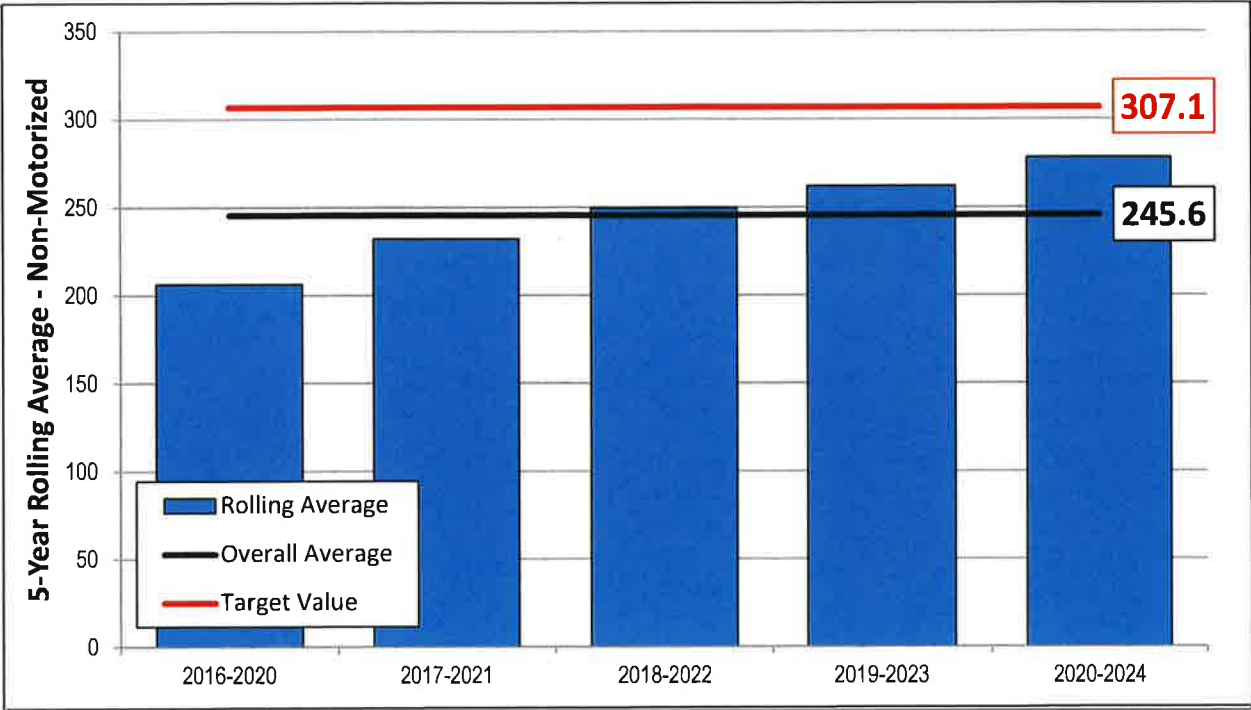


HSIP 2026 Target – Serious Injury Rate



ATTACHMENT B

HSIP 2026 Target – Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries



ITEM 8. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AMENDMENT

SUMMARY

Following the adoption of the Unified Planning Work Program in May, Metroplan was contacted by Rock Region METRO and the Federal Transit Association (FTA) requesting an amendment to reflect prior year funding used for transit planning. This is a requirement of FTA prior to these funds being obligated and used.

Metroplan staff worked with Rock Region METRO and FTA to reflect these projects as follows:

