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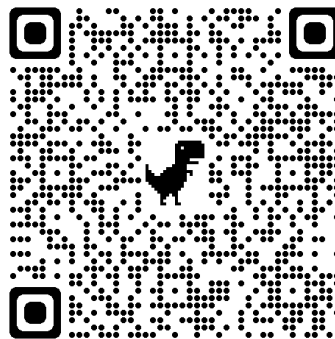
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INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW

PURPOSE OF THE UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describes the transportation planning activities that a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will conduct and the products that will be created in the upcoming fiscal year.

The products and activities described herein refer to those that are funded by Federal transportation funding and are exclusively for the purposes of Metropolitan Transportation Planning as described in 23 USC Section 134 and 49 USC Section 5303. References to the Regional Planning Commission should therefore be construed as specific to the RPC's Transportation Policy Committee's role as the MPO for the New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell, and Tangipahoa metropolitan planning areas.

FY 24 CHALLENGES AND PRIORITIES

The Infrastructure Investment and Job Acts (IIJA), passed by Congress in 2021, defines the framework under which the agency will operate in the coming fiscal year. Priorities identified in the bill are in-line with those already underway at the MPO: maintaining the existing system, decreasing greenhouse gas emissions by increasing mode share of non-single occupancy vehicle travel and facilitating electrification of the system, hardening and adapting infrastructure against climate impacts, improving safety for vulnerable travelers, better integration with housing and land use, and doing all of these things through a lens of equity and universal accessibility.

The planning challenges faced by each of the MPAs are unique and are described in the introductions to each respective section. However, there are some challenges that our region shares. Fatality and serious injury rates continue to rise since 2020, both in rural and urban areas, particularly among pedestrians and bicyclists. Ensuring the safety for all modes of travel is a regional and state priority.

The increasing severity of intense rainwater events and the frequency and intensity of tropical storms highlight the urgency of hardening the transportation system, reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector, and moving toward a transportation system that can function in the face of both periodic and chronic shocks and stressors. Fortunately, recent legislation provides several new initiatives that will aid the MPO in tackling these issues. The PROTECT Act aims to increase the resiliency of our transportation systems, and the Carbon Reduction Program provides funding for planning and programming of projects that will decrease greenhouse gas emissions. These emphasis areas are reflected in the UPWP.

Maintenance and/or hardening of existing infrastructure remains a priority for MPO. While increase roadway and lane mileage remains a last resort, the introduction of projects that provides more options to travelers that single occupancy vehicles, as well as strategic operational improvements to the transportation system, are considered as more cost-efficient means of increasing overall roadway capacity and traveler throughput.

Economic development priorities include improving job and job training access via all modes, as well as ensuring functionality of the region's vast freight and intermodal network through strategies identified in the 2022 Freight Mobility Plan.

Underlying all the MPO's planning efforts is a dedication to ensuring that the benefits we gain from our transportation decision making process are accrued by the parts of our community that have been historically neglected, that the negative externalities are not born by the same, and that those that often do not have a voice in the planning process are heard.

WHO WE ARE

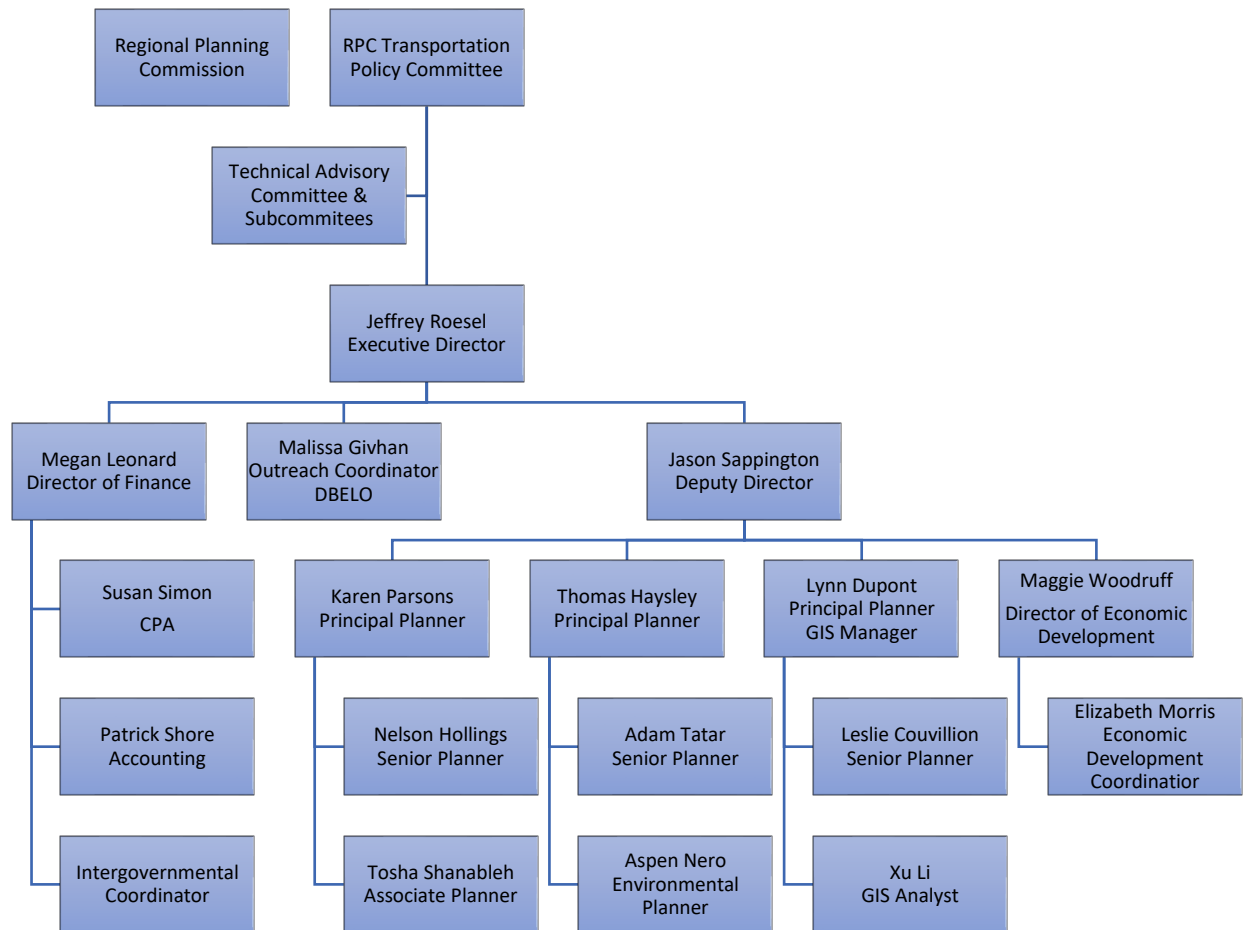
The Regional Planning Commission (RPC) is a board of local elected officials and citizen members from Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, and Tangipahoa Parishes. The group deliberates and collaborates matters of regional importance, including economic development, environmental planning, and transportation. Membership of the RPC can be found in Appendix A.

The Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) of the RPC is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for four Metropolitan Planning Areas: New Orleans, Mandeville-Covington, Slidell, and South Tangipahoa. The TPC is the decision-making body regarding Federal transportation planning and programming. The TPC is made up of the membership of the RPC, plus representatives from the region's major transportation modal interests and other elected officials. Membership of the TPC can be found in Appendix B.

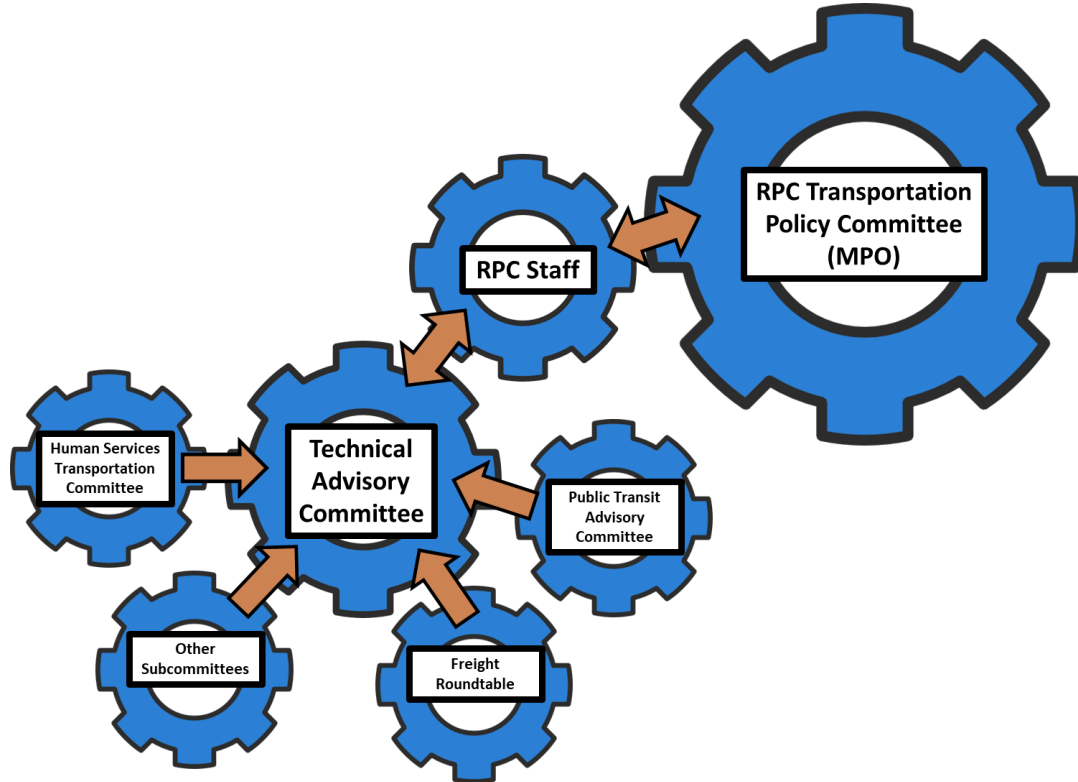
The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is made up of engineers, planners, advocacy organizations, and other transportation officials who meet quarterly with RPC staff to discuss best practices and local planning priorities, and to assist in selecting and scoping future planning efforts. The TAC also makes recommendations to the TPC regarding approval of the UPWP, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program, and other major policy publications created by MPO staff.

The staff of the RPC represents multiple disciplines, including transportation planning, economic development, environmental planning, geospatial professionals, public health, landscape architecture, public administration, and accounting. The staff is charged with fulfilling the directives of the MPO and the mandates of the federal and state departments of transportation.

