

Metroplan Board of Directors Meeting

June 24, 2026

10:00 am

AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes of May 27, 2026
2. Financial Report
3. Central Arkansas Spotlight – Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport
4. Metroplan Report
 - a. May/June Report
 - b. Metroplan and CAPDD Integration
5. Agency Reports
Energy and Environment Innovation for the Natural State
6. CPRG Update
Transportation Agenda
7. 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program
8. 2027 STBG Call for Projects
9. Supplemental Funding 2026
10. Metroplan Board Announcements
11. Citizen Communications
12. Adjourn



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ITEM 1. MINUTES OF MAY 27, 2026

The minutes of the May 27th, 2026 Metroplan Board meeting are attached for review and adoption.

ACTION NEEDED: Motion to adopt minutes from May 27th, 2026.

Metroplan Board of Directors Meeting May 27, 2026

Attending:

Board Members

Mayor Bernadette Chamerlain, City of Austin
Mayor Crystal Herrmann, City of Alexander
Mayor Tom Farmer, City of Benton
Mayor Wayne McGee, City of Lonoke
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
Mr. Bryan Day, Little Rock Port Authority
Judge Barry Hyde, Pulaski County
Judge Matt Brumley, Saline County
Mr. Keith Keck, Hot Springs Village
Mr. David Siskowski, Arkansas Department of Transportation
*Mr. Robbie Alberson, City of Conway
*Maneesh Krishnan, City of Little Rock
*Mr. David Cook, City of North Little Rock
*Mr. 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
Jeff Runder
Leesa Freasier
Brittany Nichols
Lynn Bell

Guest

Matt Twyford, AEDC
Sonny Farmahan, ARDOT
Mark Stodola, AML
Joe Smith, AML
John Spears, Jr. Crafton Tull
Truett Smith, Crafton Tull
John Miller, Crafton Tull
Brad Peterson, Crafton Tull
Grant Cox, City of Little Rock
Miles Simmons, City of Little Rock
Tina Rough, Central Arkansas Planning & Development District
Conya Spenser, CAPDD
Leigh Ann Pool, CAPDD
Tanya Childer, CAPDD
Micheal Watson, Halff
Zac Curry, HNTB – LR
Andrew Boatman, HNTB – LR
Zach Curry, HNTB-LR
Mayor Gail King, City of Des Arc
Jeff Avery, City of Haskell
Charles Vaughn, City of Little Rock & Wrightsville
Aaron Huntley, City of Little Rock
Robert Birch, City of Jacksonville
Stacey McMinn, City of Ward
Katie Rutledge, McClelland Engineers
Daniel Orson, Media
Mark Koch, Olsson
Tab Townsell, Pulaski County
Jimmy Harris, Senator Boozman's Office
Sarah Reaves, Senator Boozman's Office
Raegan Clark, Representative Hill's Office
Finley Vinson, TEC
Jon Honeywell, Volkert

I. Approval of Minutes of March 25, 2026

A motion to approve the minutes of the March Metroplan Board meeting was made by Mayor Kemp, seconded by Mayor Farmer, and passed by the Board.

II. Financial Report

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

Ms. Gillis presented the financial report. She stated that the annual statement of

activities was included in the packet, the audit began on May 17, and staff are working to complete it promptly. She also noted that cash balances were included, the final audit report is expected by the end of the week, the year-end balance is projected to be approximately \$250,000, and the 2026 audit report will be presented at the next meeting. A motion to approve the May financial report was made by Mayor Kemp, seconded by Mayor Gastineau, and approved by the Board.

III. Metroplan Report

a. Central Arkansas Regional Summit Recap

Mr. Covington presented the Metroplan Report. He introduced Bridget Bavon, Metroplan's summer Community Engagement Intern and graduate student in regional planning at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Ms. Dozier provided a recap of the Central Arkansas Summit and thanked attendees for their participation. She reported that the summit generated strong engagement and that staff plans to hold the event again in 2028.

Ms. Dozier stated that key discussion topics included shared services for smaller communities, additional revenue opportunities such as grants and potential 501(c)(3) status, stronger project identification for smaller cities, expanded planning efforts to include economic and strategic development, policy advocacy, and more action-oriented engagement with regional stakeholders. She noted that a full report with highlights and potential action items for the Board, organization, and staff will be presented in June. Board members expressed appreciation for the summit and support for continued efforts to assist smaller cities.

b. Transportation Reports

Casey Covington reported that three county transportation reports have been developed for use by counties and cities and were presented to the Small Cities Council. Reports have been completed for Faulkner, Lonoke, and Saline counties, and a report for Pulaski County is in progress. Staff stated that the reports include land use, population projections, and transportation facilities, and that future versions may incorporate economic development components. Copies are available upon request.

c. Build America 250 ACT

Mr. Covington reported on federal transportation reauthorization and the proposed Build America 250 Act, introduced by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on May 17 and currently under committee review. He noted that the bill includes several policy changes supported by Metroplan and peer organizations,

including a reduction in the local match requirement for planning funds from 20 percent to 10 percent and authorization for MPOs to receive funding directly from the Federal Highway Administration or Federal Transit Administration. He stated that overall MPO funding levels appear largely unchanged, though some categories are being consolidated, and that 2027 federal funding is currently proposed at the 2026 level.

Mr. Covington stated that the bill would expand investment in bridge projects and require a competitive state process for selecting locally owned bridge projects, which could improve access to federal replacement funding for local jurisdictions. He also reported that the Safe Streets and Roads for All program would increase to \$1 billion over five years with a stronger emphasis on construction, and that Metroplan intends to use the regional Safety Action Plan to support local applications. He further noted that the bill proposes a new Surface Transportation Accelerator Grant program, with 50 percent of funding directed to local and regional grants and stated Metroplan may need to lead regional applications if the measure is enacted.

Additional provisions include updates to environmental review processes, particularly categorical exclusions intended to accelerate project delivery, and federal studies on the effectiveness of formula and discretionary programs and state-local coordination. Mr. Covington stated that the bill is expected to proceed to a future House vote and then to the Senate. He noted that Metroplan hopes for reauthorization by September, but a continuing resolution may be necessary if action is delayed. He added that the proposal is expected to serve as the foundation for any future surface transportation reauthorization.

d. Notice of Funding Opportunities

Mr. Covington reported on current federal funding opportunities and stated that links to the programs would be included in a follow-up email. He noted that the application period for the Safe Streets and Roads for All program had closed the previous day.

He further reported that Metroplan staff had a call scheduled with a jurisdiction that afternoon regarding the Railroad Crossing Elimination Program for potential rail grade separations. Mr. Covington also noted upcoming deadlines for the Bridge Investment Program on June 15 and Transit-Oriented Development funding on July 10 and referenced the Department of Homeland Security's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities program as another federal grant opportunity available to local jurisdictions.

e. Federal Housing Legislation

Mr. Covington reported on recent federal housing legislation and noted that the

amended Housing for the 21st Century Act passed the House on May 20. He stated that the Senate is expected to consider similar legislation later this year and that Metroplan staff will continue monitoring its potential implications for housing development in the region.

He further reported that Metroplan is developing 2050 forecasts for both population and housing unit needs. Mr. Covington stated that the forecasts will support long-range planning efforts and help inform future discussions regarding regional housing demand and development needs.

f. Report on Metroplan and CAPDD Integration

Mr. Covington reported on the ongoing integration discussions between Metroplan and CAPDD and stated that the Regional Summit provided an opportunity to gather stakeholder input on the process. He noted that Metroplan and CAPDD staff have met previously and continue to meet regularly, including joint coordination among grants and planning staff.

He stated that staff have reviewed financial and legal considerations, formed internal teams, and identified immediate priorities that include developing a schedule and a memorandum of understanding. Mr. Covington also reported that the State Workforce Development Section recently voted to recommend a state plan to federal officials that would shift workforce development activities under the state while retaining some regional components. He noted that Metroplan is evaluating the possible financial implications of that action, including potential impacts on future funding and space needs.

