

Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects



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Fiscal Year 2024

Purpose of this Report

The Annual Listing of Obligated Projects is a requirement of metropolitan planning areas, per § 450.332:

- a) In metropolitan planning areas, on an annual basis, no later than 90 calendar days following the end of the program year, the State, public transportation operator(s), and the MPO shall cooperatively develop a listing of projects (including investments in pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities) for which funds under 23 U.S.C. or 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 were obligated in the preceding program year.
- b) The listing shall be prepared in accordance with § 450.314(a) and shall include all federally funded projects authorized or revised to increase obligations in the preceding program year and shall at a minimum include the TIP information under § 450.324(e)(1) and (4) and identify, for each project, the amount of Federal funds requested in the TIP, the Federal funding that was obligated during the preceding year, and the Federal funding remaining and available for subsequent years.
- c) The listing shall be published or otherwise made available in accordance with the MPO's public participation criteria for the TIP.

This report will list all transportation projects in Ouachita Parish obligated during the Ouachita Council of Governments (OCOG) fiscal year 2024 (October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024). The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) defines obligation as the federal government's legal commitment (promise) to pay or reimburse the states or other entities for the federal share of a project's eligible costs. Thus, an obligated project is one that has been approved by the federal government for reimbursement, though not necessarily reimbursed yet. Obligated projects were not necessarily initiated or completed this fiscal year. The obligated project cost reflected in this report also may not equal the final project cost.

Background

OCOG is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Monroe urbanized area (Figure 1). Every metropolitan area with a population of more than 50,000 persons has a designated MPO to qualify for federal highway and transit funding. OCOG, acting in its capacity as the MPO, has responsibility for planning, programming, and coordinating federal aid transportation investments within the Monroe urbanized area.

The United States Department of Transportation relies on the MPO to ensure that highway and transit projects that use federal funds are products of a credible planning process and meet local priorities. Transportation legislation – including the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A legacy for Users

(SAFETEA-LU) and the most recent transportation authorization Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) – strengthened the role MPOs play in rationally developed transportation programs. As the MPO, OCOG is statutorily mandated to assess the transportation needs and deficiencies of the region with direction from public officials; citizens; modal representatives; and federal, state, and local planning departments.

The MPO Transportation Policy Committee (“committee”) membership consists of the administrators from Ouachita Parish: the mayors of the cities of Monroe and West Monroe; two members from Ouachita Parish Police Jury; and two selected city representatives from Monroe and West Monroe. The committee wields final decision-making. Non-voting members include: City of Richwood, City of Sterlington, LADOTD District 5, FHWA, and FTA. OCOG represents the perspectives of its local government members, while coordinating its planning efforts with the Louisiana Department of Transportation (LaDOTD), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

OCOG is assisted in its planning and programming efforts by a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) that is comprised of local public works professionals, planning directors, and transit operators. The TCC meets as needed to review proposed amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Working groups and ad hoc groups are also created and appointed, as needed.

Regional Transportation Plan

OCOG develops a minimum 25-year regional long-range transportation plan (LRTP) describing the transportation needs and goals for the region. It is the chief legal document reflecting the resources, the fundamental planning process, and the selection of projects for the region. The LRTP includes the needed transportation system and the fiscally constrained LRTP. The fiscally constrained LRTP, required by federal law, identifies the multimodal transportation system that can be achieved over a minimum 25-year planning horizon with the reasonably available financial resources over that time. Federal law requires OCOG to update the plan every five years. OCOG adopted the current LRTP Monroe MPO in October 2020.

The LRTP incorporates policy considerations and related long-term impacts. Analysis of land use changes, population growth and density patterns, economic development and commercial and residential zoning helps identify and rank projects. All regionally significant projects are identified in the plan regardless of their funding source; and, in many cases, projects are funded with combinations of state, federal, and local funds.

Transportation Improvement Program

A Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a prioritized, financially constrained multi-year program for implementation of federally funded transportation improvement projects in a designated MPO region. The TIP serves as a planning tool to ensure the most effective use of limited funding for transportation improvements. The TIP includes the adopted list of public

transit, roadway, bicycle, pedestrian, and air quality projects that will receive federal transportation funds in the near future. A transportation improvement is not eligible for federal funding unless it is documented within the TIP. The TIP also includes the projects in Northeast Louisiana that are intended to only use state funds. The TIP implements the fiscally constrained LRTP. OCOG's TIP covers a four-year period, though specific projects and their funding levels are usually identified for the first three or four-year period.

The 2023-2026 TIP was adopted on August 22, 2022, and has been amended regularly since adoption. This report documents all the federally funded highway projects or phases that have been obligated in FY 2024. The projects in this report are included in the 2023-2026 TIP.