MPO & STAFF ORGANIZATION

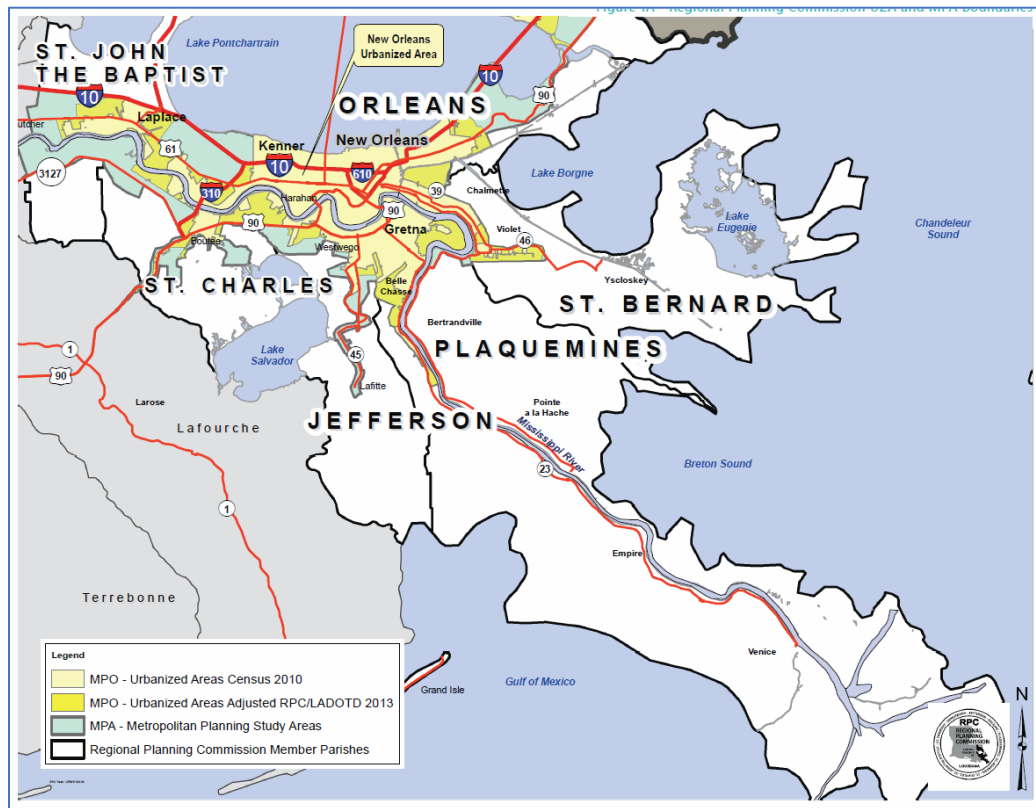


ADVISORY COMMITTEE STRUCTURE



Technical Advisory Committee	<p>The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) provides input into the metropolitan planning process. The TAC assists in setting planning policy and priorities and recommends studies for inclusion in the Unified Planning Work Program. The TAC also provides a forum for collaboration and peer support for technical staff from throughout the region.</p>
Staff	<p>With input from the public and from the TAC and its subcommittees, staff advises the RPC and the TPC on planning priorities, ensures that all federal and state planning requirements are met, and works toward implementing the vision of the metropolitan transportation plan.</p>
Human Services Transportation Committee	<p>The region's human services transportation providers meet quarterly to direct the MPO's transportation planning for the elderly and disabled.</p>
Freight Roundtable	<p>Representatives from the region and the state's maritime, rail, freight, trucking, and airport industries meet quarterly to cooperatively plan the future of freight mobility in the region.</p>
Public Transit Advisory Committee	<p>Representatives from our region's public transit agencies meet regularly to coordinate on transit funding, upcoming initiatives, and policymaking.</p>
Other Subcommittees	<p>The subcommittees operate at the discretion of the Technical Advisory Committee. At times new initiatives will require new subcommittees or changes to those that already exist. Given the ever-evolving nature of metropolitan planning these changes sometimes become permanent.</p>

NEW ORLEANS METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA



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The New Orleans Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) is in southeast Louisiana. It includes the urbanized portions of Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, and St. John the Baptist Parishes. In 2020 the UZA had a total population of 921,653 people.

Within the New Orleans MPA there are 1,781 miles of Federal Aid roadways, including one interstate highway, I-10, and three interstate spurs. There are five transit providers that, in 2019, provided over 20 million trips to passengers on buses, streetcars, and ferries.

Two of the four seaports in the urbanized area, the Port of South Louisiana and the Port of New Orleans, are among the largest in the world. There are six Class I railroads, providing access to over 132,000 miles of track across North America. The Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport is in the city of Kenner.

The New Orleans MPA, largely constrained by water and marsh, has few opportunities for physical growth beyond infill development. Roadway expansions are similarly difficult, and capacity increases must come through geometric/operational improvements and increasing modal splits. The geography of the region makes it highly susceptible to flooding due to tropical storms and, increasingly, significant non-tropical rain events.

The primary challenges/opportunities facing the planning area are maintaining existing infrastructure, increasing mode share beyond single occupancy vehicle, and building resilience in the transportation system.

PLANNING FACTORS

This UPWP is undertaken pursuant to and in compliance with the provisions of 23 USC 134(h)(1) and regulatory authority of 23 CFR 450.308. It has been developed with consideration of the planning factors for metropolitan transportation planning, as described in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

1. Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.
2. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
3. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
4. Increase the accessibility and mobility of people and freight.
5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and state and local planned growth and economic development patterns.
6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight.
7. Promote efficient system management and operation.
8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.
9. Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate impacts of surface transportation.
10. Enhance travel and tourism

The following table demonstrates how the tasks defined in the UPWP contribute to these planning factors in the New Orleans MPA.

	A-1	A-2	A-3	A-4	B-1	C-1	D-1	E-1
Economic Vitality	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Safety	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Security	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Accessibility and Mobility	*		*	*	*		*	
Environment	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Modal Connectivity	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Efficiency	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Preservation	*			*	*	*	*	*
Resilience	*	*		*	*	*	*	*
Travel and Tourism	*	*	*	*		*		

FUNDING TABLE 1: BY SOURCE

Task	Description	FHWA PL	PL Match	FHWA Total	FTA 5303	FTA Match	FTA Total	Total
A-1.24	Accessibility, Mobility, and Safety	423,058	105,765	528,823				528,823
A-2.24	Land Use and Resiliency	462,698	115,675	578,373				578,373
A-3.24	Freight and Intermodal Planning	340,000	85,000	425,000				425,000
A-4.24	Metropolitan Planning	360,000	90,000	450,000				450,000
A-5.24	Complete Streets	51,942		51,942				51,942
B-1.24	GIS and Data Management	190,000	47,500	237,500				237,500
C-1.24	Public Transit				344,565	86,141	430,706	430,706
C1C24	Regional Human Services Coord. (DOTD)				15,000		15,000	15,000
D-1.24	Public Outreach and Civil Rights				120,000	30,000	150,000	150,000
E-1.24	UPWP Management	250,000	62,500	312,500				312,500
	Total	2,077,698	506,440	2,584,138	479,565	116,141	595,706	3,179,844

Notes:

No non-FHWA or non-FTA funds are used for planning for other modes.

All FHWA and FTA grants are provided at 80%, with 20% matching local funds.

FUNDING TABLE 2: RPC STAFF VS CONTRACTED FUNDING

The “By Recipient” funding table shows the amount of total funding (local + federal), per task, assigned to RPC staff and staff support versus how much will be contracted to a consultant.

