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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Acronym Full Name

ADA Americans with Disabilities Act

AMPO Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations

CMS Congestion Management System
CTST Community Traffic Safety Team

DOTD Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development

EPA Environmental Protection Agency FHWA Federal Highway Administration

LS Louisiana Statute

FTA Federal Transit Administration

FY Fiscal Year

GIS Geographical Information System
GPC General Planning Consulting Services
HSTP Coordination in Human Service Transit Plan

ITS Intelligent Transportation System LRTP Long Range Transportation Plan

MAP_21 Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act

MPO Metropolitan Planning Organization

NDRP&DD North Delta Regional Planning & Development District

PEA Planning Emphasis Area

PEPP Project Evaluation and Prioritization Process

PIP Public Involvement Plan PPP Public Participation Plan

SAFETEA-LU Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users

SR State Road

TAC Technical Advisory Committee

TBD To Be Determined

TEA-21 Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century

TIP Transportation Improvement Program
TSM Transportation System Management
UPWP Unified Planning Work Program

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM MONROE URBANIZED AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RECORD OF CHANGES

TABLE 1

Number		pproval Date	Description Change
1	3	,	Introduce to the Transportation Policy Committee Approves the Draft FY 2016-2017 Unified Planning Work Program for Public review. For Advertisement to public.
2	4		Public Hearing for the Draft FY 2016-2017 Unified Planning Work Program concludes.
3	4		Transportation Policy Committee Final Adoption of the Draft FY 2016-2017 Unified Planning Work Program

MONROE URBANIZED AREA

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

POLICY COMMITTEE

(Adopting the 2016-2017 Unified Planning Work Program for the Monroe Urbanized Area MPO)

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Council of Governments (OCOG) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Monroe Urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Organization is charged with the overall responsibility of preparing the Unified Planning Work Program that serves to successfully coordinate and integrate transportation planning efforts with other comprehensive planning activities at both the state and local levels; and

WHEREAS, OCOG, acting in its capacity as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization, has given thorough review and consideration to the 2016-2017 Unified Planning Work Program; and

NOW THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Transportation Policy Committee, acting in its capacity as the designated decision making body for the Metropolitan Planning Organization, does hereby approve and adopt the 2016-2017 Unified Planning Work Program for the Monroe Urbanized Area.

THIS RESOLUTION BEING VOTED ON AND ADOPTED THIS 25th day of April 2016.

Mayor Dave Norris, Chairman

Transportation Policy Committee

ATTEST

David A. Creed

Executive Director

INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a contractual document that describes the coordinated transportation-planning program to be undertaken within the Monroe Urbanized Area. These planning activities are the joint responsibility of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the Monroe Urbanized Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (OCOG).

Under Federal planning guidelines the MPO is required to submit a work program that highlights transportation planning projects into broadly categorized planning activities and explains the funding for each activity for a fiscal year. This is done through a document called the UPWP. The funding is provided through the State of Louisiana (LaDOTD) from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). FHWA funds are provided at an 80/20 match ratio, with 80% of the total funds provided by Federal funds and 20% provided by Local. The FTA funds are provided at an 80/20 ratio with 80% being Federal and 20% being Local.

The financial support for these planning activities is provided by the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, the cities of Monroe, West Monroe, and the Ouachita Parish Police Jury. One of the key components of preparing the UPWP is actively cooperating and assisting with local planning to ensure funding and implementation of all evacuation route improvements identified in the areas local Hazard Mitigation Plans. Also, OCOG has recently developed an office Operational Continuity Plan (i.e. Emergency Preparedness Plan). The development and implementation of the Unified Planning Work Program is required under federal law (23 CFR 450.334 (a)) and 23 CFR 450.308 (c) for urbanized areas with populations greater than 50,000.

Administration

MPO staff will continue to closely monitor **legislative activities**. The federal transportation act (MAP-21) was passed in June 2012 and guidelines identified in the act will continue to be implemented.

MPO staff will continue to coordinate with the OCOG Executive Committee on the review of the Policies and Procedures Manual that establishes operating procedures to address travel, purchasing and other administration activities necessary for the MPO to operate as an independent body.

The Monroe Urbanized Area MPO will continue to promote **regional coordination** by participating in local, regional and state organizations. These include the North Delta Regional Planning and Development District, OCOG, Louisiana Planning Council, Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Federal Highways Administration, Federal Transit Administration, the cities of Monroe, West Monroe, and Richwood, and Ouachita Parish Police Jury and other agencies that discuss transportation issues.

<u>Data</u>

MPO staff will continue to conduct the **traffic counts** program. All new traffic count data was made available on the NORTH DELTA/OCOG website (www.northdelta.org) and allows the viewer and the staff to use updated technology for preparing counts that offers the ability to present the counts numerically and in GIS format. Over the next year staff will work with the website to enhance reporting options and analyze various characteristics of local travel routes and demands, if staffing resources permit.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

MPO staff will continue to amend and develop the TIP for submission to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and the STIP. In FY 17, MPO staff coordinated with DOTD to develop a web based TIP available in PDF format on the NORTH DELTA/OCOG website. Amendments will be processed as necessary. The purpose of this guidance is to provide information on funding, project selection, eligible activities, and specific requirements

Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

The plan was developed by a planning consultant (Alliance Transportation) provided by DOTD. Coordination with DOTD, the TPC and local governments will take place throughout the Plan's development. The MPO through the planning process updated the Long Range Plan and adopted the documents December 2015. DOTD selected Alliance Transportation as the consultant through the DOTD Selection Process.

Special Project Planning

Beginning in FY 2007, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) under the *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users* (SAFTEA-LU) requires that projects selected under the New Freedom (5317), Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities (5310), and Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) (5316) programs be "derived from a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan." In addition, FTA regulations on the Rural Transportation Program (5311) require that these projects also be selected from a coordinated plan. According to these new regulations, the coordinated plan should be "developed through a process that includes representatives of public, private, and nonprofit transportation and human services providers and participation by the public."

To fulfill this requirement, OCOG along with Alliance Transportation held two public meetings in 2015, to solicit the public for evaluations of the local human services transit service. The service providers were also invited to attend to provide their input. In addition, the providers were asked to offer an assessment of their current services and procedures for providing service. The information was condensed into this plan.

At the initial meeting the following were approved by the participants:

- A Set of Goals, Objectives and Constraints to circulate for comment at a second meeting to which the public would be invited;
- A Timeline for this year's planning process;
- Persons responsible for the activities listed in the timeline;
- Agreement that OCOG will continue to lead the planning process; and
- The formation of quarterly steering committee meetings for the continuation of this planning process.

Public Involvement

Legislation such as the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Transportation Equity Act for the 21 Century (TEA 21), and the more recent SAFETEA-LU, has not only placed new demands on local governments, but has also given them new vehicles for development. One vehicle is an enhanced community

involvement role in the planning process. The nation's Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) have been charged with enriching the transportation planning process with greater public awareness and involvement. The North Delta Regional Planning and Development Commission (NORTH DELTA/OCOG) is the designated MPO for the Monroe Urbanized Area.

The *Public Participation Plan* was updated thru (TAC/TPC REVIEWED AND UPDATED) (TRANSIT) (TRI ANNUAL REVIEW PROCESS) and brought up to date November 21, 2013 of the Monroe Urbanized Area - Metropolitan Planning Organization will be used for the transportation planning activities for our Urbanized Area. The program will provide opportunities for citizens to contribute ideas and voice opinions, early and often, during preparation of draft plans and programs. Of utmost importance to our Public Participation Plan is that it offers information, education and participation to the citizens affected by our planning efforts.

Because regional planning is enhanced by increased public involvement, a strong communication channel is necessary between the public and the decision-makers. The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), SAFETEA-LU, and the more recent MAP-21, underlines the need for an increase in the public's ability to affect what decisions are being made in their community. The U.S. Congress reaffirmed that assertion in the TEA 21 legislation it adopted in 1998. By increasing the dialogue between the decision-makers and the public, better plans, which include the citizens as stakeholders, will be produced. The Monroe Urbanized Area - Metropolitan Planning Organization looks to enhance the public's role as partners in transportation planning. Early knowledge about transportation changes is a goal of the Monroe Urbanized Area - Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The **Public Participation Plan** of the Monroe Urbanized Area-Metropolitan Planning

Organization includes three major components: Community Dialogue, Public Meetings, and Review and Comment.