- Conway Safety Reporting and Service Studies (FY2020 5307) – New \$9,250
 - Conway SR and SS funding supports SMS and NTD Safety Reporting activities for Conway transit services. Conway transit service operates under RRM's PTASP and Safety Management System (SMS).
- RRM reporting and SMS/PTSASP Planning Updates (FFY 2025 5307) – New \$70,000
 - 2025 Funding is being dedicated to supporting Safety and Security Certification activities related to the Clinton Library Spur Track and OCS Reinstatement. Approximately 100 feet of track and OCS wire and poles were removed from service during the 30 Crossing Project.
- River Centers TOD Study (FFY 2024 RAISE/BUILD) – Updated Amount \$2,930,000
 - Funds will be used to perform a transit-oriented development study at the River Cities Travel Center.
- Conway Transit Long-Range Plan (FY2020 5307) – Updated Amount \$290,750
 - Funds will be used to perform a long-range transportation planning project for the City of Conway.
- On-Call Scheduling & Planning Service Tasks (FFY 2025 5307) – New \$200,000
 - Funds will be used on scheduling and planning services to benefit the Greater Little Rock UZA and Conway UZA
- Transit-Oriented Development Planning and Due Diligence (FFY 2025 5307) – New \$680,000
 - Funds will be used to perform a transit-oriented development study at the River Cities Travel Center.
- Comprehensive Operation Analysis (FFY 2025 5307) – Updated Amount \$150,000
 - Funds will be used to perform a comprehensive operational analysis to identify enhancements to public transit in the Greater Little Rock UZA.

This amendment was released for public comment in October - [METROPLAN PRESS RELEASE | 2026 Unified Planning Work Program - AMENDMENT - Metroplan](#). No comments were received.

ACTION NEEDED: Motion to approve Resolution 25-20



RESOLUTION 25-20

AMENDING THE FISCAL YEARS 2026-2027 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR THE CENTRAL ARKANSAS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY

WHEREAS, the “Infrastructure Investment and jobs Act” (IIJA ACT) requires that as a condition to the receipt of financial assistance from the United States Department of Transportation for surface transportation projects in transportation management areas, projects shall be consistent with transportation plans and programs developed through a continuing and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out by the metropolitan planning organization in cooperation with the State and transit operators; and

WHEREAS, Metroplan is the officially designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway metropolitan statistical transportation management area; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 and 2027 CARTS UPWP was adopted by the Metroplan Board in May of 2025; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to reflect new and updated funding amounts in the UPWP for studies being conducted by Rock Region METRO not included in the original adopted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that as the metropolitan planning organization for central Arkansas, the Metroplan Board of Directors hereby approves and following additions this Unified Planning Work Program for Fiscal Years 2026 , for the Central Arkansas Regional Transportation Study.

- Conway Safety Reporting and Service Studies (FY2020 5307) – New \$9,250
- RRM reporting and SMS/PTSASP Planning Updates (FFY 2025 5307) – New \$70,000
- River Centers TOD Study (FFY 2024 RAISE/BUILD) – Updated Amount \$2,930,000
- Conway Transit Long-Range Plan (FY2020 5307) – Updated Amount \$290,750
- On-Call Scheduling & Planning Service Tasks (FFY 2025 5307) – New \$200,000
- Transit Oriented Development Planning and Due Diligence (FFY 2025 5307) – New \$680,000
- Comprehensive Operation Analysis (FFY 2025 5307) – Updated Amount \$150,000

Duly recorded this 19th day of November 2025.

Judge Matt Brumley, Secretary/Treasurer

Judge Allen Dodson, President

Central Arkansas Regional Transportation Study - Unified Planning Work Program - FFY 2026			Metroplan Work Program Summary ¹			Rock Region METRO Work Program			ARDOT Work Program			CLR Work Program			CARTS Work Program Total			
Table 6A - FY 2026 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		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																	
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		591,700	137,500	729,200				160,000	50,437	1,231,437	2,000,000	500,000	2,500,000		2,751,700	687,937	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 Investment																	
	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	2,500,000		2,000,000	500,000	2,500,000
44.24.00	Short-Range Transportation Planning		248,000	62,000	310,000	3,464,000	866,000	4,330,000	80,000	20,000	100,000	800,000	200,000	1,000,000		3,792,000	948,000	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 (FFY 2025 5307)					56,000	14,000	70,000										
	42. Public Transportation, Goods Movement & Intermodal Planning																	
	River Centers TOD Study (FFY 2024 RAISE/BUILD)					2,344,000	586,000	2,930,000										
	Conway Transit Long-Range Plan (FY2020 5307)					232,600	58,150	290,750										
	On-Call Scheduling & Planning Service Tasks (FFY 2025 5307)					160,000	40,000	200,000										
	Transit Oriented Development Planning and Due Diligence (FFY 2025 5307)					544,000	136,000	680,000										
	Comprehensvie Operation Analysis (FFY 2025 5307)					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		Incluced Under Item 22													Incluced Under Item 22		
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			1,611,360	402,840	2,014,200	3,624,000	906,000	4,530,000	1,141,150	285,287	1,426,437	2,800,000	700,000	3,500,000		7,672,510	1,918,127	9,590,637
CONSULTANT-LED STUDIES ARE SHOWN IN ITALICS AND INCLUDED IN PROJECT TOTAL																		
¹ Metroplan Work Program detailes are provided on the prior page.																		
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 jurisdictions.																		