IV. Agency Reports

A. Arkansas Department of Transportation

Mr. Siskowski reported that ARDOT had two projects in the Metroplan area included in the April bid letting and no Metroplan area projects in the May bid letting. He stated that one project in Lonoke County, involving approximately five miles of county road overlay work, was advertised for the June letting and is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

He further announced that the Arkansas Transportation Summit is scheduled for November 4–6, 2026. Mr. Siskowski also reported that the 2026 TAP and RTP application cycle has closed and that ARDOT received 98 applications totaling approximately \$43.2 million statewide, including 16 applications from the Metroplan area totaling approximately \$4.5 million. He noted that applications are under evaluation.

B. Rock Region METRO

There was no one in attendance.

C. Little Rock Port Authority

Bryan Day reported that the port has completed the relocation of a navigation-related obstacle, allowing the organization to begin marketing the previously discussed 1,000-acre Megasite. Appreciation was expressed for the assistance provided by Senator John Boozman and others involved in that effort.

Bryan Day also reported that the Port is conducting a rail grade separation study and is currently under contract for that work. He stated that one potential solution under review is the relocation of rail infrastructure farther south and noted that the Port is submitting a \$48 million CRISI grant application to support that effort.

D. Bill and Hilary Clinton Airport

There was no one in attendance.

E. FHWA

Mr. John Spears Jr. introduced himself on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration and noted his prior experience working with metropolitan planning organizations. He reported that FHWA continues to administer and oversee grants with the state and local public agencies across Arkansas and emphasized the agency's commitment to continued coordination with MPOs and state partners to maximize the effective use of federal transportation funds.

F. Congressional Delegates

Raegan Clark, representative of Congressman Hill's office reported that FEMA has opened several grant opportunities for fire departments related to equipment, salaries, recruitment, and fire prevention. The representative encouraged local officials to contact their fire departments regarding the opportunities and stated that the office is available to provide letters of support and other assistance as needed.

Jimmy Harris, representative of Senator Boozman's office, reported on current federal legislative activity, including Senate work on budget reconciliation, the status of the Farm Bill, and the anticipated reauthorization of highway and water-related programs. He noted that several major items remain pending in Congress and that the available legislative calendar this year may be limited due to other federal priorities and upcoming elections.

G. Arkansas Economic Development Council

Matt Twyford reported that AEDC recently held its annual Rural Development Conference in Jonesboro. He also announced the latest site development grant awardees and stated that, subject to available funding, AEDC expects to begin a third round of site development grants totaling approximately \$25 million for communities and economic development organizations.

He encouraged communities that own, or may be able to acquire, development sites to work with AEDC regarding potential funding for due diligence and infrastructure improvements to enhance economic development opportunities.

H. Arkansas Municipal League

Mark Stodola reported that registration is open for the League's Summer Convention scheduled for June 17–19. They also noted that Act 671 of 2025 requires mandatory treasurer training and encouraged cities to ensure participation in that training.

They further announced that the National League of Cities Fall Convention will be held November 19–21 in Nashville and encouraged local officials to consider attending.

I. CAPDD

Conya Spencer reported that CAPDD is currently administering approximately 25 to 50 ongoing projects and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve cities and counties throughout the region. She announced that a regional stakeholders meeting is scheduled for June 9 at Metroplan and encouraged local economic development representatives and other interested parties to attend.

She further reported that FEMA hazard mitigation notice of intent information is currently available, as is related information through ANRC. Ms. Spencer also stated that CAPDD plans to distribute a needs survey to mayors and county judges to better identify local priorities and connect jurisdictions with relevant funding opportunities.

Energy and Environment for the Natural State

V. CPRG Update

Ms. Rhodes and Ms. Freasier presented the CPRG Update and reported that significant progress had been made over the previous two months. They noted that detailed bullet points were included in the board packet and highlighted recent accomplishments, including a site visit by the EPA Region 6 project officer, who

reviewed several funded projects in the region, including land restoration, geothermal, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure. They reported that the visit resulted in no adverse findings.

They further reported that Metroplan is administering 68 projects across the tri-region under the CPRG program and expressed appreciation to participating communities for advancing projects that support the program's regional goals. Ms. Freasier also highlighted the regional tree-planting initiative, which is being implemented in partnership with the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service and is intended to distribute approximately 166,000 trees and shrubs for planting on public, private, and business property. She encouraged board members to help promote the program and stated that additional information would be included in the board recap email.

Ms. Freasier announced that the Tri-Region eBike Program is expected to be launched on July 7. She stated that the program will provide rebate vouchers for eligible eBike purchases across the three regions and that staff are finalizing the application process, voucher distribution procedures, branding, and outreach materials. She reported that income-qualified applicants may be eligible for a higher rebate amount and noted that the program is intended primarily to support commuting and transportation needs. During discussion, board members asked questions regarding program eligibility, outreach, and possible uses by public safety departments. Staff stated that additional reviews would be conducted on those questions and that further guidance would be provided.

a. CPRG Recommendations

Rolling Application Until All Funds Are Allocated

Mr. Covington reported that funding remains available in several CPRG program areas and recommended moving to a rolling application process until all remaining funds are allocated. He stated that the proposed approach would allow eligible projects, including fleet electrification and green network restoration activities, to be submitted and reviewed on an ongoing basis. He also expressed appreciation to staff for their administration of the grant program and noted the successful completion of recent grant and financial reviews.

A motion to approve the rolling application process for remaining CPRG funds until all funds are allocated was made by Mayor Heye-Townsell, seconded by Mayor Norris, and approved by the Board.

Transportation Agenda

VI. 2027 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Holland presented the 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and reported that the document had been released for public comment during the previous month, with the comment period closing on May 26, 2026. He stated that no public comments were received.

He further reported that revisions to the UPWP included updates to funding provided by the state, including an additional \$250,000 for travel demand model consultant services and administrative grant funding. Mr. Holland recommended adoption of the UPWP as presented.

A motion to adopt the 2027 Unified Planning Work Program as presented through Resolution 26-07 was made by Mayor Farmer, seconded by Mayor Rainey, and approved by the Board.

VII. Smart Streets Plan

Mr. Holland presented an update on the Smart Streets Plan and reported that work on the plan is continuing. He stated that HNTB had provided a technology demonstration summarizing both existing and emerging transportation technologies that could be applicable in Central Arkansas. He noted that the information was shared with stakeholders, who identified technologies considered most relevant for the region.

He further reported that stakeholder interviews continued through May and included representatives from courts, utility providers, and emergency services. Mr. Holland stated that a local implementation opportunity evaluation memorandum had been developed to assess the technologies discussed and rank them based on stakeholder input, helping identify regional priorities for implementation.

Mr. Holland also reported that staff are preparing a priority corridor and intersection memorandum expected next month to identify the top 20 corridors and 20 intersections for potential technology deployment. He stated that a corridor prioritization report is expected by June 26, a draft plan is anticipated by late summer, and staff expects to present the Smart Streets Plan to the Board in August, followed by final review, public comment, and possible adoption in October or November. Mr. Covington thanked ARDOT for partnering with Metroplan on the study and noted that local technical staff will be encouraged to participate in reviewing the document as it becomes available.

VIII. Transit Safety Plan/Performance Measures

Hans Haustein presented a report on Rock Region's safety action plan, detailing 14 distinct safety measures spanning fixed route, streetcar, and demand response services. These measures are designed to fulfill comprehensive planning products and

services. Based on these details, staff formally recommended adopting the targets established by Rock Region rather than creating independent metrics, noting that the full target documentation was included in the board package for review.