I. Community Dialogue

- A. Every opportunity will be taken to distribute information to the public. Plans and information will be distributed to the media and local interest groups via fact sheets, brochures, website (www.northdelta.org), etc. Notices for upcoming meetings and public involvement activities will be published in the Monroe News Star and kept on file. The Metropolitan Planning staff will maintain a list of interested parties who wish to be notified of any upcoming events or actions regarding the transportation planning process.
- B. Presentations to neighborhood groups, civic organizations, governmental meetings, and other special interest groups will be made on an as requested basis to discuss transportation activities within the Monroe Urbanized Area. Interested organizations should contact Monroe Urbanized Area Metropolitan Planning Organization located in the North Delta offices and allows ample time for the staff to make arrangements to attend.
- C. Information will be provided to the public through technical assistance and access to publications. Official copies of the Public Participation Plan (PPP), Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be kept in the Ouachita Parish libraries located in the City of Monroe, City of West Monroe and the Central library on N. 18th Street in the City of Monroe and also can be viewed on the World Wide Web at www.northdelta.org for easy public access and information.

II. Public Meetings

- A. At least one public involvement meeting will be held during development of the "Draft" of the Monroe Urbanized Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the Monroe Urbanized Area Transportation Improvement Program, the Public Participation Plan, or the Unified Planning Work Program. If significant changes occur to the drafts during the public review and comment period, another public meeting will be held before the drafts can be adopted.
- B. Major amendments to the aforementioned plans shall require a public meeting, a public review period and comment period. Major amendments shall include any addition or deletion of projects deemed to be regionally significant with the following exceptions:
 - Minor revisions to document text or project descriptions;
 - Revisions to project timing within the MTP or TIP time frame; or
- To allow more discretionary decision making, those projects or project groupings that are specifically exempted from the public participation process such as projects defined as "Administration Change Processes".

The Transportation Policy Committee may approve by letter of notification unanimously (for the TIP). These projects would include but not be limited to right-of-way acquisitions, relocation of utilities, acquisition of permits, costs, funding availability, etc.;

Every effort will be made to accommodate traditionally under-served audiences including low income and minority households and persons with disabilities. All public meetings, public hearings and open houses will be held at wheelchair transit accessible locations. Persons with disabilities who have special communication or accommodation needs and who plan to attend the meetings may contact the Monroe Urbanized Area - Metropolitan Planning Organization. Requests for special needs are to be emailed to northdelta@northdelta.org or mailed in writing and received at least two working days prior to the meeting. The address is:

North Delta Regional Planning and Development District 1913 Stubbs - Monroe, LA 71291 Attn: Transportation Director

Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs. For further information please call our office at (318) 387-2572.

C. All public meetings will be announced in the News Star. All persons or organizations maintained on the interested parties list will be notified of public meetings. Also, every effort will be made to ensure that stakeholders in the transportation planning process are invited to participate. These stakeholders will include, but not be limited to; persons or organizations involved in traffic operations, transportation safety and enforcement, airports and port authorities, and appropriate private transportation providers.

III. Review and Comment

A. Prior to adoption of the Monroe Urbanized Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Monroe Urbanized Area Transportation Improvement Program, Public Participation Plan, or the Unified Planning Work Program; major amendments to either of these documents will require the public be given adequate

review time. A notice will be published in the Monroe News Star at least two weeks prior to any public participation meeting and notices will be sent to all interested parties. Copies of the draft documents or proposed amendments will be available for public review on the North Delta website, at the North Delta office, and at the Ouachita Parish Public libraries in the cities of West Monroe, West Monroe, and the Central library on N. 18th Street in the City of Monroe.

B. A comment and response summary will be included within the Monroe Urbanized Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Monroe Urbanized Area Transportation Improvement Program, Public Participation Plan, or the Unified Planning Work Program.

C. The *Public Participation Plan (PPP)* will be continually reviewed by the Monroe Urbanized Area - Metropolitan Planning Organization for effectiveness. Any changes to this PPP document will require a 45-day public comment period.

Systems Planning

MAP-21 Compliance and Planning Factors

In 2005, the federal government enacted the highway bill, SAFETEA-LU (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users). The planning factors concept from TEA-21 was carried forward in SAFETEA-LU and are addressed throughout this UPWP in various tasks. The Monroe MPO will continue to implement the planning factors of SAFETEA-LU and to be in compliance with all SAFETEA-LU requirements. The MPO will work cooperatively with FHWA, FTA and the DOTD to ensure all requirements of SAFETEA-LU are being implemented and followed. As a whole, the FY 16 – FY 17 UPWP addresses all eight MAP - 21 factors, however, each task varies in the number of factors it addresses. Table 5 reflects the relationship between the tasks and the planning factors that are addressed.

The 2016-2017 UPWP addresses a number of interrelated transportation issues aimed at maintaining a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process in the Monroe Urbanized Area. These issues are outlined in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) and also in the more recent federal funding bill, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). The purpose of ISTEA, TEA-21, SAFETEA-LU and MAP-21 is "to develop a National Intermodal Transportation System that is economically efficient, environmentally sound, and provides the foundation for the nation to compete in the global economy, and will move people and goods in an energy-efficient manner." Of major emphasis in these pieces of legislation is to provide states and local governments more flexibility in determining transportation solutions, whether transit or highways, and to provide enhanced planning and management system tools to guide them in the decision making process.

FACTORS CONSIDERED IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

Under the MAP-21 legislation, the MPO has the continued responsibility of preparing and maintaining the long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program, and the Unified Planning Work Program. This year's work program represents a continuation of the strategic planning process begun with last year's work program. The focus continues to be on maintaining, improving, and utilizing the information resources collected by the MPO in the day-to-day transportation decision-making process. This MPO shall annually certify to the FHWA and the FTA that the planning process is addressing the major issues facing the area and being conducted in accordance with applicable requirements described in 23 CFR 450.308 and 23 CFR 450 Part 334 (a). In addition, the Unified Planning Work Program will address the eight planning factors identified in SAFETEA-LU that must be

considered by MPO's in developing transportation plans and programs. These factors are outlined in Table 2.

TABLE 2 FACTORS CONSIDERED IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

	Factor
1	Support the economic vitality of the United States, the States, and metropolitan areas, 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 options available to people and for freight.
5	Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, and improve quality of life
6	Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes throughout the State, for people and freight.
7	Promote efficient system management and operation.
8	Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.
9	Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation; and
10	Enhance travel and tourism.

Public Review/Title VI

For the development of this UPWP, timely coordination and solicitation from other agencies and the public were included. The UPWP draft was made available to the TAC and TPC on March 23, 2015. The MPO drafts and agenda's were distributed to local libraries and posted for the public to review. The MPO meetings were held in a public venue. Public comment was offered at the TAC and TPC meetings. Review copies were sent to the appropriate agencies and made available at the Ouachita Parish libraries located in the City of Monroe, City of West Monroe, and the Central library on N. 18th Street in the City of Monroe and also on the World Wide Web at www.northdelta.org for easy public access and information. All comments received were addressed and revisions were made where appropriate. (See Appendix D for a list of comments and MPO responses.) In general, all agency plans and programs comply with the public involvement provisions of Title VI which states: "No persons in the United States shall, on grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance." The final UPWP was complete with its public involvement process and approved by the TPC on April 27, 2015.

Level of Planning Effort

The task projects outlined in this UPWP respond to Monroe Urbanized Area's need for transportation planning services that provide continuing, cooperative and comprehensive planning services. The various UPWP tasks provide planning for all modes of travel: land, air, and sea. The objectives of the various local government comprehensive plans are considered and incorporated into the overall transportation system. Work products will be produced not only by MPO staff but through consultant services as needed and support from the Parish (county), local governments, DOTD, FHWA, FTA and other agencies.

Air Quality Planning

The Monroe MPO is currently meeting ozone attainment readings. Ozone attainment status will continue to be monitored in FY 17.

ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

A. PARTICIPANTS

Transportation Policy Committee (TPC): The MPO Transportation Policy Committee is comprised of representatives of the local affected governments, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Federal Transit Administration, and the Federal Highway Administration. This Committee serves as the policy decision-making board governing all aspects of the planning process, transportation plans and projects, and policy actions of the MPO. Membership of this committee is governed by agreement between the affected local governments and the Governor of Louisiana, and is reviewed periodically to ensure adequate representation of all parties. Under 23 CFR 450.310 (d) (k), MPOs are not limited in membership and encourage expansion.