ITEM 9. REQUEST FOR PARTNERSHIP – HWY 100 STUDY

SUMMARY

In November 2024 the Metroplan Board authorized staff to contact the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) regarding partnering opportunities on corridor studies within Central Arkansas. ARDOT indicated its support for a partnership of a study of Hwy 100 to review (1) intersection operations, (2) signal locations, (3) access points, and (4) proposed projects to support improvement of safety and operations within the corridor. This study is intended to lead to an update and extension of the existing access management plan and to inform development plans along the corridor. This study was subsequently included in the 2026 UPWP.

A formal request is required for ARDOT to partner on this study.

ACTION NEEDED: Motion to approve Resolution 25-21



RESOLUTION 25-21
CENTRAL ARKANSAS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM
HWY 100 CORRIDOR STUDY
METROPLAN AND ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP

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 developing and administering the Unified Planning Work Program for the Central Arkansas Regional Transportation Study,

WHEREAS, a study of Hwy 100 benefits the Metroplan and the Arkansas Department of Transportation by establishing a practical set of projects that improve safety and traffic flow along the corridor while informing development,

WHEREAS, a study of the Hwy 100 corridor is included in the 2026 Unified Planning Work Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for central Arkansas, the Metroplan Board of Directors, formally request ARDOT to partner on a study of the Hwy 100 corridor and agrees to:

1. Provide up to \$250,000 in federal funds (carryover Federal-Aid planning funds or STBG), to be matched by ARDOT.
2. Assist with project oversight and public outreach.
3. Coordinate with city and county staff.
4. Authorizes its Executive Director to execute all appropriate agreement and contracts necessary to expedite this study.

Duly recorded this 19th day of November 2025.

Judge Matt Brumley, Secretary/Treasurer

Judge Allen Dodson, President



CITY OF MAUMELLE

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CALEB NORRIS

November 7, 2024

Mr. Casey Covington
Executive Director
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Subject: Request for Maumelle Blvd Operational Analysis and Corridor Study

The City of Maumelle and City of North Little Rock are requesting an Operational Analysis and Corridor Study for Maumelle Blvd be included in the CARTS Unified Planning Work Program for 2025/2026. We express our willingness to partner with Metroplan and ARDOT to complete this study.

Maumelle Blvd is the primary route serving the 20,000 residents of Maumelle, as well as additional businesses and residents along this corridor in North Little Rock. Over 45,000 vehicles use this corridor daily near the I-430 interchange. The corridor's importance is noted by multiple programmed construction projects:

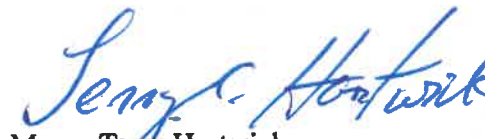
- Project 061768 – Hwy 100/Counts Massie Intersection
- Project 06X416 – Hwy 365/I-40 Interchange (Morgan)
- Project 061767 – Hwy 365 (I-40 to Marche Road)
- Project 061815 - Crystal Hill Road Realignment
- Project 06X522 – Hwy 100 Operational Improvements

A study should assess how these projects impact the corridor and advise on project design that jointly supports the efficient and safe movement of people and goods. The study may identify additional projects or actions that can be taken to support the long-term viability of the corridor. The access management plan for the corridor should also be reviewed to determine if changes are needed since its adoption in 1987.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.