Task	Description	RPC Staff	Contractual/Consultant				Total
			Cont. PL*	New PL	Cont. FTA*	New FTA	
A-1.24	Accessibility, Mobility, and Safety	208,058	80,000	253,750			528,823
A-2.24	Resiliency and Land Use	300,000		278,373			578,373
A-3.24	Freight and Intermodal	350,000		75,000			425,000
A-4.24	Core Metropolitan Planning	450,000					450,000
A-5.24	Complete Streets	51,942					51,942
B-1.24	GIS and Data Management	237,500					237,500
C-1.24	Public Transit	430,706					430,706
C1C24	Coord. Human Services Transportation	15,000					15,000
D-1.24	Public Outreach and Civil Rights	150,000					150,000
E-1.24	UPWP Management	312,500					312,500
	Total	2,505,706	80,000	607,123			3,179,844

**Continuing PL and 5303 funds are dedicated to complete contractual work started in the previous FY using funding from the current FY. Per LADOTD Policy, PL and 5303 Funds are ineligible for “carryover” from previous Fiscal Years*

A-1.24 ACCESSIBILITY, MOBILITY, & SAFETY

GOAL

A regional surface transportation system that is safe, well maintained, dependable, and useful for all users.

OBJECTIVES

- Streets that are safe to use by the most vulnerable members of our community
- Streets that are platforms for community wealth building and neighborhood vitality
- Streets, roads, and bridges that are maintained at levels commensurate to their value to the community
- Models that reasonably forecast conditions in a proposed transportation system
- Reliable methodologies for measuring conditions in the existing transportation system
- Accountability and guidance derived through consistent goal setting and performance measurement

FY 23 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Study on bicycle routes and safety in Laplace
- Study on multi-modal use of I-10 service roads in New Orleans East
- Annual report on performance measures
- Demand model updates

SUBTASKS

A-1A: COMPLETE STREETS AND SAFETY

- **Regional Guide:** Staff will scope and begin work on a regional Complete Streets guide. The guide will define Complete Streets through an updated MPO policy, and will provide a framework for identifying opportunities and implementing complete streets improvements on the region's streets. The document will be tailored to characteristics of the New Orleans urbanized area (as well as the northshore, per MC-1, SL-1, and T-1).
- **Scoping:** All modes will be considered during the study scoping process, including multi-modal travel data collection, crash data, potential for physically separating non-motorized from motorized traffic, potential for other non-motorized safety countermeasures, connectivity of the overall bicycle and pedestrian network, and the demographic and physical characteristics of the study's area of interest. Work in this subtask is intended to meet the mandates promulgated of the IIJA (PL 117-58), specifically Section 11206(b).
- **Safety Data:** Staff will conduct an annual review of regional safety data to identify injury and fatality hot spots. The resulting analysis will be used to inform the TAC in FY 25 study selection. Tasks undertaken thereto will be mindful of the State Highway Safety Plan as promulgated by LADOTD and consistent with FHWA guidance as described in 23 CFR 924.9. The findings will be summarized in an annual report.
- **Incident Management:** Staff will coordinate with local and national disaster management and emergency response stakeholders on a quarterly basis, to prepare for hazards and threats to the transportation system and identify strategies for incident response and recovery.

- **Performance Measures:** Pursuant to 23 USC 150, the MPO will either concur with LADOTD Highway Safety Improvement Program’s five safety performance targets, or will set its own targets, by February 27, 2024. The report for FY 23 will be completed in Q1.

Task A-1A Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Complete Streets Guide Scope				
Complete Streets Guide				
Annual Report - Safety				

A-1B: SURFACE TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP

- **Creation:** Staff will work with the TAC to convene a subcommittee focused on maintenance, operations, and policy regarding the public street right-of-way. Membership and specific activities of the group will be determined at that time.
- **Complete Streets:** The working group will be assigned oversight of the Complete Streets activities described in A-1A.

Task A-1B Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Creation of Working Group				

A-1C: SUB-AREA & CORRIDOR STUDIES

- **Scoping:** Study scoping will take place at the corridor or sub-area level, considering the interaction of surrounding land uses and the transportation system, multi-modal alternatives, access management, and wide-scale travel impacts of proposed improvements.
- **Physical Barriers:** Staff will develop and implement a methodology to identify physical barriers in the transportation system that impede bicycling and walking between origins and popular destinations, such as high-capacity roadways, canals, etc., with emphasis on socially vulnerable communities or where there is otherwise a record of safety hazards and incidents. This methodology will be described in a memorandum, to inform the Complete Streets Guide in Task A-1A.
- **Connectivity:** Studies conducted in FY 24 will prioritize ensuring that the a) the bicycle and pedestrian network in the study area does not include gaps and b) the overall transportation network provides alternative routes for travel between origins and destinations.

Task A-1C Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Physical Barriers Memo				

A-1D: PRESERVATION

- **Coordination:** Staff will coordinate with state and local officials to identify segments of roadways and/or bridges that require overlays, rehabilitation, and other preservation methods.
- **Preservation Programs:** Staff will work with local parishes to create systematic, multi-year programs for conducting preservation on Federal-Aid roadways.
- **Performance Measures:** Pavement and bridge condition targets were adopted by the RPC in March of 2023 (FY 23). The report for FY 23 will be completed in in Q1.

Task A-1d Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Annual Report - Conditions				

A-1E: TRAVEL DEMAND MODELLING

- **Development:** The existing four-step model will be maintained in-house and by a contractor. Staff will scope and pursue procurement of a substantial model update.
- **Execution:** Staff will use the model on a project-by-project basis to provide future travel demand scenarios based on projected demographics and network geometry. Staff may also provide model outputs to partner stakeholders and other requestors, depending on the nature of the request and the appropriateness of the model's use for these proposals.

A-1F: CONGESTION MANAGEMENT

- **Congestion Management Process:** Staff will continue to implement the Congestion Management Process (CMP). The CMP is iterative and ongoing, and includes monitoring congestion on major roadways, identifying bottlenecks on the congestion management system, and proposing network improvements. This subtask is intended to identify strategies and initiatives that address implementation mandates via the New Orleans UZA Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) per 23 CFR 450.322.
- **Transportation Demand Management:** Beyond multimodal improvements described elsewhere, studies will emphasize other transportation demand management and operational improvements to relieve corridor congestion, including geometric modifications and signal upgrades. Opportunities for corridor length or system-wide signalization plans will be pursued.
- **Performance Measures:** Congestion and reliability performance targets were adopted by the TPC in March of 2023 (FY 23). Staff will work with FHWA, the state, and local governments toward achievement of these targets. The report for FY 23 will be completed in Q1.