Members consist of a 9 member voting and 2 non-voting body with representation as follows:

City of Monroe (2)
City of West Monroe (2)
Ouachita Parish Police Jury (2)
DOTD District Office No.5 (1)
FHWA Louisiana Regional Representative (1)
FTA Region VI Representative (1)
Non-Voting
City of Richwood (1)
City of Sterlington (1)

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC): The MPO Technical Advisory Committee is comprised of local and state technical and professional personnel knowledgeable in the transportation field. This committee is responsible for providing guidance and recommendations to the Transportation Policy Committee on transportation plans, programs, and projects.

Members consist of a 7 member voting and 8 non-voting body with representation as follows:

City of Monroe Engineering and Planning (2)
City of West Monroe (2)
Ouachita Parish Police Jury Planning (2)
City of Monroe - Monroe Transit Authority (1)
Non-Voting
Representative of the Monroe Chamber of Commerce (1)
Monroe Regional Airport Authority (1)
DOTD District Office No.5 (1)
Port of Ouachita (1)
DOTD Rural Transit (1)
DOTD State Planning Section (1)
FHWA Louisiana Regional Representative (1)
FTA Region VI Representative (1)

Coordination In Human Services Transit Plan Committee (HSTPC): The HSTPC is comprised of members representing local transit agencies, non-profit transit agencies, information providers, and mayors action committees on disabilities. The HSTPC addresses transit efficiency level planning and recommends policies to the TAC and TPC regarding the implementation of transit solutions. Membership is open to representatives and stakeholders of transit agencies in the North Delta region and specialized interest groups. The HSTPC meets on a quarterly basis or as necessary.

Management Process - MPO Committees and Staff

TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

- Voting Members
- Mayor Jamie Mayo, Monroe, Chairman
- Mayor Dave Norrie, West Monroe, Vice-Chairman
- Councilwoman Ray Armstrong, Monroe
- Alderman James "Sonny" Bennett, West Monroe
- Scotty Robinson, Ouachita Parish Police Jury
- Walt Caldwell, Ouachita Parish Police Jury
- Marshall Hill District 5 Office, DOTD
- Mary Stringfellow, FHWA Louisiana Region
- Laura Wall, FTA Region VI

Non-Voting

- Mayor of Richwood
- Mayor of Sterlington

TECHINCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- City Engineer Kim Golden-City of Monroe
- Arthur Holland-City of Monroe
- John Tom Murry-Ouachita Parish Police Jury
- Kevin Crosby-Ouachita Parish Police Jury
- Bruce Fleming-City of West Monroe
- Robbie George-City of West Monroe
- Marc Keenan-City of Monroe Monroe Transit Authority

Non-Voting

- Dan Broussard-DOTD State Planning Section
- Marshall Hill District 5 Office DOTD
- Marc Keenan-Monroe Regional Airport Authority
- Lori Reneau-Monroe Chamber of Commerce
- Casey Lewis-DOTD Rural Transit
- Mary Stringfellow-FHWA Louisiana Regional Representative
- Representative from the Ouachita Port
- Laura Wall, FTA Region VI

MPO STAFF

- David Creed -Executive Director
- Doug Mitchell –Director Transportation
- Louise Collins Chief operations officer
- Cynthia Pardue –Safety Coordinator
- Lorretta Young Office & Communications Coordinator I
- Brooks Smith Office & Communications Coordinator II
- Debra Martin Financial Officer

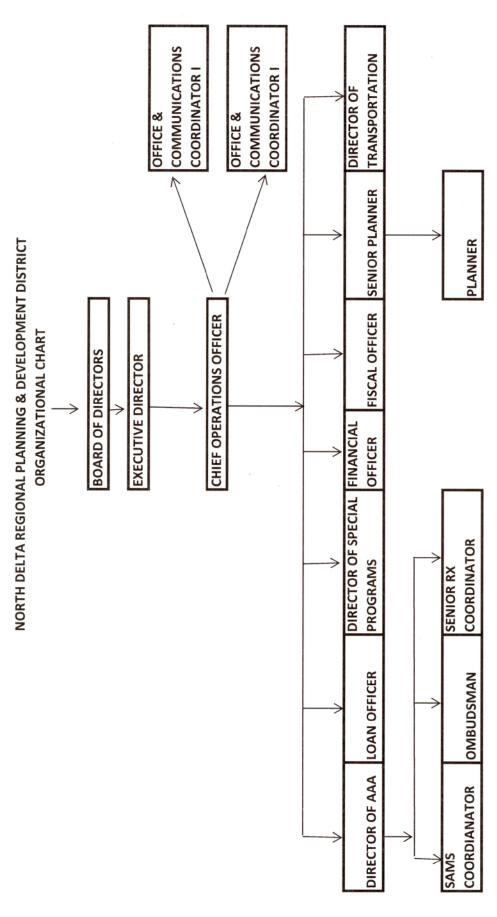


TABLE 3:

Staff Support Services

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MPO Staff – Support Services for Administration of the Monroe MPO							
Transportation Planning	Coordination In Human Services Transit Planning						
MPO Administration	Public Involvement						
 Long Range Transportation Plan 	Committee Coordination						
Transportation Improvement Program							
Congestion Management							
GIS/Mapping							
Public Involvement							
Safe Routes To School Program Assistance							
Committees Coordination							
Finance and Administration	Office/Clerk Services						
 Unified Planning Work Program 	Meeting Agenda's and Minutes						
Contract Administration	Committees Coordination						
Office Administration	Public Involvement						
• Web Design	File Management						
Newsletters/Annual Reports	Mailings/Database Management						
Public Involvement							

B. AGREEMENTS

Planning and funding assistance is provided by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD). The OCOG of Directors provides local matching funds. The MPO has executed agreements with state and local government and agencies to promote a comprehensive, continuous, coordinated planning process. Contracts have been authorized by the MPO to provide services in support of MPO operations.

C. OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES AND BYLAWS

North Delta was created by Executive Order of the Governor of the State of Louisiana in 1972. This organization provides economic development planning services to the eleven-parish area of Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union and West Carroll Parishes and the municipal governments included in those eleven parishes. OCOG was also designated by the Governor as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the urbanized area of Ouachita Parish, including the cities of Monroe and West Monroe. This document references this sub-area of the Commission and describes the planning tasks associated with the transportation system in the urban area only.

TABLE 4: MPO BOUNDARY MAP

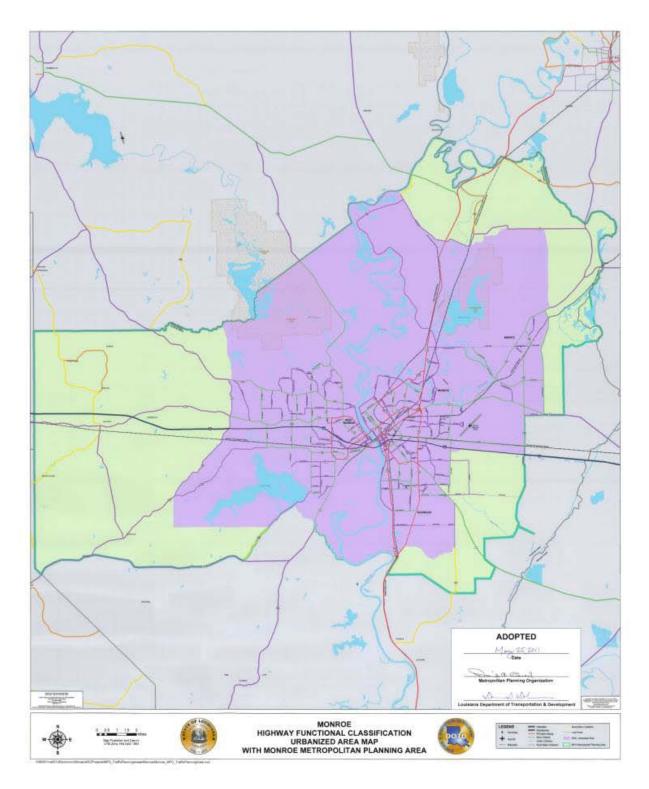


TABLE 5: UPWP Task Matrix-MAP -21 Planning Factors

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
UPWP Task Number	Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan areas, 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 of people and freight	Protect/enhance the environment/ quality of life/ promote consistency between transportation improvements and growth	Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes throughout the State, for people and freight	Promote efficient system management and operation	Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system
A-1						•	•	*
A-2				•	•	•	•	
A-3		•	•	♦	•	•	•	
B-1			•	*	•	•		
C-1		•	•	*	•	•	•	•
C-2					•			*
C-3	•	*		•			•	
A-1	•	•		•	•	•	•	•
A-2	*	*		•	•	*	•	*
A-3				•		•	•	
B-1	♦	*	♦	*	•	•	•	•
B-2		*	♦	*	•	•	•	*
C-1	♦				•		•	•
C-2	♦			*	•		•	•
C-3		•	•		•	•	*	

SECTION 1

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UPWP TASK NUMBER: A-1	FUNDING SOURCES:															
TASK TITLE:	FY 16-17				То	tal										
PROGRAM	PL-FTA			9	55,346	6.00				46.00						
SUPPORT/MANAGERIAL	LOCAL	LOCAL \$1,336.00				LOCAL \$1,336.00			L \$1,336.00 \$1,			\$1,336.00 \$1,336.00				
RESPONSIBLE AGENCY:	TOTAL \$6,682.00					\$6,682.00										
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PURPOSE:

To provide overall management and administrative support to the transit planning program.

