

Metroplan Board of Directors Meeting

July 22, 2026

10:00 am

AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes of June 24, 2026
2. Financial Report
3. Central Arkansas Spotlight – Passport to Planning
4. Metroplan Report
 - a. June Report
 - b. Metroplan and CAPDD Integration
5. Agency Reports
 - Energy and Environment Innovation for the Natural State
6. EEI Implementation Grant Update
 - a. Grant updates
 - b. Green Network Trail Construction Request
 - Transportation Agenda
7. Rock Region METRO TIP and UPWP Amendments
8. Supplemental Funding 2026
9. 2027-2030 TIP
10. Metroplan Board Announcements
11. Citizen Communications
12. Adjourn



METROPLAN

ITEM 1. MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2026

The minutes of the June 24th, 2026 Metroplan Board meeting are attached for review and adoption.

ACTION NEEDED: Motion to adopt minutes from June 24th, 2026.

Metroplan Board of Directors Meeting June 24, 2026

Attending:

Board Members

Mayor Crystal Herrman, City of Alexander
Mayor Tom Farmer, City of Benton
Mayor Ken Kincade, City of Cabot
Mayor Mike Kemp, City of Shannon Hills
Mayor Mary Jo Heye-Townsell, City of Sherwood
Mayor Charles Gastineau, City of Ward
Judge Allen Dodson, Faulkner County
Judge Barry Hyde, Pulaski County
Judge Matt Brumley, Saline County
Mr. Keith Keck, Hot Springs Village
Mr. Bryan Day, Little Rock Port Authority
Mr. Justin Avery, Rock Region Metro
Mr. David Siskowski, ARDOT
*Mr. Bryce Rimner, City of Alexander
*Mr. Colton Leonard, City of Bryant
*Mr. Robbie Alberson, City of Conway
*Maneesh Krishnan, City of Little Rock

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Casey Covington
Bernadette Rhodes
Tammy Gillis
Bridgette Bavon
Leesa Freasier
Peritosh Jambhale
Paul Murphy
Jonathan Lupton
Daniel Holland
Sydney Dozier
Jeff Runder
Leesa Freasier
Brittany Nichols
Lynn Bell

Guest

Joe Smith, Arkansas Municipal League (AML)
Mark Stodola, AML
Jon Plafcar, City of Carlisle
Mayor Gail King, City of Des Arc
Conya Spenser, Central Arkansas Planning & Development District
Leigh Ann Pool, Central Arkansas Planning & Development District
Tanya Childer, Central Arkansas Planning & Development District
Timothy Riley, Central Arkansas Planning & Development District
Mike Watson, HALFF
Zac Curry, HNTB – LR
Sebastian Castano, HNTB – LR
Suzanne Peyton – Clinton National Airport
Marsha Guffey – Little Rock Port Authority
Robert Birch, City of Jacksonville
Taylor Clark, McClelland Engineers (MCE)
Katie Rutledge, MCE
Mark Koch, Olsson
Ateca Foreman, Rock Region Metro
Austin Coleman, Senator Cotton's Office
Jon Honeywell, Volkert

I. Approval of minutes of June 24, 2026

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

II. Approval of the Financial Report

Tammy Gillis presented the first-quarter financial report, including revenues and expenses compared with the 2026 budget. She noted that the audit is nearly complete, with only a few remaining questions expected to be resolved soon. The financial report was motioned for approval by Mayor Herrmann and seconded by Mayor Heye-Townsell and approved as presented.

III. Central Arkansas Spotlight – Bill & Hillary Clinton National Airport

Suzanne Peyton presented the Central Arkansas Spotlight on the Little Rock Municipal Airport Commission, highlighting the airport's regional economic role, enterprise-fund structure, diversified revenues, generating about \$2 million in annual economic impact, more than 3,000 airport-property jobs, and roughly \$12 million in annual state and local taxes. She noted air-service growth, recent direct additions to Salt Lake City, Phoenix, Nashville, and Orlando. Ms. Payton further presented on the terminal redevelopment plans which include baggage claim, post-security outdoor space, a central hall, art, parking,

geothermal HVAC, and two to four added gates. Suzanne finished her presentation with a description of the public Clinton National Airport survey which will support decision making within its master plan and terminal redevelopment process.

IV. Metroplan Report

Casey presented the Metroplan report, noting the return of the Central Arkansas Spotlight and introducing intern Paul Murphy, who will support data analysis. Updates covered the National Association of Regional Councils meeting, the Southwest Trail ribbon-cutting, outreach events, and transportation reauthorization activity, including proposed formula funding, increased planning funds, local project access, and discretionary opportunities.

He also reviewed grant opportunities and stressed sidewalk and active-transportation investments. After a motion by Mayor Farmer and second by Mayor Gastineau, the board approved an MOU with the Central Arkansas Planning and Development District to support coordination and work toward a future merger, with no financial exchange. Casey outlined next steps on financial planning, staffing, governance, and a detailed agreement, with merger activity expected in 2027.

V. Agency Reports

A. Arkansas Department of Transportation

David Siskowski reported for ARDOT on a current area overlay letting, the upcoming Transportation Improvement Program public comment period, and several retirements and leadership changes across operations, administration, design, program delivery, and planning.

B. Rock Region METRO

Justin Avery reported that Rock Region METRO will celebrate its 40th anniversary on July 14 at 9:00 a.m. at its North Little Rock headquarters. He also announced the launch of a comprehensive operational analysis to evaluate current service, changing demographics, and potential future service areas, including New Providence Park, west Little Rock, and surrounding counties.

C. Little Rock Port Authority

Brian Day reported for the Port Authority that work continues the roadway separation study, with data collected and preliminary design underway for improved access through the Port of Little Rock to the mega site. He also noted submission of a \$50 million rail grant application for additional rail tracks south of the Port and preliminary planning for a major dock renovation, also estimated at approximately \$50 million.

D. Bill and Hilary Clinton National Airport

Suzanne Peyton provided an additional airport update, reporting that passenger activity is in its busy season and that the airport is transitioning its parking revenue system from magnetic tickets to barcode tickets. Staff will assist travelers during the transition, which is expected to improve the parking experience once complete.