Task A-1F Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Annual Report – Congestion Mgmt				

A-1G: SYSTEM SURVEILLANCE

- **Routine Traffic Counting Program:** Staff will conduct its annual traffic counting program in Fall 2023 through Spring 2024, addressing roadway segments where counts are at or over 3 years old, or where conditions otherwise warrant a more up-to-date measurement.
- **Routine Non-Motorized Counting Program:** Staff will design and test a routine counting program for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- **Project Based:** Study scoping will include, as appropriate, the collection of average daily traffic, peak travel periods, vehicle speed, intersection level of service, and other traffic data. Scoping will also include counts of bicycling and walking at identified locations in the study area.

Task A-1G Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Routine Traffic Counting Results				

A-1H: INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) AND INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

- **ITS Architecture:** Staff will coordinate with the state to ensure that the regional ITS architecture is up to date. Updates requiring systems engineering reports, if any, will be conducted in coordination with LADOTD, FHWA, and local agencies.
- **Emergency Preparedness Partnership:** Staff will host quarterly meetings of the Partnership.

A-1I: FEDERAL AID NETWORK

- **Identification:** Urbanized boundaries were delivered from the US Census in Q3 of FY23. Staff will coordinate with local agencies, LADOTD, and FHWA to identify any necessary updates to the Federal Aid network in Q1 and Q2 of 2024.

Task A-1I Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Federal Aid Network Map				

A-1J: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.
 - **Traffic Data:** Procurement or renewal of a software as a service application used by staff to inform traffic surveillance and planning, will take place in Q3.

A-1K: EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION

In the aftermath of a disaster event, such as a hurricane or extreme flooding, staff may be called upon to conduct certain activities to maintain continuity of operations and support emergency response and recovery actions. Staff will coordinate with LADOTD, FHWA, local governments, and emergency responders to determine and carry out appropriate roles and responsibilities consistent with this task.

PRODUCTS

- Complete Streets Guidebook
- Safety Data Memo
- Physical Barriers Memo
- Performance Report – Pavement and Bridge Conditions
- Performance Report – Safety Data
- Performance Report – Congestion Data
- Federal Aid Network Map
- Routine Traffic Count Results

FUNDING

Staffing	Work Responsibility by Funding	Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	\$260,000 (43.8 %)	FHWA	475,000	RPC
Consultant	\$333,750 (56.2 %)	State/Local	118,750	
Total	593,750	Total	593,750	

At least 2% of PL funding, \$41,553, is dedicated to Complete Streets Planning under task A-1A. Match for this amount is \$10,388, for a total of \$51,942.

STAFFING

Supervisor: Jeff Roesel, AICP

A-2.24 RESILIENCY AND LAND USE

GOAL

Planning for transportation systems that will endure stress caused by natural disasters, and that will further support resilient communities through encouraging sustainable development, contributing to stormwater management, improving public health and, where necessary, providing safe evacuation facilities.

OBJECTIVES

- Transportation facilities that are resistant to chronic and acute climate and weather stressors.
- Transportation or transportation adjacent facilities and features that contribute toward the public health of communities that face challenges from climate and weather.
- A resiliency plan that identifies assets and vulnerabilities in both communities and within existing infrastructure that are impacted by climate threats and prioritizes measures to improve resilience.
- A unified land use and transportation planning approach that considers the impacts of transportation investments on accessibility to housing, services, and public health.

FY 23 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Scoping for Resiliency Plan

SUBTASKS

A-2A: REGIONAL RESILIENCY PLAN

- **Plan Development:** Staff intends to develop a regional resiliency plan in FY 24. The plan will consist of multiple reports which will be published upon completion. The plan will guide staff's efforts by assessing risks to transportation infrastructure and communities and providing potential means to mitigate or avoid climate disruption. The plan will assist in prioritizing projects for funding under PROTECT Act, FHWA's Carbon Reduction Program, and other programs with similar objectives. The plan will include, at a minimum, the following:
 - *Baseline Conditions Report*, a regulatory and historical framework and an identification of climate vulnerable infrastructure and communities
 - *Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan and Carbon Reduction Strategy*, A methodology for prioritizing projects for funding under PROTECT, the Carbon Reduction Program, and other programs. This will begin in FY 24 and be completed in FY 25.
 - *Associated Reports*: Reports that address regional vulnerability and assessment that are transportation adjacent or not directly related to transportation infrastructure, such as social vulnerability, economic development, air quality, other critical infrastructure, other environmental stressors, operations/evacuation, etc.

Task A-2A Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Baseline Conditions Report				
Transportation Resilience Plan				

A-2B: INFRASTRUCTURE HARDENING

- **Scoping:** All study scopes that include alternatives with potential rehabilitation or reconstruction of transportation facilities, particularly in locations identified as high risk in the Resiliency Plan, should consider the ability to harden, elevate, or otherwise increase the facilities' ability to resist flooding, heat, and other climatic or associated weather stressors.
- **Funding:** Staff will work with federal, state, and local partners to identify funding sources, strategies, and priorities for the hardening or elevating of vulnerable infrastructure.

A-2C: LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION

- **Scoping:** Study scoping will include, with rare exceptions, an analysis of land-use characteristics surrounding a project corridor. These data will inform travel characteristics, and measures of accessibility to housing, employment, and critical services (medical, childcare, education, etc.) of the project area, particularly in disadvantaged communities.
- **Sub-Area and Corridor Studies:** Staff will work with stakeholders to identify opportunities to provide transportation planning elements that supplement local land use planning efforts.
- **Public Health:** Staff will evaluate public health impacts of new or planned transportation infrastructure funded through the MPO. Consideration will be given to changes in vehicle emissions, air quality, or other exposure to toxins, opportunities for active transportation, shade and other cooling effects, access to greenspace, access to medical services, access for the disabled and/or elderly, etc.

A-2D: EV INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Coordination:** Staff will coordinate with the state and with local governments on the funding and effective deployment of EV infrastructure in local communities and on regional corridors.
- **Support:** Staff will continue to provide local governments with guidance on best practices and models for deployment of EV infrastructure.