Following the report, Resolution 26-08 was introduced for consideration, moved, and subsequently seconded. During the discussion period, board members raised questions regarding the necessary financial outlays to support zero-collision initiatives. Additional inquiries focused on how these measures optimize safety outcomes and the projected longevity of the associated transportation services. No further questions were raised, and a voice vote was called. A motion to adopt Rock Region METRO's Safety Action Plan (SAP) as presented through Resolution 26-08 was made by Mayor Farmer, seconded by Mayor Rainey, and approved by the Board.

IX. Call for Projects

a. 2027 STBG Call for Projects Update

Daniel Holland issued a reminder regarding the ongoing call for projects. He detailed over \$19 million available federal funds for this cycle and the submission deadline is upcoming on Friday and only a few applications have been received so far. Under the established rules, counties as well as large and medium-sized cities are permitted to submit one engineering and one construction project, which includes a "by-the-way" component. Small cities are eligible to submit one project in total.

Mr. Holland noted that a strict policy cap of \$4 million in federal funds applies per project; any submission exceeding this limit is ineligible for funding during this cycle. Project awards are scheduled for June following an evaluation period, which will most likely be conducted by appointed outside evaluators.

Item X: Supplemental Funding 2026

Daniel Holland presented an update on the sub-minimum project funding for 2026, which was originally awarded in February. Out of seven total projects, two are currently moving forward and are ready to proceed, including a trail project located in Little Rock. The remaining five projects on the list will be evaluated to ensure they are progressing appropriately and that the company does not incur unnecessary obligations.

Jonesboro Drive Children's Trail –Little Rock
Congo Rd/Shenandoah Rd Roundabout –Benton
West Main Street Realignment –Jacksonville
Jacksonville –Cato Rd -Sherwood
Powerline Easement Trail –Sherwood
Miller Street/Hwy 89 Sidewalks –Mayflower

Casey Covington added that in January, funding was approved for immediate, shovel-ready projects. The Lonoke County Trail project went out to bid last month, and Resolution 26-09 was presented to award the remaining funds necessary to bring its total funding up to 80%. Additionally, the Jacksonville Cato project is on the verge of receiving approval to bid; this project and others will be brought back to the board next month. A motion to adopt the Lonoke County Trail Project as presented through Resolution 26-09 was made by Mayor Rainey, seconded by Mayor Chamberlain, and approved by the Board.

Item XI: Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026 Obligations

Casey Covington reported on the agency's requirement to obligate a substantial amount of funding over the current year, expressing gratitude for the cooperation of ARDOT. Metroplan committed to \$21.6 million earlier this year, of which \$3.6 million has been officially obligated. The board packet contains a list of additional projects awarded for 2026 that are moving forward and nearing construction readiness. Staff intend to review this list alongside the upcoming submissions from the 2027 call for projects to balance the budget. This coordinated review will ensure sufficient funds are obligated for 2026 while simultaneously forming the initial plan for 2027. Backed by newly available funding amounts, certain projects will advance, and staff will meet with ARDOT to ensure all 2026 funds are fully spent and obligated this year. Mr. Covington concluded by noting that staff are actively tracking these metrics and anticipate meeting the \$21.2 million target, potentially by shifting a few projects between the 2026 and 2027 cycles.

Item XII: Metroplan Board Announcements

Retirement of Iris Woods

Casey Covington paused the regular agenda to recognize the upcoming retirement of Iris Woods, who will step down this Friday following a distinguished 23-year career with Metroplan. Ms. Woods initially joined the agency in 2003 after previously serving in a temporary capacity for a few years.

The presentation also celebrated her personal life, highlighting her role as the matriarch of her family. On behalf of the current and past Boards of Directors, Mr. Covington expressed deep gratitude for her 23 years of honorable service and presented her with retirement gifts.

X. Citizen Communications

There were no citizen communications presented.

XI. Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ITEM 2. FINANCIAL REPORT

The 2026 Q1 financial report is provided for review by the Metroplan Board. This report focuses on agency operations and costs and will be available at the board meeting.

The 2025 Audit remains on pace to be presented at the July 22nd Metroplan Board meeting.

ACTION NEEDED: Motion to accept the Financial Report.

ITEM 3. CENTRAL ARKANSAS SPOTLIGHT - BILL AND HILLARY CLINTON NATIONAL AIRPORT

Metroplan will be highlighting regional initiatives during board meetings. These are intended to inform the board of regional activities, promote collaborations, and assist with public input.

During next week's presentation, Suzanne Peyton, Executive Director of Clinton National Airport and a Metroplan board member, will show how the airport is embarking on a long-range planning and modernization effort to better serve the people and communities of our region over the next 30 years. The decisions we make through this process will shape how Arkansans connect, travel and do business for generations to come.

As part of that effort, the airport is conducting a confidential stakeholder survey to help guide future infrastructure investments and other long-term priorities. Administered by AirportNEXT Solutions, the survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete. Your feedback will help inform decisions about future airport facilities, air service opportunities and long-term development, ensuring the needs and priorities of our region are reflected in plans for the decades ahead.

As someone who is invested in the future of our region, you're invited to complete the survey, which can be accessed here:

<https://www.research.net/r/NEXTLIT26?A=Clinton%20National&AQ=Clinton%20National&Y=2026&N=1>

ACTION NEEDED: Information Only.

ITEM 4. METROPLAN REPORT

SUMMARY

The Metroplan report will include an update on agency planning activities for May and June and a report on Metroplan and CAPDD merger.

Metroplan is pleased to be joined by summer intern Paul Murphy. A Conway native and currently studying Civil Engineering, Paul will be working with Metroplan through the end of July. Paul will work closely with staff on data analysis.

Build America 250 Act (House T&I)

Analysis of the Build America 250 Act and its impact on cities, counties, and MPOs are being released. This bill is recognized for ensuring continued access to federal funds regardless of facilities' ownership and to strengthen the MPO planning process. A summary will be provided during the board meeting.

Metroplan and CAPDD Integration

The CAPDD Board of Directors voted on 6/16/2026 to enter into an MOU with Metroplan. This MOU:

1. Ensures that actions taken by Metroplan and CAPDD are consistent with the move towards consolidation.
2. Accelerates coordination between CAPDD and Metroplan grants and planning teams.
3. Provides executive support to the CAPDD Interim Director.
4. Will remain in place until a definitive merger document is adopted (anticipated in November) or is terminated by either party.

The MOU is attached and the Metroplan Board is asked to vote on its approval.

ACTION NEEDED: Motion to Authorize Metroplan to enter into the MOU Agreement with CAPDD.

What is next:

- Update financial planning based on state actions on WIOA – 30 to 45 Days
- Update staffing plan based on state actions on WIOA – 45 to 60 Days
- Space planning needs for co-location – 60 to 90 days
- Draft detailed MOU for merger – 90 to 120 Days
- Governance and organization design research and examples – 90 to 120 Days
- MOU development – 60 to 120 days (vote in November)
- Personnel policies update – end of 2026
- Procurement document – end of 2026
- Legal paperwork – early 2027
- Co-Location Starting in 2027 - completed by end of year

Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Central Arkansas Planning and Development District
and
Metroplan
(collectively the “Parties”)

This Memorandum of Understanding (the “MOU”), dated as of July 6, 2026 (“Effective Date”), is by and between the Central Arkansas Planning and Development District (“CAPDD”), a planning and development organization authorized under the U.S. Economic Development Administration’s Development District Program, with its principal office located at 902 N. Center Street, Lonoke, Arkansas 72086, and Metroplan, a Council of Local Governments and a federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization, with its principal office located at 501 West Markham Street, Suite B, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

SECTION 1. RECITALS

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2026, the Board of Directors of Metroplan adopted Resolution No. 26-01 to accept the recommendations of the Central Arkansas Regional Planning Needs Assessment; and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2026, the Board of Directors of CAPDD accepted the recommendations of the Central Arkansas Regional Planning and Needs Assessment (“Needs Assessment”); and

WHEREAS, CAPDD and Metroplan desire to maintain full momentum on the implementation of the recommendations in the Needs Assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to establish a framework for Metroplan to provide guidance and advice for certain key decisions within the authority of CAPDD's Interim Executive Director advancing the objective of merger of the organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree to the following terms and conditions:

SECTION 2. TERM

This MOU shall become effective on the date of execution by both Parties and shall remain in effect until:

1. A definitive merger document or new MOU agreement is executed by both Parties.

Either Party may terminate this MOU upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other Party. Termination shall not affect any obligations or actions taken in good faith prior to the termination date.