Public Involvement

OCOG aims to proactively engage the public in the regional transportation planning process and embraces federal requirements that MPOs provide the public with complete information, timely public notice, full public access to key decisions, and early and continuing involvement in developing the LRTP, TIP, and other products. OCOG's public involvement strategies include presenting information and educating the public, continually soliciting public input, helping information flow between the public and decision makers, and considering and responding to public concerns.

Obligation Report

This report is organized by project phase for highway/bridge projects and funding category for transit projects. The TIP identification (ID), project name, description, funding source and the total obligation amount are shown for each project. The TIP ID is a unique number given to each project selected for inclusion into the OCOG TIP. A brief description of each project is provided. The obligation is the federal share for that TIP project in the federal fiscal year. The obligation amounts for each of the projects are added up to show the total obligation by project phase.

While federal funding is included in this report, local or state funds are also reported in most cases. In FY 2024, federal funding was distributed through the following funding categories:

- **(AP)** funds are used for:
- **Demonstration Projects (DEMO)** funding refers to line items, for each individual project, within the past transportation authorizations (i.e., ISTEPA, TEA-21, SAFETEA-LU, but not MAP-21) that explicitly devotes funding to the line-item project utilizing funds from any number of programs (i.e., STP, HSIP, IM, etc.) sources.
- **Emergency Relief Program (ER)** is an FTA program, established under MAP-21 legislation, that aids public transit operators in the aftermath of an emergency or major disaster. The program helps states and public transportation systems pay for protecting, repairing, and/or replacing equipment and facilities that may suffer or have suffered serious damage due to an emergency, including natural disasters such as floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes.
- **Equitable Bonus (EB)** provides funding to states based on equity considerations. These include a minimum rate of return on contributions to the Highway Account of the Highway Trust Fund, and a minimum increase relative to the average dollar amount of apportionments under TEA-21.
- **Federal Bridge Replacement On/Off System (FBR)** are federal funds used for the replacement, rehabilitation or widening of any federal aid facility on- or off-system.
- **FTA Section 5307** funds are used for capital, operating assistance, preventive maintenance, and planning purposes for mass transportation improvements in urbanized areas.
- **Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP/HSIPPEN)** provides funding to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads through the implementation of infrastructure-related highway safety improvements.
- **National Highway Performance Program (NHPP/NHPP-E)** supports the condition and performance of the NHS; provides support for the construction of new facilities on the NHS; and ensures that investments of federal-aid funds in highway construction are directed to support progress toward the achievement of performance targets established in a state's asset management plan for the NHS.
- **National Highway System (NHS)** funds improvements to the dynamic roadway system that can change in response to future travel and trade demands which includes the

interstate system, as well as other roads important to the nation's economy, defense, and mobility.

- **Recreational Trails Program (RTP)** provides funds to the States to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses.
- **Rail Cost Adjustment Factor (RCAF)** is an index used for the adjustment for inflation in long-term railroad contracts, rate negotiations, and transportation studies, computer quarterly.
- **Safe Routes to School (SRTS)** funds infrastructure-related projects that will substantially improve the ability of students to walk and bicycle to school, such as sidewalk improvements, traffic calming and speed reduction improvements, pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements, on-street bicycle facilities, off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities, secure bicycle parking facilities, and traffic diversion improvements near schools. These funds also may be used for public awareness campaigns and outreach to press and community leaders; traffic education and enforcement near schools; student sessions on bicycle and pedestrian safety, health, and environment; and funding for training, volunteers, and managers of safe routes to school programs.
- **Surface Transportation Program (STP>200K / STP<200K / STP<5K)** provides flexible funding that may be used by States and localities for projects to preserve and improve the conditions and performance on any Federal-aid highway, bridge and tunnel projects on any public road, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects, including intercity bus terminals. Within the metropolitan area, funds may be used for roadway reconstruction, rehabilitation, traffic operational improvements, bicycle / pedestrian facilities, and studies. Funding may also be used in areas with a population of 5,000 or less on roads functionally classified as minor collectors.
- **Surface Transportation Program Transportation Enhancements (STP ENH)** is flexible funding that may be used by states and localities for projects to preserve and improve the conditions and performance on any Federal-aid highway, bridge and tunnel projects on any public road, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects, including intercity bus terminals.
- **Surface Transportation Program (STP FLEX)** is a flexible funding category used to fund roadway reconstruction, Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) projects, or bridge/interchange work.
- **Surface Transportation Program Rail Hazard Elimination and Highway Crossings Protective Devices (RAIL HE/PD)** are safety set aside funds that provide programs to reduce the number and severity of crashes at public highway-rail grade crossings (Section 130) and correct or improve hazardous locations, sections, and elements on any public road, public surface transportation facility, or public bike/pedestrian path or trail.

