



Greenville - Pickens Area Transportation Study (GPATS) Unified Planning Work Program Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027



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PREFACE

This Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) identified the transportation planning activities being conducted by Greenville-Pickens Area Transportation Study (GPATS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), which serves the Greenville-Pickens Urbanized Area in South Carolina. The planning activities outlined in the UPWP are to be completed during FY 2026 and FY 2027, beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

Greenville County Community Planning and Development, which provides staff support for GPATS, has prepared this document in consultation with the South Carolina Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and other agencies involved in transportation planning and implementation. This document also is intended to comply with the Title VI requirements contained in the Federal Regulations for the development of plans and programs. The MPO Self Certification Statement is attached in Appendix A.

Additional information about GPATS planning activities is available at <http://www.gpats.org>, or by contacting GPATS staff (864) 467-7174.

STATUS OF CURRENT PLANNING ACTIVITIES

GPATS' planning efforts in FY 2025 were focused on the final implementation of the Horizon2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) ahead of the new 2050 LRTP and working with planners to assist with land use and transportation components of neighborhood, corridor, and area plans and comprehensive planning efforts, providing technical assistance to the counties and municipalities within the GPATS area.

Staff time was devoted to public involvement activities, including agency and stakeholder meetings and various social media outreach campaigns throughout the GPATS area and presenting information to elected officials, the GPATS Policy Coordinating Committee, Study Team, and Transit/Bike-Ped Coordinating Committees. The results of the Horizon2045 LRTP continued to require significant technical work, and the new Federal Performance Measures have been implemented and continue to be updated as needed.

The staff has continued coordinating with the Greenville Transit Authority (d.b.a. Greenlink) and Clemson Area Transit (CAT) to provide planning support as the Designated Recipient of FTA 5307, 5339, and 5303 funding. The staff serves on the Greenville Transit Authority's (GTA) Transit Development Committee and attends GTA monthly Board meetings. GPATS continues to act as the Direct Recipient of FTA 5310 funds and allocated funding to GTA/Greenlink and CAT.

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GPATS has changed aspects of the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program document/ranking criteria as required by SCDOT's new TA Program guidelines. Applications have been received for the newest TA cycle and will be voted on in May 2025. The chosen application(s) will be submitted to SCDOT. GPATS continues to work with applicants and SCDOT on active applications.

As required by FHWA/SCDOT, GPATS has incorporated all performance measures adopted thus far into work program items and will continue to do so in the future. To date, GPATS has incorporated and adopted the State's targets for Safety, Transit Asset Management (TAM), Infrastructure Condition, System Reliability, and Freight Reliability. GPATS will be adopting new Infrastructure Condition and System and Freight Reliability targets in May 2025.

GPATS intends to use current PL carryover funds for large regional GPATS plans over the next couple of years. This allows local jurisdictions to apply for PL carryover funding when it is not needed for GPATS regional studies. GPATS will be making the FY2025 Carryover available for these regional studies ahead of inclusion in the FY2026-2027 UPWP. GPATS Staff continues to work with previous carryover funding awardees on active studies.

Greenville, Spartanburg, and Anderson counties were designated an Air Quality Nonattainment area for ground-level ozone in 2004, but the designation was deferred under the provisions of an Early Action Compact among US EPA, SC DHEC, and each county. Monitoring data for 2007 showed compliance with all standards, and GPATS was designated as "in attainment." The EPA's revised National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) are currently on hold. GPATS staff continues to prepare for new possibilities.

PLANNING PRIORITIES FOR THE COMING YEAR

- Continue to work with the municipalities and counties of GPATS to ensure they feel included in the planning process and educate them on GPATS policies and processes.
- Collaborate with municipalities and counties of GPATS with regard to implementation and coordination of land-use planning and transportation project development.
- Work cooperatively with regional entities such as Ten At The Top, Upstate Forever, LiveWell Greenville, Greenville Forward, Pickens United, and other partners;
- Work with GTA/Greenlink and Clemson Area Transit (CAT) as the Designated Recipient for Federal Transit Administration apportioned 5307, 5339, and 5303 FTA funds and as the Direct Recipient for 5310 FTA funds.
- Allocation of 2.5% of Federal PL funding for Complete Streets efforts, utilizing the BIL/IIJA waiver for 100% participation. This will be handled in Element 303.
- Continue to work with the public and local stakeholders to maintain an accurate regional vision of the transportation network.
- Continue to regularly update the GPATS website with project and plan information and other data.
- Continue implementation of the Horizon2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan utilizing GPATS Policy decisions and development/implementation of the 2025– 2034 Transportation Improvement Program, and prepare for the adoption of the 2026-2027 UPWP, in coordination with the SCDOT STIP.
- Prepare an RFP and hire a consultant to begin the GPATS 2050 LRTP, to be completed by the end of 2026.
- Continue to monitor, evaluate, and report on Congestion Management Plan efforts as required of a Transportation Management Area and as detailed in the CMP located in the LRTP.
- Continue incorporating performance measures into work program items.
- Continue updating Interactive Mapping Service serving as a “one-stop” resource for transportation planning and a jurisdictional data clearinghouse for Regional Coordination.
- Maintain updated information regarding regional transportation projects on Project Pages on the GPATS website.
- Coordination with ACOG, SPATS, and ACATS on regional studies and travel demand modeling.
- Attendance of GPATS to appropriate regional and national conferences and meetings, representing the region and presenting when feasible.
- Development and execution of GPATS Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program projects.
- Development and execution of GPATS UPWP Element 403 Special Studies.

INTRODUCTION

In 1964, the Greenville County Planning Commission was designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The county, city, and state created the Greenville Area Transportation Study (GRATS) to comply with the Federal Highway Act of 1962. This act mandated all communities with more than 50,000 residents perform transportation planning activities for the entire urbanized area. The legislation ensures there is a “continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive” (known as “3-C”) planning process involving federal, state, and local agencies, as well as citizens and other affected stakeholders.

As a result of the population growth patterns identified in the 2000 Census, the MPO was expanded to include portions of Pickens County, and the name was changed to the Greenville-Pickens Area Transportation Study (GPATS). As a result of the 2010 Census, GPATS was expanded to include additional Pickens County and Anderson County areas. GPATS came to include the municipalities of Pelzer, West Pelzer, Williamston within Anderson County, Central, Clemson, Norris, and Pendleton within Pickens County. The GPATS boundary and membership structure were approved at the March 2013 meeting of the Policy Committee. Changes to the GPATS boundary from the 2020 Census were approved in 2023, removing much of the area gained during the 2010 Census and giving them over to the redesignated ACATS MPO.

The MPO comprises four committees: Policy Committee, Study Team/Technical Committee, Transit Coordinating Committee, and Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee. The planning structure is displayed in **Figure 1**, and **Figure 2** displays a map of the Greenville-Pickens Area Transportation Study Urbanized Area.

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) lists the planning activities for the coming two years. It provides fiscal information regarding how the funds will be spent with staff responsibility, goals, and objectives. The planning funds are appropriated under the enactment of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The planning factors remain the same from FAST, MAP-21, and SAFETEA-LU, with the addition of #11.

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 the accessibility and mobility of people and for 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 transportation system's integration and connectivity across and between modes, people, and freight.
7. Promote efficient system management and operation.
8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system
9. Improve resiliency and reliability of the transportation systems.

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10. Enhance the travel and tourism experience throughout the region.
11. The metropolitan planning process shall provide for consideration of projects and strategies that promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth, housing, and economic development patterns.

ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING STRUCTURE

The Study Team/Technical Committee membership includes staff from federal, state, local agencies, and other associations with technical knowledge of transportation and/or planning. The team functions to ensure the involvement of all relevant departments, advisory agencies, and multi-modal transportation providers involved in the planning process and subsequent implementation of plans. The committee evaluates transportation plans and projects based on whether they are technically warranted and financially feasible.