A-2E: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.

A-2F: EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION

In the aftermath of a disaster event, such as a hurricane or extreme flooding, staff may be called upon to conduct certain activities to maintain the continuity of operations and support emergency response and recovery actions. Staff will coordinate with LADOTD, FHWA, local governments, and emergency responders to determine and carry out appropriate roles and responsibilities consistent with this task.

MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Baseline Conditions Report
- Resiliency Plan (finished in FY 25)
- Carbon Reduction Prioritization Strategy

FUNDING

Work Responsibility by Funding		Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	\$300,000 (51.9 %)	FHWA	462,698	RPC
Consultant	\$278,373 (48.1 %)	State/Local	115,675	
Total	\$578,373	Total		

STAFFING

Supervisor: Thomas Haysley, AICP

A-3.24 FREIGHT AND INTERMODAL

GOAL

A comprehensive freight planning program that is responsive to the movement of goods at a regional, national, and global scale, and promotes safe and efficient interactions between freight and the rest of the region's transportation system.

OBJECTIVES

- Improved movement of national and international freight rail, passenger rail, truck, and waterborne transport in and through the New Orleans region.
- Improved safety through the removal and/or mitigation of conflicts and better integration of freight movement with regular motorized or non-motorized traffic.
- Communication with modal stakeholders that fosters collaborative decision making regarding multi-modal planning and implementation.

FY 23 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Regional Freight Mobility Plan
- Quarterly Freight Roundtable Meetings

SUBTASKS

A-3A: FREIGHT COORDINATION

- **Other:** Staff will attend other stakeholder meetings that are being held regarding regional freight to ensure coordination with the MPO's own freight planning activities as described in the Freight Mobility Plan.

A-3B: PORT ACCESS

- **Port of New Orleans - St. Bernard:** Staff will be assisting St. Bernard Parish and the Port of New Orleans in the planning of roadway/truck access to the proposed Louisiana International Terminal.
- **Port of New Orleans:** Staff will continue to assist the port in developing strategies for managing the ingress and egress of trucks.

A-3C: URBAN FREIGHT AND RAIL PLANNING

- **Safety:** Corridor studies with identified truck or rail interaction will emphasize measures to decrease conflicts.
- **Truck Routes:** Staff will continue to work with local agencies on developing strategies for safely routing trucks through urban areas.
- **Truck Parking:** Staff will continue to work with freight operators and local/state officials on identifying locations for truck parking/layover locations and amenities (EV hookup, safety lighting). Staff will scope a study looking at ways to address truck parking deficiencies in the metro area. Timing of the study itself is dependent on identifying funding.

- **Intercity Rail:** As the state of Louisiana refines intercity rail planning, the MPO will assist on identifying last mile connections and complementary land use planning at existing and planned passenger rail terminals.

Task A-3D Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Truck Parking Scope				

A-3D: CONGESTION AND FREIGHT EMISSIONS

- **Freight Emissions:** In coordination with Task A-2A, staff will identify best practices in estimating annual greenhouse gas emissions created by freight modes. These data will inform freight and resiliency planning efforts and potential grant applications for green freight infrastructure.
- **Performance Metrics:** Staff established and reported on performance targets for freight congestion in FY 23. Staff will continue to monitor these metrics and include them in an annual report.
- **Freight Travel Data:** Staff will continue to research potential sources of freight origin-destination-routing data for use in assisting in the identification of choke points, the upkeep of the regional travel demand model, and in support of other tasks under A-3A.

Task A-3D Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Annual Report – Freight Performance				

A-3D: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.

A-3E: EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION

In the aftermath of a disaster event, such as a hurricane or extreme flooding, staff may be called upon to conduct certain activities to maintain continuity of operations and support emergency response and recovery actions. Staff will coordinate with LADOTD, FHWA, local governments, and emergency responders to determine and carry out appropriate roles and responsibilities consistent with this task.

MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Scope – Truck Parking Study
- Annual Performance Report – Freight Congestion

FUNDING

Work Responsibility by Funding		Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	350,000 (82%)	FHWA	340,000	RPC
Consultant	75,000 (18%)	State/Local	85,000	
Total	425,000 (100%)	Total	425,000	

STAFFING

Supervisor: Karen Parsons, AICP

A-4.24 CORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING

GOAL

Creating, refining, and implementing the core MPO products, including the Transportation Improvement Program, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and the Unified Planning Work Program.

OBJECTIVES

- Develop and maintain the three primary planning documents for the New Orleans UZA Metropolitan Planning Area: the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
- Foster constructive dialog with key stakeholders and the public that informs the priorities of the metropolitan planning process.
- Shepherd and track the progress of projects from prioritization to implementation.

FY 23 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- 2052 Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program
- FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program and Progress Reports
- Obligated Projects

SUBTASKS

A-4A: TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- **Quarterly Meeting:** The TAC will meet on a quarterly basis. The purpose and membership of the TAC will be defined in bylaws which will be under review by the TAC entering FY 24. Generally, the TAC will review and make recommendations to the TPC regarding core metropolitan planning products. RPC staff will be responsible for all meetings and materials.
- **Subcommittees:** Issue specific subcommittees will meet on a self-defined basis and will make regular reports to the TAC. The TAC may create temporary or permanent subcommittees.

Task A-4A Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
TAC Meetings				

A-4B: TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- **Monthly Review:** Staff will conduct a monthly review of the FY 23-26 TIP to ensure projects are progressing toward obligation at an expected rate.
- **Amendments:** Staff will recommend amendments to the TIP to the TPC as needed. Amendments will be incorporated into the TIP master document by staff and tracked in the project database.
- **Stakeholder Coordination:** Staff will conduct regular outreach to LADOTD and local governments to ensure that the TIP still reflects state priorities and to assist local agencies in moving their programmed projects toward obligation.

A-4C: METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

- **Development and Distribution:** Staff will create and distribute (via the website, TAC, subcommittees, and the RPC mailing list) an annual report summarizing:
 - Progress toward established FTA and FHWA performance targets
 - Performance in and visualization of other transportation metrics (highway, crash/safety, freight, public transit, and others as deemed available and pertinent)
 - Progress in strategies identified in the MTP
 - Planning Studies and FY23 UPWP overview
- **Amendments:** Staff will recommend amendments to the MTP to the TPC as needed. Amendments will be incorporated into the MTP master document by staff.

