Unified Planning Work Program
FY 2020

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A Resolution by the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee
Adopting the FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program

WHEREAS, the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for transportation within the Greater Dalton Area Planning Boundary, which includes all of Whitfield County and a portion of Murray County following the 2010 Census; and

WHEREAS, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) requires the Metropolitan Planning Organization to develop and adopt a Unified Planning Work Program; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Planning Work Program is consistent with all plans, goals, and objectives of the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization.

NOW, THERE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization adopts the FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program for the period from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 on January 24, 2019.

Kent Benson, Chairman
GDMPO Policy Committee

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I. Introduction

A. Purpose

The FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for transportation planning in the Greater Dalton Planning Region incorporates all federally assisted transportation activities proposed to be undertaken in the planning area from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The UPWP provides an outline for the coordination of transportation planning activities in the area, and is required as a condition for all federal funding assistance for transportation planning by the planning regulations of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). This UPWP describes all transportation planning activities utilizing federal funding, and identifies state and local matching dollars for the planning projects.

B. Planning Emphasis Areas

On April 23, 2014, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) jointly issued the FY 2015-2016 Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs), which include transition to performance based planning and programming as per MAP-21, cooperation and coordination across MPO boundaries and across State boundaries where appropriate to ensure a regional approach to transportation planning, and access to essential services in which the transportation planning process identifies transportation connectivity gaps and solutions to address those gaps.

The Greater Dalton MPO will begin to implement performance based planning and programming in FY 2020 to achieve desired performance outcomes. Performance based planning and programming refers to the inclusion of performance management within the planning process. The goal is to ensure all transportation investment decisions are made based on their ability to meet established goals set forth in planning documents. Goals will include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Host a minimum of eight (8) meetings through which the public will be invited to add input.
- Update all planning documents in a timely manner.
- Attend training offered by governing agencies to remain up to date on all federal and state regulations and guidelines.
- Begin to prepare data and projects for the 2045 LRTP update.
- Host an annual Title VI Public Hearing in conjunction with Whitfield County Transit Service.

C. Planning Priorities

The Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization (GDMPO) is the transportation planning body Whitfield County and a portion of Murray County.

The GDMPO will work towards the following in FY 2020:

1) Complete the update of the Transportation Improvement Program, if needed, by July 31, 2019.
2) Complete the update of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan by June 2020.
3) Take steps to monitor and maintain the transportation system.
4) Provide a transportation planning system that promotes the movement of people and goods safely and efficiently and advances the planning area's economic growth.
5) Develop a planning process that efficiently integrates transportation planning with all planning resources available and land use decisions.

D. Planning Requirements

The planning activities described in the Participation Plan act as a response to multiple regulatory requirements. The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), of 2005, defines the structure of the metropolitan planning process. The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Act, signed into law on July 6, 2012, modified the metropolitan planning process by requiring metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) to establish and use a performance-based approach to transportation decision making and development of the planning documents. The UPWP has been developed to comply with MAP-21 requirements, with respect to metropolitan planning. In accordance with MAP-21, the following eight (8) planning factors are used in the development of plans or programs:

1) Supporting economic vitality of the metropolitan area, by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency, and by promoting consistency between transportation improvements and state and local planned growth and economic development patterns;

2) Increase safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;

3) Increase security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;

4) Increase accessibility and mobility of people and for freight;

5) Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns;

6) Enhance integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;

7) Promote efficiency of management and operation;

8) Emphasize preservation of the existing transportation system.

In consideration of MAP-21 Performance-Based Planning and Programming, the six core functions of the MPO include:

1) Establish a setting for effective decision-making: Establish and manage a fair and impartial setting for effective regional decision-making in the metropolitan area.
2) Identify and evaluate transportation improvement options: Develop transportation improvement options and use data and planning methods to evaluate whether those options support criteria and system performance targets. Planning studies and evaluations are included in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
3) Prepare and maintain a Metropolitan Transportation Plan: Develop and update an MTP for the metropolitan area covering a planning horizon of at least 20 years. MPOs prepare MTPs using performance measures and targets. These are the planning factors that MPOs and departments of transportation consider to guide their planning processes:
    - Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.
    - Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
    - Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
    - Increase accessibility and mobility for people and freight.
    - Protect and enhance the environment.
    - Promote energy conservation.
    - Improve quality of life for the community.
    - Promote consistency between transportation improvements and planned State and local growth and economic development patterns.
    - Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system for all modes.
    - Promote efficient system management and operation.
    - Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.
4) Develop a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): Develop a short-range, four-year program of priority transportation improvements drawn from the long-range transportation plan. The MPO creates the TIP with spending, regulating, operating, management, and financial tools. The TIP represents immediate priority actions to achieve the area's goals and associated system performance targets.
5) Identify performance measure targets and monitor whether implemented projects are achieving targets: MPOs coordinate with State and public transportation operators to establish performance targets that address performance measures, as set forth in Federal law, related to surface transportation and public transportation. MPOs prepare plans that include performance targets addressing performance measures and standards. When updating the plan, MPOs also prepare a System Performance Report that tracks progress in meeting performance targets. In addition to Federally required performance measures,

MPOs may identify additional, locally significant performance indicators that support decision-making.

6) Involve the public: Involve the general public and other affected constituencies related to the essential decision-making elements listed above.

On December 4, 2015, President Obama signed into law the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, or "FAST Act" - the first Federal law in over ten years to provide long-term funding certainty for surface transportation. The FAST Act authorizes $305 billion over fiscal years 2016 through 2020 for the Department's highway, highway and motor vehicle safety, public transportation, motor carrier safety, hazardous materials safety, rail, and research, technology and statistics programs. With its enactment, States and local governments may now move forward with critical transportation projects, like new highways and transit lines, with the confidence that they will have a Federal partner over the long term.

The FAST Act continues the Metropolitan Planning program and establishes a cooperative, continuous, and comprehensive framework for making transportation investment decisions in metropolitan areas. Program oversight is a joint FHWA/FTA responsibility. The Act continues the MAP-21 approach to formula program funding, authorizing a lump sum total instead of individual authorizations. The FAST Act has the following program features:

1) Selection of MPO Officials

   The FAST Act clarifies that metropolitan planning organization (MPO) representation is selected by an MPO according to its bylaws/enabling statute. It also changes the selection criteria for MPO officials to:

   - grant a representative of a transit provider authority equal to that of other MPO officials; and
   - allow a representative of a transit provider to also represent a local community.

2) Consultation with other Planning Officials

   The FAST Act continues to encourage MPOs to consult with officials responsible for other types of planning activities. It adds to the list of such activities tourism and the reduction of risk of natural disasters.