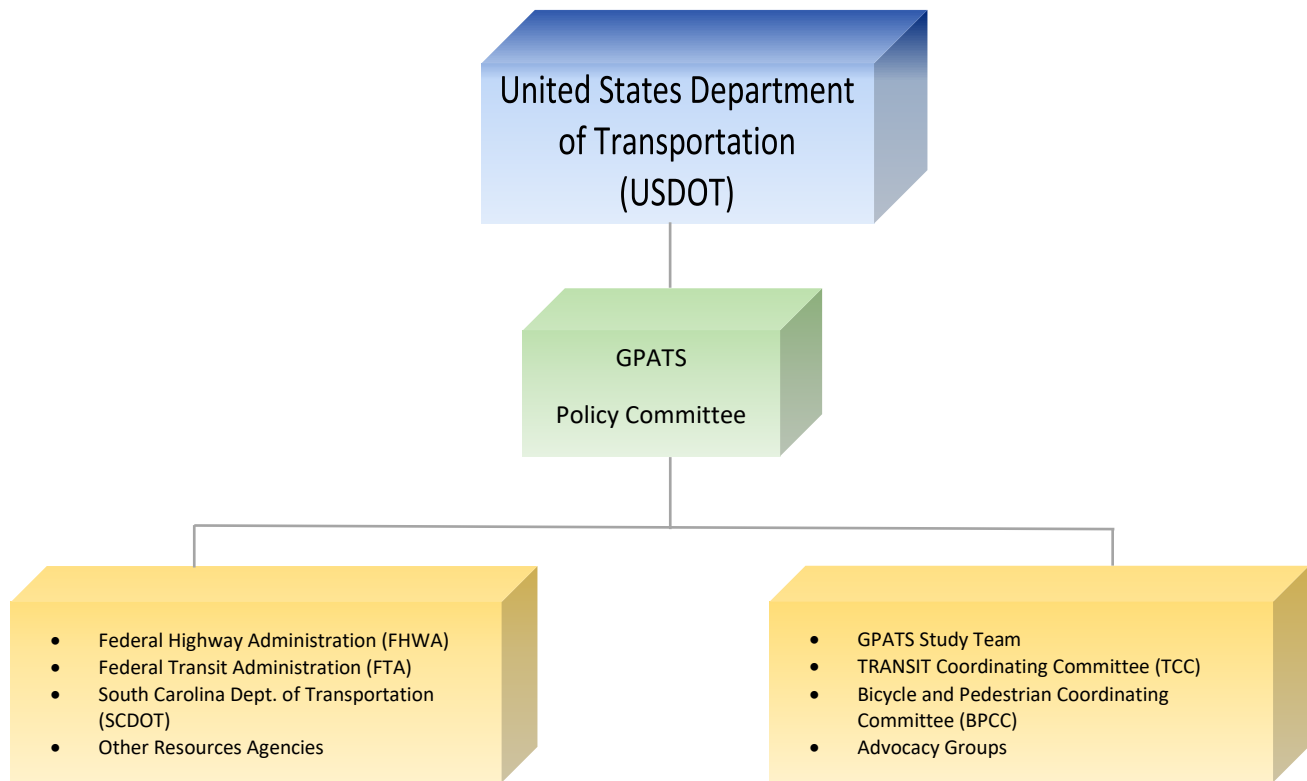
The Policy Committee is a forum for cooperative decision-making by elected and appointed officials of the local governments and transportation providers. The Policy Committee is also responsible for considering the Study Team's recommendations when adopting plans or setting policy. The Policy Committee has final authority in the matters of policy and adoption of plans.

The Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC) is a group of individuals, typically with technical training in transit, who meet before every Study Team and Policy Committee meeting to discuss transit decisions in the region. They then bring information and recommendations before the Study Team and Policy Committee to help with the decision-making processes.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinating Committee (BPCC) is a group of individuals, typically with experience in bicycle and pedestrian facilities, who meet before the Study Team and Policy Committee meeting to discuss bicycle and pedestrian projects and decisions. They bring information and recommendations before the Study Team and Policy Committee in an effort to assist with the decision-making process.

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FIGURE 1: PLANNING STRUCTURE



The MPO planners serve on various committees and attend meetings to provide assistance and encourage alignment with existing plans and policies. The staff attends the Greenville and Pickens County Transportation Committees (legislative delegations) and assist with prioritizing and reviewing proposed projects. The staff attends the CAT and GTA board meetings, the Chamber of Commerce's Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, LiveWell Greenville, GSP International Airport, and other organizations related to transportation.

Periodically, the staff is invited to present transportation plans and programs carried out by the MPO to civic groups and organizations in the Greenville-Pickens Urbanized Area.

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Table 1: GPATS Study Team Members

GPATS STAFF

Keith Brockington, Planning
Asangwua Ikein, Planning
Anna Stewart, Planning
Cleo Hill, Administrative Assistant

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Tim Cartee, Planning
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Dyke Spencer, Executive Director,
Powdersville Water District

GREENVILLE COUNTY

Tee Coker, Assistant County Admin. for
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Hesha Gamble, Assistant County Admin. for
Public Works
Ty Houck, Director of Greenways,
Greenville County Recreation
Kurt Walters, Public Works
Judy Wortkoetter, Land Development

LAURENS COUNTY

Dale Satterfield, Public Works Director

PICKENS COUNTY

Todd Steadman, Interim Planning Director
Trad Julian, Planning Supervisor
Allison Fowler, Planner

CITY OF EASLEY

Tom Couch, City Administrator
Mario DiPietro, Planner

CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN

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Jason Knudsen, Planning and Development
Director
Dean Miller, Senior Planner

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Edward Kinney, Landscape Architecture
Clint Link, Director of Engineering Services

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Ashley Kaade, Planning Manager
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CITY OF LIBERTY

Phillip Trotter, City Administrator

CITY OF MAULDIN

Seth Duncan, City Administrator
David Dyrhaug, Planning

CITY OF PICKENS

Tim O'Briant, City Administrator

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE

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Dianna Gracely, City Administrator

CITY OF TRAVELERS REST

Snannon Herman, City Administrator
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James Keel, Director
Nicole McAden, Marketing & Program
Specialist

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Chip Bentley, AICP, Deputy Director
Steve Pelissier, Executive Director

SCDOT

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Amy Blinson, Transportation Alternatives Program
Manager
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RPG
Scott Donahue, OPT Manager, Intermodal &
Freight
Brian Fulmer, Planning
David Gray, Multimodal Planner
Megan Groves, Program Manager
Ed Hunt, Assistant District Traffic Engineer
Diane Lackey, OPT Manager, Intermodal & Freight
Barry Mattox, Upstate RPG Engineer
Renee Miller-Cotton, Regional Program Manager
Craig Nelson, Engineering
Ben Olson, District Traffic Engineer
Machael Peterson, Statewide Planning Chief
Erin Porter, Planning
Justin Powell, Secretary of Transportation
Jim Walden, Regional Planning Manager
Brandon Wilson, Engineering

USDOT FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Shanrise Harris, Planning
Yolanda Morris, Planning
Mark Pleasant, Planning

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Table 2: Transit Coordinating Committee (TCC) Members

<i>Ty Houck</i>	<i>Manager of Greenways, Natural and Historic Resources</i>
<i>Asangwua Ikein</i>	<i>GPATS Transit Planner/Grants Manager</i>
<i>Jason Knudsen</i>	<i>City of Simpsonville Planner</i>
<i>Heather Lollis</i>	<i>Greenlink Grants & Regulatory Compliance Specialist</i>
<i>Jay Martin</i>	<i>City of Travelers Rest Planning Director</i>
<i>Anna Stewart</i>	<i>GPATS Transportation Planner</i>
<i>Doug Wright</i>	<i>Senior Solutions President/CEO</i>

Table 3: Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinating Committee Members

<i>Ty Houck</i>	<i>Greenville County Rec Director of Greenways</i>
<i>Skip Limbaker</i>	<i>Greenville County Schools Planning</i>
<i>Heather Lollis</i>	<i>Greenlink Grants & Regulatory Compliance Specialist</i>
<i>Frank Mansbach</i>	<i>BWG Board of Directors</i>
<i>Calin Owens</i>	<i>City of Greenville Mobility Coordinator</i>
<i>Anna Stewart</i>	<i>GPATS Transportation Planner</i>

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Table 4: GPATS Policy Committee