SECTION 3. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 CAPDD Interim Executive Director

The Interim Executive Director of CAPDD shall retain fiduciary and operational authority for CAPDD, including but not limited to:

- Day-to-day organizational management and administration within existing board-approved authority for the Executive Director;

- Communication with member governments, federal and state agencies, and other stakeholders;
- Preparation of board agendas and management of board relations;
- Oversight of CAPDD's financial operations consistent with existing policies, board-approved budgets, and grant agreements; and
- Compliance with all contracts and agreements and applicable local, state, and federal laws.

3.2 Metroplan Advisory and Oversight Role

During the term of this MOU, Metroplan agrees to provide guidance and advisory support to CAPDD in the following areas:

- Organizational management and transition planning;
- As-needed leadership support and strategic advising for the Interim Executive Director;
- Strategic and operational alignment in support of merger exploration; and
- Supervisory oversight for the CAPDD community development team, including:
 - Work priorities and time management;
 - Grant management tasks; and
 - Review of work products.

Metroplan's designated point of contact for this MOU is Mr. Casey Covington, Executive Director.

SECTION 4. ADVICE AND CONSENT REQUIREMENTS

The following categories of decisions by CAPDD's Interim Executive Director shall require advance notice to and affirmative advice and consent from Metroplan's designated point of contact prior to action being taken:

4.1 Personnel

- Hiring, termination, or significant discipline or change in compensation or duties of any staff; and
- Any reorganization of CAPDD's organizational structure or lines of service.

4.2 Contracts and Legal

- Execution of any new contract, grant agreement, or intergovernmental agreement with a value exceeding \$5,000;
- Settlement of any legal claim or initiation of litigation.

SECTION 5. GOVERNANCE AND COMMUNICATION

The Parties agree to the following communication and coordination protocols:

- The CAPDD Interim Executive Director and Metroplan's designated point of contact shall meet at least twice monthly to review operations, discuss pending decisions, and coordinate on merger exploration activities;
- Either Party may request a meeting of the respective Board Chairs to address matters of significant concern arising under this MOU; and

SECTION 6. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Each Party shall be responsible for its own costs incurred in fulfilling its obligations under this MOU unless otherwise agreed in writing.

SECTION 7. INDEPENDENT AUTHORITY

Nothing in this MOU shall be construed to:

- Limit or supersede the independent governance authority of either Party's Board of Directors;
- Create an employment, agency, or joint venture relationship between the Parties;
- Obligate either Party to complete a merger; or
- Waive any legal rights, obligations, or authorities of either organization under applicable state or federal law.

SECTION 8. AMENDMENT

This MOU may be amended only by written agreement signed by authorized representatives of both Parties. Proposed amendments shall be reviewed by both Boards of Directors prior to execution.

SECTION 9. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

In the event of a dispute arising under this MOU, the Parties agree to first attempt resolution through good-faith negotiation between the CAPDD Interim Executive Director and Metroplan point of contact. If the matter is not resolved within fifteen (15) days, it shall be escalated to the respective Board Chairs for resolution.

SECTION 10. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This MOU constitutes the entire understanding between the Parties with respect to its subject matter and supersedes all prior discussions, representations, or agreements, whether written or oral, relating to the same subject matter.

SIGNATURES

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representatives of the Parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding as of the date first written above.

CENTRAL ARKANSAS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (CAPDD)

Interim Executive Director, CAPDD

Date: _____

Board Chair, CAPDD

Date: _____

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Executive Director, Metroplan

Date: _____

Board Chair, Metroplan

Date: _____

ITEM 5. AGENCY REPORTS

A. Arkansas Department of Transportation

B. Rock Region METRO

C. Little Rock Port Authority

D. Bill & Hillary Clinton National Airport

E. Federal Highway Administration

F. Arkansas Department of Economic Development

G. Central Arkansas Planning and Development District

Energy and Environment Innovation for the Natural State Implementation Grant

ITEM 6. CPRG

The following CPRG activities were completed May-June:

General

- Metroplan is managing 70 CPRG projects, including 40 in Central Arkansas.

Green Networks

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- 5 out of 29 projects have completed their Baseline Land Condition Assessment.
- E-Bike Rebate program developed survey for data collection, communications strategy, and the portal will go live on July 7, 2026.
- City of Little Rock advertised ITB for Reforestation at Reservoir and Murray Parks.
- CAW is under contract for de-paving activities to occur in the watershed at select sites.

Transportation Efficiency

- City of Little Rock has deployed 15 of its 29 EVs, as well as 6 of its 13 Level 2 Chargers.
- Fort Smith is under contract with Adopt-A-Charger for L3 Charging “Depot” and L2 Chargers.

Building Efficiency

- City of Ward is in the process of updating approved energy efficiency equipment.
- AAEP named Arkansas PACE Board administrator and updated handbook approved.
- National organization ICLEI USA has recognized Metroplan’s BE programs and is publishing a Case Study on ESPC & C-PACE.

Rolling Call for Projects

CPRG funding is still available in the following categories. Total funding remaining in each category will be revised based on actual expenditures on previously funded projects. Estimates are below.

1. Green Networks (*approx. \$2.5 million available*)
 - a. Land preservation
 - b. Land restoration
 - c. Tree planting
 - d. Trail construction
2. Transportation Efficiency:
 - a. Rebates for EV fleet vehicles (*approx. \$350,000 available*)
 - b. Rebates for Level 2 EV chargers (*approx. \$350,000 available*)
 - c. Stipends for streetlight conversion to LED fixtures (*approx. \$900,000 available*)
3. Building Efficiency:
 - a. Stipends for Energy Savings Performance Contract costs for public buildings (*approx. \$3.2 million available. New cohort starts in August.*)

A rolling application process will allow eligible entities to submit applications online and receive evaluation/consideration for board approval on a first-come, first-served basis.

Quarterly Reports

All CPRG-funded projects are required to submit quarterly reports. Templates and training have been provided. Q2-26 reports are due no later than July 15. Please reach out to the grants team for assistance.

ACTION NEEDED: Information only.

Transportation Agenda

ITEM 7. 2027-2030 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

SUMMARY

The draft project list for the State Transportation Improvement Program was presented to the Arkansas State Highway Commission on June 17. This list includes projects to be constructed by the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department, transit projects, and suballocated funding to Metroplan (STBG>200,000, CRP >200,000 and TAP>200,000).

New Projects Include:

- Main Street Viaduct - \$2,500,000 (Direct Congressional Spending)
- I-440 Fourche Creek Scour Repair - \$800,000
- Hwy 10 and Taylor Loop Intersection Improvements - \$20,600,000
- Hwy 5 Ped. Imprts - \$4,000,000
- I-430/Hwy 300 Interchange - \$20,000,000
- I-30 and I-430 Interchange - \$120,000,000
- Hwy 25 and Elliott Rd. Intersection - \$1,100,000

Additional projects that are held from the prior TIP are shown in the attached file. Projects that have started, or are expected to bid in 2026, are not included in the list.

Metroplan staff are preparing a new TIP and amendment to Metropolitan Transportation Plan (which must match) for release to the public in July.

§ 450.326 Development and content of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

(a) The MPO, in *cooperation* with the State(s) and any affected public transportation operator(s), shall develop a TIP for the metropolitan planning area. The TIP shall reflect the investment priorities established in the current *metropolitan transportation plan* and shall cover a period of no less than 4 years, be *updated* at least every 4 years, and be approved by the MPO and the *Governor*...