3) Scope of Planning Process

   The FAST Act expands the scope of consideration of the metropolitan planning process to include:

   - improving transportation system resiliency and reliability;
   - reducing (or mitigating) the stormwater impacts of surface transportation; and
   - enhancing travel and tourism.

4) Capital Investment and other Strategies

The FAST Act continues to require a metropolitan transportation plan to include strategies to meet current and projected transportation infrastructure needs.

5) Resilience and Environmental Mitigation Activities

The FAST Act expands the focus on the resiliency of the transportation system as well as activities to reduce stormwater runoff from transportation infrastructure. In addition, it newly requires strategies to reduce the vulnerability of existing transportation infrastructure to natural disasters.

6) Transportation and Transit Enhancement Activities

The FAST Act continues to require a metropolitan transportation plan to include transportation and transit enhancement activities. When proposing these activities, the plan must now include:

- consideration of the role that intercity buses may play in reducing congestion, pollution, and energy consumption in a cost-effective manner; and
- strategies and investments that preserve and enhance intercity bus systems (including those that are privately owned and operated.

7) Participation by Interested Parties in the Planning Process

The FAST Act explicitly adds public ports and certain private providers of transportation, including intercity bus operators and employer-based commuting programs to the list of interested parties that an MPO must provide with reasonable opportunity to comment on the transportation plan.

8) Congestion Management

The FAST Act adds examples of travel demand reduction strategies for congestion management in a transportation management area (TMA). While retaining the requirement for a congestion management process for MPOs that serve a TMA, the law also allows an MPO that serves a TMA to develop a congestion management plan (distinct from the congestion management process) that will be considered in the MPO's transportation improvement program. Any such plan must include regional goals for reducing peak hour vehicle miles traveled and improving transportation connections must identify existing services and programs that support access to jobs in the region, and must identify proposed projects and programs to reduce congestion and increase job access opportunities. The FAST Act specifies certain consultation requirements MPOs must use in developing the plan.

E. Budget Allocation Methodology

The FHWA provides 80% of GDMPO Planning (PL) funds for transportation planning to ensure a 3C transportation planning process is utilized. Whitfield County provides the remaining 20% local match. The MPO will request reimbursement for 80% of transportation planning expenses. The MPO received Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5303 Program funds, which support planning activities supported by the FHWA (PL) funds, typically used for transit planning activities. The FTA provides 80% of the 5303 Program funds, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) provides 10% of the 5303 Program funds and Whitfield County provides the remaining 10% local match. The MPO will request reimbursement for 90% of the 5303 Program funds.

II. Organizational Structure

Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Committee

Name	Appointment	Company	Term Expiration
Kent Benson	Chairman	Engineer, Whitfield County	*No Committee Terms
Lynn Laughter	Member	Chair, Whitfield County Borad of Comm.	*Officers elected annually
Mark Gibson	Vice - Chairman	Administrator, Whitfield County	
Mike Brown	Member	Administrator, City of Varnell	
Dennis Mock	Member	Mayor, City of Dalton	Benny Dunn is Proxy
Ken Gowin	Member	Mayor, City of Tunnel Hill	
Radney Simpson	Member	Assistant State Planner, GDOT	
TBD	Member	Murray County	
Ron Shinnick	Member	Mayor, City of Cohutta	
Jason Parker	Member	Administrator, City of Dalton	

Contact: Jacob Bearden

Purpose: The function of the Policy Committee is to review and approve all transportation plans and programs resulting from the D - W Urban Transportation Study and to ensure a continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative transportation planning process is maintained.

Terms: Officers should be reelected annually, but members can serve without term limits.

Technical Coordinating Committee

Name	Appointment	Company	Term Expiration
Andrew Parker	Member	Assistant Director, Dalton Public Works	*No Committee Terms
Tom Caiafa	Member	Planner, GDOT-Alternate PC/TCC Member	*Officers elected annually
Charlie Morrow	Member	Dalton Utilities	
Olivia Lewis	Member	FHWA	
Rick Holsomback	Member	Operations Director, Whitfield County Schools	
Rusty Lount	Member	Operations Director, Dalton City Schools	
DeWayne Hunt	Member	Director, Whitfield County Public Works	
Kimberly Grayson	Member	Transportation Planner, GDOT	
Joe Ciavarro	Member	District Planning & Programming Engineer	

Contact: Jacob Bearden

Purpose: The function of the Technical Coordinating Committee is to review and make recommendations regarding transportation plans, programs, and other special projects for the proffessional staff and Policy Committee of the MPO.

Terms: Officers should be reelected annually, but members can serve without term limits.

Advisory Committee

Name	Appointment	Company	Term Expiration
Jean Garland	Member	Whitfield County Planning & Zoning Administration	*No Officers

Staff

Name	Title	Company
Jacob Bearden	GDMPO Coordinator	Whitfield County

III. Overview

On May 1, 2002, the U.S. Bureau of Census designated Dalton, Georgia as a new urbanized area. On March 10, 2003 the Governor of Georgia designated the North Georgia Regional Development Center (NGRDC) as the MPO for Dalton and Whitfield County. The NGRDC (now recognized as the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission – NWGRC) managed the MPO until September 30, 2009, when the Governor re-designated Whitfield County as the agent to manage the Dalton and Whitfield County MPO, which was renamed the Greater Dalton MPO (GDMPO), to include Whitfield County and the Cities of Dalton, Tunnel Hill, Varnell, and Cohutta. On June 16, 2015, a memorandum of understanding was approved by Governor Nathan Deal designating the GDMPO as the planning body for the urbanized areas of Murray County. The new area will include the cities of Chatsworth and Eton. Whitfield County maintains technical and professional staff and is governed by a Board of Commissioners. On February 15, 2010, the GDMPO held its first Joint Policy Committee (PC) and Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) meeting and formally established both of these committees to oversee the MPO 3-C planning process for the GDMPO.

The PC is the forum for cooperative decision making by elected and appointed officials of the representative local governments and inter-modal transportation providers in the GDMPO area. The PC is also responsible for taking into consideration the recommendations from the TCC when adopting plans or setting policy. The PC is responsible for recommending planning projects to the TCC as well as developing policy and adoption of plans and actions related to the GDMPO program.

The TCC membership includes representatives from federal, state and local agencies who have technical knowledge of transportation or transportation related planning, programming and/or implementation. The TCC assures involvement of all operation departments, advisory agencies and multi-modal transportation providers in the planning process and implementation of plans. The TCC evaluates transportation plans and projects based on whether or not they are technically warranted and financially feasible.