Representation	Name
Greenville Legislative Delegation	Senator Ross Turner, Chairman
Mayor of Fountain Inn	G.P. McLeer, Vice-Chairman
SCDOT Commissioner -- District 3	Pamela Christopher
SCDOT Commissioner -- District 4	Max Metcalf
Anderson Legislative Delegation	Representative Thomas Beach
Anderson County Council	Jimmy Davis
Greenville Legislative Delegation	Senator Karl B. Allen
Greenville Legislative Delegation	Senator Jason Elliott
Greenville Legislative Delegation	Representative Alan Morgan
Greenville Legislative Delegation	Representative David Vaughan
Greenville County Council	Rick Bradley
Greenville County Council	Garey Collins
Greenville County Council	Joey Russo
Greenville County Council	Liz Seman
Greenville County Council	Curt McGahhey
Pickens Legislative Delegation	Senator Rex Rice
Pickens Legislative Delegation	Representative Neal Collins
Pickens County Council	Dale Holloway
Pickens County Council	Alex Saitta
Mayor of Easley	Lisa Talbert
Mayor of Greenville	Knox White
Mayor of Greer	Rick Danner
Mayor of Liberty	Erica Romo Woods
Mayor of Mauldin	Terry Merritt
Mayor of Pickens	Isaiah Scipio
Mayor of Simpsonville	Paul Shewmaker
Mayor of Travelers Rest	Brandy Amidon
Greenville Transit Authority Chair	Amanda Warren
Ex Officio Members	
Anderson CTC Chair	Ronald Townsend
Anderson County Planning Commission	Dan Harvell
Greenville Planning Commission Chair	Steve Bichel
Greenville GLDTC Chair	Ruth Sherlock
GPATS Transportation Planning Manager	Keith Brockington
Pickens County Transportation Committee Chair	Duane Greene
Pickens County Planning Commission Chair	Gary Stancell

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UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

The Policy Committee, with input from the Transit Coordinating Committee and Study Team, annually revises and adopts the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to comply with federal regulations.

The FY 2026-2027 UPWP: (1) describes the MPO's planning goals and activities; (2) provides cost estimates for each activity; (3) identifies funding sources; and (4) outlines a work schedule for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027. The document is organized into six major sections entitled:

Part I: [Preface](#)

Part II: [Introduction](#)

Part III: [Program Administration](#)

Part IV: [Public Involvement Process](#)

Part V: [Systems Management & Monitoring](#)

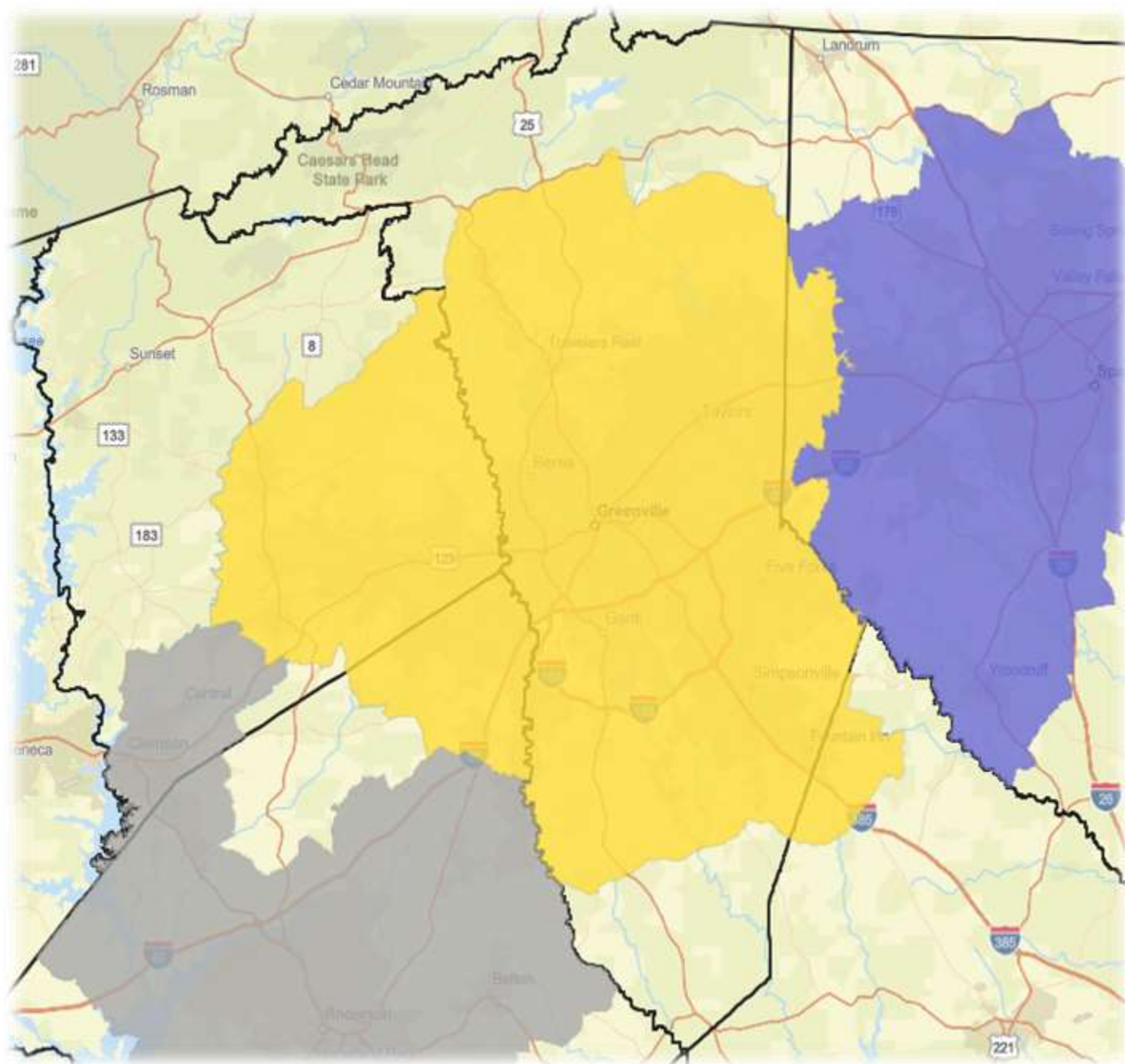
Part VI: [Transportation Plans & Studies](#)

The six sections of the UPWP include information on the parties responsible for carrying out planning activities. Defined activities are mostly geared toward preparing and developing the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and leading to the development and adoption of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Public involvement is an integral part of this planning process and is a core feature of numerous planning activities throughout the UPWP. GPATS will continue to assess the planning functions carried out through the MPO's Work Program and comply with recommendations as directed within the Planning Certification Review conducted every four years by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The MPO receives funding from two (2) U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT) sources: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) planning (PL) funds are used for MPO planning, and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provides 5303 funds for metropolitan planning. South Carolina Department of Transportation combines the monies into a consolidated grant to administer to the MPO. These are distributed contractually under an 80-20% grant split, of which the Federal government pays 80%, and 20% is matched (15% Greenville County and 5% Pickens County).

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FIGURE 2: GPATS Study Area



PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

PURPOSE

To coordinate and conduct the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) transportation planning activities in compliance with all federal, state, and local law regulations and requirements. This includes managing the basic operations of the MPO program through the following elements listed below.

101 – Study Coordination

The MPO, staffed by the Greenville County Planning Department, is responsible for the direction and coordination of transportation planning activities per the PL contract for the GPATS Area.

102 – Unified Planning Work Program

The UPWP provides a schedule of MPO planning activities, including budgetary information and coordination with MPO committees and intergovernmental entities, and the public.

103 – Staff Education

Staff planners may attend transportation-related training courses, workshops, and other related seminars as approved by the SCDOT.

104 – Computer System Acquisition and Traffic Data Collection

The acquisition of hardware/software to assist with analysis of the transportation systems or other associated office equipment for MPO planning.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Task 101: Study Coordination FY 2026 & 2027

Sub-element 101.1 Fiscal Management and MPO Administration

OBJECTIVE: To coordinate and conduct the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) transportation planning activities in compliance with all federal, state and local law regulations and requirements.

PREVIOUS WORK: Completed Quarterly Reports and Annual Performance Report. Held quarterly meetings with MPO committees.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Maintain proper records as required under the PL contract or FTA contract and preparation of budgets, financial records, reimbursement requests, and an annual performance report. Coordinate MPO committee meetings and planning efforts.