(i) Each project or project phase included in the TIP shall be consistent with the approved *metropolitan transportation plan*.

§ 450.328 TIP *revisions* and relationship to the STIP.

***b)** After approval by the MPO and the *Governor*, the *State* shall include the TIP without change, directly or by reference, in the STIP required under *23 U.S.C. 135*. In nonattainment and maintenance areas, the FHWA and the FTA must make a *conformity* finding on the TIP before it is included in the STIP. A copy of the approved TIP shall be provided to the FHWA and the FTA.*

ACTION NEEDED: Motion to release for public comment upon completion of the TIP Document and associated Metroplan Transportation Plan Amendment (anticipated in late July).

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Job_No	Job_Name	County_Name	Route_No	Length	Job Type	Estimated Cost	Fiscal Year	Sponsor	Match	Local Share
012440	Central AR – West Memphis ITS Impvts. Ph. 2 (S)	Various	70	125.947	ITS Improvements	\$20,000,000	2027	State	State	
012523	Texarkana – Little Rock ITS Impvts. (S)	Various	I-30	129.161	ITS Improvements	\$72,000,000	2029	State	State	
060906	Hwy. 89 – Greystone Blvd. (Cabot) (S)	Lonoke	5	2.047	Major Widening	\$36,500,000	2028	State	State	
061300	Main St. Viaduct (NLR) (S)	Pulaski	CS		Str. & Apprs.	\$2,500,000	2028	Local	State	\$500,000
061382	Taylor Loop Rd. – Pleasant Ridge Rd. (S)	Pulaski	10	2.31	Major Widening	\$2,500,000	2030	State	State	
061454	Gill St. & RR Overpass Strs. & Apprs. (Little Rock) (F)	Pulaski	10	0	Strs. & Apprs.	\$69,115,000	2028	State	State	
061632	Hwy. 183 – Pulaski Co. Line (Widening) (Bryant) (S)	Saline	5	3.212	Major Widening	\$67,000,000	2027	State	State	
061676	Colonel Maynard Rd. – I-440 (NLR) (S)	Pulaski	165	3.115	Major Widening	\$34,400,000	2030	State	State	
061677	I-440 – Kerr Rd. (S)	Lonoke & Pulaski	I-40	6.79	Major Widening	\$75,000,000	2030	State	State	
061738	General Samuels Rd. – Arnold Dr. (Sherwood) (S)	Pulaski	107	1.195	Major Widening	\$15,000,000	2028	State	State	
061747	Hwy. 176 – Hwy. 67 (Sherwood) (S)	Pulaski	176Y	0.397	Minor Widening	\$11,500,000	2028	State	State/Local	\$2,000,000
061759	Kerr Rd. – Hwy. 31 (S)	Lonoke	I-40	9.841	Major Widening	\$500,000	2027	State	State	
061767	I-40/Hwy. 365 Intchnng. Impvts (Morgan) (S)	Pulaski	365	0.862	Interchange Improvements & Major Widening	\$25,100,000	2028	State	State	\$3,400,000
061768	Hwy. 100/Counts Massie Rd. Inters. Impvts. (NLR) (S)	Pulaski	100	0	Intersection Improvements	\$3,500,000	2027	State	State	\$595,000
061823	I-30/I-40 Intchnng. Impvts. (NLR) (S)	Pulaski	I-40	0	Interchange Improvements	\$75,000,000	2028	State	State	
061852	Fourche Creek Scour Repairs (I-440) (S)	Pulaski	I-440		Str. & Apprs.	\$800,000	2027	State	State	
061859	I-57/Hwy. 89 Intchnng. Impvts. (Cabot) (S)	Lonoke	I-57	0	Interchange Improvements	\$65,000,000	2029	State	State	
061861	I-30 Bridge Deck Rehab. (Little Rock) (S)	Pulaski	I-30	0	System Preservation	\$78,000,000	2029	State	State	
061863	East-West North Pulaski Connector P.E.	Pulaski	New	0	Project Development	\$500,000	2030	State	State	
061906	Hwy. 10/Taylor Loop Rd. Inters. Impvts. (S)	Pulaski	10		Intersection Improvements	\$20,600,000	2027	State	State	
061929	Hwy. 5 Ped. Impvts. (Pulaski Co.) (S)	Pulaski	5	1.136	Safety Improvements	\$4,000,000	2028	State	State	
06X407	I-430/Hwy. 300 Intchnng. Impvts. (Little Rock) (S)	Pulaski	300	0	Interchange Improvements	\$20,000,000	2029	State	State	
06X642	I-30/I-430 Intchnng. Impvts. (S)	Pulaski	I-30		Interchange Improvements	\$120,000,000	2029	State	State	
080364	Hwy. 64 – Bruce St. (Conway) (S)	Faulkner	65B	0.752	Major Widening	\$6,300,000	2027	State	State/Local	\$800,000
080493	Thomas G. Wilson Dr. – East German Ln. (Conway) (S)	Faulkner	286	0.44	Major Widening	\$9,600,000	2027	State	Local	\$1,920,000
080619	Hwy. 60 – I-40 Inters. Impvts. (Conway) (F)	Faulkner	65B	0	Intersection Improvements	\$18,000,000	2027	State	State/Local	\$6,200,000
080633	Hwy. 65B/Robins St. Signal (Conway) (S)	Faulkner	65B	0	Intersection Improvements	\$3,400,000	2027	State	State/Local	\$2,275,000
080667	Hwys. 25/285 Inters. Impvts. (Wooster) (S)	Faulkner	25 & 285	0	Intersection Improvements	\$3,750,000	2029	Local	State/Local	\$750,000
080685	Hwy. 65 Inters. Impvts. (Greenbrier) (S)	Faulkner	65	0	Intersection Improvements	\$7,200,000	2028	State	Local	\$1,200,000
080688	Hwy. 25/Elliott Rd. Inters. Impvts. (Faulkner Co.) (S)	Faulkner	25		Intersection Improvements	\$1,100,000	2028	State	State/Local	\$95,000
CARTS21	Various CARTS Attrib Projects				Miscellaneous	\$21,530,000	2027	Local	Local	\$4,306,000
CARTS21	Various CARTS Attrib Projects				Miscellaneous	\$21,961,000	2028	Local	Local	\$4,392,000
CARTS21	Various CARTS Attrib Projects				Miscellaneous	\$22,400,000	2029	Local	Local	\$4,480,000
CARTS21	Various CARTS Attrib Projects				Miscellaneous	\$22,848,000	2030	Local	Local	\$4,570,000
CARTS22	Various CARTS TAP Attrib Projects			0	Miscellaneous	\$2,142,000	2027	Local	Local	\$428,000
CARTS22	Various CARTS TAP Attrib Projects			0	Miscellaneous	\$2,185,000	2028	Local	Local	\$437,000
CARTS22	Various CARTS TAP Attrib Projects			0	Miscellaneous	\$2,229,000	2029	Local	Local	\$446,000
CARTS22	Various CARTS TAP Attrib Projects			0	Miscellaneous	\$2,273,000	2030	Local	Local	\$455,000
CARTS24	Ozone Action Days			0	Miscellaneous	\$60,000	2027	Local	Local	\$12,000
CARTS24	Ozone Action Days			0	Miscellaneous	\$60,000	2028	Local	Local	\$12,000
CARTS24	Ozone Action Days			0	Miscellaneous	\$60,000	2029	Local	Local	\$12,000
CARTS24	Ozone Action Days			0	Miscellaneous	\$60,000	2030	Local	Local	\$12,000

New Projects are Shown in blue. All other rojects are carryovers from the 2025-2028 TIP.