Mayor Caleb Norris



Mayor Terry Hartwick

cc: David Siskowski (ARDOT)



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ITEM 10. 2025 AND 2026 PROJECT OBLIGATIONS

SUMMARY

Metroplan obligated \$18.9 Million in federal funds in FFY 2025. The list of projects obligated in 2025 is included on the following page. Also included in projects that have been award funding and are expected to obligate in 2026.

Metroplan staff expresses its appreciation to ARDOT and Members' staff that assisted with the tracking of projects and meeting obligation expectations.

ACTION NEEDED: Information Only

**CENTRAL ARKANSAS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY AREA
Breakdown of Federal-Aid Funds**

FFY 2025 (Apportionment 10/1/24 - 09/30/25)

Federal Funds Received

Surface Transportation Block Grant Program	3,899,831.08
Transportation Alternatives Program	1,462,307.51
Carbon Reduction Program	1,773,424.00
Balance Forward (October 1, 2024)	7,135,562.59
 FFY 2025 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program	 14,786,889.00
FFY 2025 Transportation Alternatives Program	1,644,682.00
FFY 2025 Carbon Reduction Program	1,768,437.00
FFY 2025 TIFIA Redistribution - STBG	1,780,830.00
FFY 2025 TIFIA Redistribution - TA	218,206.00
Total Funds Available	27,334,606.59

Summary of Funds Obligated (FFY 2025)

<u>Job Number</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Type Work</u>	<u>Amount</u>
061705	Bryant Pkwy. Extension (S)	STPU	PE	296.43
061857	Southwest Trail: Central High - State Fair Grounds (S)	STPU	PE	4,000.00
061714	Tri-Creek Greenway Ph. III (Little Rock) (S)	STPU	Const.	4,000.00
061554	Levy Community Jump Start Impvts. (NLR) (S)	STPU	Const.	(58.81)
061695	CARTS Regional Trails Master Plan (Metropolitan) (S)	STPU	PE	(15,980.71)
080667	Hwys. 25/285 Inters. Impvts. (Wooster) (S)	STPU	PE	43,517.60
061810	Sardis Rd. Trail Ph. 1 (Shannon Hills) (S)	TAPU	PE	61,022.64
061893	Castle Valley Rd. - Green Rd. (Chicot Rd.) (Pulaski Co.) (S)	STPU	PE	4,000.00
061693	Bowman Rd./Kanis Rd. Impvts. (Little Rock)	STPU	PE	1,078.70
060907	Geyer Springs R.R. Grade Separation (Little Rock)	STPU	ROW/Const.	(3,912,437.23)
080566	Markham St. Jump Start Impvts. (Conway) (S)	STPU	PE/Const.	(47,586.01)
061756	Shannon Hills Drive Bridge Replacement (S)	STPU	PE	223,734.40
061562	South Trail Design	STPU	PE	189,577.03
061891	Hwy. 321 - Campground Rd. (Kerr Station Rd.) (Cabot) (S)	STPU	PE	480,000.00
061904	Old Hwy. 161 Safety Barrier (Pulaski Co.) (S)	TAPU	PE	4,000.00
061295	Maryland Avenue Impvts. & Extension (Sherwood)	STPU	PE	(2,977.52)
061900	Southwest Trail: Market St. - Saline River Ph. 2 (Benton) (S)	STPU	Const.	904,000.00
061853	Lonoke Co. Multi-Use Trail (Austin) (S)	TAPU	Const.	512,000.00
061468	University Ave. Traffic Ops. Impvts. (Little Rock)	STPU	Const.	188,767.44
061815	Crystal Hill Rd. Realignment (Pulaski Co.) (S)	STPU	PE/Utilities/Const.	545,000.00
061853	Lonoke Co. Multi-Use Trail (Austin) (S)	TAPU	Const.	124,000.00
061884	Benton Saline River Greenway Ph. 4 (S)	STPU	PE	400,000.00
061470	Highway 183 Jump Start Impvts. (Bryant) (S)	TAPU	Const.	(0.05)
061510	Hwy. 70/University Ave. Inters. Impvts. (S)	STPU	Const.	600,000.00
061779	Benton Ralph Bunche Connector Trail (TAP-22) (S)	STPU	Const.	100,000.00
061807	Alcoa Park - Mills Park Trail (Bryant) (S)	TAPU	Const.	520,000.00
061902	Indianhead Lake Estates Ped. Impvts. (Sherwood) (S)	TAPU	PE	4,000.00
061581	Davis Elementary Trail (Shannon Hills) (S)	TAPU	Const.	(2,444.80)
061839	Markham St. Impvts. (Little Rock) (S)	STPU	Const.	1,075,000.00
061896	Jacksonville-Cato Rd. Phase 2 (Sherwood) (S)	STPU	Const.	4,004,000.00
061840	Club Manor Dr. Impvts. (Maumelle) (S)	STPU	Const.	2,080,000.00
061781	Southwest Trail: Hilario Springs Rd. - Baseline Rd. (S)	STPU	Const.	2,880,000.00
061809	Safe Routes to School (Ward) (S)	TAPU	Const.	176,000.41
061816	Hwy. 5 & Desoto Blvd. Inters. Impvts. (Saline Co.) (S)	STPU	PE	338,732.00
061890	Shenandoah Rd. - Longhills Rd. (Congo Rd) (Benton) (S)	STPU	PE	400,000.00
061812	Hilldale - Midland Connector Trail (Bryant) (S)	STPU	PE	180,000.00
061895	Southwest Trail: Saline River Bridge - Garland Co. (Saline Co.) (S)	CRPU	PE	1,770,000.00
061895	Southwest Trail: Saline River Bridge - Garland Co. (Saline Co.) (S)	STPU	PE	630,000.00
061894	Southwest Trail: North & South Connectors (Pulaski Co.) (S)	STPU	PE	2,504,000.00
061782	Saline River Greenway (Benton) (S)	TAPU	Const.	200,000.00
061904	Old Hwy. 161 Safety Barrier (Pulaski Co.) (S)	TAPU	Const.	316,000.00
061893	Castle Valley Rd. - Green Rd. (Chicot Rd.) (Pulaski Co.) (S)	STPU	Const.	1,296,000.00
061903	Jonesboro Children's Trail Ph. 4 (Little Rock) (S)	TAPU	PE	132,000.00