E. FHWA

There was no one in attendance.

F. Congressional Delegates

Federal delegation representatives provided updates on congressional activity, including ongoing work on a new farm bill, committee activity, grant support, and the pending federal housing legislation. Congressman Hill's office noted broad bipartisan support for the housing bill and anticipated continued work with the administration on final enactment. Representatives also offered support for Central Arkansas projects, including future airport-related requests.

G. Arkansas Economic Development Council

Ashley Williams reported for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission that the fiscal year 2027 county tier map has been released and is available on the agency website. She also noted that the Opportunity Zone nomination application is being finalized and that legislators approved another round of funding for the Retail Academy program.

H. Arkansas Municipal League

Matt Stodola reported for the Arkansas Municipal League that the summer conference was successful, with strong attendance from municipal officials and participants. He reminded members that recorder, treasurer, and clerk training is now mandatory and encouraged interested officials, particularly from smaller cities, to seek opportunities to serve on Municipal League committees and advisory councils.

I. CAPDD

Leigh Ann Pool reported for the Central Arkansas Planning and Development District on current grant opportunities, including Community Assistance Grants, water and sewer treatment facility grants, and Fund for the Arts funding. CAPDD is working on multiple project types, including water and wastewater projects, community facilities, infrastructure to support industry, FEMA hazard mitigation planning, trails, parks, fire department equipment, Delta Regional Authority grants, federal compliance support, brownfield projects, and procurement assistance for federally funded engineering and architectural services.

Energy and Environment Innovation for the Natural State

VI. CPRG

Leesa Freasier provided a CPRG update emphasizing the need to consider emerging transportation technologies, including autonomous vehicles, electric vehicles, charging infrastructure, and related planning needs. She reminded recipients that quarterly reports are due and noted that rolling applications remain open for green networks, EV fleets, EV chargers, streetlights, and energy-efficiency programs. Approximately \$7.3 million remains available across program categories. She also highlighted the airport geothermal parking project and announced that the regional e-bike voucher lottery will open July 6, with random selections beginning July 21.

The board received an update on CPRG funding availability and program details, including income-qualified e-bike voucher eligibility and the use of a random selection process administered through a contracted platform. The program will reserve a portion of Central Arkansas funds for income-qualified applicants to support e-bikes as a transportation option.

Transportation Agenda

VII. 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program

Casey Covington presented the Transportation Improvement Program update, explaining that the TIP is developed in coordination with ARDOT and identifies federally funded transportation projects. He described the project list, including route numbers, project limits, costs, fiscal years, and local-share information, and emphasized the importance of reviewing the list for accuracy. A motion to the board approved releasing the TIP for public comment, with potential adoption anticipated in September was made by Mayor Heye-Townsell and seconded by Mayor Mike Kemp.

VIII. 2027 STBG Call for Projects

Daniel Holland provided an update on the STBG call for projects, reporting that 13 applications were received and all 13 were awarded funding, totaling approximately \$14.8 million. The Jacksonville Cato project with Sherwood will move into the 2026 obligation cycle as supplemental funding. Following a motion by Mayor Gastineau and second by Mayor Farmer, the board approved Resolution 26-10 accepting the awards.

IX. Supplemental Funding 2026

Daniel Holland also reported on 2026 supplemental funding, noting expected obligations, previously obligated funds, current projects, and remaining supplemental funding to be confirmed in July based on project readiness.

X. Metroplan Board Announcements

During board announcements, no additional formal announcements were made. Aaron Huntley of UALR indicated willingness to be added to future agendas and noted that additional information will be forthcoming regarding Issue 3. The meeting concluded with appreciation for participants and was adjourned without objection.

XI. Citizen Communication

There are no citizen communications presented.

XII. Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Judge Matt Brumley, Secretary/Treasurer

Judge Allen Dodson, President

ITEM 2. FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report is provided for review by the Metroplan Board – summary of May.

Metroplan staff are preparing the FY 2026 Q2 report and working with auditors to complete the 2025 Metroplan annual audit.

ACTION NEEDED: Motion to accept the Financial Report.

Metroplan
Cash Accts & CDs (Unaudited)
As of May 31, 2026

	Total
Bank Accounts	
Total Cash in Bank First AR	\$2,704,535.80
Total Cash in Bank Ozark - CARTS	\$1,204,217.82
Total CDS	\$1,581,850.87
Total for Bank Accounts	\$5,490,604.49

ITEM 3. CENTRAL ARKANSAS SPOTLIGHT – PASSPORT TO PLANNING

Metroplan hosted two interns for the summer of 2026, Bridgette Bavon and Paul Murphy. The Central Arkansas Spotlight will include reports from both on their accomplishments during the internship.

ACTION NEEDED: Information Only.

ITEM 4. METROPLAN REPORT

SUMMARY

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

What is next:

- Update financial planning based on state actions on WIOA –*August*
- Update staffing plan based on state actions on WIOA – *JuAugust*
- Space planning needs for co-location – *July/Sept*
- Governance and organization design research and examples – *August/October*
- MOU development – *August/October (vote in November)*
- Personnel policies update – *July/Dec (vote in December)*
- Procurement document – *July/Dec (vote in December)*
- Legal paperwork – *early 2027*
- Co-Location – *starting in 2027, completed by end of year*

ACTION NEEDED: Information Only.