The PC, with input from the TCC, annually revises and adopts the UPWP document which outlines the budgets and describes the transportation planning activities to be conducted by the GDMPO during fiscal year 2020, beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

IV. Public Participation

The Policy Committee adopted the GDMPO's current Participation Plan on June 5, 2014 and has subsequently voted to adopt this document annually. The Participation Plan document describes public outreach opportunities and document approval procedures as established by the MPO and it can be viewed at the GDMPO offices in Dalton, Georgia and on the Internet at http://www.whitfieldcountyga.com/engineer/mpo.htm. In order to measure the effectiveness of public participation the MPO has a sign-in sheet with sections left blank for the public to sign. Additionally, through the use of Google Analytics, the MPO records page views, unique page views, average time spent on the page, exit rate, and total number of current viewers on the MPO webpage. The UPWP approval procedure outlined in the Participation Plan states GDMPO committees must review proposed planning activities for inclusion to the UPWP. The Draft UPWP will be presented to the PC, TCC and GDOT and placed for public comment no less than thirty (30) days, before it is officially voted or adopted by the GDMPO. In February 2014, the PC approved by vote to amend this document

to include meeting attendance via phone and proxy voting electronically by submitting a signed proxy form. The Public Participation Plan will be updated for FY 2020 to conform to new FTA regulations.

V. Task I – Administration

A. Program Objective

To coordinate and conduct the transportation planning activities of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and requirements. This includes identifying transportation planning work tasks and sub-elements, prepare descriptive narrative and cost estimate for each sub-element, and coordinate input for the FY 2020 UPWP.

1.1 Program Coordination – ALI 44.21.00

Objective:

The element objective is to coordinate and conduct the transportation planning process of the MPO and ensure conformity with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations and requirements.

Previous Work:

1) In FY 2019, the GDMPO held eight (8) Joint Committee Meetings. Meeting minutes were prepared and archived on the GDMPO website.
2) On December 7, 2018, The GDMPO, in cooperation with the Whitfield County Transit Service, held a public Title VI hearing for public input.
3) Quarterly reports, reimbursement forms, and annual reports were prepared and submitted to the appropriate GDOT Offices.
4) Attended project specific meetings with District 6 GDOT Officials and other consulting agencies.
5) Updated GDMPO's Nondiscrimination/Title VI Program, as required on a triannual basis.
6) Updated all GDMPO documents to reflect current census data, and updated regulations.

Activities:

1) Provide opportunities for an open process to include continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative decision making within all jurisdictions in the GDMPO planning area.
2) Prepare records for the development of progress reports, certifications, and reimbursement requests.
3) Coordinate activities for the GDMPO committees, including but not limited to, arranging meetings and preparing meeting minutes.
4) Participate with other agencies, at all governmental levels, to remain current with regulations and project specific activities.
5) Undergo the MPO self-certification review process to adhere to federal requirements.

Products:

1) GDMPO Committee meetings and minutes.
2) Quarterly reports and annual report for FY 2020.
3) Accounting summaries and invoices.
4) Updating all GDMPO planning documents.

Target Start and End Dates:	July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020
Lead Agency:	GDMPO

Funding Source	Amount
FHWA PL	$ 80,000.00
GDOT PL Match	$ -
Local Match	$ 20,000.00
Total	**$ 100,000.00**

1.2 Training Staff and Employee Education – ALI 44.21.00

Objective:

The objective of this element is to develop staff knowledge of the transportation planning process through the participation in workshops, seminars, and conferences.

Previous Work:

1) GDMPO staff attended GDOT District Meetings.
2) Attended PIOH meetings for various project specific activities.
3) Participated in FTA and FHWA conference calls and webinars.
4) Participated in ADA, Title VI, and other Nondiscrimination training.
5) Title VI Training was completed in October 2018.

Activities:

1) Staff will attend/participate in transportation planning related conferences, seminars, workshops, and other training opportunities provided by all agencies.

Products:

1) Staff will continue to improve education to ensure a complete planning process.

Target Start and End Dates:	July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020
Lead Agency:	GDMPO

Funding Source	Amount
FHWA PL	$ 2,000.00
GDOT PL Match	$ -
Local Match	$ 500.00
Total	**$ 2,500.00**

1.3 Equipment and Supplies – ALI 44.21.00

Objective:

To maintain computer systems utilized by the GDMPO for relevant transportation planning activities. Acquire any necessary software or hardware to maintain GDMPO's transportation planning process. Update Geographic Information System (GIS) software, as necessary. Purchase office equipment to promote an efficient planning process.

Previous Work:

1) Office supplies were acquired, as needed.

Activities:

1) The GDMPO will replace office supplies (i.e. paper and ink cartridges) on an as needed basis.

Product:

1) Necessary technology and office equipment to operate the GDMPO.

Target Start and End Dates:	July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020
Lead Agency:	GDMPO

Funding Source	Amount
FHWA PL	$ 5,200.00
GDOT PL Match	
Local Match	$ 1,300.00
Total	**$ 6,500.00**

1.4 Contracts and Grants – ALI 44.21.00

Objective:

Preparation and responsibility of contracts and coordination of grants for all GDMPO related programs and studies. Prepare and track the progress of projects related to the planning process, in cooperation with funding agencies and consultants.

Previous Work:

1) Prepared invoices and progress reports for funding agencies.
2) Developed PL budgetary alignment for the PL Grant and closed out grants once exhausted.
3) Maintained existing contract for office printing purposes.

Activities:

1) Maintain all contracts related to the transportation planning process.
2) Prepare progress reports and invoices for all funding agencies and their respective grants.
3) Prepare annual reports and close out letters for funding agencies and their respective grants.

Product:

1) Effective contracts, executed to benefit the GDMPO planning area.
2) Contract files to represent all work performed by the GDMPO for FY 2020.

Target Start and End Dates:	July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020
Lead Agency:	GDMPO

Funding Source	Amount
FHWA PL	$ 1,920.00
GDOT PL Match	$ -
Local Match	$ 480.00
Total	**$ 2,400.00**

1.5 Unified Planning Work Program – ALI 44.21.00

Objective:

The objective is to identify work tasks undertaken by the GDMPO staff to address the planning needs for the serviced area. Collect public and committee input on the FY 2020 UPWP. Develop FY 2021 UPWP, with consideration to the progress made on the FY 2020 UPWP.

Previous Work:

1) Development of the FY 2019 UPWP and annual budget.
2) Committees approved planning documents essential to FY 2019.
3) Submitted the GDMPO's Annual Performance Report to GDOT.
4) Previous program was reviewed and approved by the Policy Committee.

Activities:

1) Identify and prioritize transportation planning work tasks.
2) Prepare a descriptive narrative and cost estimate for each task, obtain input from governing agencies, and draft the final FY 2021 UPWP.