PREVIOUS WORK:

Prepared the UPWP, preparation and management of the newly implemented coordination in Human Services Transit Plan (HSTP), preparation of monthly financial reports, requisitions, and progress reports; attendance at state and federally-sponsored workshops; coordination of the Technical Advisory and Transportation Policy Committee meetings; general administrative duties resulting in the orderly continuation of the transit planning process.

METHODOLOGY:

Perform needed duties required to effectively administer the work program -- such as general administration, fiscal management, personnel management, audit requirements, etc.

Comply with FTA/LADOTD contracts; prepare written work task progress reports and financial status reports.

Prepare the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the next immediate fiscal year, depicting work tasks scheduled to be accomplished during that period.

Attend appropriate OCOG board meetings and federal/local workshops for the purpose of improving supervisory, management and technical planning skills.

Maintain transportation committees (Transportation Policy and Technical Advisory) in current status.

Prepare needed certification documentation requested by state/federal agencies -- such as Title VI, Joint Certification Determination, etc.

Meet with FTA, LADOTD, and local officials to discuss planning program and activities.

Typing, filing and general secretarial work required to assure effective administration.

WORK PRODUCT:

Administrative processes necessary to carry out the work program in a timely and efficient manner; a planning process, including UPWP, MTP and TIP, which meet the requirements of Section 134 (Title 23, U.S. Code) and Section 5303 (Title 49, U.S. Code).

UPWP TASK NUMBER: A-2	FUNDING SOURCES:										
TASK TITLE:		FY 16-17	Total								
LONG-RANGE SYSTEM	PL-FTA	\$3,860.00	\$3,860.00								
LEVEL PLANNING	DOTD	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00								
RESPONSIBLE AGENCY:	LOCAL	\$965.00	\$965.00								
2 Monroe MPO	TOTAL	\$19,825.00	\$19,825.00								
2 MOHOE MPO 2a DOTD Rural Transit for HSTPC											
		Jul 3g2	Jan	Apr							
	2016	·		2017							

PURPOSE:

To provide comprehensive long-range planning needs for the transit system as outlined in the Coordination Human Services Transportation Plan to ensure continuous service, meet future transit demands, and provide financial resources.

PREVIOUS WORK:

Developed long-range planning variables to assist in future decision- making. Assist in planning for development of a rural demand-response transit system for Ouachita Parish. <u>To continue</u> with management of the newly implemented HSTP (coordination in human services transit plan) with supplemental funding provided by <u>DOTD</u>. Coordination with Alliance Transportation with the development of the Monroe Transportation Plan 2040.

METHODOLOGY:

Utilize GIS database to project population distribution and growth areas.

Identify population centers requiring additional transportation.

Review and update demographic and employment forecasts, paying particular attention to the environmental justice issues.

WORK PRODUCT:

Locally derived information base, including detailed studies, indicating the direction of growth most suitable for the transit system.

UPWP TASK NUMBER: A-3	FUNDING SOURCES:											
TASK TITLE:		FY 16-17	Total									
LONG-RANGE PROJECT	PL-FTA	\$3,521.00	\$3,521.00									
LEVEL PLANNING	LOCALS	\$880.00	\$880.00									
RESPONSIBLE AGENCY:												
3 Monroe MPO												
3 IVIOITIOC IVII O	TOTAL	\$4,401.00	\$4,401.00									
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PURPOSE:

To provide the comprehensive long-range planning of facility and capital equipment purchases for the transit system. To ensure adequate capital equipment and facilities necessary to operate the system at projected demand levels. To investigate the potential for other transit alternatives.

PREVIOUS WORK:

Reviewed current route structure to determine changes necessary to integrate fixed route system with the new intermodal facility, and to ensure that developing traffic centers are served by transit. Assist in planning for development of a rural demand-response transit system for Ouachita Parish to connect with the Monroe Transit Service.

METHODOLOGY:

Integrate intermodal facility into downtown development program.

Assess current area developments for impacts on system routes.

Investigate the potential for other transit alternatives in the urbanized and surrounding area

WORK PRODUCT:

Identification of route development necessary to meet shifts in future transit needs. Identification of future transit needs throughout the urbanized area.

UPWP TASK NUMBER: B-1	FUNDING SOURCES:										
TASK TITLE:		FY	16-17		Total						
SHORT-RANGE TRANSIT	PL-FTA		\$3,706.00		\$3,70	6.00					
PLANNING	LOCAL		\$926.00		\$92	6.00	5.00				
RESPONSIBLE AGENCY:	TOTAL		\$4,632.00	\$4,632.00							
5 Monroe MPO											
		Jul		Nov			Mar				
	2016					20	017				

PURPOSE:

To respond to immediate needs in route development and changes to service.

PREVIOUS WORK:

Continued system route assessment. Assist City of Monroe in procuring monies to do a major transit studies to implement needed changes. Conduct quarterly meetings per the newly implemented HSTP (coordination in human services transit plan).

METHODOLOGY:

Respond to requests for service change and new demand requests with recommendations to transit management.

Re-survey operations of each route for current service delivery.

WORK PRODUCT:

Route restructuring and time changes to allow for new or changing demand. Accurate picture of transit service centers of activities.

UPWP TASK NUMBER: C-1	FUNDING SOURCES:												
TASK TITLE:			FY	16-	17			Tota	al				
TRANSPORTATION	PL-FTA			\$7,8	326.0	00		\$7	,826.	.00			
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	LOCAL			\$1,9	956.0	00		\$1	,956.	.00			
(TIP)	TOTAL			\$9,	782.0	00		\$9	,782.	.00			
RESPONSIBLE AGENCY: 6 Monroe MPO													
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PURPOSE:

To ensure the obligation of federal funds and to continue the operation of the transit system. To provide project development for future implementation.

PREVIOUS WORK:

Continued transit element update of the TIP for operations and capital expenditures.

METHODOLOGY:

Develop transit elements of the TIP for approval by the Technical Advisory and Transportation Policy Committees.

Provide administrative duties necessary to change the TIP when new or changing financial decisions are made at the local level.

WORK PRODUCT:

Implementation of the transit system operations without disruption. Compliance with applicable federal requirements for financial accountability.

UPWP TASK NUMBER: C-2	FUNDING SOURCES:												
TASK TITLE:			FY	16-	17			Tota	ıl				
CLEAN AIR PLANNING	PL-FTA			\$8,9	943.0	00		\$8	,943.	.00			
RESPONSIBLE AGENCY:	LOCAL		\$2,236.00					\$2	,236.	.00			
7 Monroe MPO									,179.	.00			
		Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
	2016									20	17		

PURPOSE:

To ensure the compliance of transit properties with the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, and to mitigate the impacts of the transit system on air quality. Currently, the MPO is classified as an attainment area.

PREVIOUS WORK:

Continued monitoring of EPA regulations and implementation of necessary compliance measures to ensure the transit system meets the requirements of the CAAA.

METHODOLOGY:

Development of staff knowledge in the area of conformity and other air quality related regulations promulgated by EPA.

Identification of possible opportunities for reductions in local emissions due to transit.

Continued dialogue with EPA, FTA, LADOTD, FHWA and DEQ officials in an effort to ensure compliance with all aspects of the CAAA.

WORK PRODUCT:

A transit system more sensitive to environmental concerns.