CENTRAL ARKANSAS REGIONAL SUMMIT REPORT – July 2026

1. Executive Summary

Central Arkansas is home to over 30 cities and four counties ranging in population from 400,000 – 400. The region's uniqueness allows for a multitude of approaches to economic, transportation, and strategic development. The Central Arkansas Regional Summit was established to bring together political leaders and regional stakeholders to have targeted discussions about current regional needs and growth opportunities, while also deepening relationships across leaders and organizations. The focus of the 2026 Regional Summit was to emphasize regionalism, identify both strategic and practical applications for project investment, and explore the recommendation of a merger between Metroplan and the Central Arkansas Planning and Development District (CAPDD) that was identified in the Central Arkansas Planning Needs Assessment. Over the two-day period, leaders and stakeholders engaged in cross-regional conversation. The following themes for priorities and application arose:

Key Findings

- Exploring shared services amongst the Central Arkansas region
- Exploring additional revenue streams
- Support stronger project identification
- Expanding planning needs to include economic and strategic development
- Advocating for specific needs and policies relating to planning
- Facilitating strategic conversations and plans among regional stakeholders

Shared Central Arkansas Goals

- To provide easy access to current data, research, and regional planning activities (produced by Metroplan) that enhances regional growth, development, and investment.
- To support and respond to both rural and urban communities as unique challenges arise in local and regional planning.
- To strengthen the regional planning scope so that it supports a strong connection between transportation planning activities, economic development, land use planning, solid waste planning, disaster management and mitigation, housing planning, environmental planning, public health, and others.
- To maintain quality of product(s) and plans and increasing services available to members, while reducing the risk(s) associated with changes in federal and state funding priorities.

- To position Central Arkansas growth and development priorities to Regional, State and Federal leadership for positive change.
- To promote cross-regional collaboration by strengthening brand identity and regional messaging.

Recommendation

Based on the key findings and the priorities outlined in the Central Arkansas Planning Needs Assessment, the following action items are recommended:

- Identify which shared services are needed, and in what capacity
- Begin hosting regular meetings with stakeholders and aligning planning efforts with regional development and recruitment efforts
- Expand current planning efforts to include more economic and strategic development that are in alignment with investment priorities for MPOs
- Establish an advocacy plan with regional needs and MPO planning priorities
- Support regional planning and programs that have been affected by the WIOA State of Arkansas consolidation.

2. Summit Background, Theme, & Attendees

2.1 Summit Background

The Central Arkansas Regional Summit was established to engage political leaders and regional stakeholders in targeted discussions about current regional needs and growth opportunities, while also deepening relationships across leaders and organizations. The focus of the 2026 Regional Summit was regionalism, which included strategic and practical approaches to project investment and explored the recommended merger between Metroplan and the Central Arkansas Planning and Development District (CAPDD) as identified in the Central Arkansas Planning Needs Assessment. The summit will be held biennially. The summit theme will be determined during that year based on current planning needs and concerns.

2.2 Summit Theme & Agenda

Attendees participated in three breakout sessions that focused on conversational discussion rather than presentations. Groups were kept small with a maximum of 12 participants per group. Listed below are the plenary sessions along with targeted discussion groups that each participant had an opportunity to attend.

Keynote: Presentation and Discussion with Greater Nashville Regional Council: Executive Director, Michael Skipper

Session 1: Metroplan & CAPDD - Exploring Future Organization Integration

- Member Benefits and Support Specifics
- Open discussion with GNRC
- Future Vision for Integrated Organization

Session 2: Highlighting CAPDD and Metroplan Member Benefits

- Metroplan Support and Benefits
- CAPDD Support and Benefits
- Regional Projects and Ideas

Session 3: Exploring Regional Partnerships and Forming Coalitions

- Regional Economic Development
- Regional Workforce Development
- Regional Quality of Life
- Regional Chambers
- Regional Planning Support

2.3 Summit Attendees

The following cities, counties, and regional stakeholders were represented at the summit:

Arkansas Economic Development Commission
APA Arkansas
ARDOT
Arkansas Economic Development Institute
Arkansas Municipal League
Arkansas Research Alliance
Arkansas Association of Counties
CAPDD
Central Arkansas Water

City of Alexander
City of Alexander
City of Austin
City of Benton
City of Bryant
City of Cabot
City of Conway
City of Des Arc
City of Hot Springs Village
City of Keo
City of Little Rock
City of Maumelle
City of North Little Rock
City of Shannon Hills

City of Sherwood
City of Ward
City of Wrightsville
Congressman French Hills Office
Conway Chamber
Conway Corp
Faulkner Co.
Federal Highway Administration
Fort Smith PDD
Greater Nashville Regional Council
Hot Springs PDD
Little Rock Port Authority

Little Rock Regional Chamber
Mid-Arkansas Water Alliance and Community Water System
Monroe Co.
Pulaski Co.

Rock Region Metro
Saline Co Economic Development
Saline Co.
UA Little Rock Workforce Development Center

Western Planning & Development District

3. Key Findings & Discussion Points

During discussions the following key findings emerged:

- Shared services amongst the Central Arkansas region
- Exploring additional revenue streams
- Stronger project identification
- Expanding planning needs to include economic and strategic development
- Advocating specific needs and policies relating to planning
- More strategic conversations and plans with regional stakeholders

Below are details of the key findings and the discussion points that occurred during the sessions.

3.1 Regional Shared Services

Over the course of the summit, the introduction of shared services across the region was identified as a major need among all members. Some challenges expressed included; but are not limited to, the ability to hire and maintain in-house engineering, grant identification and writing assistance, natural disaster planning, and legal services. The following shared services needs were identified in response to these challenges:

- Disaster Management and Mitigation
 - Support cities in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from disasters through coordinated planning, training, and regional resilience efforts.
- Grant Writing and Identification
 - Assist cities in securing funding by identifying relevant opportunities and developing competitive, compliant grant applications.
- Engineering and Planning

- Provide technical and planning expertise, like site plan review and guidance on variance requests, to guide infrastructure development, land use decisions, and long-term community growth across the region.
- Legal Services
 - Provide legal guidance to cities with planning, land use, transportation, ordinance development, intergovernmental agreements, and regulatory compliance to support effective project implementation.

Section 5 addresses recommendations and planning funds available for each shared service.

3.2 Project Identification

During the CAPDD and Metroplan Member Benefits breakout session, participants discussed the need for stronger project identification assistance and planning. Attendees commended the CAPDD community development team for their time spent in the field assisting member cities identify specific community needs. It was also noted that Metroplan is widely recognized and utilized as a regional research center, and that its products support community development throughout the region, primarily with transportation infrastructure investment.