Products:

1) FY 2021 UPWP

Target Start and End Dates:	January 1, 2019 through May 1, 2019
Lead Agency:	GDMPO

Funding Source	Amount
FHWA PL	$ 2,765.50
GDOT PL Match	$ -
Local Match	$ 691.38
Total	**$ 3,456.88**

VI. Task II – Public Involvement

A. Program Objective

To obtain input from the general public in the transportation planning process, to comply with all federal, state, and local public participation requirements, and to provide opportunities for public access to review and provide comment on the GDMPO planning documents.

2.1 Community Outreach and Education – ALI 44.27.00

Objective:

To identify and involve stakeholders and all communities in the serviced area with the transportation planning process.

Previous Work:

1) Maintained and updated GDMPO's website to provide the public with an opportunity to review and comment on all relevant MPO activities.
2) Updated the Nondiscrimination / Title VI Program for the GDMPO.
3) Conducted Joint Committee Meetings and invited the public to participate.
4) Participated in local career fair.

Activities:

1) Review, revise and update the GDMPO Public Participation Plan as needed.
2) Provide the serviced area with an opportunity to review and comment on the various MPO planning documents.
3) Maintain records of documents of official actions, with respect to the transportation planning process.
4) Advertise the availability of draft documents to the public.
5) Advertise meeting dates and times to the public.
6) Continue to maintain and update the GDMPO website.

Products:

1) Continuance of community outreach and education.

Target Start and End Dates:	July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020
Lead Agency:	GDMPO

Funding Source	Amount
FHWA PL	$ 4,401.60
GDOT PL Match	$ -
Local Match	$ 1,100.40
Total	**$ 5,502.00**

2.2 Environmental Justice / Title VI – ALI 44.27.00

Objective:

Engage the underserved communities to be involved in the transportation planning process. Continue to maintain and update the Nondiscrimination/Title VI Plan to ensure an effective Nondiscrimination/Title VI Program.

Previous Work:

1) Updated the Title VI Program for the GDMPO.
2) Updated the Language Assistance Plan to reflect the most current census data.
3) Provided the public with an opportunity to review and comment on all planning documents by distributing them to central locations throughout the planning area.

Activities:

1) Continue to advertise meetings and documents to the Limited English Proficient population.
2) Update Title VI Program to ensure all underserved communities are captured.
3) Continue to monitor the census website for any new data that could be used to better serve the planning area.
4) Continue to distribute planning documents at central locations for public review and comment.

Product:

Represented underserved communities that have been encouraged to participate in the transportation planning process.

Target Start and End Dates:	July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020
Lead Agency:	GDMPO

Funding Source	Amount
FHWA PL	$ 2,400.00
GDOT PL Match	$ -
Local Match	$ 600.00
Total	**$ 3,000.00**

VII. Task III – Data Collection

A. Program Objective

To maintain technical transportation data for transportation planning efforts, such as, GIS mapping data to provide aid in the development of essential planning documents.

3.1 Socio-Economic Data – ALI 44.22.00

Objective:

To compile and analyze demographic and socio-economic data by Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZs) to be used in traffic forecast models for future scenarios. The data will represent optimal traffic flow in the short and long range planning process.

Previous Work:

1) Maintained GIS Mapping Software to aid in the planning updates.

Activities:

1) Coordinate with consultant to update the MTP.

Target Start and End Dates:	July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020
Lead Agency:	GDMPO

Funding Source	Amount
FHWA PL	$ 2,500.00
GDOT PL Match	$ -
Local Match	$ 625.00
Total	**$ 3,125.00**

3.2 Land Use Monitoring – ALI 44.22.00

Objective:

To order and regulate land use in an ethical manner and prevent land use conflict by planning for the needs of the community, while safeguarding natural resources.

Previous Work:

1) Roadway information was collected using GPS and GIS technology and in cooperation with state agencies with readily available data.
2) Shape files were distributed to show the new planning boundary that includes a portion of Murray County.

Activities:

1) GDMPO will maintain a current database with shape files and centerline mileage for all functional classified urban and rural roads within the planning area.
2) GDMPO will cooperate with Murray County to collect data on infrastructure pertaining to transportation corridor studies.

Products:

1) Digital roadway network files for Whitfield and Murray County.
2) Land use files for transportation planning in the planning boundary for regional connectivity.

Target Start and End Dates:	July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020
Lead Agency:	GDMPO

Funding Source	Amount
FHWA PL	$ 6,400.00
GDOT PL Match	$ -
Local Match	$ 1,600.00
Total	**$ 8,000.00**

3.3 Transportation Surveys and Analysis – ALI 44.21.00

Objective:

To maintain a current database of the Whitfield and Murray County road systems using Global Positioning System (GPS) to provide accurate and current transportation network data for the GIS database.

Previous Work:

1) Began to collect data and review projects for the 2045 Horizon Long range Transportation Plan update.

Activities:

1) GDMPO will continue to maintain a current GIS database for all functional urban and rural roads within the planning area.
2) GDMPO will collect data from Murray County to reflect studies conducted, with respect to transportation planning.

Product:

1) Surveys of roadways will be stored digitally.
2) Land use shape files will be used in the transportation planning process.

Target Start and End Dates:	July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020
Lead Agency:	GDMPO

Funding Source	Amount
FHWA PL	$ 4,400.00
GDOT PL Match	$ -
Local Match	$ 1,100.00
Total	**$ 5,500.00**

3.4 System Monitoring – ALI 44.22.00

Objective:

To compile traffic data, collected by local and state agencies, to create GIS shape files and analyze trends to develop the transportation plan.

Previous Work:

1) Created completed projects list to begin the MTP update to Horizon year 2045.
2) Contracted a consultant to begin compiling data relevant to MTP update.

Activities:

1) Continue to use data collected to enhance the transportation planning process.
2) Use the data to draft an update to the TIP.
3) Begin to collect and analyze data for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Product:

1) A complete and current database with traffic and road network data to be used in the GIS software.
2) An accurate forecast model of future transportation needs within the planning area.
3) Prioritization of projects based on future needs to the serviced area.

Target Start and End Dates:	July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020
Lead Agency:	GDMPO

Funding Source	Amount
FHWA PL	$ 2,000.00
GDOT PL Match	$ -
Local Match	$ 500.00
Total	**$ 2,500.00**

VIII. Task IV – System Planning

A. Program Objective

To undertake transportation planning activities leading to the updating and implementation of short-range (five-year) elements of the 20-year plan; to develop capabilities which can be applied to short-range transportation planning; and to identify transportation projects which can be implemented in a cost-effective manner to improve the transportation experience in our community.