Total Obligated Funds \$ 18,913,241.52

Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Balance \$ 3,529,034.12

Transportation Alternatives Program Balance \$ 1,056,411.31

Carbon Reduction Program Balance \$ 1,771,861.00

TIFIA Redistribution - STBG \$ 1,780,830.00

TIFIA Redistribution - TA \$ 218,206.00

STBGP/TAP/CRP Funds Balance \$ 8,356,342.43

Highway Infrastructure Program Funds Balance \$ -

Remaining Funds Available \$ 8,356,342.43

Remaining STBGP/TAP/CRP Obligation Limitation \$ 3,451,049.44

Highway Infrastructure Program Funds Limitation \$ -

Total Remaining Limitation Available \$ 3,451,049.44

* CARTS STBGP/TAP/CRP OL for FFY 2025 is \$19,997,053.56 plus \$2,367,237.40 of OL carried forward from FFY 2024 for a total of \$22,364,290.96

Project Obligation FY 2026	
STP CARTS Apportionment 2026	\$15,082,628
Carbon Reduction Apportionment 2026	\$1,803,806
TAP CARTS Apportionment 2026	\$1,641,978
Programming Authority (Apportionments 2026)	\$18,528,411
Programming Authority Carried Forward from 2025	\$7,235,562
Total Available Program Authority	\$25,763,973
Obligation Limitation Estimated 2026 (100.0%)	\$18,528,411
Obligation Limitation Carried Forward from 2025	\$3,451,051
Total Available Obligation Limitation	\$21,979,462