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Job_No	Job_Name	Fiscal Year	Job_Type	Estimate * 1000	Carry_Out	Match	FTA_5304	FTA_5305	FTA_5307	FTA_5310	FTA_5311	FTA_5329	FTA_5337	FTA_5339	State	Local
Conway Urbanized Area Funds																
CONW01	Operating Assistance	2027	Transit	\$1,624	Local	Local			812							812
CONW01	Operating Assistance	2028	Transit	\$1,656	Local	Local			828							828
CONW01	Operating Assistance	2029	Transit	\$1,689	Local	Local			845							845
CONW01	Operating Assistance	2030	Transit	\$1,723	Local	Local			861							861
CONW02	Capital Cost of Contracting	2027	Transit	\$1,015	Local	Local			812							203
CONW02	Capital Cost of Contracting	2028	Transit	\$1,035	Local	Local			828							207
CONW02	Capital Cost of Contracting	2029	Transit	\$1,056	Local	Local			845							211
CONW02	Capital Cost of Contracting	2030	Transit	\$1,077	Local	Local			861							215
LR/NLR Urbanied Area Funds																
RRMTA01	Captial - Rolling Stock	2027	Transit	\$2,353	Local	Local			2000							353
RRMTA01	Captial - Rolling Stock	2028	Transit	\$2,353	Local	Local			2000							353
RRMTA01	Captial - Rolling Stock	2029	Transit	\$2,353	Local	Local			2000							353
RRMTA01	Captial - Rolling Stock	2030	Transit	\$2,353	Local	Local			2000							353
RRMTA02	Capital - Bus Support Equipment/Facilities	2027	Transit	\$1,378	Local	Local			1100							278
RRMTA02	Capital - Bus Support Equipment/Facilities	2028	Transit	\$1,378	Local	Local			1100							278
RRMTA02	Capital - Bus Support Equipment/Facilities	2029	Transit	\$1,378	Local	Local			1100							278
RRMTA02	Capital - Bus Support Equipment/Facilities	2030	Transit	\$1,378	Local	Local			1100							278
RRMTA03	Capital - Paratransit Serv. (10% max)	2027	Transit	\$978	Local	Local			782							196
RRMTA03	Capital - Paratransit Serv. (10% max)	2028	Transit	\$996	Local	Local			797							199
RRMTA03	Capital - Paratransit Serv. (10% max)	2029	Transit	\$1,016	Local	Local			813							203
RRMTA03	Capital - Paratransit Serv. (10% max)	2030	Transit	\$1,036	Local	Local			829							207
RRMTA04	Capital - Preventive Maintenance	2027	Transit	\$3,438	Local	Local			2750							688
RRMTA04	Capital - Preventive Maintenance	2028	Transit	\$3,438	Local	Local			2750							688
RRMTA04	Capital - Preventive Maintenance	2029	Transit	\$3,438	Local	Local			2750							688
RRMTA04	Capital - Preventive Maintenance	2030	Transit	\$3,438	Local	Local			2750							688
RRMTA05	Consolidated Planning Grant (MPO)	2027	Transit	\$1,379	Local	Local		1104								275
RRMTA05	Consolidated Planning Grant (MPO)	2028	Transit	\$1,407	Local	Local		1126								281
RRMTA05	Consolidated Planning Grant (MPO)	2029	Transit	\$1,435	Local	Local		1149								287
RRMTA05	Consolidated Planning Grant (MPO)	2030	Transit	\$1,464	Local	Local		1171								292
RRMTA06	Signal & Communications (Bus)	2027	Transit	\$25	Local	Local			20							5
RRMTA06	Signal & Communications (Bus)	2028	Transit	\$25	Local	Local			20							5
RRMTA06	Signal & Communications (Bus)	2029	Transit	\$25	Local	Local			20							5
RRMTA06	Signal & Communications (Bus)	2030	Transit	\$25	Local	Local			20							5
RRMTA07	Planning	2027	Transit	\$500	Local	Local			400							100
RRMTA07	Planning	2028	Transit	\$500	Local	Local			400							100
RRMTA07	Planning	2029	Transit	\$500	Local	Local			400							100
RRMTA07	Planning	2030	Transit	\$500	Local	Local			400							100
RRMTA08	Capital - Rail Support Equipment/Facilities	2027	Transit	\$599	Local	Local								479		120
RRMTA08	Capital - Rail Support Equipment/Facilities	2028	Transit	\$611	Local	Local								489		122
RRMTA08	Capital - Rail Support Equipment/Facilities	2029	Transit	\$623	Local	Local								499		124
RRMTA08	Capital - Rail Support Equipment/Facilities	2030	Transit	\$636	Local	Local								509		127
RRMTA09	Capital – Rolling Stock	2027	Transit	\$734	Local	Local									624	110
RRMTA09	Capital – Rolling Stock	2028	Transit	\$749	Local	Local									637	112
RRMTA09	Capital – Rolling Stock	2029	Transit	\$764	Local	Local									650	114
RRMTA09	Capital – Rolling Stock	2030	Transit	\$779	Local	Local									663	117
RRMTA10	Local Transit Operations	2027	Transit	\$16,767	Local	Local										16767
RRMTA10	Local Transit Operations	2028	Transit	\$17,102	Local	Local										17102
RRMTA10	Local Transit Operations	2029	Transit	\$17,444	Local	Local										17444