4.1 Transit Study – ALI 46.26.14 and 44.24.00

Objective:

To integrate land use planning activities with transportation planning. To provide information and recommendations to the committees.

Previous Work:

1) No studies have been conducted since the findings from the Transit Feasibility Study were published, in 2011.

Activities:

1) GDMPO will continue pursue opportunities in the planning efforts and determine if further studies shall be undertaken.
2) All studies necessary to update the MTP will be pursued and undertaken.

Target Start and End Dates:	July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020
Lead Agency:	GDMPO

Funding Source	Amount
FHWA PL	$ 2,400.00
GDOT PL Match	$ -
Local Match	$ 600.00
Total	**$ 3,000.00**

4.2 Metropolitan Transportation Plan – ALI 44.26.14

Objective:

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) provides the basis for viable transportation investment of regionally significant projects and programs within the planning boundary. The MTP addresses various modes of transportation as well as the efficiency of the region's transportation system. The 2045 MTP will be completed in FY 2020.

Previous Work:

1) The Greater Dalton MPO compiled a list of completed local transportation improvement projects to begin the modeling necessary to update the 2040 LRTP to the 2045 MTP.

Activities:

1) Continue to monitor regionally significant projects and programs within the planning area to ensure a current information system will available for the next MTP update.
2) Begin public outreach and involvement in summer 2018 for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan update.

Products:

1) Current information system to be utilized for the next MTP update.

Target Start and End Dates:	July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020
Lead Agency:	GDMPO

Funding Source	Amount
FHWA PL	$ 4,400.00
GDOT PL Match	$ -
Local Match	$ 1,100.00
Total	**$ 5,500.00**

Funding Source	Amount
PI# 0016426 GAMPO Contract	$ 112,000.00
Local Match	$ 28,000.00
Total	**$ 140,000.00**

4.3 Special Transportation Studies – ALI 44.23.01

Objective:

To develop recommendations to increase effectiveness and efficiency of transportation planning process through improved safety and maintenance of bridges, rail, bike, pedestrian, and other transportation related issues.

Previous Work:

1) No studies have been conducted to date, in FY 2019, as the MTP update took place at the end of FY 2015.

Activities:

1) Evaluate opportunities to coordinate with other agencies on transportation planning needs.
2) Continue to partner with GDOT on any relevant study conducted in the planning area.

Product:

1) Relevant transportation studies.

Target Start and End Dates:	July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020
Lead Agency:	GDMPO

Funding Source	Amount
FHWA PL	$ 10,665.44
GDOT PL Match	$ -
Local Match	$ 2,666.36
Total	**$ 13,331.80**

4.4 Transportation Improvement Program – ALI 44.23.01

Objective:

The development and adoption of a TIP with a four year element for project programming. The TIP is a process for selecting and scheduling all federally funded and regionally significant projects in a manner consistent with the LRTP. The TIP will be updated and amended as needed.

Previous Work:

1) Attended project status meetings at the GDOT District 6 Office.
2) Coordinated with GDOT on project statuses and corresponding dollar amounts.
3) Policy Committee approved 2018-2021 TIP.

Activities:

1) Revise and amend the 2018-2021 TIP as needed.
2) Coordinate with GDOT for project statuses and corresponding dollar amounts.
3) Coordinate with all committees on projects to be included in the TIP as they progress.
4) Incorporate the public participation process in the development of the TIP.

Products:

1) Updated 2018-2021 TIP, if necessary.

Target Start and End Dates:	July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020
Lead Agency:	GDMPO

Funding Source	Amount
FHWA PL	$ 4,400.00
GDOT PL Match	$ -
Local Match	$ 1,100.00
Total	**$ 5,500.00**

IX. GAMPO MTP Funding – PI #0016426

On September 19, 2018, the Greater Dalton MPO applied for additional funds, to update the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, through the Georgia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (GAMPO). The grant was awarded in the amount of $140,000.00, with an 80% Federal match ($112,000.00), and a 20% ($28,000.00) Local Match. These funds will only be used for cost incurred while updating the 2045 MTP. The funding is authorized through a contract, separate from other PL Funds, with GDOT. The contract shall be identified as PI #0016426.

Funding Source	Amount	
PI# 0016426 GAMPO Contract	$	112,000.00
Local Match	$	28,000.00
Total	**$**	**140,000.00**