Some projects include a mixture of different TIP funding categories, and thus one project line under one funding source does not necessarily equal the total obligated funding for that project. The tables below are based on records obtained from LaDOTD, FHWA, and FTA, as OCOG does not directly participate in the obligation process.

Technical Terms

Table 1 will include the following technical terms:

- **Funding Source** refers to the category of funding source for the primary source of funds.
- **Project Number** is given by the LaDOTD as the state transportation project number and to illustrate the project stage.
- **Project Description** shows a brief description often referenced by a local street, road, or highway.
- **Federal Share** refers to the funding split of federal to local/state funds. For example, 80% means the federal share is 80% of the project cost and local/state funds make up the remaining 20%.
- **Federal Funds** are the federal share from the federal government to complete the project (obligation).
- **Total Cost** shows the total cost for the project's given phase.
- **Construction Funds** refer to funds the state of Louisiana advanced in place of federal funds for that phase. Negative numbers show money that was de-obligated. In some cases, it is money that the state advanced construction with state funds and now the state funds are removed, and the federal funds are added.

Table 1: Annual List of Federally Obligated Highway Projects (FY 2024)

Project Number	Project Description	Funding Source	Federal Share	Federal Funds	Construction Funds	Total Cost
H.000163.4	US 80 STEEP BAYOU BRIDGE	STP FLEX	80.00	-10,000.01	0.00	-12,500.01
H.000169.6	UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD BRIDGE AT SICARD	STP FLEX	80.00	413,374.98	0.00	516,718.73
H.000169.6	UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD BRIDGE AT SICARD	STP FLEX	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
H.000169.6	UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD BRIDGE AT SICARD	STP FLEX	80.00	-23,208.64	0.00	-29,060.87
H.000169.6	UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD BRIDGE AT SICARD	STP FLEX	80.00	74,342.62	0.00	93,980.50
H.000169.6	UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD BRIDGE AT SICARD	STP FLEX	80.00	0.00	-413,374.98	-516,718.73
H.000974.4	BOEUF RIVER BRIDGE	STP FLEX	80.00	8,678.76	0.00	10,848.45
H.002602.6	N.7TH. ST. SIDEWALKS (LINCOLN-RIDGE)	STP ENH	95.00	27,618.87	0.00	29,072.00
H.003325.6	END OF ELEVATED SEC-E. OF GARRETT RD	NHS	90.00	-1,601.95	0.00	-1,779.95
H.004774.5	KANSAS LANE - GARRETT ROAD CONNECTOR & I	RCAF	80.00	226,525.68	0.00	283,157.10
H.004774.5	KANSAS LANE - GARRETT ROAD CONNECTOR & I	RCAF	80.00	30,293.53	-30,293.53	0.00
H.004774.5	KANSAS LANE - GARRETT ROAD CONNECTOR & I	DEMOID1702	80.00	0.00	0.00	-45,900.00
H.004774.5	KANSAS LANE - GARRETT ROAD CONNECTOR & I	RCAF	80.00	65,084.43	0.00	81,355.54
H.004774.5	KANSAS LANE - GARRETT ROAD CONNECTOR & I	RCAF	80.00	-30,293.53	0.00	-37,866.91
H.004774.5	KANSAS LANE - GARRETT ROAD CONNECTOR & I	DEMOID1702	80.00	0.00	0.00	-13,187.80
H.007288.4	MONTGOMERY ST (LA 34 - I-20)	STP<200K	80.00	-0.07	0.00	-0.09
H.007289.6	KANSAS LN EXT (OLD STERL.- US165) PH 1	STP FLEX	80.00	6,293,998.23	-6,293,998.23	0.00
H.007530.6	JACKSON STREET CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENT	TAP50-200K	80.00	1,717,574.40	0.00	2,147,043.00
H.007530.6	JACKSON STREET CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENT	TAP50-200K	95.00	765,937.50	0.00	806,250.00
H.007531.6	LA 15 (WINNSBORO ROAD) STREETSCAPING	TAP50-200K	80.00	1,672,426.72	0.00	2,090,533.40
H.007532.6	RIVERBEND ELEMENTARY SIDEWALKS	TAP<200K	95.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
H.007532.6	RIVERBEND ELEMENTARY SIDEWALKS	TAP50-200K	95.00	-4,249.66	0.00	-4,473.33
H.008221.3	LA 134 IMPROVEMENTS AT US 165	STP<200K	80.00	-350,846.64	0.00	-438,558.30
H.008221.4	LA 134 IMPROVEMENTS AT US 165	STP FLEX	80.00	-2,501.02	0.00	-3,126.27
H.008226.6	CHENIERE SPILLWAY &	STP FLEX	80.00	1,310,829.53	0.00	1,638,536.91