RRMTA10	Local Transit Operations	2030	Transit	\$17,793	Local	Local									17793
RRMTA11	Capital Cost of Contracting	2027	Transit	\$135	Local	N/A			135						0
RRMTA11	Capital Cost of Contracting	2028	Transit	\$150	Local	N/A			150						0
RRMTA11	Capital Cost of Contracting	2029	Transit	\$153	Local	N/A			153						0
RRMTA11	Capital Cost of Contracting	2030	Transit	\$156	Local	N/A			156						0
RRMTA12	Operating Assistance	2027	Transit	\$135	Local	N/A			135					0	
RRMTA12	Operating Assistance	2028	Transit	\$150	Local	N/A			150					0	
RRMTA12	Operating Assistance	2029	Transit	\$153	Local	N/A			153					0	
RRMTA12	Operating Assistance	2030	Transit	\$156	Local	N/A			156					0	
RRMTA13	Bus Associated Transit Enhancements	2027	Transit	\$50	Local	Local			40					0	10
RRMTA13	Bus Associated Transit Enhancements	2028	Transit	\$50	Local	Local			40					0	10
RRMTA13	Bus Associated Transit Enhancements	2029	Transit	\$50	Local	Local			40					0	10
RRMTA13	Bus Associated Transit Enhancements	2030	Transit	\$50	Local	Local			40					0	10
RRMTA17	Rail Transitways/Line	2027	Transit	\$25	Local	Local							20		5
RRMTA17	Rail Transitways/Line	2028	Transit	\$25	Local	Local							20		5
RRMTA17	Rail Transitways/Line	2029	Transit	\$25	Local	Local							20		5
RRMTA17	Rail Transitways/Line	2030	Transit	\$25	Local	Local							20		5
Statewide Group Categories															
113FTA	Bus and Bus Facilities < 200,000 (Capital-Rolling Stock/Support Equipment)	2027	Transit	\$849	Local	Local								679	170
113FTA	Bus and Bus Facilities < 200,000 (Capital-Rolling Stock/Support Equipment)	2028	Transit	\$866	Local	Local								693	173
113FTA	Bus and Bus Facilities < 200,000 (Capital-Rolling Stock/Support Equipment)	2029	Transit	\$883	Local	Local								707	176
113FTA	Bus and Bus Facilities < 200,000 (Capital-Rolling Stock/Support Equipment)	2030	Transit	\$901	Local	Local								721	180
114FTA	Bus and Bus Facilities - Rural Areas (Capital-Rolling Stock/Support Equipment)	2027	Transit	\$5,000	Local	Local								4000	1000
114FTA	Bus and Bus Facilities - Rural Areas (Capital-Rolling Stock/Support Equipment)	2028	Transit	\$5,000	Local	Local								4000	1000
114FTA	Bus and Bus Facilities - Rural Areas (Capital-Rolling Stock/Support Equipment)	2029	Transit	\$5,000	Local	Local								4000	1000
114FTA	Bus and Bus Facilities - Rural Areas (Capital-Rolling Stock/Support Equipment)	2030	Transit	\$5,000	Local	Local								4000	1000
115FTA	Safety Oversight	2027	Transit	\$649	Local	Local						519			130
115FTA	Safety Oversight	2028	Transit	\$661	Local	Local						529			132
115FTA	Safety Oversight	2029	Transit	\$674	Local	Local						540			135
115FTA	Safety Oversight	2030	Transit	\$688	Local	Local						550			137
116FTA	Statewide Planning Program - FTA Planning	2027	Transit	\$220	Local	Local	176								44
116FTA	Statewide Planning Program - FTA Planning	2028	Transit	\$225	Local	Local	180								45
116FTA	Statewide Planning Program - FTA Planning	2029	Transit	\$230	Local	Local	184								46
116FTA	Statewide Planning Program - FTA Planning	2030	Transit	\$234	Local	Local	187								47
117FTA	Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities - State Admin	2027	Transit	\$421	Local	N/A				421					0
117FTA	Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities - State Admin	2028	Transit	\$430	Local	N/A				430					0
117FTA	Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities - State Admin	2029	Transit	\$439	Local	N/A				439					0
117FTA	Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities - State Admin	2030	Transit	\$447	Local	N/A				447					0
118FTA	Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities - Rolling Stock	2027	Transit	\$4,736	Local	Local				3789					947
118FTA	Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities - Rolling Stock	2028	Transit	\$4,838	Local	Local				3870					968
118FTA	Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities - Rolling Stock	2029	Transit	\$4,935	Local	Local				3947					987
118FTA	Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities - Rolling Stock	2030	Transit	\$5,033	Local	Local				4026					1007
119FTA	Rural Transit - State Admin	2027	Transit	\$1,912	Local	N/A					1912				0
119FTA	Rural Transit - State Admin	2028	Transit	\$1,950	Local	N/A					1950				0
119FTA	Rural Transit - State Admin	2029	Transit	\$1,989	Local	N/A					1989				0
119FTA	Rural Transit - State Admin	2030	Transit	\$2,029	Local	N/A					2029				0
120FTA	Rural Transit - Project Admin	2027	Transit	\$4,625	Local	Local					3700				925
120FTA	Rural Transit - Project Admin	2028	Transit	\$4,750	Local	Local					3800				950
120FTA	Rural Transit - Project Admin	2029	Transit	\$4,845	Local	Local					3876				969
120FTA	Rural Transit - Project Admin	2030	Transit	\$4,942	Local	Local					3954				988
121FTA	Rural Transit - Capital - Support Equipment/PM	2027	Transit	\$345	Local	Local					276				69

121FTA	Rural Transit - Capital - Support Equipment/PM	2028	Transit	\$346	Local	Local					277				69
121FTA	Rural Transit - Capital - Support Equipment/PM	2029	Transit	\$353	Local	Local					283				70
121FTA	Rural Transit - Capital - Support Equipment/PM	2030	Transit	\$360	Local	Local					288				72
122FTA	Rural Transit - Capital - Intercity	2027	Transit	\$1,625	Local	Local					1300				325
122FTA	Rural Transit - Capital - Intercity	2028	Transit	\$1,625	Local	Local					1300				325
122FTA	Rural Transit - Capital - Intercity	2029	Transit	\$1,625	Local	Local					1300				325
122FTA	Rural Transit - Capital - Intercity	2030	Transit	\$1,625	Local	Local					1300				325
123FTA	Rural Transit - Operating - Rural	2027	Transit	\$20,800	Local	Local					10400				10400
123FTA	Rural Transit - Operating - Rural	2028	Transit	\$21,400	Local	Local					10700				10700
123FTA	Rural Transit - Operating - Rural	2029	Transit	\$21,828	Local	Local					10914				10914
123FTA	Rural Transit - Operating - Rural	2030	Transit	\$22,265	Local	Local					11132				11132
124FTA	Rural Transit - Operating - Intercity	2027	Transit	\$3,200	Local	Local					1600				1600
124FTA	Rural Transit - Operating - Intercity	2028	Transit	\$3,200	Local	Local					1600				1600
124FTA	Rural Transit - Operating - Intercity	2029	Transit	\$3,200	Local	Local					1600				1600
124FTA	Rural Transit - Operating - Intercity	2030	Transit	\$3,200	Local	Local					1600				1600
125FTA	Rural Transit - RTAP	2027	Transit	\$315	Local	N/A					315				0
125FTA	Rural Transit - RTAP	2028	Transit	\$322	Local	N/A					322				0
125FTA	Rural Transit - RTAP	2029	Transit	\$328	Local	N/A					328				0
125FTA	Rural Transit - RTAP	2030	Transit	\$335	Local	N/A					335				0
127FTA	Capital - Rolling Stock CRRSAA	2027	Transit	\$626	Local	Local				472					154
127FTA	Capital - Rolling Stock CRRSAA	2028	Transit	\$639	Local	Local				472					167
127FTA	Capital - Rolling Stock CRRSAA	2029	Transit	\$642	Local	Local				472					170
127FTA	Capital - Rolling Stock CRRSAA	2030	Transit	\$646	Local	Local				472					174
200PTF	Public Transit Trust Fund	2027	Transit	\$6,000	Local	State								6000	0
200PTF	Public Transit Trust Fund	2028	Transit	\$6,000	Local	State								6000	0
200PTF	Public Transit Trust Fund	2029	Transit	\$6,000	Local	State								6000	0
200PTF	Public Transit Trust Fund	2030	Transit	\$6,000	Local	State								6000	0
201TLS	Translease	2027	Transit	\$6,000	Local	Local								6000	0
201TLS	Translease	2028	Transit	\$6,000	Local	Local								6000	0
201TLS	Translease	2029	Transit	\$6,000	Local	Local								6000	0
201TLS	Translease	2030	Transit	\$6,000	Local	Local								6000	0
202HUA	HUA	2027	Transit	\$350	Local	State								350	0
202HUA	HUA	2028	Transit	\$350	Local	State								350	0
202HUA	HUA	2029	Transit	\$350	Local	State								350	0
202HUA	HUA	2030	Transit	\$350	Local	State								350	0

ITEM 8. CALL FOR PROJECTS

SUMMARY

A. 2027 Surface Transportation Block Grant Funding

Thirteen applications for 2027 STBG/CRP funding were submitted on May 29th. The funding requests totaled \$18,829,048. Staff reviewed all project and confirmed that all are eligible to use federal funds, but some minor scoping changes may be necessary.

The request for additional construction funding for Sherwood's Jacksonville-Cato project is being considered as a 2026 Supplemental Funding project (Item 9).