Attendees identified the following areas of exploration for project identification:

- Brownfield and infill development
- Environmental resilience; including but not limited to stormwater mitigation
- Identification of land available for immediate residential and commercial development
- Industrial site planning and development
- Comprehensive planning that includes expanded planning areas such as; master park plans, housing plans, utilities and infrastructure plans, and public safety plans.

Section 5 discusses recommendations and planning funds for project identification activities.

3.3 Additional Revenue Streams

During the breakout Q&A with Greater Nashville Regional Council Director Michael Skipper, members discussed the potential for additional revenue sources including establishing a 501(c)(3) to explore private and philanthropic funding opportunities. The main concern among attendees was that the establishment of a 501(c)(3) would complicate the merger.

*Note: It is common practice for Regional Councils to have a 501(c)(3), primarily focused on private and philanthropic partnerships and fundraising.

- Private funding for regional plans and initiatives
- Challenges Expressed: Small cities face significant financial constraints, making it difficult to provide the required 20% local match needed to compete for many state and federal grant opportunities.

- Potential solution: Private and philanthropic partnerships that would assist cities in the 20% match.

3.4 Expanding Planning Efforts

Across each breakout discussion, members expressed the following planning challenges:

- **Housing Planning:** Designing policies, regulations, and development strategies to ensure community members can access housing that costs no more than 30% of their gross income.
- **Quality of Life Planning:** Civic and environmental strategies a community uses to manage natural resources—balancing economic growth, public health, and ecological resilience to sustain a high standard of living.
- **Stormwater Management and Infrastructure Planning:** Controlling the quantity and quality of rainwater or snowmelt to prevent flooding, reduce erosion, and minimize pollution

Potential solutions would be to include and expand planning services to include the following:

- **Economic Development:** Coordinating and planning efforts that support regional economic growth by aligning investments with strategies that attract businesses, strengthen regional competitiveness, and improve long-term economic vitality and quality of life.
- **Strategic Development:** Guiding long-term regional planning by aligning goals, resources, and policies to achieve a shared community vision.
- **Infill Development:** Identifying underused urban areas throughout the region and planning for new growth within existing infrastructure and neighborhoods through planning.
- **Environment Resilience Planning and Development:** Create a regional plan that addresses infrastructure, land use, and growth to protect water sources, reduce flooding, and support quality of life. This also includes brownfield development and disaster mitigation and response.

Section 5 discusses recommendations and available planning funds for each planning area expansion.

3.5 Advocacy

As priorities were identified, lobbying for these expanded efforts was discussed to increase support and resources for these planning needs. Attendees indicated support of expanding regional lobbying efforts and were willing to explore specifics. Section 5.2 discusses recommendations for providing advocacy for identified needs.

3.6 Stakeholder Conversations and Strategic Investment

Throughout the course of the summit, participants stressed the importance of including regional stakeholders in conversations with both the organization and its members. This will in turn align strategic investment cross-regionally and benefit both stakeholders and their communities. Both stakeholders and members were excited for future opportunities to enhance regional competitiveness and growth.

3.7 Additional Conversations and Comments

Additional conversations and comments recorded during breakout sessions are noted below.

Future Vision of Integrated Organization

- Expand geographic boundaries to include adjacent counties.
- Extend Metroplan benefits to current CAPDD counties and cities that are not currently a part of the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).
- Greater participation from Central Arkansas larger cities.

Discussion with Greater Nashville Regional Council

- Explore additional research and analytics services, including but not limited to, census verification and assistance, growth forecasts, and demographic analysis.
- Explore additional regional planning services, including but not limited to, Capital Improvement Planning, Solid Waste Planning, and Strategic Planning and Consulting.

4. Federal MPO Planning Priorities, Resources & Shared Regional Goals

Metroplan operates as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Central Arkansas Region. Federal planning funds can be used for a variety of activities. Below is the planning process scope outlined by the Federal Highway Administration in 23 CFR § 450.306.

These MPO Planning Priorities inform planning activities that are allowable under current MPO planning Funds.

4.1 MPO Planning Priorities

*Note: While these are transportation specific, these priorities will need to be explored as the organization considers additional regional planning needs not directed towards transportation. Examples include, but are not limited too; wastewater & sewer management and Economic Development Agency grants for infrastructure development.

- (1) Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency;
- (2) Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
- (3) Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
- (4) Increase accessibility and mobility of people and freight;
- (5) Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and [State](#) and local planned growth and economic development patterns;
- (6) Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;
- (7) Promote efficient system management and operation;

- (8) Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system;
- (9) Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation; and
- (10) Enhance travel and tourism.

4.2 Shared Central Arkansas Goals

These shared goals address the challenges and conversations outlined in Section 3.

- To provide easy access to current data, research, and regional planning activities (produced by Metroplan) that enhances regional growth, development, and investment.
- To support and respond to both rural and urban communities as unique challenges arise in local and regional planning.
- To strengthen the regional planning scope so that it supports a strong connection between transportation planning activities, economic development, land use planning, solid waste planning, disaster management and mitigation, housing planning, environmental planning, public health, and others.
- To maintain quality of product(s) and plans and increasing services available to members, while reducing the risk(s) associated with changes in federal and state funding priorities.
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These planning priorities and shared goals will guide the recommendations and action items presented in section 5.

5. Recommendations & Alignment with Planning Priorities

- Identify which shared services are needed, and in what capacity
- Begin hosting regular meetings with stakeholders and aligning planning efforts with regional development and recruitment efforts
- Expand current planning efforts to include more economic and strategic development that are in alignment with investment priorities for MPOs
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- Support regional planning and programs that have been affected by the WIOA State of Arkansas consolidation.

5.1 Shared Services and Capacity

In section 3.1 the following shared services were identified by summit attendees as regional needs:

- Disaster Management and Mitigation
- Grant Writing and Identification
- Engineering and Planning Services
- Legal Services

Recommendations

Disaster Management and Mitigation – Identify specifics that members are seeking for disaster services. Also, begin a relationship with regional emergency management service providers. This recommendation aligns with Planning Priorities (2) and (7).