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES					
ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITIES	PRODUCT	REGIONAL IMPORTANCE	FY 2026 DEADLINE	FY 2027 DEADLINE
GPATS	Preparation of budget, financial record, reimbursement requests	MPO Budget	Regional Coordination	June 2026	June 2027
GPATS	Maintain proper records	Annual Performance Report	Regional Coordination	June 2026	June 2027
GPATS	Quarterly Reports to SCDOT	Quarterly Reports with invoices and written status reports	Regional Coordination & State Compliance	July 2025; October 2025; January 2026; April 2026	July 2026; October 2026; January 2027; April 2027
GPATS	Organize and hold quarterly meetings of GPATS Study Team and Policy Committee	Quarterly Meetings Adopted Action Items	Regional Coordination, information, continuation of GPATS Projects	August 2025; October 2025, February 2026; May 2026	August 2026, October 2026, February 2027, May 2027
GPATS	Develop performance story	Adoption of Performance Measures	Federal Compliance	June 2026	June 2027
GPATS	TMA Quadrennial Certification	Approved Certification	Federal Compliance	June 2026	N/A

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 01, 2025 - June 30, 2026 and July 01, 2026 - June 30, 2027	LEAD AGENCY	GPATS
FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT FY 2026	AMOUNT FY 2027	
Federal (FHWA-PL/FTA-5303)	\$62,495	\$62,495	
Local Match	\$15,624	\$15,624	
TOTAL	\$78,119	\$78,119	

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Task 102: Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY 2026 & 2027

OBJECTIVE: Administer the active UPWP.

PREVIOUS WORK: FY 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The UPWP is a two-year document that briefly includes a description of tasks, work products, responsible agencies and identifies the funding sources to accomplish planning efforts. The draft 2026-27 UPWP is reviewed by SCDOT/FHWA/ FTA. The Final UPWP will be reviewed by the Study Team, which then recommends it to the Policy Committee for adoption in June. The final UPWP is forwarded to SCDOT for subsequent review and approval. The draft is advertised for public comment for 21 days to encourage public engagement.

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES

ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITIES	PRODUCT	REGIONAL IMPORTANCE	FY 2026 DEADLINE	FY 2027 DEADLINE
GPATS	Provide adopted FY 2026-27 Unified Planning Work Program, amend and ratify FY2025 Financials	FY 2026-2027 UPWP Document FY2027 Ratification	Federal Compliance	June 2025	June 2026
GPATS	Provide support and supervision needed to administer the plans and programs identified	Regional and Local planning documents Coordinated policies	Regional Coordination, Collaboration, and Information	June 2026	June 2027
GPATS	Layer Performance Measures Activities into UPWP	LRTP and TIP amendment items	Federal Compliance	June 2026	June 2027

TARGET START AND END DATES

July 01, 2025 - June 30, 2026 and
July 01, 2026- June 30, 2027

LEAD AGENCY

GPATS

FUNDING SOURCE

AMOUNT FY 2026

AMOUNT FY 2027

Federal (FHWA-PL/FTA-5303)	\$70,000	\$70,000
Local Match	\$17,500	\$17,500
TOTAL	\$87,500	\$87,500

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Task 103: Staff Education FY 2026 & 2027

Sub-element 103.1 Continued Education and Technical Training

OBJECTIVE: Develop MPO staff knowledge of transportation planning procedures through relevant workshops, conferences, and seminars.

PREVIOUS WORK: Staff has attended various workshops and training for various transportation planning processes.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: To enhance transportation planning techniques, enabling the MPO to effectively carry out the planning process in the Greenville-Pickens Urbanized Area. Concurrence from SCDOT/FHWA will be facilitated as necessary.

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES

ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITIES	PRODUCT	REGIONAL IMPORTANCE	FY 2026 DEADLINE	FY 2027 DEADLINE
GPATS	Relevant training for staff, including performance measures	Annual and Quarterly statewide MPO/COG meetings, including discussions of performance measures; Quarterly SCAPA meetings, etc.	Regional Coordination, Collaboration, and Information	June 2026	June 2027
GPATS	Relevant training for staff	National AMPO Conference	National Exposure, concepts	TBD	TBD
GPATS	Relevant training for staff	National APA Conference	National Exposure, concepts	April 2026	Fall 2027
GPATS	Host webinars that offer continuing education credits	APBP Webinars at Greenville County – Open to Public	Continuity of AICP Certifications	June 2026	June 2027
GPATS	Safety (or bridge, pavement, or congestion) workshop (hosted by SCDOT, etc.)	Staff education and assistance with developing targets/goals for Perf. Measures	Federal Compliance	June 2026	June 2027

TARGET START AND END DATES

July 01, 2025 - June 30, 2026 and
July 01, 2026 - June 30, 2027

LEAD AGENCY

GPATS

FUNDING SOURCE

AMOUNT FY 2026

AMOUNT FY 2027

Federal (FHWA-PL/FTA-5303)

\$80,000

\$80,000

Local Match

\$20,000

\$20,000

TOTAL

\$100,000

\$100,000

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Task 104: Computer System Acquisition FY 2026 & 2027

Sub-element 104.1 Maintenance of Computer Files and Software

OBJECTIVE: Acquire relevant computer systems and software for the transportation planning process and train staff as needed.

PREVIOUS WORK: GPATS purchased TransCAD and PETRA software for turning movements and intersection analysis.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This element allows the Greenville County Planning Department, on behalf of GPATS, to purchase computer systems and software and other office equipment as needed, subject to 2 CFR 200.439(b)(2). It also regulates Intelligent Transportation Systems (FHWA rule 940 regarding ITS) and GIS activities specifically related to the MPO planning process.

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES					
ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITIES	PRODUCT	REGIONAL IMPORTANCE	FY 2026 DEADLINE	FY 2027 DEADLINE
GPATS	Review hardware and software needs of MPO	Purchase of one computer system to replace oldest	Ability to run more sophisticated software/modeling for regional use	June 2026, if needed	June 2027
GPATS	Regulate Intelligent Transportation Systems (FHWA rule 940 regarding ITS) and GIS activities related to the MPO planning process	Online Interactive Mapping Tool;	Coordination between technical systems allows for greater efficiencies in networks and analysis of issues.	June 2026	June 2027
GPATS	Work with Greenville County GIS to develop/implement Interactive Mapping Software	Online Interactive Mapping Tool	Regional Coordination, Collaboration, and Information	Winter 2025	Maintenance as needed
GPATS	Website upgrades/changes	Spanish translation element to the website	Public Engagement	Summer/Fall 2025	Maintenance as needed
ACOG	Development of Regional Travel Demand Model at COG level with GPATS and other MPOs	Regional Travel Demand Model Housed at ACOG	Regional Coordination, Collaboration, and Information	June 2026	Maintenance as needed
GPATS	Purchase of new laptop/tablet for Executive Director	Replacement of insufficient laptop for paperless needs	Needed for maintaining tech standards and paperless efforts	July 2025	

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 01, 2025-June 30, 2026 and July 01, 2026-June 30, 2027	LEAD AGENCY	GPATS
FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT FY 2026	AMOUNT FY 2027	
Federal (FHWA-PL/FTA-5303)	\$55,500	\$55,500	
Local Match	\$17,500	\$17,500	
ACOG Travel Demand Model Maintenance Fee – Local funds	\$14,500	\$14,500	
TOTAL	\$87,500	\$87,500	

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS

PURPOSE

The public involvement program's overall goal is to continue to expand the opportunities for public input and education regarding the transportation planning and decision-making process. GPATS will continue to implement and improve on the Public Participation Plan, which outlines a framework from which the public becomes actively engaged in the transportation decision-making process. The MPO shall ensure plans will address environmental impacts or mitigation activities involving conservation of natural resources, historic preservation and land-use development activities, and other provisions necessary to comply with the local, state, or federal regulations, laws, and policies.

201 - Public Involvement Program

To incorporate the FAST Act requirements, the MPO will proactively reach out to the community and encourage public input (through a myriad of approaches) in the planning process. To encourage minority, low-income, elderly, and handicapped persons to provide meaningful input in the decision-making process. GPATS is also in the process of translating major documents into Spanish as well as having a Spanish language option on the website. All GPATS legal advertisements are printed in both English and Spanish.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS

Task 201: Public Involvement Program FY 2026 & 2027

Sub-element 201.1 Participation Plan and Community Outreach

OBJECTIVE: To continue developing and bettering the Public Participation Plan, which outlines the goals of the MPO and opportunities for meaningful input from a variety of stakeholders. To use the website and other means to engage the public for input.