X. 2020 Budget Summary

FY 2020 Budget Summary Funding Table

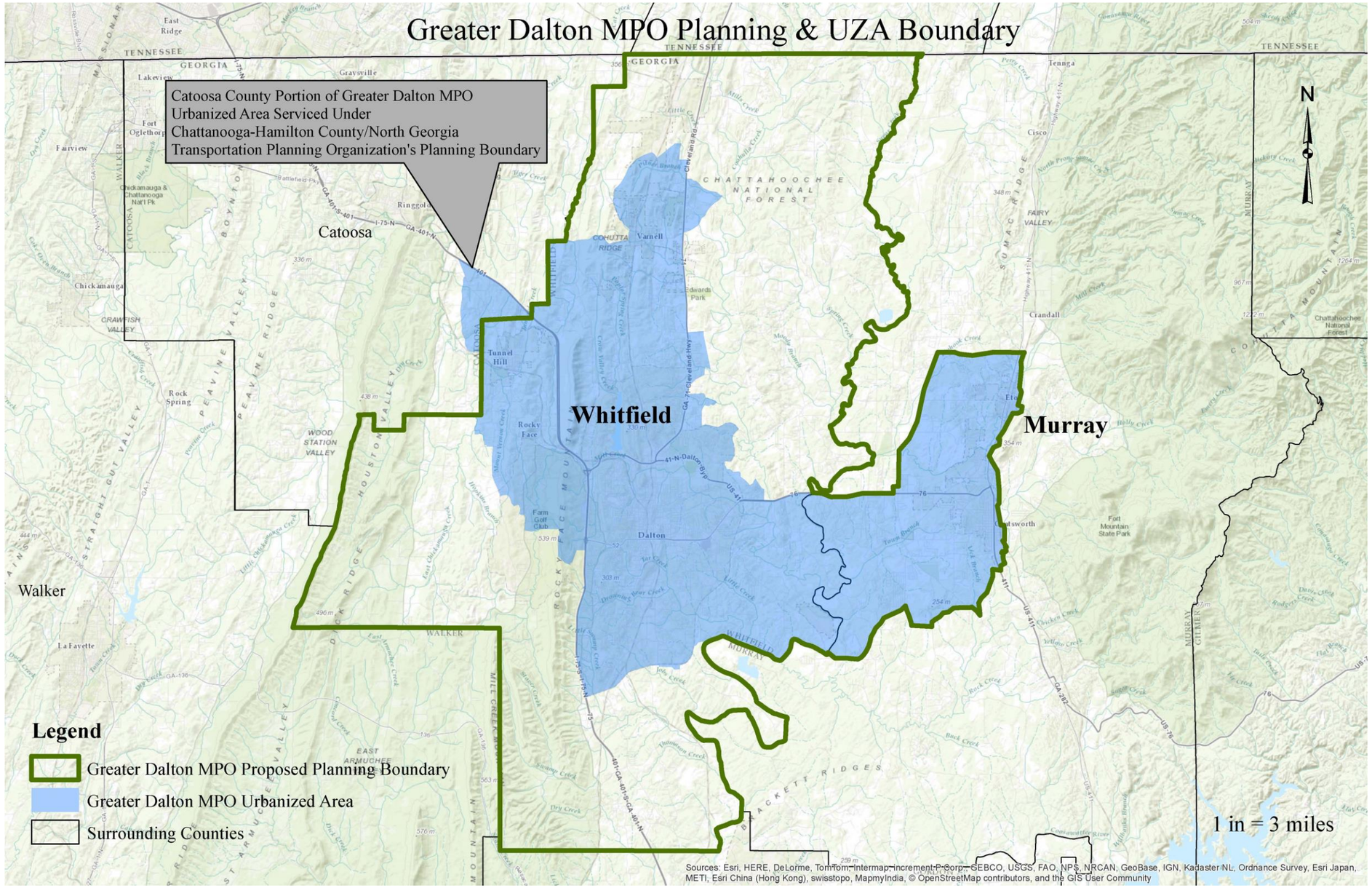
Task Number	Description	FHWA			PI #0016426 GAMPO MTP PL Funds		
		Federal	Local	Total	Federal	Local	Total
1.1	Program Administration / Coordination	$ 80,000.00	$ 20,000.00	$ 100,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -
1.2	Training / Education	$ 2,000.00	$ 500.00	$ 2,500.00	$ -	$ -	$ -
1.3	Equipment / Supplies	$ 5,200.00	$ 1,300.00	$ 6,500.00	$ -	$ -	$ -
1.4	Contract / Grants	$ 1,920.00	$ 480.00	$ 2,400.00	$ -	$ -	$ -
1.5	UPWP 2021	$ 2,765.50	$ 691.38	$ 3,456.88	$ -	$ -	$ -
Sub Total		**$ 91,885.50**	**$ 22,971.38**	**$ 114,856.88**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**
2.1	Community Outreach	$ 4,401.60	$ 1,100.40	$ 5,502.00	$ -	$ -	$ -
2.2	Environmental Justice / Title VI	$ 2,400.00	$ 600.00	$ 3,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -
Sub Total		**$ 6,801.60**	**$ 1,700.40**	**$ 8,502.00**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**
3.1	Socio-Economic	$ 2,500.00	$ 625.00	$ 3,125.00	$ -	$ -	$ -
3.2	Land Use Monitoring	$ 6,400.00	$ 1,600.00	$ 8,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -
3.3	Transportation Analysis / Surveys	$ 4,400.00	$ 1,100.00	$ 5,500.00	$ -	$ -	$ -
3.4	System Monoitoring	$ 2,000.00	$ 500.00	$ 2,500.00	$ -	$ -	$ -
Sub Total		**$ 15,300.00**	**$ 3,825.00**	**$ 19,125.00**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**
4.1	Transit Plan / Study Administration	$ 2,400.00	$ 600.00	$ 3,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -
4.2	MTP	$ 4,400.00	$ 1,100.00	$ 5,500.00	$ 112,000.00	$ 28,000.00	$ 140,000.00
4.3	Special Transportation Studies	$ 10,665.44	$ 2,666.36	$ 13,331.80	$ -	$ -	$ -
4.4	Transportation Improvement Plan	$ 4,400.00	$ 1,100.00	$ 5,500.00	$ -	$ -	$ -
Sub Total		**$ 21,865.44**	**$ 5,466.36**	**$ 27,331.80**	**$ 112,000.00**	**$ 28,000.00**	**$ 140,000.00**
Projected FY2020 Funding		**$ 135,852.54**	**$ 33,963.14**	**$ 169,815.68**	**$ 112,000.00**	**$ 28,000.00**	**$ 140,000.00**

XI. FY 2020 Project Matrix

Planning Factors	1.1 - Program Coordination	1.2 - Training Staff and Employee Education	1.3 - Equipment and Supplies	1.4 - Contacts and Grants	1.5 - Unified Planning Work Program	2.1 - Community Outreach and Education	2.2 - Environmental Justice and Title VI	3.1 - Socio-Economic Data	3.2 - Land Use Monitoring	3.3 - Transportation Surveys and Analysis	3.4 - System Monitoring	4.1 - Transit Planning and Transit Study	4.2 - Long Range Transportation Plan	4.3 - Special Transportation Studies	4.4 - Transportation Improvement Program
Economic Vitality	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Safety	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Security	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Accessibility and Mobility (ADA - Title VI)	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Environment and Energy Conservation			✓			✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Integration and Connectivity	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Management and Operation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
System Preservation				✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

✓ - *Represents the Planning Factor is Present within the Sub-Element*

XII. Map of GDMPO Planning Area



XIII. Accomplishments for FY 2019

- Updated the federally required Nondiscrimination / Title VI Program, as required on a triannual basis.
- Drafted and submitted grant applications for additional PL funds through GAMPO. Funding will solely be used for the 2045 MTP update.
- Updated planning documents to reflect new projects and regulations.
- Began process to update the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan to the Horizon year 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

XIV. Appendix – MOU

Russell R. McMurry, P.E., Commissioner

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

One Georgia Center, 600 West Peachtree Street, NW
Atlanta, Georgia 30308
Telephone: (404) 631-1000

June 22, 2015

The Honorable Nathan Deal, Governor
State of Georgia
State Capitol, Room 203
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Subject: Greater Dalton MPO, Revised Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary

Dear Governor Deal:

Attached is a Resolution passed by the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization (GDMPO) amending the boundaries of their Metropolitan Planning Area that was received by the Department on June 16th, 2015. The boundary has been amended to include regions which were classified as "urbanized" under the 2010 Census and to include any regions which the GDMPO anticipates becoming "urbanized" over the next twenty years.

Attached to this letter you will find a map titled "Greater Dalton MPO Planning and UZA Boundary", which shows the proposed GDMPO boundary. The new proposed boundary would include the green outlined area. Also included is an updated Memorandum of Understanding between each county and jurisdiction covered by the MPO.