	BRIDGE REPLACEMENT					
H.010015.5	LA 143: BAYOU D'ARBONNE BRIDGE	STP FLEX	80.00	293,752.97	0.00	367,191.21
H.010287.5	LA 3249: ROUNDABOUT @ I-20/WELL RD.	HSIP	100.00	-10,000.00	0.00	-10,000.00
H.010430.3	LA 594: TURN LANE @ OUACHITA PAR HIGH	STP FLEX	80.00	-248,553.53	0.00	-310,691.91
H.010430.5	LA 594: TURN LANE @ OUACHITA PAR HIGH	STP FLEX	80.00	-19,336.77	0.00	-24,170.96
H.010430.6	LA 594: TURN LANE @ OUACHITA PAR HIGH	STP FLEX	80.00	-63,679.08	0.00	-79,598.85
H.011784.6	STUBBS VINSON RD (LA 139 - US 80)	STP<200K	80.00	-36,509.31	0.00	-50,053.50
H.011895.5	CITY OF MONROE GUARD RAIL INSTALLATION	HSIPPEN	100.00	-2,332.68	0.00	-2,332.68
H.011895.6	CITY OF MONROE GUARD RAIL INSTALLATION	HSIPPEN	100.00	-42,381.21	0.00	-42,381.21
H.012033.5	LA 143, LA 594:CROSS BAYOU & CANEY CR BRS	STP FLEX	80.00	20,000.00	0.00	25,000.00
H.012279.3	ENDOM BRIDGE APPROACH REALIGNMENT	HSIPPEN	100.00	-120,459.24	0.00	-120,459.24
H.012279.5	ENDOM BRIDGE APPROACH REALIGNMENT	HSIPPEN	100.00	-59,968.79	0.00	-59,968.79
H.012279.6	ENDOM BRIDGE APPROACH REALIGNMENT	HSIPPEN	100.00	-123,038.95	0.00	-123,539.75
H.012541.1	LA 594: OVERPASS I-20	STP FLEX	80.00	-1,434.46	0.00	-1,793.08
H.012541.5	LA 594: OVERPASS I-20	STP FLEX	80.00	-19,816.22	0.00	-24,770.28
H.012798.3	LA 594: ROUNDABOUT AT ROWLAND RD.	HSIP	100.00	-33,811.37	0.00	-33,811.37
H.012798.4	LA 594: ROUNDABOUT AT ROWLAND RD.	HSIP	100.00	-679,065.99	0.00	-679,065.99
H.012798.5	LA 594: ROUNDABOUT AT ROWLAND RD.	HSIP	100.00	-4,893.29	0.00	-4,893.29
H.012798.6	LA 594: ROUNDABOUT AT ROWLAND RD.	HSIP	100.00	-68,719.10	0.00	-68,719.10
H.013127.5	BRITTON RD & HERMAN DICKERSON RD BRS	FBR-OFF	80.00	-7,670.55	0.00	-9,588.19
H.013127.6	BRITTON RD & HERMAN DICKERSON RD BRS	FBR-OFF	80.00	-57,984.32	0.00	-72,480.40
H.013392.6	MANE STREET REHABILITATION PH 2	STP50-200K	80.00	2,170,224.98	0.00	2,712,781.23
H.013400.6	NATCHITOCHEs ST REHAB: TRENTON - N 7TH	STP50-200K	80.00	100,549.57	0.00	125,686.96
H.013551.1	2018-2023 SHSP NORTHEAST LA PARTNERSHIP	HSIPPEN	100.00	311,339.21	0.00	311,339.21
H.013802.6	GARRETT ROAD (LA 15 - AUSTIN ST.)	STP<200K	80.00	-30,356.34	0.00	-38,255.07
H.013803.6	RICHWOOD RD NO. 2 (US 165 - BROWN ST)	STP<200K	80.00	-375,060.04	0.00	-468,825.05
H.013804.6	WALL WILLIAMS (GOOD HOPE - WHITES FERRY)	STP50-200K	80.00	502,455.79	0.00	628,069.73
H.013804.6	WALL WILLIAMS (GOOD HOPE - WHITES FERRY)	STP50-200K	80.00	126,019.24	0.00	157,524.05
H.014232.5	RUFFIN DRIVE OVER DRAIN TO YOUNGS BAYOU	FBR-OFF	80.00	5,243.16	0.00	6,553.95