Grant Writing and Identification – Begin an integration between Metroplan and the CAPDD Community Development team. This will increase staff capacity for grant writing and allow for stronger relationships between the two organizations and their members. If possible, design a process that streamlines requests from members. This recommendation aligns directly with Planning Priorities (1) and (8) and will allow for non-traditional/non-transportation funding to be explored.

Engineering and Planning – Research Regional Councils that offer engineering and planning review services. While researching, develop a pilot program to test services before launching to the wider region. This recommendation aligns with Planning Priorities (1), (5) and (8).

5.2 Aligning lobbying efforts with regional needs and MPO Planning Priorities

Section 3.5 discussed expanding and aligning our lobbying efforts to include more regional needs outside of transportation planning. As the other recommendations begin to be implemented, they can provide a guide for expanding lobbying efforts. This will align directly with priorities already identified in other recommendations and allow for more concentrated regional advocacy efforts.

5.3 Hosting Regional Stakeholder and Investment Meetings

Section 3.6 discussed that a larger regional coalition of stakeholders should meet regularly to align planning needs with regional development and economic development recruitment. It is recommended that Metroplan begin hosting monthly meetings with stakeholders to identify economic growth opportunities and to begin aligning long-range planning with those initiatives. This priority aligns directly with planning priorities (1) and (10).

5.4 Expanding Current Planning Efforts to Include Economic, Strategic, and Environmental Planning

Section 3.4 discussed expanding current planning efforts to include economic, strategic, and environmental planning. As the organizational integration between CAPDD and Metroplan begins, it is recommended to begin including these planning efforts into the staff's work scope. This can begin as a pilot program pending further guidance. This recommendation aligns with priorities (1), (5), (9), and (10).

5.5 Additional Recommendations

Sections 3.2 and 3.3 discussed the need for stronger project identification and exploring additional revenue streams for projects that are outside of transportation. Based on the above recommendations, these can be achieved with a further review of the Planning Priorities Scope and integration with Metroplan's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). This can be achieved in conjunction with the merger of Metroplan and CAPDD staff teams and organizations.

6. Action Items as of June 23, 2026

The action items listed below correspond to Section 5 recommendations:

- 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
- 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

7. Recommendation Matrix

Attached is a matrix with each recommendation.

Timeline	Recommendation	Notes
Already Initiated	Integration with the CAPDD Community Development and Grants Team	Meetings should be held weekly. This will also be integrated with the staffing plan development as listed in the MOU.
To Begin by December 2026	Host monthly stakeholder meetings at Metroplan	Meeting would be hosted the week before each board meeting. This can occur either via meetings or a survey.
	Work w/ members to identify specific planning needs and desired services regarding Disaster Management & Mitigation, Grant Writing, and Project Identification.	This will be used to inform the governance and organization design research as outlined in the MOU.
	Research combined agencies that offer fee for services, including engineering and site plan review, and other additional revenue sources.	This can occur as part of the teams' integration. A scope of work and definitions will need to be drafted to inform the governance and organizational design as outlined in the MOU.
	Begin work with CAPDD staff that addresses Economic, Strategic, and Environmental planning needs regionally.	This can occur as part of the teams' integration. A scope of work and definitions will need to be drafted to inform the governance and organizational design as outlined in the MOU.
Beginning in 2027	Write working plan that addresses services and planning needs identified by members	All recommendations are accompanied by MPO planning priorities that are eligible for PL funding. This will integrate and inform the organizational design as outlined in the MOU.
	Evaluate and integrate new staffing plan, planning needs scope, and new working plan into Metroplan's UPWP.	This will need to be discussed with legal teams and outlined as a part of the new organization.
	Begin identifying specific advocacy efforts that Metroplan can participate in.	

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. EEI IMPLEMENTATION GRANT aka CPRG (CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT)

a. Grant Updates

The following activities were completed in June-July:

General

- Metroplan is managing 70 CPRG projects, including 40 in Central Arkansas.
- New EEI Coordinator hired in Fort Smith – Zachary Hays

Green Networks

- 17 out of 29 projects have completed their Baseline Land Condition Assessment.
- E-Bike Rebate lottery registration went live on July 7, 2026.
- Central AR Tree Planting Project received 13,959 tree requests from Central AR participants.
- Coordinating with Local Ecology Office on program-wide Bat Conservation Plan.
- Bryant Parkway at 100% Designed and ready for bid. Awaiting ARDOT approvals.
- Rose Creek Trail Right-of-Ways have been staked, appraised, and title search by Volkert.
- Audubon Arkansas and Central Arkansas Water have hired new positions for grant activities.
- Shannon Hills land UASFLA appraisal updated and under review.

Transportation Efficiency

- LED Streetlights in progress: Jacksonville project 60% complete; Sheridan project 80% complete.
- Wrightsville's contract with Entergy ready for signature.
- Conway obtained all streetlight replacement materials and is ready to begin installation.
- Little Rock materials will arrive first week of August, installation to begin shortly after.
- Fort Smith's EV Charger Project closed materials RFP, projected completion October 2026.
- Little Rock EV Fleet: 20 Electric Vehicles now in service.

Building Efficiency

- City of Ward has nearly completed approved energy efficiency equipment and will begin commissioning soon.
- 6 Entities have applied to join our 2nd ESPC Cohort which will begin in August.
- 476 Geothermal Wells at LIT drilling complete (CPRG-funded wells)

Rolling Call for Projects

<https://metroplan.org/eei-funding-opportunities/>

EEI Implementation 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. The rolling application process allows eligible entities to submit applications online and receive evaluation and consideration for board approval on a first-come, first-served basis.

1. Green Networks (*approx. \$1 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.*)

ACTION NEEDED: Information only.

b. Green Networks Trail Construction Funding Request

The City of Cabot has submitted an application for CPRG Green Networks Trail Construction funding for its Elm Street & Main Street Improvements multi-modal path project. This project represents one of the strongest transportation investments evaluated to date, ranking as the third most cost-effective project in the program while providing meaningful regional connectivity. The proposed sidepath will create a safe, continuous active transportation corridor connecting more than 11 key community destinations, including Cabot High School, the public library, civic offices, medical services, retail, restaurants, and the existing Lonoke County Multi-Use Trail (LOCOMUT). The project closes a critical gap in the regional greenway network by overcoming existing barriers created by the railroad and Highway 367.