UPWP TASK NUMBER: C-3	FUNDING	G SOURCES:						
TASK TITLE:		FY 16-17		Total				
IMPLEMENTATION OF	PL-FTA	\$8,867.0	0	\$8,867	7.00			
AMERICANS WITH	LOCAL	\$2,217.0	0	\$2,217	7.00			
DISABILITIES ACT	TOTAL	\$11,084.0	0	\$11,084	1.00			
RESPONSIBLE AGENCY: 8 Monroe MPO								
		Aug	Dec			Apr		
	2016	5			20	2017		

PURPOSE:

To ensure an accessible and reliable transit and para-transit system to meet the needs of the mobility impaired.

PREVIOUS WORK:

Continued monitoring of the implementation of the local Para-transit Plan.

METHODOLOGY:

Participation in the development and amendment of future para-transit plans and programs.

Review of current implementation to ensure compliance and a reasonable level of service.

Results and/or Products: An accessible and reliable transit and para-transit service.

WORK PRODUCT:

An accessible and reliable transit and para-transit service.

SUMMARY OF

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION GRANT EXPENDITURES

* FTA funds are provided at an 80/20 ratio with 80% being Federal and 20% being Local.

Task	Description	FTA (\$)	Local Match (\$)	State (\$)	Total (\$)
A-1	Program and Managerial	\$5,346	\$1,336		\$6,682
A-2	Long-Range System Level	\$3,860	\$965	\$15,000	\$4,825
A-3	Long-Range Project Level Planning	\$3,521	\$880		\$4,401
B-1	Short-Range Transit Planning	\$3,706	\$926		\$4,632
C-1	Transportation Improvement Program				
		\$7,826	\$1,956		\$9,782
C-2	Clean Air Planning	\$8,943	\$2,236		\$11,179
C-3	Implementation of ADA	\$8,867	\$2,217		\$11,084
Total		\$42,069	\$10,516	\$15,000	\$52,585

****OCOG BUDGET WAS AMENDED TO INCLUDE INCREASE IN HUMAN SERVICE CONTRACT WITH DOTD FROM \$10,000 TO \$15,000. SEE OCOG MINUTES.

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UPWP TASK NUMBER: A-1	FUNDIN (G SOU	RC	ES:							
TASK TITLE:		F	Y 10	6-17			T	otal			
TRAFFIC AND DEVELOPMENT	PL-FHWA		\$	40,6	12.00	0	\$4	0,61	2.00		
MONITORING	LOCAL		\$	10,1	53.00)	\$1	0,15	3.00		
RESPONSIBLE AGENCY:	TOTAL		\$	50,7	65.00	C	\$5	0,76	5.00		
9 Monroe MPO	_										
			Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	
	2016								20	17	

PURPOSE:

To develop and maintain an inventory/database of relevant transportation-related data. To provide updated planning variables for use in the transportation planning process, such as the ongoing traffic counting program, crash locations, housing and commercial development permits, and others.

PREVIOUS WORK:

Continued the urban area traffic counting program. Continued the development permits tracking system. Continued the crash location tracking system. Continued development of "GIS ready" data from all monitoring systems.

METHODOLOGY:

Routine surveillance of roadway and land use conditions relating to specific system analysis efforts.

Extensive traffic counting program at predetermined sites.

On-demand traffic counting where required for system analysis.

Continued collection of development permit activity to support population/employment updates and projections.

Continued collection of crash reports to track high-risk areas.

Continued collection of turning movements at key intersections.

Continued collection of business permit activity related to current commercial activity to support employment updates and projections.

Coordinate with LADOTD HQ request with regard to traffic counts.

WORK PRODUCT:

An up-to-date information database of relevant transportation planning variables.

UPWP TASK NUMBER: A-2	FUNDIN	G S	OU	RC	ES:								
TASK TITLE:			F	Y 10	6-17			T	otal				
GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION	PL-FHWA					69.00				9.00			
SYSTEM MAINTENANCE	LOCAL			\$	10,8	66.00)	\$1	0,86	6.00			
RESPONSIBLE AGENCY:	TOTAL	TOTAL \$54,335.00					О	\$54,335.00					
10 Monroe MPO											•		
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PURPOSE:

To provide an analytical platform for the development, utilization and distribution of information pertinent to the transportation planning process.

PREVIOUS WORK:

Updated population, employment, and related data at traffic zone level.

Developed GIS products capable of depicting population density, distributions, income level, etc., at the census block, census block group, and traffic zone level.

METHODOLOGY:

Updating GIS with collected information listed in "Accomplishments" above on a regular basis.

Updating employment by zone statistics utilizing the business permit tracking system.

WORK PRODUCT:

Digital data products that will support the transportation planning process in an efficient and timely manner.

UPWP TASK NUMBER: A-3	FUNDING	G SOU	RCES:							
TASK TITLE:		F	Y 16-17			Total				
TRANSPORTATION MODEL	PL-FHWA		\$38,9	04.00	\$	38,90	4.00			
AND MOBILE MODEL	LOCAL		\$9,7	26.00		\$9,72	6.00			
MAINTENANCE	TOTAL		\$48,6	30.00	\$	48,63	0.00			
RESPONSIBLE AGENCY:										
11 Monroe MPO										
		Jul			Dec			Apr	May	
	2016	•					20	17		

PURPOSE:

To develop and maintain the transportation travel demand forecast computer model. To update the data inputs and networks necessary for travel demand and air quality modeling.

PREVIOUS WORK:

Maintained inputs and monitored developments which affect the model. Substantially completed a new model in TransCAD.

METHODOLOGY:

Updating of travel demand variables derived from the monitoring systems described in Task A-1 above.

Entry and update of the proposed transportation plans, programs and projects necessary to analyze the system on the computer model.

WORK PRODUCT:

An updated information base to allow travel demand forecast and air quality impact analyses based on the current transportation plan and program, consistent with the data derived from the monitoring systems in Task A-1.

UPWP TASK NUMBER: B-1	FUNDIN	G SC	UR	CES	:							
TASK TITLE:			FY	16-1	7			Tota	al			
METROPOLITAN	PL-FHWA			\$28,	064.	00		\$28	3,064	1.00		
TRANSPORTATION PLAN	STATE			\$7,	016.	00		\$7	7,016	00.6		
(MTP)	LOCAL \$35,080.00 \$35,080.00											
(17111)	TOTAL											
RESPONSIBLE AGENCY: 12 Monroe MPO												
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PURPOSE:

The Monroe Urbanized Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan was adopted December 2015, to ensure that it meets the needs of the community, available funding, and federal regulation.

PREVIOUS WORK:

Updated the Metropolitan Transportation Plan project listing and planning horizon to 2040. Updated all socio-economic variables necessary to update the MTP. The MTP is submitted to FHWA, FTA, and LADOTD.

METHODOLOGY:

Continued application of planning variables to derive future impact on the transportation system utilizing TransCAD and GIS.

Review and implementation of federal and state regulations that affect the scope and content of the MTP. Emphasis will be placed on reviewing environmental justice issues as they relate to the MTP planning process.

Continued efforts on developing a comprehensive plan for non-motorized transportation.

WORK PRODUCT:

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan with a sufficient horizon and up-to-date assumptions, which will allow for the most efficient and effective transportation system achievable will be amended as needed.

UPWP TASK NUMBER: B-2	FUNDIN	GS	OU	RCE	ES:								
TASK TITLE:			F	Y 16	-17			To	tal				
TRANSPORTATION	PL-FHWA	١		(\$8,71	3.00		\$	8,713	3.00			
IMPROVEMENT	LOCAL			Ç	\$2,17	7.00		\$	2,17	7.00			
PROGRAM (TIP)	TOTAL	TOTAL \$10,890.00 \$10,890.00											
RESPONSIBLE AGENCY: 14 Monroe MPO													
		Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
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PURPOSE:

To ensure the development and maintenance of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This will include the implementation of transportation projects taken from a logical staged improvement list contained in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Ensuring that the TIP meets the federal requirements for air quality conformity, financial constraint, and environmental justice. Perform technical analysis on projects proposed for inclusion in the TIP and MTP.

PREVIOUS WORK:

Revised the current TIP based on changing state and local priorities. Created new TIP from the newly created MTP.

METHODOLOGY:

Maintenance of the TIP based on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan with input from the Department of Transportation and Development, affected local government bodies, and the public with particular attention to environmental justice issues.