PREVIOUS WORK: Generated regular GPATS social media content. Provided a digital sign-in sheet on the GPATS emails to the public, Study Team, Policy Committee, and Informational Attendees as needed.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: To effectively obtain input concerning the MPO planning process through a framework encouraging public participation.

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES					
ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITIES	PRODUCT	REGIONAL IMPORTANCE	FY 2026 DEADLINE	FY 2027 DEADLINE
GPATS	Provide easy access to MPO information and materials to elected officials and the public via the internet	Updates to the GPATS website, www.gpats.org ; Social media real-time update posts	Regional Coordination, Collaboration, and Information	Maintenance as needed	Maintenance as needed
GPATS	Spanish translation of major documents (in process)	TIP, UPWP, and PPP documents translated into Spanish	Environmental Justice	June 2026	Maintenance as needed
GPATS	Spanish translation of the website (in process)	GPATS website with a Spanish translation option	Environmental Justice	June 2026	Maintenance as needed
GPATS	Interactive mapping software	Public input and display of information through interactive mapping	Regional Coordination, Collaboration, and Information	Winter 2025	Maintenance as needed

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS

Task 201: Public Involvement Program FY 2026 & 2027

Sub-element 201.1 Participation Plan and Community Outreach

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 01, 2025-June 30, 2026 and July 01, 2026-June 30, 2027	LEAD AGENCY	GPATS
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT FY 2026	AMOUNT FY 2027
Federal (FHWA-PL/FTA-5303)	\$60,000	\$60,000
Local Match	\$15,000	\$15,000
TOTAL	\$75,000	\$75,000

SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT AND COOPERATION

PURPOSE

Maintain databases used in the modeling process and other transportation-related information to assess the systems deficiencies. Utilize software programs and other planning techniques to monitor systems performance and develop strategic improvements to improve traffic operations or other transportation-related safety needs of the community.

301 – Transportation Systems Management

This element will incorporate the various ITS data and compile the information into a GIS platform to assess the transportation system and work collaboratively with state, county, and local officials to develop strategies and plans to improve the transportation system's efficiency and safety.

302 – Short Range Planning

This element will provide coordination with Greenville County Engineering with respect to traffic calming and data collection (traffic counts or other related needs), Traffic Impact Studies for zoning or land use proposals, and collaboration with other municipal entities with respect to transportation issues associated with ordinances, Transportation Alternatives Program grants or other programs.

303 – Transit & Multi-Modal Planning

This element will provide Consolidated Planning Funds to Greenville Transit Authority (GTA) dba Greenlink and Clemson Area Transit (CAT) for operations and administration of transit planning activities related to National Transit Data (NTD) Reporting of alighting/boarding surveys, Title VI and DBE Planning, marketing and customer service, maintenance, administrative related activities, route structure, and transit shelter planning needs. GTA and CAT will use 5303 funds for Planning and Administration; 5307 for capital and operating expenses. GPATS will also be the Direct Recipient for 5310 and 5339 FTA funds. In this element, GPATS will also allocate the Complete Streets 100% waiver provision from the IIJA legislation.

SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT AND COOPERATION

Task 301: Systems Management & Coordination FY 2026 & 2027

Sub-element 301.1 System Performance and Safety Planning

OBJECTIVE: Collect traffic data and develop strategies to increase the efficiency and safety of the transportation infrastructure.

PREVIOUS WORK: Compiling data sources from various agencies to integrate into GIS to identify deficiencies and develop interim plans to improve the transportation system.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: To enhance transportation planning techniques, enabling the MPO to effectively carry out the planning process in the Greenville-Pickens urbanized area. This will provide program support for projects within the TIP and LRTP. To incorporate travel demand management and other strategies to improve system efficiency into MPO plans. Staff will coordinate the Safe Routes to School program and other safety-related planning within the urbanized area.

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES					
ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITIES	PRODUCT	Regional Importance	FY 2026 DEADLINE	FY 2027 DEADLINE
GPATS	Develop and maintain data collection to assist in implementing the LRTP and TIP as well as other planning documents of the MPO	Annual updated traffic counts (work with GC GIS Dept. and SCDOT) on www.gcgis.org and www.gpats.org; Crash data maintenance (work with Dept. of Public Safety); Other related data collection/maintenance	Regional Coordination, Collaboration, and Information	June 2026	June 2027
GPATS	Work with SCDOT to develop data formats that will inform performance measures/targets/goals	Data to assist in the creation and identification of PM targets and a way to monitor those targets achieved	SCDOT Compliance	June 2026	June 2027

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 01, 2025-June 30, 2026 and July 01, 2026-June 30, 2027	LEAD AGENCY	GPATS
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT FY 2026	AMOUNT FY 2027
Federal (FHWA-PL/FTA-5303)	\$80,000	\$80,000
Local Match	\$20,000	\$20,000
TOTAL	\$100,000	\$100,000

SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT AND COOPERATION

Task 302: Transportation Systems Management FY 2026 & 2027

Sub-element 302.1 Short Range Planning

OBJECTIVE: To provide transportation planning assistance for local governments, the Planning Commission, County Councils, and other local units of government.

PREVIOUS WORK: Staff provides traffic assessment related to reviews of subdivisions plats or zoning cases and other municipalities' transportation planning requests. Completed SCDOT Pilot CMP. Policy Committee approved adoption October 21, 2024.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: To provide transportation planning assistance to urbanized area municipal governments and carry out the planning process in the Greenville-Pickens Urbanized Area. This will provide program support for projects within the TIP and LRTP. To assist in land-use recommendations and traffic impact analysis as well as other transportation programs.

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES					
ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITIES	PRODUCT	Regional Importance	FY 2026 DEADLINE	FY 2027 DEADLINE
GPATS	Provide MPO based insight to local jurisdictions in regards to transportation projects or decisions	Provide travel model data, traffic counts, funding availability, and options, along with other information as needed to assist local governments in their transportation planning efforts	Regional Coordination, Collaboration, and Information	June 2026	June 2027
GPATS	Attend monthly County Transportation Committee (CTC) meetings	Technical review and assistance Implementation of CTC Projects	Regional Coordination, Collaboration, and Information	June 2026	June 2027
GPATS	Reach out to each GPATS jurisdiction twice per year to coordinate on planning needs	Regional planning projects with enhanced coordination and project implementation to achieve aligned goals	Regional Coordination, Collaboration, and Information	October 2025; May 2026	October 2026; May 2027
GPATS	Monitoring and Evaluation of the GPATS CMP	Report on CMP activities as needed and amend CMP within LRTP with updates	Federal Compliance, Regional Coordination	Maintenance as needed	Maintenance as needed

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 01, 2025-June 30, 2026 and July 01, 2026-June 30, 2027	LEAD AGENCY	GPATS
FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT FY 2026	AMOUNT FY 2027	
Federal (FHWA-PL/FTA-5303)	\$60,000	\$60,000	
Local Match	\$15,000	\$15,000	
TOTAL	\$75,000	\$75,000	

SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT AND COOPERATION

Task 303: Multimodal Planning FY 2026 & 2027

Sub-element 303.1 Transit Planning

OBJECTIVE: To provide transit planning funds to GTA/Greenlink and Clemson Area Transit (CAT) to carry out administration and operational planning. Administer 5310 and 5339 FTA funds to GTA and CAT. Complete Streets 100% waiver activities.

PREVIOUS WORK: 2021 Greenlink Transit Development Plan (TDP) update; Greenlink 2020-2024 (TDP) in 2018; Greenlink Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA) 2017; CATbus Re-Imagining Study 2017; (TDP) (June 2015); NTD Annual Report (June 2015); Operational Analysis (June 2014); Expansion Feasibility Study (June 2014); NTD Cost Efficiency Plan (June 2014); Relocation Feasibility Study Phase II (June 2014); System Safety and Security Plan (June 2014); Greenlink Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA) (August 2017)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: To continue to work with Greenlink and Clemson Area Transit on the implementation of the long-term plans, operations, maintenance, and other related transit planning activities and to assist both agencies in their collaboration. GPATS will be the direct recipient for 5310 and 5339 funds and administer them to GTA and CAT.

PRODUCT: Planning and administration assistance to continue implementation of Transit Development Plan, including expanded service areas (*ongoing*); training and conference attendance (*ongoing*); NTD Annual Report (*June 2020*) and 2021 Greenlink TDP update.