The project is construction-ready, with final design complete and significant federal funding already secured through STBG and TAP programs, maximizing the value of CPRG dollars. Based on its readiness, connectivity, leveraging of other funding sources, and cost-effectiveness, staff recommends this project for award.

Proposed Funding

CPRG Funds (80%)	\$1,005,458
Local Match (20%)	\$ 251,364
Total	\$1,256,822

ACTION NEEDED: Approval of Resolution 26-11.



RESOLUTION 26-11
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT INNOVATION FOR THE NATURAL STATE
CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT
GREEN NETWORKS TRAIL CONSTRUCTION PASS-THROUGH FUNDING

WHEREAS, Metroplan is the lead agency for the Energy and Environment Innovation for the Natural State Implementation Grant through the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program; and

WHEREAS, the MPO is charged with the responsibility of developing and maintaining the official functional classification map for the CARTS area;

WHEREAS, this grant includes \$8,000,000 for a pass-through funding program for Central Arkansas municipalities, counties, and nonprofit partners to implement Green Network trail construction projects to increase transportation choice and reduce vehicle miles traveled, thus reducing emissions and resulting air pollution; and

WHEREAS, Metroplan received an application for funding from the City of Cabot; and

WHEREAS, the project was evaluated in accordance with program guidelines and at the direction of the Metroplan Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metroplan Board of Directors allocates funding for Green Networks Trail Construction pass-through awards.

Sponsor	Project Title	Award
City of Cabot	Southwest Trail Connector Ph I	\$1,005,458.00

Duly recorded this 22nd day of July 2026.

Judge Matt Brumley, Secretary/Treasurer

Judge Allen Dodson, President

Transportation Agenda

ITEM 7. ROCK REGION METROPLAN TIP AND UPWP AMENDMENT

SUMMARY

Rock Region METRO has requested a TIP Amendment to reflect the following for fiscal year 2023-2026:

1. METRO is the direct recipient of Conway's FTA federal funding.
2. Conway is eligible for Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Funding.
3. 5339 funding must be identified in the STIP and TIP for the years 2023-2026.
4. Prior year Conway 5339 Formula Funds for Rock Region METRO use to purchase revenue vehicles or construct transit bus facilities.

Additionally, Rock Regions METRO BUILD Grant that is being incorporated in the new TIP and STIP. It will also require an amendment to the UPWP.

Metroplan staff is working with Rock Region METRO and FTA on the exact language of the amendment.

ACTION NEEDED: Motion to release for public comment.

ITEM 8. 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 had bid and were under construction were to receive highest priority for funding.

Priorities for project funding

1. Project Under Construction
2. Additional Design
3. Approved to Bid
4. Awaiting Authority to Bid

To receive funding, projects must bid in 2026. The following projects were to be reevaluated in July to ensure they would bid in 2026. Staff expect all to bid and recommend awards based on bid amounts or the most current project estimate

		Status	Recommended Award
061896	Jacksonville-Cato Rd Improvements	Bid 6/30/26	\$1,761,466
061757	Jonesboro Dr. Children's Trail	Rebidding with design modifications	\$1,300,000
061717	Congo Rd./Shenandoah Rd Roundabout	ROW Acquired, Awaiting Authority to bid	\$330,000
061715	Jacksonville Main Street	Finalizing ROW Acquisition on two tracts	\$783,000
061713	Sherwood Powerline Easement	ROW Acquired, Awaiting Authority to bid	\$200,000
080561	Miller Street Sidewalks	Acquiring ROW	\$150,000

With these awards, Metroplan expects to meet its obligation requirements for 2026 (\$21.9 Million).

ACTION NEEDED: Approval of Resolution 26-12



RESOLUTION 26-12
FY 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
FY 2026 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 January 9, 2026 for FY 2026 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 2026;

Project # & Sponsor	Project Scope	Phase	Funding Source	Awarded Funding
061896	Sherwood: Jacksonville-Cato Rd Improvements	Construction	STBG	\$1,761,466
061757	Little Rock: Jonesboro Dr. Children's Trail	Construction	CRP	\$1,300,000
061717	Benton: Congo Rd./Shenandoah Rd Roundabout	Construction	STBG	\$330,000
061715	Jacksonville: Main Street	Construction	STBG	\$783,000
061713	Sherwood: Powerline Easement	Construction	CRP	\$200,000
080561	Mayflower: Miller Street Sidewalks	ROW/Construction	TAP	\$150,000

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Judge Matt Brumley, Secretary/Treasurer

Judge Allen Dodson, President

Project Obligation FY 2026	
STP CARTS Apportionment 2026	\$15,137,437
Carbon Reduction Apportionment 2026	\$1,803,806
TAP CARTS Apportionment 2026	\$1,686,995
Programming Authority (Apportionments 2026)	\$18,628,238
Programming Authority Carried Forward from 2025	\$7,235,562
Total Available Program Authority	\$25,863,800
Obligation Limitation Estimated 2026 (100.0%)	\$18,628,238
Obligation Limitation Carried Forward from 2025	\$3,451,051
Total Available Obligation Limitation	\$22,079,289