Continued monitoring of the air quality conformity status of the TIP with input from affected agencies and public participation.

Maintain a financially constrained TIP.

Perform technical analysis at the project level to determine compatibility, usefulness, and financial feasibility when considered for inclusion in the TIP.

WORK PRODUCT:

A Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which meets the short- term goals of the local area, is financially constrained, conforms to air quality regulations, and is supported by a broad public participation process.

UPWP TASK NUMBER: B-3	FUNDING	G SOUI	CES	:								
TASK TITLE:	LHSC		FY 16	-17				То	tal			
Safety Program	Local											
	DOTD	DOTD \$141,124.00 \$141,124.00										
RESPONSIBLE AGENCY:	TOTAL	TOTAL \$141,124.00 \$141,124.00										
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TASK B-3 Safety Program

PURPOSE:

To develop and maintain a transportation safety plan that integrates the 4E's (education, enforcement, engineering and emergency medical services) to address behavioral and infrastructure safety issues not only within the NDRPPDD/OCOG jurisdictions but the entire North Delta Region of LA

PREVIOUS WORK:

The North Delta Regional Planning & Development District/Ouachita Council of Government (NDRPDD/OCOG) was established in February 2015 through the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission's (LHSC) Safe Communities Program. This grant will be maintained to establish a yearly action plan designed to address the highway safety needs of the urbanized and rural areas.

A multidisciplinary team of safety partners developed the North Delta Regional Planning & Development District/Ouachita Council of Government (NDRPDD/OCOG) to expand ongoing safety efforts and embark on new safety initiatives throughout the region. This living document is an integration of behavioral and engineering approaches to highway safety. It is designed to implement Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development's (LADOTD) Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) at the local level. It was officially adopted on October 26, 2011.

METHODOLOGY:

Establish the Vision/Mission/Goals and associated performance measures;

Serve as the liaison between the Federal/State and local safety agencies that work collaboratively to develop and implement the Regional Transportation Safety Action Plan.

Plan, coordinate and facilitate Regional Safety Coalition meetings

Work with partners in the regional implementation of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan—

from research to data collection and analysis, identification of performance measures,

development and implementation of action plans, subcommittee coordination, and submission of progress reports to LADOTD in a timely fashion.

Attend and represent the region at all related meetings, including but not limited to: LADOTD Regional Incident Management Team meetings, Safe Routes to School, LADOTD State Highway Safety Plan Emphasis Area Task Force, and other relevant meetings.

Write/edit/publish press releases and newsletters to major stakeholders, media, safety partners and the public to keep everyone up-to-date with past, present and future programs in our region.

Coordinate and/or assist partners in circulating valuable information through the use of trimedia (radio/TV/newspaper) and social media such as Facebook and Twitter.

Keep abreast with best practices and latest transportation safety technologies by participating in all safety-related meetings, trainings, workshops and affiliated programs such as the Strategic Highway Safety Plan, Safe Communities, Safe Routes to School, Transportation Enhancement Program, Incident Management, the MPO, and other related meetings.

UPWP TASK NUMBER: C-1	FUNDIN	G SOU	JRCE	S:						
TASK TITLE:			FY 16-	17		To	otal			
UNIFIED PLANNING	PL-FHWA		\$	7,581.0	0	9	7,58	1.00		
WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)	LOCAL		\$894	4.00						
World Hooken's (or wit)	TOTAL	5.00								
RESPONSIBLE AGENCY: 15 Monroe MPO										
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PURPOSE:

The development and implementation of a planning program necessary to ensure an adequate and efficient transportation system in the urbanized area. This includes a planning program in which the public involvement will be evaluated for environmental justice issues.

PREVIOUS WORK:

Continued a well-define and operational cooperative, continuous, and comprehensive planning process that is sensitive to the needs of the traveling public and the environment.

METHODOLOGY:

Development of draft and final UPWP for the Monroe Urbanized Area MPO.

WORK PRODUCT:

A UPWP which meets the requirements of federal law 23 CFR 450.308, and other applicable transportation planning and environmental regulations. As required, quarterly reports are submitted to FHWA.

UPWP TASK NUMBER: C-2	FUNDING	G SO	URC	ES:								
TASK TITLE:			FY 1	6-17			To	tal				
PROGRAM AND	PL-FHWA		9	26,63	31.00		\$2	6,631	.00			
MANAGERIAL	LOCAL			\$6,65	9.00		\$6,659.00		00.0			
	TOTAL		9	33,29	00.00		\$3	3,290	0.00			
RESPONSIBLE AGENCY: 16 Monroe MPO												
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PURPOSE:

To provide efficient administration of the planning program. To provide a well trained staff to perform the services required of the MPO. Expansion of staff abilities through training seminars and workshops.

PREVIOUS WORK:

Efficient and effective program and financial was administered. The following training and conferences were attended:

- LA APA Conference
- DOTD Engineering Conference
- Land Use Planning Workshop
- GIS National Conference

- DOTD workshops
- FHWA Workshops
- FTA Workshops

METHODOLOGY:

Policy and program implementation. Financial management of federal grants. Oversight of planning activities, including coordination of all work necessary to carry out the UPWP. Staff training and education. Coordinating and hosting public meetings, including Technical and Policy Committees. Staff travels to various federal and state meetings and training centers.

WORK PRODUCT:

An efficient and certified planning program that meets the requirements of all federal, state, and local regulations. The following training and conferences planned to attend:

National APA Conference

- FHWA Workshops
- DOTD Workshops
- FTA Workshops

National Conferences and Workshops

UPWP TASK NUMBER: C-3	FUNDING	G SOU	IRCES	:						
TASK TITLE:			FY 16-1	7		To	otal			
EQUIPMENT AND	PL-FHWA		\$	800.00)		\$80	0.00		
SUPPLIES	LOCAL		\$	200.00)		\$20	0.00		
	TOTAL		\$1,	000.00)	,	\$1,00	0.00		
RESPONSIBLE AGENCY: 17 Monroe MPO										
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PURPOSE:

To provide for the necessary equipment and general supplies necessary to support the ongoing planning effort, including computer hardware, office equipment, printers, printed materials, traffic monitoring devices, computer software, and general office supplies. Any equipment purchases over \$5,000 will be approved prior to purchase.

PREVIOUS WORK:

Maintained an inventory/database of relevant transportation-related data. Minimal purchases were made for the continuation of traffic counting equipment including computers, software, fuel, and supplies.

METHODOLOGY:

Purchase computer and other office equipment necessary to support the planning process. Purchase supplies to support map and report printing, computer operations, and staff needs.

WORK PRODUCT:

To continue providing for the necessary equipment and general supplies to support the ongoing planning effort. Any equipment purchases over \$5,000 will be approved prior to purchase.

SUMMARY OF FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION GRANT EXPENDITURES

* FHWA funds are provided at an 80/20 ratio with 80% being Federal and 20% being Local. .

Task	FHWA-PL	LADOTD- SAFETY	Local Match (\$)	Total (\$)
A-1	\$40,612		\$10,153	\$50,765
A-2	\$43,469		\$10,866	\$54,335
A-3	\$38,904		\$9,726	\$48,630
B-1	\$28,064		\$7,016	\$35,080
B-2	\$8,713		\$2,177	\$10,890
B-3		\$141,124	\$0	\$141,124
C-1	\$7,581		\$1,894	\$9,475
C-2	\$26,631		\$6,659	\$33,290
C-3	\$800		\$200	\$1,000
Total	\$194,776	\$141,124	\$48,691	\$384,589

FTA FISCAL YEAR 2016 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2016 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

(Signature pages alternative to providing Certifications and Assurances in TrAMS)

Name of Applicant: Monroe Metropolitan Planning Organization, OCOG

The Applicant agrees to comply with applicable provisions of Categories 01 – 23. X

The Applicant agrees to comply with applicable provisions of the Categories it has selected:

<u>C</u>	ategory	Description
	01.	Required Certifications and Assurances for Each Applicant.
	02.	Lobbying.
	03.	Procurement and Procurement Systems.
	04.	Private Sector Protections.
	05.	Rolling Stock Reviews and Bus Testing.
	06.	Demand Responsive Service.
	07.	Intelligent Transportation Systems.
	08.	Interest and Financing Costs and Acquisition of Capital Assets by Lease.
	09.	Transit Asset Management Plan and Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan.
	10.	Alcohol and Controlled Substances Testing.
	11.	Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Grants Program (New Starts, Small Starts, and Core Capacity Improvement).
	12.	State of Good Repair Program.
	13.	Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities and Low or No Emission Vehicle Deployment Grant Programs.
	14.	Urbanized Area Formula Grants Programs and Passenger Ferry Grant Program.
	15.	Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Programs.
	16.	Rural Areas and Appalachian Development Programs.
	17.	Tribal Transit Programs (Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Programs).
	18.	State Safety Oversight Grant Program.
	19.	Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program.
	20.	Expedited Project Delivery Pilot Program.
	21.	Infrastructure Finance Programs.
	22.	Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Program.
	23.	Hiring Preferences

FTA FISCAL YEAR 2016 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2016 FTA CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES SIGNATURE PAGE

(Required of all Applicants for federal assistance to be awarded by FTA and all FTA Grantees with an active Capital or Formula Award)

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT
Name of the Applicant: Monroe Metropolitan Planning Organization, OCOG
Name and Relationship of the Authorized Representative: David A. Creed, Executive Director
BY SIGNING BELOW, on behalf of the Applicant, I declare that it has duly authorized me to make these Certifications and Assurances and bind its compliance. Thus, it agrees to comply with all federal laws, regulations, and requirements, follow applicable federal guidance, and comply with the Certifications and Assurances as indicated on the foregoing page applicable to each application its Authorized Representative makes to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in federal fiscal year 2016, irrespective of whether the individual that acted on his or her Applicant's behalf continues to represent it.
FTA intends that the Certifications and Assurances the Applicant selects on the other side of this document should apply to each Award for which it now seeks, or may later seek federal assistance to be awarded by FTA during federal fiscal year 2016.
The Applicant affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of the Certifications and Assurances it has selected in the statements submitted with this document and any other submission made to FTA, and acknowledges that the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq., and implementing U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 CFR part 31, apply to any certification, assurance or submission made to FTA. The criminal provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 apply to any certification, assurance, or submission made in connection with a federal public transportation program authorized by 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or any other statute.
In signing this document, I declare under penalties of perjury that the foregoing Certifications and Assurances, and any other statements made by me on behalf of the Applicant are true and accurate.
Signature Date: 4/25/16
Name David A. Creed
Authorized Representative of Applicant
AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY
For (Name of Applicant): Monroe Metropolitan Planning Organization, OCOG
As the undersigned Attorney for the above named Applicant, I hereby affirm to the Applicant that it has authority understate, local, or tribal government law, as applicable, to make and comply with the Certifications and Assurances as indicated on the foregoing pages. I further affirm that, in my opinion, the Certifications and Assurances have been legally made and constitute legal and binding obligations on it.
I further affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, there is no legislation or litigation pending or imminent that might adversely affect the validity of these Certifications and Assurances, or of the performance of its FTA assisted Award.
Signature Date: 4/25/16
Name Neal Johnson
Attorney for Applicant

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APPENDIX B

MPO FUTURE ACTIVITIES

UPDATE OF THE LONG RANGE PLAN AND TRANSPORTATION MODEL

APPENDIX C

STAFF WORK PROGRAM Proposed UPWP Work Schedule for FY 16-17

Table 7:

Monroe Urbanized Area Metropolitan Planning Organization/

OCOG

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY 2016-2017 FHWA- Staff Work Program

TASK SCHEDULE OF COMPLETION

Complete this review, using the following scale:

% = Percentage of total annual hours work completed per staff member in each task

WK= Estimated weeks worked per staff member in each task

(estimated on 32 weeks per yr dedicated to FHWA)

PF=Task relation to Planning Factors in the UPWP on Page 7&8

Repeat the review annually and compare your yearly projections.

TASK A-1 (TRAFFIC AND DEVELOPMENT MONITORING)

	Responsible				
	Agency	FHWA PL Planning	Other		
Task		Funds	State/Fed	Local	Total
A-1	MMPO	\$40,612			\$40,612.00
				\$10,1539	\$10,153.00
Total					\$50,765.00

⁹ Local match provided through MMPO membership dues.

MPO Staff Members	WK	%	PF
Doug Mitchell	7.699308	14.8064%	
LAND USE PLANNER	4.3275	8.3221%	
Louise Collins	3.39561	6.5300%	
David Creed	3.6007	6.9244%	
Loretta Young	3.112893	5.9863%	
Debbie Martin	0	0.0000%	
Brooks Smith	2.154533	4.1433%	1,2,4,5,6,7,8
PLANNER	2.766938	5.3210%	
Cora	0	0.0000%	
PART TIME	2.83343	5.4489%	

TASK A-2 (GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE)

Task	Responsible Agency	FHWA PL Planning Funds	Other State/Fed	Local	Total
A-2	MMPO	\$43,469			\$43,469.00
				\$10,86610	\$10,866.00
Fotal					\$54,335,00

10 Local match provided through MMPO membership dues.

MPO Staff Members			WK	%	PF
Doug Mitchell - Transportaion Planner	8.796265	16.9159%			
LAND USE PLANNER Louise Collins - Adminstrative	5.632845	10.8324%			
Assistant	3.38193	6.5037%			
David Creed - Executive Director	4.853648	9.3339%			
Loretta Young - Secretary	2.752103	5.2925%			4,5,6,7,8
Debbie Martin - Accountant	0	0.0000%			
Brooks Smith - Receptionist	2.82951	5.4414%			
PLANNER	4.176313	8.0314%			
Cora - Fiscal Officer	0	0.0000%			
PART TIME	3.70877	7.1323%			

TASK A-3 (TRANSPORTATION MODEL AND MOBILE MODEL MAINTENANCE)

Task Agency A-3 MMPO	Fu	L Planning ands 3,904	Other State/Fed	Local \$9,726 11	Total \$38,904.00 \$9,726.00
Total 11 Local match provided through	h MMPO mamba	anshin duas			\$48,630.00
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MPO Staff Members			WK	%	PF
,		16.9158% 11.1824%	WK	%	PF

PLANNER	3.22875	6.2091%	
Cora - Fiscal Officer	0	0.0000%	
PART TIME	3.79449	7.2971%	

SUBTASK B-1 (METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP))

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Task	Responsible Agency	FHWA PL Fund		State/Other	Local	Total
B-1	Consultant	\$28,0	64			\$28,064.00
				\$7,016 ¹³		\$7,016.00
Total						\$35,080.00
¹³ Match pro	ovided by LADOTD.					
MPO Staff N	/lembers			WK	%	PF
Doug Mitchell Planner	I - Transportaion	7.74799	14.9000%			
LAND USE I	PLANNER s - Adminstrative	3.806925	7.3210%			
Assistant	3 - Administrative	2.87332	5.5256%			
David Creed -	- Executive Director	3.169423	6.0950%			
Loretta Young	g - Secretary	0.839275	1.6140%			
Debbie Martir	n - Accountant	0	0.0000%			1-8
Brooks Smith	- Receptionist	1.896568	3.6472%			1-0
PLANNER		1.948	3.7462%			
Cora - Fiscal	Officer	0	0.0000%			
PART TIME		2.485493	4.7798%			

SUBTASK B-2 (TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP))

Task	Responsible Agency	FHWA PL Fun		Other State/Fed	Local	Total
B-2	MMPO	\$8,7	'13			\$8,713.00
					\$2,177 14	\$2,177.00
Total						\$10,890.00
14 Local mat MPO Staff Me	ch provided through embers	MMPO memb	ership dues.	WK	%	PF
Doug Mitchell - Planner	Transportaion	1.652558	3.1780%			
LAND USE PL Louise Collins -		1.3216	2.5415%			
Assistant	7.0	0.966065	1.8578%			2,3,4,5,6,7,8
David Creed - E	xecutive Director	1.099405	2.1142%			
Loretta Young -	Secretary	0.66435	1.2776%			
Debbie Martin -	Accountant	0	0.0000%			

Brooks Smith - Receptionist	0.657878	1.2651%
PLANNER	0.791278	1.5217%
Cora - Fiscal Officer	0	0.0000%
PART TIME	0.862343	1.6584%

SUBTASK B-3 (SAFETY PROGRAM)

Task	Responsible Agency	FHWA PL Planning Funds	Other State/Fed	Local	Total
B-3	MMPO		\$141,124.00		\$141,124.00
				\$0 14	\$0
Total					\$141,124.00

14 100% Funding thru LA DOTD.