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES

ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITIES	PRODUCT	REGIONAL IMPORTANCE	FY 2026 DEADLINE	FY 2027 DEADLINE
GPATS, GTA, and CAT	*See following task lists from transit providers	Planning and administration assistance to continue implementation of the TDP and Re-Imagining Study(ongoing); administer 5310 and 5339 FTA funds	Regional Coordination, Collaboration, and Information	Ongoing	Ongoing

TARGET START AND END DATES

July 01, 2025-June 30, 2026 and
July 01, 2026-June 30, 2027

LEAD AGENCY

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FUNDING SOURCE	GTA FY 2026	GTA FY 2027		
FHWA/FTA Consolidated PL Funds (Section 5303)	\$160,000	\$160,000		
Local Match (GTA-City/CAT/County)	\$40,000	\$40,000		
TOTAL	\$200,000	\$200,000		

SYSTEM MANAGEMENT AND COOPERATION**Task 303: Multimodal Planning FY 2026 & 2027**

Sub-element 303.1 Transit Planning

GTA UPWP Task List for FY 2026 & 2027

ACTIVITY	POSITION	COST	FY 2026	FY 2027
Funds utilized for service planning efforts to include implementation of Comprehensive Operations Analysis changes and Transit Development Plan updates	Service Planning	\$50,400	June 2026	June 2027
Funds utilized for capital planning efforts to include grant funding requests and completion of ongoing local, SCDOT, and FTA reporting requirements	Capital Planning	\$33,286	June 2026	June 2027
Large format printer and associated supplies for transit mapping (\$4,000) & Esri Business Analyst License (\$100) as related to grant coordination and data analysis	Planning Resources	\$4,100	June 2026	June 2027
Funds utilized for two internships focused primarily on transit planning and community engagement efforts, as well as the resources needed for the setup and execution of internships	Planning & Community Engagement Internships	\$10,214	June 2026	June 2027
Funds utilized for purchase of transit wayfinding signage	Wayfinding Signage	\$2,000	June 2026	June 2027

TRANSPORTATION PLANS AND STUDIES

PURPOSE

Continue to develop and review input and project development for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). To conduct other planning studies and assist in the implementation of local transportation and comprehensive plans as well as the various neighborhood and small-area plans currently being developed.

401 – Transportation Improvement Program

The TIP provides a listing of SCDOT with local road improvement activities and transit capital projects scheduled over a five-year period and provides specific information on the project location, phases, and costs.

402 – Long-Range Planning

The 2045 LRTP update was approved by Policy Committee in November 2022. This plan details transportation improvements over the next 25 years. These projects were evaluated based on a comprehensive list of criteria.

This category will also serve to document planning grant efforts around the region required to be included in the MPO UPWP but are not considered “Special Studies.”

403 – Special Transportation Studies

The MPO continues to provide PL funding to facilitate transportation plans within the region to assist local units of government in developing planning studies as applicable when the funds are not needed for regional GPATS plans.

TRANSPORTATION PLANS AND STUDIES

Task 401: Transportation Improvement Program FY 2026 & 2027

Sub-element 401.1 Project Development and Program Administration

OBJECTIVE: Implementation of the current FY 2025-2034 TIP through the transportation planning structure and process. Coordinate with SCDOT on STIP timeline if needed.

PREVIOUS WORK: Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025-2034 TIP and implementation of amendments.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Development/Implementation of a staged ten-year short-range TIP produced through a collaborative process between the MPO (and associated committees), SCDOT, FHWA, and the public, which is fiscally constrained using federal, state, and local funds. GPATS staff processes amendments as needed.

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES					
ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITIES	PRODUCT	REGIONAL IMPORTANCE	FY 2026 DEADLINE	FY 2027 DEADLINE
GPATS, SCDOT, GTA (Greenlink), and CAT (Clemson Area Transit)	Develop/Maintain/Amend the approved ten-year TIP document; Meet with committees, SCDOT, and the public to develop TIP projects within the area; include Perf. Measures goals/targets	The approved FY 2025-2034 TIP (Feb. 2024); Coordination with Statewide TIP and updates/amendments as needed	SCDOT Compliance Regional Coordination, Collaboration, and Information	June 2026	June 2027
GPATS, SCDOT	Implementation of TIP, development of projects; incorporate MPO Perf. Measures targets once Identified	Coordination with the STIP, set Performance Measures targets, and physical implementation of projects	Regional Coordination, Collaboration, and Information	June 2026	June 2027
GPATS, SCDOT	Prepare drafts, get comments, and receive approvals for the next TIP	The FY 2027-2036 Draft and Final GPATS TIP	Regional Coordination, Collaboration, and Information	June 2026	June 2027
GPATS	Conduct Short Term Planning Effort with Carryover PL	GPATS Safety Action Plan	Regional Planning for future Grants	June 2026	
GPATS	Conduct Short Term Planning Effort with Carryover PL	GPATS US-29 Corridor Study	Regional Planning for TIP Implementation	June 2026	

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 01, 2025-June 30, 2026 and July 01, 2026-June 30, 2027	LEAD AGENCY	GPATS
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TRANSPORTATION PLANS AND STUDIES

Task 401: Transportation Improvement Program FY 2026 & 2027

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT FY 2026	AMOUNT FY 2027
Federal (FHWA-PL/FTA-5303)	\$100,000	\$100,000
Local Match	\$25,000	\$25,000
TOTAL	\$125,000	\$125,000

TRANSPORTATION PLANS AND STUDIES

Task 402: Long-Range Planning FY 2026 & 2027

Sub-element 402.1 Long-Range Transportation Plan

OBJECTIVE: Produce 2050 LRTP for approval by Policy Committee as needed throughout the year.

PREVIOUS WORK: Policy Committee adopted the 2045 LRTP update in November 2022.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: To work with hired consultants, SCDOT, the Department of Labor, and the Census Bureau to develop a new travel model and gather updated socioeconomic data for the impending LRTP 2050 and approved at the end of FY 2026. Implement, maintain, and update current LRTP as needed.

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES					
ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITIES	PRODUCT	Regional Importance	FY 2026 DEADLINE	FY 2027 DEADLINE
GPATS	Maintain, and update current LRTP (adopted Nov. 2022) as needed.	Amendments to the LRTP, 5-Year Interim Update	Federal Compliance and Regional Implementation	June 2026	June 2027
GPATS SCDOT	As part of the FY 2025-2034 TIP process, work with SCDOT to determine which LRTP projects will be advanced to the TIP	GPATS FY 2025 – 2034 TIP project implementation	SCDOT Compliance through SC Act 114	June 2026	June 2027
GPATS	Coordinate and develop Performance Measures goals/targets (no later than six months after SCDOT sets targets)	Coordinated LRTP with set Performance Measures, SCDOT System Performance Report	State and Federal Compliance	June 2026	June 2027
GPATS	Development of 2050 LRTP	Draft of 2050 LRTP, to be completed in FY2026	Federal Compliance and Regional Implementation	December 2026	

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 01, 2025-June 30, 2026 and July 01, 2026-June 30,2027	LEAD AGENCY	GPATS
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FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT FY 2026	AMOUNT FY 2027
Federal (FHWA-PL/FTA-5303)	\$120,000	\$240,000
Local Match	\$30,000	\$60,000
TOTAL	\$150,000	\$300,000

TRANSPORTATION PLANS AND STUDIES

Task 403: Special Transportation Studies FY 2026 & 2027

OBJECTIVE: Provide special studies funding to local municipalities and counties to further their planning preparation for transportation projects in their jurisdictions.

PREVIOUS WORK: Continuance and completion of approved special studies.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Carryover monies payoff program to local jurisdictions for planning purposes. Funds may be held by GPATS to accomplish regional planning studies and the GPATS LRTP.