H.014285.6	OAK, S.10TH, S.8TH: KCS & UP XINGS (MONROE)	RAIL PD	100.00	0.00	89,055.00	178,110.00
H.014295.6	US165 & LA139 PREP TO STOP BEACONS (OUACH)	HSIP	100.00	1,410,603.54	0.00	1,410,603.54
H.014397.6	ROWLAND ROAD: LA 139 - LA 594	STP<200K	80.00	-166,656.83	0.00	-208,321.04
H.014512.1	MONROE REGIONAL ITS ARCHITECTURE UPDATE	STP FLEX	80.00	-45,587.06	0.00	-56,983.82
H.014588.5	I-20: ORANGE ST OVERPASS REPAIR	NHPP	90.00	9,682.06	0.00	10,757.84
H.014588.5	I-20: ORANGE ST OVERPASS REPAIR	NHS	90.00	4,363.07	0.00	4,847.86
H.014588.5	I-20: ORANGE ST OVERPASS REPAIR	EB	90.00	223.86	0.00	248.73
H.014588.6	I-20: ORANGE ST OVERPASS REPAIR	NHPP	90.00	123,865.13	0.00	137,627.92
H.014588.6	I-20: ORANGE ST OVERPASS REPAIR	NHPP	90.00	111,857.05	0.00	515,485.61
H.014588.6	I-20: ORANGE ST OVERPASS REPAIR	NHPP	90.00	108,131.59	0.00	120,146.21
H.014646.5	I-20: US 165 - E. OF GARRETT RD	RCAF	80.00	19,983.39	0.00	24,979.24
H.014674.6	NORTH 7TH SHARED-USE TRAIL	RTP	80.00	85,000.00	0.00	249,000.00
H.014689.6	CONSTITUTION DR-SHORT CONSTITUTION REHAB	STP50-200K	80.00	29,032.37	0.00	36,290.46
H.014835.6	US 80: LA 617 - OUACHITA RIVER BRIDGE	NHPP	80.00	223,416.82	0.00	279,271.02
H.014835.6	US 80: LA 617 - OUACHITA RIVER BRIDGE	NHPP	80.00	1,970,769.71	-1,970,769.71	0.00
H.014851.6	US 80: 670 FT W LA 3249 - LA 617	NHPP	80.00	4,431,292.36	0.00	5,539,115.45
H.014856.6	LA 3249: I-20 SERVICE RD - OVERPASS	STP FLEX	80.00	-63,188.70	0.00	-96,947.56
H.015200.5	EAST ST & PARKVIEW DR SIDEWALKS (MON)	HSIPPEN	100.00	377,124.54	0.00	377,124.54
H.015201.5	RICHWOOD SIDEWALKS PH 2 (OUACHITA PARISH)	HSIP-VRU	90.00	900.00	0.00	1,000.00
H.015201.5	RICHWOOD SIDEWALKS PH 2 (OUACHITA PARISH)	HSIP-VRU	90.00	177,386.27	0.00	197,095.86
H.015216.6	HIGHLAND SCHOOL AREA SIDEWALKS	TAP50-200K	80.00	411,795.20	0.00	514,744.00
H.015303.6	LA 143: US 80 - LA 616	STP50-200K	80.00	243,940.11	0.00	304,925.14
H.015303.6	LA 143: US 80 - LA 616	STP<200K	80.00	1,667,347.62	0.00	2,084,184.52
H.015594.6	D05 RUMBLE STRIPS AND STRIPING PH 1	HSIP	100.00	9,473,477.17	0.00	9,473,477.17
H.015750.1	2024-2029 SHSP NORTHEAST REG COALITION	HSIPPEN	100.00	265,745.41	0.00	265,745.41
H.015750.1	2024-2029 SHSP NORTHEAST REG COALITION	HSIPPEN	100.00	110,727.56	0.00	110,727.56
H.015930.6	D05 RUMBLE STRIPS AND STRIPING PH 2	HSIP	100.00	3,997,673.05	0.00	3,997,673.05
H.972507.1	MONROE MPO TRANS PLN UPDATE SFY2024-2026	STP50-200K	80.00	20,000.00	0.00	25,000.00

H.972507.1	MONROE MPO TRANS PLN UPDATE SFY2024-2026	SPR OPT	80.00	20,000.00	0.00	25,000.00
				38,727,402.70	-8,619,381.45	34,223,999.71

Figure 1: Monroe MPO Urbanized Area Map