Task A-4C Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Annual Report				

A-4D: UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

- **Progress Reporting:** Staff will prepare quarterly reports describing progress on tasks/sub-tasks in the FY 24 UPWP, for submission to LADOTD and FHWA
- **Internal Review:** Staff will conduct quarterly internal reviews of the UPWP to determine progress on subtasks and associated timelines and assess potential need for amendment.
- **FY 25 UPWP:** The draft FY 24 UPWP for the New Orleans UZA will be prepared in Q2 and Q3. The draft will be submitted to the TAC, FHWA, LADOTD for review in Q3. Pending favorable review and recommendation by the TAC, the draft will be submitted to the TPC in Q4 for final approval in May.

Task A-4D Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Progress Reporting				
Internal Review				
FY25 UPWP				

A-4E: OBLIGATED PROJECTS

- **Documentation:** Projects obligated in FFY 2023 will be mapped and categorized by type and funding source to measure success toward a reasonable distribution of project types and modal emphasis areas. The report will be published on the website.

Task A-4E Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Obligated Projects				

A-4F: INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

- **Agreement Updates:** Staff will update agreements with LADOTD, local parishes, and public transit agencies, defining roles, responsibilities, and deliverables, pending resolution of the establishment of metropolitan planning area boundaries (see below)
- **Staff Liaisons:** Teams of staff, led by a principal, will be assigned to maintain communications with one or more parishes over the course of the year, to assist in defining local transportation needs and priorities. Meetings with Parish public works, planning departments, and other appropriate administrative entities will take place on at least a quarterly basis.
- **Metropolitan Planning Area:** Having received urbanized area boundaries from the census in late 2022, staff will coordinate with FHWA and FTA in defining updated Metropolitan Planning Area boundaries.

- **Joint Certification:** Staff will continue to work with FHWA and FTA to ensure compliance with Federal MPO requirements.

Task A-1F Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Agreements				
Parish Meetings				
Metro Planning Area Boundaries				

A-4G: PERFORMANCE BASED PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING

- **FHWA/FTA PBPP:** Staff will attend to all DOT requirements regarding the establishment of performance targets and measuring progress toward targets. Descriptions of these activities can be found in subtasks A-1a, A-1e, A-3d, and C-1c. Progress will be documented in the Metropolitan Planning Annual Report (A-4c).

A-4H: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.

A-4I: EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION

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MAJOR DELIVERABLES

- Annual Report
- TIP/UPWP/MTP Amendments as needed
- FY 25 Unified Planning Work Program
- Metropolitan Planning Annual Report
- Obligated Projects Documentation
- Agreements
- Metropolitan Planning Area Boundaries

FUNDING

Work Responsibility by Funding		Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	450,000 (100%)	FHWA	\$360,000	RPC
Total	450,000	State/Local	\$40,000	
		Total	\$450,000	

STAFFING

Supervisor: Jason Sappington, AICP

A-5.24 COMPLETE STREETS

GOAL

Preparation for region-wide Complete Streets Planning that will account for the roadway needs of all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit, motorists, and freight.

OBJECTIVES

- Review of RPC and State of Louisiana Complete Streets policies, Active Transportation Plans, and associated initiatives.
- Review of peer agency Complete Streets plans, policies, active transportation plans.
- Draft a scope for the creation of an updated Regional Active Transportation Plan.

FY 23 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- NA

SUBTASKS

A-5A: LITERATURE REVIEW

- **MPO Complete Streets Policies:** Staff will conduct a review of peer MPOs' Complete Streets Policies, identifying commonalities and best practices.
- **MPO Active Transportation Plans:** Staff will conduct a review of peer MPOs' regional active transportation plans, including an assessment of methodologies and best practices, identifying those that may be applicable to the Greater New Orleans region. Outreach to MPOs will take place as appropriate.
- **Federal Guidance:** Staff will review Complete Streets guidance from the IJIA to determine any changes in guidance and definitions that will apply to Complete Streets policies.

Task A-5A Timeline & Deliverables

MPO Complete Streets Policies

MPO Active Transportation Plans

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr - Jun

A-5B: INTERNAL REVIEW

- **RPC and LADOTD Complete Streets Policies:** Staff will conduct a review of RPC and LADOTD Complete Streets Policies, assessing strengths and weaknesses in the policies, and conformity with IJIA guidance, considering the review in A-5A and the efficacy of implementation as measured below.
- **Active Transportation Plans:** Staff will review RPC and local studies conducted in the New Orleans MPA since the adoption of the 2011 RPC Complete Streets Policy to identify the degree to which the policy has been successfully implemented.

Task A-5B Internal Review

MPO Complete Streets Policies

MPO Active Transportation Plans

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr - Jun

A-5C: REPORT

- **Complete Streets and Active Transportation Report:** Staff will integrate findings from A-5A, A-5B, and A-5C into a report being prepared for all four RPC UZAs. The report will be presented to the Technical Advisory Committee.

Task A-5C Report	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Report				

A-1D: SCOPE

- **Complete Streets Guide:** Staff will scope a regional Complete Streets Guide, to be completed in FY 25. The guide will define Complete Streets through an updated MPO policy, and will provide a framework for identifying opportunities to fund and implement complete streets improvements on the region's roadways, both for MPO use and for use by local governments.

Task A-5C Report	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Scope				

FUNDING

Staffing	Work Responsibility by Funding	Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC Consultant	\$51,942 (100%)	FHWA	51,942	RPC
Total	\$51,942	State/Local	0	
		Total	51,942	

PRODUCTS

- Complete Streets Report
- Complete Streets/Active Transportation Plan Scope

STAFFING

Supervisor: Karen Parsons, AICP

B-1.24 GIS AND DATA MANAGEMENT

GOAL

Responsible stewardship of the region's geographic and demographic data resources, including storage, security, analysis, and distribution.