2026 Metroplan Obligations

	ARDOT Contact	Project Number	Projects: 2025 Obligation (TAP and STP>200K)	Local Sponsor	Estimated Obligation Amount	Date approved for Obligation	Last Plan Submittal % and Date	Phase	TIP/Metroplan Resolution
2026 STBG Project		061894	Southwest Trail: 65th to State Fairgrounds (Pulaski Co.) (S)	Pulaski Co	-\$2,100,000			Design/Develop	MB Resolution 24-11 & 25-15
	Randy	080753	Connect Conway Ped. Impvts. (Conway) (S)	Conway	-\$1,000,000			Design	MB Resolution 24-11
			SWT S6 to S8C	SalineCo	-\$1,485,000			Design/Develop	MB Resolution 25-15
		061803	Bowman Road	Little Rock	-\$2,800,000			ROW/Utilities	MB Resolution 25-15
		061840	Club Manor and Odom	Maumelle	-\$2,480,000			Construction	MB Resolution 25-15
		080709	College Avenue Bridge	Conway	-\$3,620,000			Construction	MB Resolution 25-15
			Conway Loop	Faulkner	-\$800,000			Design/Env	MB Resolution 25-15
			White Oak Bayou Trail	Maumelle	-\$315,000			Design	MB Resolution 25-15
			Kanis Road (Gamble to Cooper)	Little Rock	-\$400,000			Design	MB Resolution 25-15
			Jacksonville Highway (East Bethany to I-40)	North Little Rock	-\$265,000			Design	MB Resolution 25-15
			Northshore Drive (Military to Alcoa)	Benton	-\$440,000			Design	MB Resolution 25-15
	Carlos	061810	Sardis Rd. Trail Ph. 1 (Shannon Hills) (S)	Shannon Hills	-\$259,120		60% Returned 1/30/2025	-	MB Resolution 22-09 & 25-02
	Kellie	061902	Indian Lake Estates Pedestrian Impvts (Sherwood) (S) (2026 obligation)	Sherwood	-\$320,000			Construction	MB Resolution 25-02
	Carlos	061903	Jonesboro Children's Trail Ph. 4 (Little Rock) (S)	Little Rock	-\$188,000		No Submittals	-	
	Carlos	061808	General Samuels Rd. Sidewalks (Jacksonville) (S)	Jacksonville	-\$200,000		90% Returned 6/6/2025	Construction	MB Resolution 22-01
CARTS Planning (TBD)					TBD	-\$600,000			
Total						-\$17,272,120			
Ending Balance Obligation Limitation						\$4,707,342			

ITEM 11. CALL FOR PROJECTS

SUMMARY

Metroplan staff is requesting to release two calls for projects. One for the remaining funds balance for FFY 2026 and a second one for TAP funding in 2027. All applications will be due January 9th, 2026 at 4:30 PM. A summary of this call for projects follows:

a.) 2026 STBG and 2026 TAP – Additional Funding

Metroplan has allocated \$17.6 Million to projects for obligation in FFY 2026. In addition the following funding amounts are available for obligation in 2026. Metroplan plans for a carryover balance of \$1,000,000 or less.

- FFY 2025 TIFIA Redistribution - STBG \$1,780,830
- FFY 2025 TIFIA Redistribution - TAP \$218,206.00
- Traditional Carryover (STBG) \$1,452,013
- Previously unallocated FFY 2026 TAP \$875,000

Metroplan expects not only obligate funding but also expend these funds in a timely manner. Because of this, Metroplan is prioritizing previously awarded construction projects that have already bid but need more money to complete and current design projects that require more funding to cover the design work of the contract. Projects that have been authorized to bid but have not yet been done will also be considered. If the total amount of applications is less than this allocation, projects that expect to bid in 2026, but have yet to complete design work may be considered.

Awards are anticipated to be a maximum of \$500,000 for STBG and \$200,000 for TAP as a general guideline. There is no limit to the number of applications a sponsor can submit, however, previous award totals for each project and number of projects funded will be considered if submissions requests exceed the amount of additional allocation available.

Application: [Supplemental Call for Projects STBG and TAP 2026](#)

Metroplan staff expects to release a call for 2027 STBG projects in February/March which would be available for projects unable to meet the 2026 obligation.

b.) 2027 TAP Funding

For 2027 TAP applications, five total awards for \$335,000 will be selected. New and current design and construction projects may be considered. Scoring will follow the previous year's format. All projects must serve a transportation purpose. Closed loop recreational trails are not eligible for funding.

Application: [2027 METROPLAN TAP APPLICATION](#)

ACTION NEEDED: Motion to authorize staff to release call for projects

ITEM 12. 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