Sponsor	Project Name	Amount requested	Phase
Maumelle	White Oak Crossing Regional connector sections 1 and 2	\$400,000.00	Engineering
Maumelle	Pedestrian Greenway Crossing	\$284,000.00	Construction
Saline	Hwy 5 & DeSoto Blvd Ints	\$1,040,000.00	Construction
County	improvements		
Cabot	Erwin Parkway Roundabout	\$400,000.00	Engineering
Sheridan	Downtown sidewalks	\$101,048.00	Engineering
Cabot	Locust street: 2nd to 5th	\$3,840,000.00	Construction
Ward	Moon Road Improvements phase 1	\$148,000.00	Engineering
Faulkner	Conway Loop Study	\$2,560,000.00	Engineering
Conway	Connect Conway	\$3,000,000.00	Construction
Sherwood	Regional Greenway: Hollywood to Windchime	\$160,000.00	Engineering
Pulaski/Port	South Loop Preliminary Design	\$960,000.00	Engineering
Sherwood	Jacksonville Cato Road	\$4,000,000.00	Construction
Bryant	Springhill Road Improvements	\$1,936,000.00	Engineering
		\$18,829,048.00	

ACTION NEEDED: Motion to approve Resolution 26-10



RESOLUTION 26-10
FY 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
FY 2027 GROUP PROJECT SELECTION
CARTS VARIOUS ATTRIBUTABLE PROJECTS
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM AND TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM

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 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Central Arkansas Regional Transportation Study; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program includes a group funding category for CARTS Various Attributable Projects; and

WHEREAS, project applications were received May 29, 2026 for FFY 2027 funding; and

WHEREAS, projects were evaluated in accordance with the policies and at the direction of the Metroplan Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that as the metropolitan planning organization for Central Arkansas, the Metroplan Board of Directors allocates regional funding to the following projects for obligation in federal fiscal year 2027;

Sponsor	Project Scope	Phase	Awarded Funding
Maumelle	White Oak Crossing Regional connector sections 1 and 2	Engineering	\$400,000
Maumelle	Pedestrian Greenway Crossing	Construction	\$285,000
Saline County	Hwy 5 & DeSoto Blvd Ints improvements	Construction	\$1,040,000
Cabot	Erwin Parkway Roundabout	Engineering	\$400,000
Sheridan	Downtown sidewalks	Engineering	\$100,000
Cabot	Locust street: 2nd to 5th	Construction	\$3,840,000
Ward	Moon Road Improvements phase 1	Engineering	\$150,000
Faulkner	Conway Loop Study	Engineering	\$2,560,000
Conway	Connect Conway	Construction	\$3,000,000
Sherwood	Regional Greenway: Hollywood to Windchime	Engineering	\$160,000
Pulaski/Port	South Loop Preliminary Design	Engineering	\$960,000
Bryant	Springhill Road Improvements	Engineering	\$1,940,000

Duly recorded this 24th day of June, 2026.

Judge Matt Brumley, Secretary/Treasurer

Judge Allen Dodson, President

ITEM 9. SUPPLEMENTAL PROJECT FUNDING 2026

SUMMARY

In January, Metroplan received applications for supplemental funding available for 2026. The focus of this call was on projects for which funding could be immediately obligated and expended – projects that were under construction or ready to bid. Seven projects remain on the supplemental funding list that remain in various stages of design and right-of-way. Metroplan is committed to obligating \$21.65 million in federal funds for FFY 2026, leaving an estimated \$4.96 million in funding available for these projects.

- Jonesboro Dr. Children's Trail – Little Rock
- Congo Rd/Shenandoah Rd Roundabout – Benton
- West Main Street Realignment – Jacksonville
- Jacksonville-Cato Road Improvements – Sherwood (Bid Opening on 6/30/26)
- Powerline Easement Trail – Sherwood
- Miller Street/Hwy 89 Sidewalks – Mayflower
- Southeast Trail – Pulaski County

A recommendation for awards and amounts will be made at the July 22nd Metroplan Board meeting.

ACTION NEEDED: Information Only

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: 2026 Obligation (TAP and STP>200K)	Local Sponsor	Estimated Obligation Amount	Date approved for Obligation	Phase	TIP/Metroplan Resolution
	061221	Little Rock Bike Connector (PE)	Little Rock	\$3,495	Obligated	Closeout	Adjusement
	061468	University Ave Traffic Operations	Little Rock	\$1	Obligated	Closeout	Closeout
	61527	JP Wright Loop Rd. Railgrade Seperation	Jacksonville	-\$117,951	Obligated	Closeout	Final
	061806	Hwy 38 & N Lincoln Traffic Light	Austin	-\$233,654	Obligated	Construction	MB Resolution 26-03
	061814	Arkansas River Trail Dillards Section	Little Rock	-\$366,560	Obligated	Design	MB Resolution 26-03
	061893	Castle Valley RRd - Green Rd (Chicot)	Pulaski Co	-\$421	Obligated	PE	
	061925	Northshore Drive (Military to Alcoa)	Benton	-\$440,000	Obligated	Design	MB Resolution 25-15
	061803	Bowman Road	Little Rock	-\$447,136	Obligated	PE/ROW	MB Resolution 25-15
	080174	Conway Loop	Faulkner	-\$804,000	Obligated	Design/Env	MB Resolution 25-15
	061926	Kanis Road (Gamble to Cooper)	Little Rock	-\$400,000	Obligated	Design	MB Resolution 25-15
	061807	Alcoa Park - Mills Park Trail	Bryant	-\$400	Obligated	PE	
	061553	Park Hill Community Jump Start	North Little Rock	\$33,986	Obligated	Closeout	
	080636	Markham Street Jump Start Impv Phase 2	Conway	\$7,076	Obligated	Closeout	
	061803	Bowman Road	Little Rock	-\$163,428	Obligated	PE	MB Resolution 25-15
	061720	LOCOMUT Phase 1 Construction	Cabot	-\$448,263	Obligated	PE and Const	MB Resolution 26-09 & 03
	061817	Downtown Streetscape Cabot	Cabot	\$4,000	Obligated	PE	
	061927	Central Arkansas Greenway - White Oak Bayou Trail	Maumelle	-\$315,000	Obligated	Design	MB Resolution 25-15
	061928	Jacksonville Highway (East Bethany to I-40)	North Little Rock	-\$269,000	Obligated	Design	MB Resolution 25-15
Ashley	061884	Saline River Greenway Phases 3,4,5	Benton	-\$200,000	Requested	Design	MB Resolution 26-03
Carlos	061924	SWT S6 to S8C	SalineCo	-\$1,485,000	Requested	Design/Develop	MB Resolution 25-15
Randy	080753	Connect Conway Ped. Impvts. (Conway) (S)	Conway	-\$1,000,000		Design	MB Resolution 24-11
Carlos	061803	Bowman Road	Little Rock	-\$2,189,436		ROW	MB Resolution 25-15
Kellie	061840	Club Manor and Odom	Maumelle	-\$2,480,000		Construction	MB Resolution 25-15
Carlos	080709	College Avenue Bridge	Conway	-\$3,620,000		Construction	MB Resolution 25-15
Carlos	061718	SWT Right of Way Acquisition	SalineCo	-\$188,240		ROW/Utilities	MB Resolution 26-03
Carlos	061810	Sardis Rd. Trail Ph. 1 (Shannon Hills) (S)	Shannon Hills	-\$259,120		Construction	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
Ashley	080723	Hwy 65 Pedestrian Bridge	Greenbrier	-\$162,388		Design	MB Resolution 26-03
Carlos	061903	Jonesboro Children's Trail Ph. 4 (Little Rock) (S)	Little Rock	-\$188,000		Design	MB Resolution 25-02
Carlos	61757	Jonesboro Dr. Childrens Trail	Little Rock	-\$4,960,000		Construction	July 2026
Carlos	061717	Congo Rd./Shenandoah Rd Roundabout	Benton			Construction	July 2026
Carlos	061715	Jacksonville Main Street	Jacksonville			Construction	July 2026
Ashley	061896	Jacksonville-Cato Rd Improvements	Sherwood			Construction	July 2026
Carlos	061713	Sherwood Powerline Easement	Sherwood			Construction	July 2026
Ashley	080561	Miller Street Sidewalks	Mayflower			Construction	July 2026
Carlos	061780	Southeast Trail Phase 2	Pulaski Co			Constructoin	July 2026 - MB 26-03
Carlos	061808	General Samuels Rd. Sidewalks (Jacksonville) (S)	Jacksonville	-\$200,000		Construction	MB Resolution 22-01
		Maumelle Blvd Study	ARDOT/Planning	-\$240,000		Planning	
		CARTS Travel Demand Model	Planning	-\$200,000		Planning	
Total				-\$21,649,439			
Ending Balance Obligation Limitation				\$330,023			

FFY 2026 Committed to Obligate 2/26 - \$21.65 Million