2026 Metroplan Obligations

	Project		Local Sponsor	Estimated Obligation Amount	Date approved for Obligation	Funding Source	Phase	
ARDOT Contact	Number	Projects: 2026 Obligation (TAP and STP>200K)						TIP/Metroplan Resolution
	061221	Little Rock Bike Connector (PE)	Little Rock	\$3,494	Obligated	STBG	Closeout	Adjusement
	061468	University Ave Traffic Operations	Little Rock	\$1	Obligated	STBG	Closeout	Closeout
	61527	JP Wright Loop Rd. Railgrade Seperation	Jacksonville	-\$117,951	Obligated	STBG	Closeout	Final
	061806	Hwy 38 & N Lincoln Traffic Light	Austin	-\$233,654	Obligated	STBG	Construction	MB Resolution 26-03
	061814	Arkansas River Trail Dillards Section	Little Rock	-\$366,560	Obligated	STBG	Design	MB Resolution 26-03
	061893	Castle Valley RRd - Green Rd (Chicot)	Pulaski Co	-\$421	Obligated	STBG	PE	
	061925	Northshore Drive (Military to Alcoa)	Benton	-\$444,000	Obligated	STBG	Design	MB Resolution 25-15
	061803	Bowman Road	Little Rock	-\$447,136	Obligated	STBG	PE/ROW	MB Resolution 25-15
	080174	Conway Loop	Faulkner	-\$804,000	Obligated	STBG	Design/Env	MB Resolution 25-15
	061926	Kanis Road (Gamble to Cooper)	Little Rock	-\$400,000	Obligated	STBG	Design	MB Resolution 25-15
	061807	Alcoa Park - Mills Park Trail	Bryant	-\$400	Obligated	TAP	PE	
	061553	Park Hill Community Jump Start	North Little Rock	\$33,986	Obligated	STBG	Closeout	
	080636	Markham Street Jump Start Impv Phage 2	Conway	\$7,076	Obligated	STBG	Closeout	
	061803	Bowman Road	Little Rock	-\$163,428	Obligated	STBG	PE	MB Resolution 25-15
	061720	LOCOMUT Phase 1 Construction	Cabot	-\$448,263	Obligated	STBG	PE and Const	MB Resolution 26-09 & 03
	061817	Downtown Streetscape Cabot	Cabot	\$4,000	Obligated	STBG	PE	
	061927	Central Arkansas Greenway - White Oak Bayou Trail	Maumelle	-\$315,000	Obligated	STBG	Design	MB Resolution 25-15
	061928	Jacksonville Highway (East Bethany to I-40)	North Little Rock	-\$269,000	Obligated	STBG	Design	MB Resolution 25-15
Ashley	061884	Saline River Greenway Phases 3,4,5	Benton	-\$200,000	Obligated	TAP	Design	MB Resolution 26-03
Carlos	061924	SWT S6 to S8C	SalineCo	-\$1,489,000	Obligated	STBG	Design/Develop	MB Resolution 25-15
	061946	Woodruff Creek Trail	Sherwood	-\$335,000	Requested	TAP	Design	MB Resolution 26-04
Randy	080753	Connect Conway Ped. Impvts. (Conway) (S)	Conway	-\$1,000,000		CRP	Design	MB Resolution 24-11
Carlos	061803	Bowman Road	Little Rock	-\$2,189,436		STBG	ROW	MB Resolution 25-15
Kellie	061840	Club Manor and Odom	Maumelle	-\$1,592,573		STBG	Construction	MB Resolution 25-15
Kellie	061840	Club Manor and Odom	Maumelle	-\$887,427		CRP	Construction	MB Resolution 25-15
Carlos	080709	College Avenue Bridge	Conway	-\$3,620,000		STBG	Construction	MB Resolution 25-15
Carlos	061718	SWT Right of Way Acquisition	SalineCo	-\$188,240		CRP	ROW/Utilities	MB Resolution 26-03
Carlos	061810	Sardis Rd. Trail Ph. 1 (Shannon Hills) (S)	Shannon Hills	-\$259,120		TAP	Construction	MB Resolution 22-09 & 25-02
Kellie	061902	Indian Lake Estates Pedestrian Impvts (Sherwood) (S) (2026 obligation)	Sherwood	-\$320,000		TAP	Construction	MB Resolution 25-02
Ashley	080723	Hwy 65 Pedestrian Bridge	Greenbrier	-\$162,388		TAP	Design	MB Resolution 26-03
	080174	Conway Loop	Faulkner	-\$261,370		STBG	Design	MB Resolution 26-10
Ashley	061896	Jacksonville-Cato Rd Improvements	Sherwood	-\$1,761,466		STBG	Construction	July 2026
Carlos	061757	Jonesboro Dr. Childrens Trail	Little Rock	-\$1,300,000		CRP	Construction	July 2026
Carlos	061717	Congo Rd./Shenandoah Rd Roundabout	Benton	-\$330,000		STBG	Construction	July 2026
Carlos	061715	Jacksonville Main Street	Jacksonville	-\$783,000		STBG	Construction	July 2026
Carlos	061713	Sherwood Powerline Easement	Sherwood	-\$200,000		CRP	Construction	July 2026
Ashley	080561	Miller Street Sidewalks	Mayflower	-\$150,000		TAP	ROW	July 2026
Carlos	061808	General Samuels Rd. Sidewalks (Jacksonville) (S)	Jacksonville	-\$200,000		TAP	Construction	MB Resolution 22-01
	061944	Midland Park to Highway 5 Trail	Bryant	-\$270,000		TAP	Design	MB Resolution 26-04
		Maumelle Blvd Study	ARDOT/Planning	-\$240,000		STBG	Planning	
		CARTS Travel Demand Model	Planning	-\$200,000		STBG	Planning	
Total				-\$21,900,276				
Ending Balance Obligation Limitation				\$179,013				

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

ITEM 9. 2027-2030 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

SUMMARY

The draft project list for the State Transportation Improvement Program and CARTS Transportation Improvement Program was presented to the Arkansas State Highway Commission on June 17 and Metroplan Board of Directors on June 24. Metroplan is finalizing the TIP and accompanying MTP amendment which will be released for public comment starting August 2nd. The Metroplan board will then vote on the TIP at its September meeting.