TRANSPORTATION RELATED PLANNING ACTIVITIES				
ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITIES	PRODUCT	Regional Importance	DEADLINE
City of Greer	Provide Funding	Hwy 101 Corridor Study	Project Identification	June 2025
City of Mauldin	Provide Funding	Sidewalk Study	Project Identification	June 2025
City of Easley	Provide Funding	Corridor and Intersection Study	Congestion Relief	June 2025
Tri-County & Clemson Area	Provide Funding			

TARGET START AND END DATES	July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026 and July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027	LEAD AGENCY	GPATS
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FUNDING SOURCE*	AMOUNT FY 2026	AMOUNT FY 2027
Federal (FHWA-PL/FTA-5303)	394,752	
Local Match	128,788	
TOTAL	523,540	

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GPATS FY 2026 UPWP Funding Summary

Planning Activities	Local	FHWA PL and FTA 5303	Total
Element 101 Study Coordination	15,624	62,495	78,119
Element 102 Unified Planning Work Program	17,500	70,000	87,500
Element 103 Staff Education	20,000	80,000	100,000
Element 104 Computer System and Equipment	17,500	70,000	87,500
Element 201 Public Involvement Program	15,000	60,000	75,000
Element 301 Systems Performance and Safety Planning	20,000	80,000	100,000
Element 302 Short Range Planning	15,000	60,000	75,000
Element 303 Multi-modal Coordination (3)	40,000 (1)	160,000	200,000
Element 401 Transportation Improvement Program	25,000	100,000	125,000
Element 402 Long Range Planning	30,000	120,000	150,000
TOTALS	215,624	862,495	1,078,119

Element 403 Special Studies	Local	FHWA PL	Total	PL Balance
Highway 101 Corridor Feasibility Study	3,125	12,500 (2)	15,625	12,500
City of Mauldin Sidewalk Study	4,313	17,252 (2)	21,565	17,252
City of Easley Corridor and Intersection Study	67,600	150,000(2)	217,600	150,000
Tri-County & Clemson Area Transportation Study	53,750	215,000(2)	268,750	215,000
GPATS Regional Safety Action Plan	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
GPATS US 29 Corridor Study	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Total for PL Carryover-funded projects	128,788	394,752	523,540	394,752

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APPENDIX A

GPATS FY 2027 UPWP Funding Summary

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GPATS UPWP Work Schedule

GPATS UPWP Work Schedule		
Planning Task	Description of Planning Activities	Milestone Dates
Part 1 Program Administration Element		
101.1	Working with Committees, grant, and fiscal reports.	Hold quarterly meetings of GPATS Policy Committee, Study Team, and Citizens Advisory Committee
102.1	Preparation of UPWP, Progress Reports, Programs.	Progress reports to be submitted quarterly in April, July, October, and January; UPWP draft 4/15/2025
103.1	Staff Education & Professional Development Activities.	Ongoing
104.1	Software/hardware and office equipment.	Ongoing
Part 2 Public Involvement Process Element		
201.1	Public notice and advertisements of MPO actions.	Twenty-one days before each Policy Committee meeting, and as needed
	Produce brochures, maps, and other information for public education	As needed
	Update GPATS website content	As needed
Part 3 Systems Management and Coordination Element		
301	Develop and Maintain GIS data and transportation related systems data for planning.	Ongoing
302	Review Traffic Impact studies of zoning cases, coordinate traffic calming and other transportation analysis, assist with enhancement projects.	Monthly (prior to each Zoning Team meeting)
303	Provide Planning assistance to GTA (Greenlink) and Clemson Area Transit (CAT) to conduct NTD reporting and other FTA reviews and grant requirements. Assist in the implementation of Transit Vision and Master Plan and other transit planning activities. Administer 5310 and 5339 FTA grants to GTA and CAT.	Ongoing
Part 4 Transportation Plans and Studies Element		
401	Develop and amend TIP to include all highway and transit projects. Assist in the review of Advanced Project Planning Reviews and associated project development.	Ongoing/as needed
402	Coordinate implementation and maintenance of LRTP	Ongoing/as needed
403	Assist with the continuation of PL Carryover-funded studies from previous fiscal years. Provide data as needed and sit on steering committees for each project. Assist with new studies.	July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027

Matrix of Planning Factors and UPWP Works Elements

FY 2026-2027 UPWP Task and Planning Elements Matrix to Required Planning Factor						
Planning Factor	101-104	201	301-303	401	402	403
Support the economic vitality of the Urbanized Area	5	3	3	5	5	5
Increase safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users	0	3	5	5	5	5
Increase security of the transportation system	0	0	3	3	3	0
Increase accessibility and mobility options for people and freight	0	5	5	5	5	5
Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, and improve quality of life	0	3	5	5	5	5
Enhance integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across modes, for people and freight	5	5	5	5	5	5
Promote efficient system management and operation	3	0	5	5	5	3
Emphasize preservation of the existing transportation system	3	3	5	5	5	5

Legend:

5 = Very Relevant

3 = Somewhat Relevant

0 = Not Relevant

Annual Planning Certification

**CERTIFICATION OF THE
GREENVILLE-PICKENS AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
PLANNING PROCESS**

Be it known to all that the below signees do hereby endorse and certify the planning process for the Greenville-Pickens Area Transportation Study and further certify that this Planning Process addresses the major issues facing the area and is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of: 23 U.S.C. 134, and the applicable regulations; Section 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d)); Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Title VI assurance executed by each State under current federal transportation legislation regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprise in FHWA and FTA funded planning projects and provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and US DOT regulations "Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities" (49 CAR Parts 27, 37, and 38).

REX RICE, SENATOR
CHAIRMAN, POLICY COMMITTEE
GREENVILLE-PICKENS AREA
TRANSPORTATION STUDY (GPATS)

BRENT REWIS
DEPUTY DIRECTOR
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

Procurement & Planning Study Requirements

LOCAL PROJECT AGREEMENT (LPA) COORDINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PROCUREMENT OF CONSULTING SERVICES

The following process is intended to comply with LPA requirements by ensuring eligibility of planning activities utilizing Federal-Aid funds. Planning activities by definition do not include findings required by National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the acquisition of real property, or the management/oversight of construction projects. Federal funds may include PL, SPR, STP, NHS, CMAQ or any other Federal-Aid Program funds. In the event that the MPO, COG or sub-recipient intends to procure consulting services utilizing federal funds to complete tasks outlined in the approved Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) or Rural Planning Work Program (RPWP), the following steps must be adhered to in sequence in order to ensure federal participation in the project:

STEP 1

- Ensure that the project is included the UPWP or RPWP
- Submit a draft scope of work in sufficient detail to determine that all work elements are eligible under Title 23 USC
- Submit a draft advertisement that will be used in South Carolina Business Opportunities (SCBO)
- Submit an internal estimate of the project cost
- Enter project in P2S and request initial authorization prior to advertisement
- Receive a notice to proceed from SCDOT to advertise the request for proposal

STEP 2

- Include the SCDOT and FHWA as non-voting members of the selection committee
- Submit a recommendation to SCDOT for approval of the selected firm(s) with documentation of the evaluation process
- Submit a copy of the negotiation process
- Receive notice to proceed from SCDOT

STEP 3

- Submit a copy of the draft agreement
- Receive final notice from SCDOT to execute agreement and initiate project

I hereby acknowledge that all procurement activities will follow the above described steps. Any deviation for this process will jeopardize federal reimbursement for the project.

6/5/2023
DATE


MPO/COG PLANNING AGENCY DIRECTOR

If applicable:

DATE

SUB-RECIPIENT

APPENDIX B

COORDINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PROCUREMENT OF CONSULTING SERVICES

In the event that the MPO or sub-recipient intends to procure consulting services to complete tasks outlined in the approved Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), the following steps must be adhered to sequence in order to ensure federal participation in the project:

STEP 1

- Submit a draft scope of work in sufficient detail to determine that all work elements are eligible under Section 104(f) of Title 23 USC
 - Submit a draft advertisement that will be used in South Carolina Business Opportunities (SCBO)
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All invoices will be sent to Greenville County Planning and paid quarterly (State Fiscal Year 2022-2023, July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023). We process our reimbursement and Quarterly Reports 30 days after the end of each quarter. A narrative of tasks and project deliverables will accompany your invoices.

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DATE

CITY or COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE

DATE

MPO PLANNING MANAGER

APPENDIX B

Approval Letter from GPATS

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Approval Letter from FTA and FHWA

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Leah Quattlebaum, P.E. Deputy
Secretary for Planning
South Carolina Department of Transportation 955 Park
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Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Deputy Secretary Quattlebaum:

In response to your June 9, 2025 submittal of SCDOT's State Planning & Research (SPR) Work Program for FY 2026, the proposed work program has been reviewed for eligibility and is approved.