In accordance with CFR Title 23, Section 450.312(a) we respectfully request your approval of the proposed boundary change. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me or Mrs. Cynthia L. VanDyke, State Transportation Planning Administrator, at 404-631-1987.

Sincerely,

Jay Roberts
Director of Planning

Approved: Nathan Deal
Nathan Deal, Governor

JR:CLV:mjw
Enclosures

Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization

A Resolution by the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee Adopting the Memorandum of Understanding between the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization and Murray County

WHEREAS, the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization (GDMPO) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the transportation planning within the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Boundary following the 2010 Census; and

WHEREAS, the GDMPO boundary incorporates all of Whitfield County and a portion of Murray County; and

WHEREAS, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) requires the Metropolitan Planning Organization to develop and adopt a Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and a short-range Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to conform with the applicable metropolitan planning requirements; and

WHEREAS, the GDMPO did develop the Memorandum of Understanding in conformance with GDMPO's Policy Committee Bylaws and through a technical review process; and

NOW, THERE, BE IT RESOLVED the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization adopts the Memorandum of Understanding between the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization and Murray County

Ty Ross, Chair, GDMPO Policy Committee

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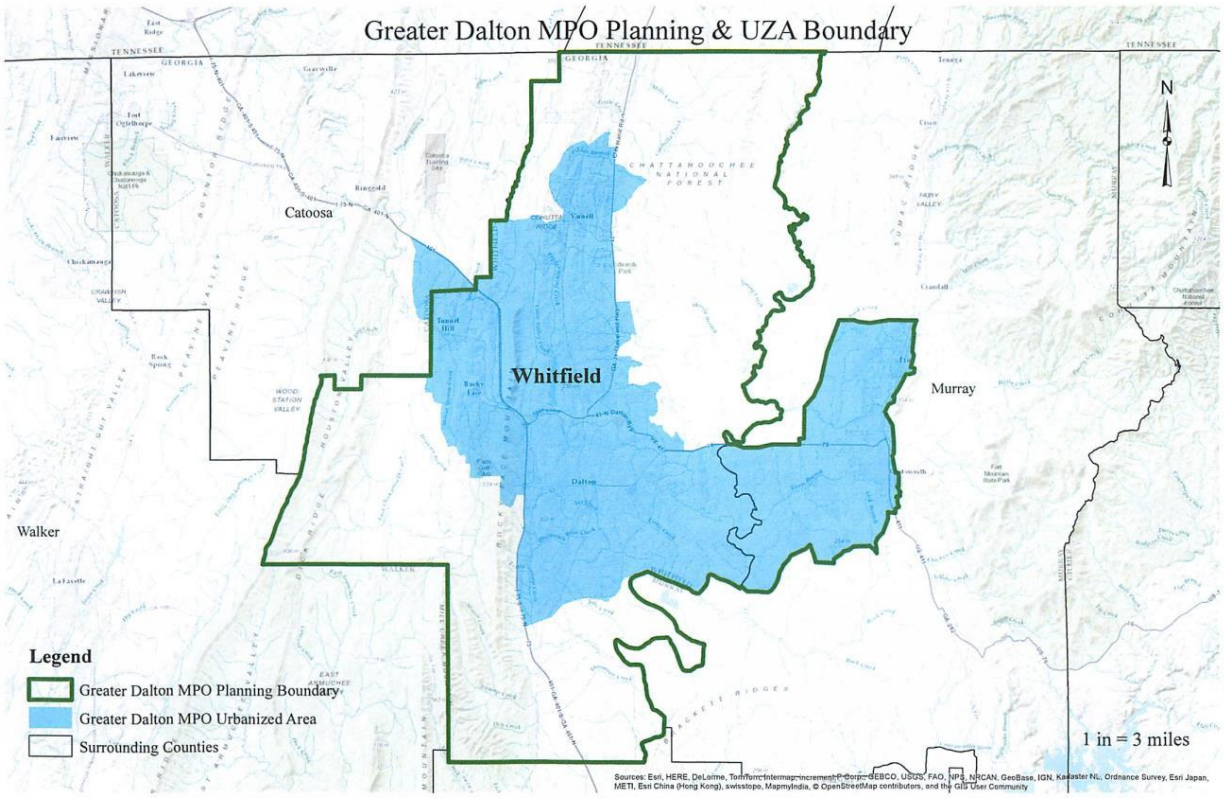
Greater Dalton MPO Planning & UZA Boundary
Catoosa
Whitfield
Murray
Walker
Legend
Greater Dalton MPO Planning Boundary
Greater Dalton MPO Urbanized Area
Surrounding Counties
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

FOR THE

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COORDINATION AND COOPERATION

BETWEEN

THE GREATER DALTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

AND

MURRAY COUNTY

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, shall be between The Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization (GDMPO), a federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Transportation Planning Area, and Murray County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, formed and existing pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia;

WHEREAS, Chapter Eight of Title Fifty, ***Official Code of Georgia Annotated,*** mandate The GDMPO be comprised of officials of political subdivisions and private citizens to represent the districts of approximately the same population within the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Area;

WHEREAS, Title Twenty-Three USC Section 134 and Section 5303, ***Federal Transit Act,*** mandate Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) guides the planning process and maintains continuous, comprehensive, and cooperative planning by the state and local governments;

WHEREAS, the eight SAFETEA-LU Planning Factors are retained in MAP-21, as the scope of the planning process, and yields plans and programs consistent with comprehensive planning development of the urbanized area;

WHEREAS, the parties hereto agree the Memorandum of Understanding entered by and between The GDMPO and Murray County, with respect to Transportation Planning Coordination and Cooperation within the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Area, should be amended, updated, and replaced by this Memorandum of Understanding.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned, being duly authorized to act on behalf of the above-named parties, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, agree as follows concerning Transportation Planning Coordination and Cooperation within the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Area:

WITNESSETH

1. **<u>Description of Future Services to be Delivered With Respect to Transportation Planning Coordination and Cooperation</u>.**

   A. **The Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization,** as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, shall be responsible for maintaining for the following required services:

      a. Develop and maintain a Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Area pursuant to federal regulations.

         i. Prepare and publish a fiscally balanced twenty year or more multimodal LRTP to lead to the development of an integrated intermodal transportation system, which will facilitate the efficient movement of people and goods. Furthermore, the LRTP shall conform with updated planning goals, objectives, policies, or developments in areas including, but not limited to, sub-area and intermodal studies, Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) planning, and bicycle and pedestrian planning.

         ii. Prepare, publish, and maintain a financially balanced multimodal TIP for a three year or more period.