ACTION NEEDED: Information Only

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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 Intchn. 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 Intchn. 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 Intchn. 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 Intchn. Impvts. (Little Rock) (S)	Pulaski	300	0	Interchange Improvements	\$20,000,000	2029	State	State	
06X642	I-30/I-430 Intchn. 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	Job_Type	STIP_Estimate_x_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	1624	Local	Local			812							812
CONW01	Operating Assistance	2028	Transit	1656	Local	Local			828							828
CONW01	Operating Assistance	2029	Transit	1689	Local	Local			845							845
CONW01	Operating Assistance	2030	Transit	1723	Local	Local			861							861
CONW02	Capital Cost of Contracting	2027	Transit	1015	Local	Local			812							203
CONW02	Capital Cost of Contracting	2028	Transit	1035	Local	Local			828							207
CONW02	Capital Cost of Contracting	2029	Transit	1056	Local	Local			845							211
CONW02	Capital Cost of Contracting	2030	Transit	1077	Local	Local			861							215
Rock Region METRO Urbanized Area Funds																
RRMTA01	Capital - Rolling Stock	2027	Transit	2353	Local	Local			2000							353
RRMTA01	Capital - Rolling Stock	2028	Transit	2353	Local	Local			2000							353
RRMTA01	Capital - Rolling Stock	2029	Transit	2353	Local	Local			2000							353
RRMTA01	Capital - Rolling Stock	2030	Transit	2353	Local	Local			2000							353
RRMTA02	Capital - Bus Support Equipment/Facilities	2027	Transit	1378	Local	Local			1100							278
RRMTA02	Capital - Bus Support Equipment/Facilities	2028	Transit	1378	Local	Local			1100							278
RRMTA02	Capital - Bus Support Equipment/Facilities	2029	Transit	1378	Local	Local			1100							278
RRMTA02	Capital - Bus Support Equipment/Facilities	2030	Transit	1378	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	1016	Local	Local			813							203
RRMTA03	Capital - Paratransit Serv. (10% max)	2030	Transit	1036	Local	Local			829							207
RRMTA04	Capital - Preventive Maintenance	2027	Transit	3438	Local	Local			2750							688
RRMTA04	Capital - Preventive Maintenance	2028	Transit	3438	Local	Local			2750							688
RRMTA04	Capital - Preventive Maintenance	2029	Transit	3438	Local	Local			2750							688
RRMTA04	Capital - Preventive Maintenance	2030	Transit	3438	Local	Local			2750							688
RRMTA05	Consolidated Planning Grant (MPO)	2027	Transit	1379	Local	Local		1104								275
RRMTA05	Consolidated Planning Grant (MPO)	2028	Transit	1407	Local	Local		1126								281
RRMTA05	Consolidated Planning Grant (MPO)	2029	Transit	1435	Local	Local		1149								287
RRMTA05	Consolidated Planning Grant (MPO)	2030	Transit	1464	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	16767	Local	Local										16767
RRMTA10	Local Transit Operations	2028	Transit	17102	Local	Local										17102
RRMTA10	Local Transit Operations	2029	Transit	17444	Local	Local										17444
RRMTA10	Local Transit Operations	2030	Transit	17793	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
State 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	5000	Local	Local									4000	1000
114FTA	Bus and Bus Facilities - Rural Areas (Capital-Rolling Stock/Support Equipment)	2028	Transit	5000	Local	Local									4000	1000
114FTA	Bus and Bus Facilities - Rural Areas (Capital-Rolling Stock/Support Equipment)	2029	Transit	5000	Local	Local									4000	1000
114FTA	Bus and Bus Facilities - Rural Areas (Capital-Rolling Stock/Support Equipment)	2030	Transit	5000	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	4736	Local	Local				3789						947
118FTA	Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities - Rolling Stock	2028	Transit	4838	Local	Local				3870						968
118FTA	Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities - Rolling Stock	2029	Transit	4935	Local	Local				3947						987
118FTA	Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities - Rolling Stock	2030	Transit	5033	Local	Local				4026						1007
119FTA	Rural Transit - State Admin	2027	Transit	1912	Local	N/A					1912					0
119FTA	Rural Transit - State Admin	2028	Transit	1950	Local	N/A					1950					0
119FTA	Rural Transit - State Admin	2029	Transit	1989	Local	N/A					1989					0
119FTA	Rural Transit - State Admin	2030	Transit	2029	Local	N/A					2029					0
120FTA	Rural Transit - Project Admin	2027	Transit	4625	Local	Local					3700					925
120FTA	Rural Transit - Project Admin	2028	Transit	4750	Local	Local					3800					950
120FTA	Rural Transit - Project Admin	2029	Transit	4845	Local	Local					3876					969
120FTA	Rural Transit - Project Admin	2030	Transit	4942	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	1625	Local	Local					1300					325
122FTA	Rural Transit - Capital - Intercity	2028	Transit	1625	Local	Local					1300					325
122FTA	Rural Transit - Capital - Intercity	2029	Transit	1625	Local	Local					1300					325
122FTA	Rural Transit - Capital - Intercity	2030	Transit	1625	Local	Local					1300					325
123FTA	Rural Transit - Operating - Rural	2027	Transit	20800	Local	Local					10400					10400
123FTA	Rural Transit - Operating - Rural	2028	Transit	21400	Local	Local					10700					10700
123FTA	Rural Transit - Operating - Rural	2029	Transit	21828	Local	Local					10914					10914
123FTA	Rural Transit - Operating - Rural	2030	Transit	22265	Local	Local					11132					11132
124FTA	Rural Transit - Operating - Intercity	2027	Transit	3200	Local	Local					1600					1600
124FTA	Rural Transit - Operating - Intercity	2028	Transit	3200	Local	Local					1600					1600
124FTA	Rural Transit - Operating - Intercity	2029	Transit	3200	Local	Local					1600					1600
124FTA	Rural Transit - Operating - Intercity	2030	Transit	3200	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	6000	Local	State									6000	0
200PTF	Public Transit Trust Fund	2028	Transit	6000	Local	State									6000	0
200PTF	Public Transit Trust Fund	2029	Transit	6000	Local	State									6000	0
200PTF	Public Transit Trust Fund	2030	Transit	6000	Local	State									6000	0
201TLS	Translease	2027	Transit	6000	Local	Local									6000	0
201TLS	Translease	2028	Transit	6000	Local	Local									6000	0
201TLS	Translease	2029	Transit	6000	Local	Local									6000	0
201TLS	Translease	2030	Transit	6000	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