Additionally, based on FHWA and FTA reviews of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Unified Work Programs (UPWP), completion of public involvement processes and subsequent policy committee adoptions, the FY26 – FY27 UPWPs for each of the South Carolina's eleven MPO's are approved.

Please proceed with submitting the SPR and PL project authorization requests.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mark Pleasant at (803) 253-3435 or mark.pleasant@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

Jermaine

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APPENDIX B

UPWP PL/FTA Allocation and Carryover



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March 3, 2025

Mr. Keith Brockington, Transportation Planning Manager
Greenville County Planning Department
301 University Ridge
Greenville, SC 29601

RE: FY 2025-2026 Federal PL Funds
FY 2025-2026 – FY 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Dear Mr. Brockington:

Enclosed please find the available planning funds (PL) for the Greenville Area Transportation Study (GPATS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) 2025-2026 UPWP. This is a consolidated federal planning grant that combines the FHWA PL funds and FTA 5303 Mass Transit Planning funds, which streamlines the administrative requirements and reinforces a coordinated multimodal planning process. Please note that this allocation is based on an actual FHWA allocation and an estimated FTA allocation based on last year's apportionment. To allow more time for the development of the UPWPs, it was determined that an early estimate would be beneficial for your planning efforts in lieu of waiting to receive FTA's final allocation later in the month of March. However, you will be notified of the final federal allocation once FTA releases the information.

As a recipient of these funds, each MPO is required to develop UPWPs to identify planning priorities and activities to be carried out within the MPO area. This is the beginning of the biennial UPWP, which should include tasks for two years. Please include work proposed by major task and include who will perform the work, the schedule for completing the work, the resulting products, the proposed funding, and a summary of the total amounts and sources of federal and matching funds. Provide information concerning updating any of the required planning documents, such as the LRTP. All funds used for planning purposes must be identified in the UPWP, regardless of the funding source. A draft of the proposed UPWP should be provided to SCDOT and FHWA for review and comment prior to final approval by the Policy Committee.

Additionally, please note that MPOs are required to use not less than 2.5 percent of PL funds on Complete Streets planning activities. Attached is a waiver detailing the requirement for your review and signature. Please ensure these activities are specified in your UPWP and clearly identified in future invoices, as they will qualify for 100 percent federal reimbursement.

Below are the federal funds available for planning activities associated with the UPWP:

FY Federal Allocation	\$ 862,494.7
FY 2024 Carryover	\$ 965,510.39
Total	\$ 1,828,005.09

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Please provide an approved copy of your UPWP by **May 15, 2025**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Leah Quattlebaum

Leah Quattlebaum, P.E.
Deputy Secretary for Planning

Attachment

cc: Jennifer Necker, P.E., Deputy Secretary for Intermodal and Freight Programs
Jim Walden, Regional Planner
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COMPLETE STREETS WAIVER



Memorandum

Subject: **ACTION:** Waiver of Non-Federal Match for State Planning and Research (SPR) and Metropolitan Planning (PL) Funds in Support of Complete Streets Planning Activities (BIL § 11206)

Date: January 5, 2023

From: Kenneth Petty
Acting Associate Administrator for Planning,
Environment and Realty

In Reply Refer To:
HEPP-1

To: Shailen P. Bhatt
Administrator

This request is for your approval to waive the non-Federal match requirement for State Planning and Research (SPR) and Metropolitan Planning (PL) funds in support of Section 11206 (Increasing Safe and Accessible Transportation Options) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Public Law 117-58), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). This section addresses “Complete Streets planning activities” (see BIL § 11206(c)) conducted by States and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in their transportation planning processes.

BIL § 11206(a) defines *Complete Streets standards or policies* as “... standards or policies that ensure the safe and adequate accommodation of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, children, older individuals, individuals with disabilities, motorists, and freight vehicles.” BIL § 11206(b) requires States and MPOs to use not less than 2.5 percent of SPR and PL funds, respectively, on Complete Streets planning activities. Further, BIL § 11206(d) provides that “[t]he Federal share of the cost of an activity carried out under this section shall be 80 percent, unless the Secretary determines that the interests of the Federal-aid highway program would be best served by decreasing or eliminating the non-Federal share.”

FHWA encourages States and communities to adopt and implement Complete Streets policies that prioritize the safety of all users in transportation network planning, design, construction and operations. Application of a Complete Streets design model is recommended on roadways where adjacent land use suggests that trips could be served by varied modes, and to achieve complete travel networks for various types of road users. This includes urban and suburban non-freeway arterials or rural arterials that serve as main streets in smaller communities, consistent with the AASHTO *A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets* (2018) (“Green Book”) context classifications of urban core, urban, suburban and rural town.

States and MPOs use SPR and PL funds, respectively, to carry-out “3-C” (comprehensive, continuous, and cooperative) transportation planning processes pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 135 (Statewide and Non-Metropolitan Transportation Planning) and 23 U.S.C. 134 (Metropolitan Transportation Planning). Those processes are the basis for subsequent

transportation investment decisions made in partnership with and collaboration between States, MPOs, and local governments (including cities and counties).

The Office of Planning, Environment and Realty (HEP) recommends that the non-Federal match for SPR and PL funds on Complete Streets planning activities be waived. BIL § 11206 implementation is one of FHWA's initiatives supporting the Department's National Roadway Safety Strategy and Safe System Approach. Providing safe streets for all users (i.e., reducing fatal and injury accidents, including bicyclists and pedestrians) is in the national interest of the Federal-aid highway program, and this non-Federal match waiver further encourages and makes it easier for States and MPOs to advance Complete Streets activities within their transportation planning processes. Further, implementation of BIL § 11206 provisions and issuance of this waiver of the non-Federal match for SPR and PL funds for Complete Streets planning activities will foster the development of metropolitan and statewide transportation plans, metropolitan Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs), and Statewide Transportation Improvement Programs (STIPs) that consider the unique circumstances affecting community members' safety and mobility needs and allocate resources consistently with those needs, enabling the transportation network to effectively serve all community members. Eliminating the non-Federal share will serve the interests of the Federal-aid highway program by providing additional resources to promote timely development of these important safety-related plans.

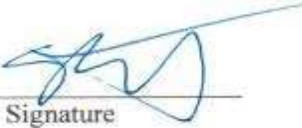
The non-Federal match waiver for SPR and PL funds for Complete Streets planning activities will assist the States and MPOs in including within their respective SPR Work Programs and Unified Planning Work Programs (UPWPs) an activit[ies] "to increase safe and accessible options for multiple travel modes for people of all ages and abilities," which, if permissible under State and local laws, may include (*see* BIL § 11206(c)):

- (1) Adoption of Complete Streets standards or policies;
- (2) Development of a Complete Streets prioritization plan that identifies a specific list of Complete Streets projects to improve the safety, mobility, or accessibility of a street;
- (3) Development of transportation plans to...
 - (A) Create a network of active transportation facilities, including sidewalks, bikeways, or pedestrian and bicycle trails, to connect neighborhoods with destinations such as workplaces, schools, residences, businesses, recreation areas, healthcare and childcare services, or other community activity centers;
 - (B) Integrate active transportation facilities with public transportation service or improve access to public transportation;
 - (C) Create multiuse active transportation infrastructure facilities (including bikeways or pedestrian and bicycle trails) that make connections within or between communities;
 - (D) Increase public transportation ridership; and
 - (E) Improve the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians.
- (4) Regional and megaregional planning (i.e., multi-jurisdictional transportation planning that extends beyond MPO and/or State boundaries) that address travel demand and capacity constraints through alternatives to new highway capacity, including through intercity passenger rail; and
- (5) Development of transportation plans and policies that support transit-oriented development.

HEP recommends that waiving the non-Federal match of SPR and PL funds for Complete Streets planning activities would be effective for each fiscal year under the BIL, subject to the following

conditions: (1) it would cover the 2.5 percent minimum SPR and PL fund expenditure thresholds described in B IL § 11 206(b); and (2) it would end once a State or MPO receives FHWA approval of a request to opt out of meeting the requirements described in B IL § 11 206(e). Separate implementation guidance on this provision will be submitted for your review and approval.

I concur and grant the waiver consistent with HEP's recommendation:


Signature

1/5/23
Date

I DO NOT Concur:

Signature

Date