         iii. Prepare, in cooperation, with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), local governments, and local government transit providers, acting through Transportation Coordinating Committee, an annual Unified Planning Work Program to document planning activities, to be performed in the next fiscal year, in sufficient detail to indicate the entity to perform the work, the schedule for completion, the associated project's budget, and the product(s) to be produced.

      b. Development of the LRTP and the TIP for the expanded Greater Dalton Metropolitan Transportation Planning Area will be as follows:

         i. For the member counties of the GDMPO (Whitfield and Murray), the GDMPO will work cooperatively with county staff to develop the LRTP and the TIP.

c. Develop, implement, and maintain the Congestion Management System (CMS) for the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Transportation Planning Area, and ensure to the extent appropriate, the CMS be included in the metropolitan planning process, and the CMS shall be considered in the development of the LRTP and TIP. The GDMPO will coordinate all CMS activities with Murray County, in regards to the portion of the Greater Dalton Urbanized Area within Murray County.

d. Publish and revise, as necessary, the Transportation Public Involvement Plan (TPIP). The TPIP governs how the Metropolitan Planning Organization will provide complete information, timely public notices, full public access to key decisions, and support early and continuing involvement of the public in the development of plans and TIPs and the Program-of-Projects. All publications and revisions shall beet the criteria established in 23 CFR 450.

e. The GDMPO will, with respect to federally required transportation certifications:

    i. Triennially participate in a leadership role in the Greater Dalton Transportation Management Area certification review.

    ii. Annually certify, concurrently with GDOT to FHWA and FTA, the planning process is addressing the major issues facing the area and is being conducted in accordance with all federal regulations.

f. The GDMPO will, with respect to transportation planning data:

    i. Develop and maintain base and projected population, housing, employment, economic, vehicle, land use data and special trip generators by traffic zone; and provide information to planning process participants as requested.

    ii. Periodically review traffic zone boundaries and make appropriate recommendations to the Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC) and cooperate with GDOT in revision of said boundaries.

    iii. Update and maintain maps showing existing and proposed land use, and make appraisals of actual land use development in comparison with projections.

    iv. Coordinate with Murray County on the development of data necessary for the transportation planning process.

g. Provide available maps, aerial photographs, charts, records, and directories to the extent possible.

h. For the GDMPO planning area, provide technical assistance to local governments as they prepare, update and implement local comprehensive plans as required by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989. GDMPO will also review comprehensive

plans for internal consistency; opportunities for cooperation; conflicts with other local plans; and conflicts with regional plans.

i. Annually receive available federal transportation planning funds allocated to the ten full and three limited counties totally within the planning boundary.

j. Provide other assistance as mutually agreed upon.

B. **Murray County,** shall be responsible for maintaining for the following required services:

a. Participate in the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process, with a voting member on the Transportation Coordinating Committee and the Transportation & Air Quality committee.

b. Demonstrate technical analysis of LRTP and TIP updates and amendments, to demonstrate to United States Department of Transportation and United States Environmental Protection Agency of anticipated emissions of pollutant precursors fall below set limits, GDMPO will defer all compliance to Murray County. This shall include, if applicable:

i. Perform the technical analysis to demonstrate conformity standards in the Non-Attainment Area under the one hour standard.

ii. Coordinate with GDOT and the suburban counties in the Non-Attainment Area, under the eight hour standard, to perform the technical analysis to demonstrate conformity in a manner to be determined.

iii. Coordinate with GDOT and the suburban counties, as applicable, to address the issue of conformity in the PM 2.5 Non-Attainment Area, once designated.

c. Coordinate the development of plans and programs and related air quality conformity findings with transportation providers, GDOT, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, citizens, affected parties, and local governments.

d. Participate in the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Transportation Planning process as described in Section 3. A. 4. The county will develop a county-wide transportation plan, prioritize proposed transportation projects and submit project applications to the GDMPO for consideration. In transportation planning activities, the county will coordinate with municipalities and will include a public outreach element.

e. Participate and provide required input in the development of the annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to document planning activities to be performed in the next fiscal year, in sufficient detail to indicate who will perform the work, the schedule for completion, associated budget and the projected outcomes.

f. Participate in the triennial certification review of the Greater Dalton Transportation Management Area.

g. Provide an annual monetary contribution equal to 10 percent of the match for the federal transportation planning funds attributable to the Greater Dalton urbanized area. Provide 10 percent of the required matching funds for any transportation study or project performed by the GDMPO at the request of Murray County.

h. Coordinate with the GDMPO and GDOT to develop planning data.

i. Provide other assistance as mutually agreed upon.

2. **Compliance with Applicable Laws and Regulations.**

All parties shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations. Nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding alters, or seeks to alter, the existing statutory authority of any party under state or federal law. If any of the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding are held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

3. **Amendments and Modifications.**

Any party may request changes to this Memorandum of Understanding at any time by written notice to the other party's signatory of this agreement. Such changes as are mutually agreed upon by and between the parties shall be incorporated in written amendments to this Memorandum of Understanding executed in the same manner as the original Memorandum of Understanding approval.

4. **Notification.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned has executed this Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the respective party set forth below, pursuant to the authority granted to each of the undersigned in the resolution by which each party approved and adopted this Memorandum of Understanding.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Understanding, this 22nd day of June, 2015.

APPROVED:

WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

X Mike Babb

Mike Babb, Chairman, for the Board

Attest:

X Kent Benson

Witness

X Blanca Cardona

Notary Public

BLANCA CARDONA NOTARY PUBLIC EXPIRES GEORGIA MARCH 14, 2019 WHITFIELD COUNTY

CITY OF DALTON

X _____
Mayor

Attest:

X _____
Witness

X _____
Notary Public

KIMBERLEY WITHEROW
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
NOTARY PUBLIC
NOVEMBER 4, 2018
WHITFIELD COUNTY, GEORGIA

MURRAY COUNTY

X Bitter D. Hethcox

Sole County Commissioner

Attest:

X Hannah Stanley

Witness

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Notary Public

Matthew Sanford
Notary Public, Georgia
Murray County
My Commission Expires
March 18, 2018

CITY OF CHATSWORTH

X _____
Mayor

Attest:

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Witness

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JAN WILBANKS
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CITY OF TUNNEL HILL

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Attest:

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RECOMMENDED BY:

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

X _____
Director of Planning

Attest:

X _____
Witness

X _____
Notary Public

ANITA HENSON
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
NOTARY
PUBLIC
OCTOBER 10, 2016
DOUGLAS COUNTY, GEORGIA

THE GREATER DALTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

X _____

Director

Attest:

X _____

Witness

X _____

Notary Public

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