PF WK **MPO Staff Members** % Doug Mitchell - Transportaion Planner LAND USE PLANNER Louise Collins - Adminstrative Assistant David Creed - Executive Director Cynthia Pardue 52 100.0000% Loretta Young - Secretary Debbie Martin - Accountant 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 Brooks Smith - Receptionist **PLANNER** Cora - Fiscal Officer PART TIME

SUBTASK C-1 (UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP))

	Responsible		Other		
Task	Agency	FHWA PL Planning Funds	State/Fed	Local	Total
C-1	MMPO	\$7,581			\$7,581.00
				\$1,8945	\$1,894.00
Total					\$9,475.00

15 Local match provided through MMPO membership dues.

.07		1,5,7,8
))%	0%

LAND USE PLANNER	1.20513	2.3176%
Louise Collins - Adminstrative Assistant	0.521218	1.0023%
David Creed - Executive Director	1.002348	1.9276%
Loretta Young - Secretary	0.66435	1.2776%
Debbie Martin - Accountant	0	0.0000%
Brooks Smith - Receptionist	0.5998	1.1535%
PLANNER	0.761327	1.4641%
Cora - Fiscal Officer	0	0.0000%
PART TIME	0.785433	1.5104%

TASK C-2 (PROGRAM AND MANAGERIAL)

Task	Responsible Agency	FHWA PL Planning Funds	Other State/Fed	Local	Total
C-2	MMPO	\$26,631			26,631.00
				\$6,659 ¹⁶	\$6,659.00
Total					\$33,290,00

Total

16 Local match provided through MPO membership dues.

MPO Staff Members			WK	%	PF
	1.89062	3.6358%			
LAND USE PLANNER Louise Collins - Adminstrative	2.235208	4.2985%			
Assistant	0.597648	1.1493%			
David Creed - Executive Director	3.351018	6.4443%			
Loretta Young - Secretary	0	0.0000%			
Debbie Martin - Accountant	10.01613	19.2618%			
Brooks Smith - Receptionist	0	0.0000%			1,4,5,7,8
PLANNER	0	0.0000%			
Cora - Fiscal Officer	8.608563	16.5549%			
PART TIME	0	0.0000%			

SUBTASK C-3 (EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES)

Task	Responsible Agency	FHWA PL Planning Funds	Other State/Fed	Local	Total
C-3	MMPO	\$800	Other State/1 ca	Local	\$800.00
				\$200 17	\$200.00
Total 17 Local ma	tch provided through	MMPO membership dues			\$1,000.00
MPO Staff N	/lembers		WK	%	PF
Equipment a	nd supplies				
					2,3,5,6,7

Staff Work Program

TASK SCHEDULE OF COMPLETION

Complete this review, using the following scale:

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PF=*Task relation to Planning Factors in the UPWP on Page 7 & 8*

Repeat the review annually and compare your yearly projections.

A-1 (Program Support/Managerial)

1 Local match provided through MMPO membership dues.

Task	Responsible Agency	FTA Section 5303 Planning Funds	Other State	Local	Total
A-1	MMPO	\$ 5,346.00			\$5,346.00
				\$1,336.00 ¹	\$1,336.00
Total					\$6,682,00

	WK	%	PF
MPO Staff Members			
David Creed: Executive Director	.495	0	
Doug Mitchell: Planning Director	1.04	0	(7.9
Louise Collins: Executive Assistant	.71	0	6,7,8
Debbie Martin: Financial Officer	0	0	
: Planner I	0	0	
Loretta Young: Office & Communication Officer I	4.42	0	
Brooks Smith: Office & Communication Officer II	0	0	

Task	Responsible Agency	FTA Section 5303 Planning Funds	Other State/Fed	Local	Total
A-2	MMPO	\$3,860			\$3,860.00
				\$965 ²	\$965.00
			\$10,000 ^{2a}	_	\$10,000.00
Total					\$14,825.00

MPO Staff Members	WK	%	PF
David Creed: Executive Director	.555	0	
Doug Mitchell: Planning Director	.83	0	4567
Louise Collins: Executive Assistant	.75	0	4,5,6,7
Debbie Martin: Financial Officer	.42	0	
: Planner I	0	0	
Loretta Young: Office & Communication Officer I	0	0	
Brooks Smith: Office & Communication Officer II	.31	0	

A-3 (LONG-RANGE PROJECT LEVEL PLANNING)

		FTA Section 5303			
Task	Responsible Agency	Planning Funds	Other State/Fed	Local	Total
A-3	MMPO	\$3,521.00			\$3,521.00
				\$8803	\$880.00
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\$4,401.00 Total

² Local match provided through MMPO membership dues.
^{2a} State supplement funding to assist with transit coordination planning.

Local match provided through MMPO membership dues.
 MMPO and City of Monroe.

MPO Staff Members	WK	%	PF
David Creed: Executive Director	.556	0	
Doug Mitchell: Planning Director	.82	0	224567
Louise Collins: Executive Assistant	.62	0	2,3,4,5,6,7
Debbie Martin: Financial Officer	.32	0	
: Planner I	0	0	
Loretta Young: Office & Communication Officer I	0	0	
Brooks Smith: Office & Communication Officer II	.51	0	
	0	0	

B-1 (SHORT-RANGE TRANSIT PLANNING)

Task	Responsible Agency	FTA Section 5303 Planning Funds	Other State/Fed	Local	Total
B-1	MMPO	\$3,706.00			\$3,706.00
				\$926 ⁵	\$926.00
Total					\$4,632.00

Total ⁵ Local match provided through MMPO membership dues.

MPO Staff Members	WK	%	PF
David Creed: Executive Director	.525	0	
Doug Mitchell: Planning Director	.93	0	1567
Louise Collins: Executive Assistant	.54	0	4,5,6,7
Debbie Martin: Financial Officer	.35	0	
: Planner I	0	0	
Loretta Young: Office & Communication Officer I	0	0	
Brooks Smith: Office & Communication Officer II	0.525	0	

C-1 (TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM)

Task	Responsible Agency	FTA Section 5303 Planning Funds	Other State/Fed	Local	Total
C-1	MMPO	\$7,826.00			\$7,826.00
				\$1,956.00 ⁶	\$1,956.00
Total				_	\$9,782.00

 $^{6}\,$ Local match provided through MMPO membership dues.

MPO Staff Members	WK	%	PF
David Creed: Executive Director	.38	0	
Doug Mitchell: Planning Director	31.9	0	1.0
Louise Collins: Executive Assistant	1.27	0	1-8
Debbie Martin: Financial Officer	1.2	0	
: Planner I	0	0	
Loretta Young: Office & Communication Officer I	0	0	
Brooks Smith: Office & Communication Officer II	.971	0	

C-2 (CLEAN AIR PLANNING)

Task	Responsible Agency	FTA Section 5303 Planning Funds	Other State/Fed	Local	Total
C-2	MMPO	\$8,943.00			\$8,943.00
				\$2,236.00 ⁷	\$2,236.00
Total					\$11,179.00

Total

Total

Local match provided through MMPO membership dues.

MPO Staff Members	WK	%	PF
David Creed: Executive Director	.38	0	
Doug Mitchell: Planning Director	1.87	0	5 0
Louise Collins: Executive Assistant	1.27	0	5,8
Debbie Martin: Financial Officer	1.23	0	
: Planner I	0	0	
Loretta Young: Office & Communication Officer I	0	0	
Brooks Smith: Office & Communication Officer II	0.971	0	

C-3 (IMPLEMENTATION OF AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT)

Task	Responsible Agency	FTA Section 5303 Planning Funds	Other State/Fed	Local	Total
C-3	MMPO	\$8,867.00			\$8,867.00
				\$2,217.008	\$2,217.00
Total					\$10,756.00

 ${\it Total} \\ {\it Eccal match provided through MPO membership dues}.$

MPO Staff Members	WK	%	PF
David Creed: Executive Director	4.3	0	
Doug Mitchell: Planning Director	1.9	0	1 2 4 7
Louise Collins: Executive Assistant	6.46	0	1,2,4,7
Debbie Martin: Financial Officer	4.5	0	
: Planner I	0	0	
Loretta Young: Office & Communication Officer I	0	0	
Brooks Smith: Office & Communication Officer II	1	0	

APPENDIX DLIST OF COMMENTS

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We, the undersigned, certify that the requirements of 23 CFR 450.114(c) are met.

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