OBJECTIVES

- Up-to-date analysis of socio-economic data that will support travel and land-use modelling, economic development planning, and Title VI/Environmental Justice activities.
- A database of transportation related data for use in identifying new projects, informing existing projects, and in the development of the miscellaneous planning products
- Coordination with local, state, and federal partners on prioritization of large and/or costly data acquisitions, policy and procedures
- Maintenance of the MPO's internal information technology systems and safeguarding of nonpublic or proprietary data

FY 23 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- FY 23-26 TIP data layers, amendments
- Metropolitan Transportation Plan data layers
- FFY 22 Obligated Projects data layers
- Processed Census 2020 data

SUBTASKS

B-1A: DATA DEVELOPMENT

- **Development:** Staff will coordinate the development and calibration of various demographic, land-use, employment, and transportation datasets in support of other tasks in the UPWP.
- **Coordination:** Staff will foster partnerships and administer sharing agreements with data producing entities to ensure access to the most accurate available data and up-to-date knowledge of data management best practices.
- **Census Data:** Staff will continue to process 2020 decennial and ACS census data for local transportation and land use planning purposes, and to assist in defining MPA boundaries and the federal aid network, per A-1I and A-4F.

B-1B: DATA ANALYSIS AND VISUALIZATION

- **General:** Staff will continue analyses and geo-processing of datasets for internal project development and prioritization, performance metrics, emergency preparedness, environmental planning, local and regional land use planning, and consultant activities.
- **Applications:** Processed data will be used to populate the Travel Demand Model (task A-1E), and used as inputs into the Social Vulnerability Index (task D-1A), latent demand modelling, resiliency planning (task A-2A), the Congestion Management Process (task A-1F), and other project support as needed.

- **Visualization:** Custom visualization of geo-data will be produced for internal analysis, presentation to the TAC and the TPC, publication in the Metropolitan Planning Annual Report (A-4C), and as needed for other MPO products.

B-1C: GIS CONSORTIUM

- **Meetings:** Staff will host a quarterly meeting of GIS users from throughout the region and from various stakeholders to discuss data needs and availability, policy, best practices, and opportunities for collaboration.

Task B-1C Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Consortium Meetings				

B-1D: PROJECT TRACKING

- **Tracking:** Staff will track projects in a database throughout their study, development, and implementation. Staff will continue to customize the project tracking database for use by staff, including further addition from study archives.
- **Mapping:** Projects in the database will be mapped. They will be modified as TIP and/or MTP documents are amended.
- **Obligated Projects Mapping:** Mapping of obligated projects will be take place annually, concurrently with A-4D.

Task B-1D Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Obligated Projects				

B-1E: IT AND AV SUPPORT

- **Inventory:** Staff will work with the IT Consultant in ensuring the IT equipment used for MPO planning is documented, secure, and adequate to agency needs.

B-1F: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.

B-1G: EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION

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MAJOR DELIVERABLES

- Obligated Projects Mapping
- TIP Mapping

FUNDING

Work Responsibility by Funding		Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	237,500 (100%)	FHWA	190,000	RPC
Total	237,500	State/Local	47,500	
		Total	237,500	

STAFFING

Supervisor: Lynn Dupont, ASLA

C-1.24 PUBLIC TRANSIT PLANNING

GOAL

Planning for the region's public transit systems, with focus on improving connectivity within and between systems, maintaining and modernizing transit infrastructure, fostering transit supportive land use, and identifying associated transportation infrastructure enhancements that would increase access to and efficacy of the system.

OBJECTIVES

- Assisting transit agencies with maintaining fleets and facilities and infrastructure
- Facilitating coordination between transit agencies and planning and public works departments, to foster relationships that will accelerate first-last mile access, transit priority road treatments, and communication about respective projects that potentially impact roadway function.
- Roadways and facilities that incorporate the needs of transit by accommodating:
 - Efficient movement of transit vehicles
 - Safe pedestrian and bicycle access to transit
 - Safe and comfortable environments for users at transit stops and stations.
- Management and oversight of FTA grants and other transit associated financial and civil rights obligations

FY 23 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- New Links Paratransit Study
- New Links implementation
- FTA Triennial Review
- Joint Certification Review
- FY 22 Program of Projects

SUBTASKS

C-1A: PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- **Meetings:** Staff will convene quarterly meetings of representatives from public transit operators, to discuss funding, opportunities for collaboration, and policy. The committee will report to the TAC (A-4a).
- **Other:** Staff will participate in the Surface Transportation Working Group (A-1B) in respect to roadway use of public transit and associated infrastructure

Task C-1a Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Committee Meetings				

C-1B: CORRIDOR AND WALKSHED PLANNING

- **Coordination:** Staff will coordinate with transit agencies and local public works and planning departments to improve pedestrian and bicycle access to transit via infrastructure and land use planning.
- **Project Identification:** Staff will work to identify corridors for further study, based on high public transit usage, safety issues for transit access and operations, future land use planning, and/or other opportunities to improve corridor mobility. Studies may include recommendations on streetscaping,

street geometry, pedestrian and bicycle improvements, transit lanes, signal priority, etc. Identified studies may be conducted using 5303 funding.

C-1C: TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT

- **Funding:** The Transit element of the TIP will be monitored for adherence to strategies that will assist the region in achieving regional Transit Asset Management performance targets.
- **Monitoring and Reporting:** Staff will continue to monitor individual agency asset management plans. Staff will report on progress toward identified transit asset management targets in the Metropolitan Planning Annual Report (A-4C).

C-1D: TRANSIT METRICS

- **Collection and Tracking:** Staff will utilize the National Transit Database and the assistance of the members of the Public Transit Advisory Committee to collect and track regional public transit metrics. These metrics will be used for internal analysis, project identification, and as study inputs.
- **Reporting and Visualization:** Staff will share regional metrics, with longitudinal comparisons and visualization, with the Public Transit Advisory Committee on an ongoing basis. The Metropolitan Planning Annual Report (A-4C) will include these metrics.

C-1E: TRANSIT FUNDING

- **Annual Apportionments:** With the guidance of the Public Transit Advisory Committee, staff will develop the annual Program of Projects for FTA formula funds, following the public outreach methodology described in the MPO Public Participation Plan.
- **Discretionary Funding:** Staff will continue to monitor for opportunities for grants that would fund projects directly or indirectly contributing to public transit mobility. Assistance will be offered to agencies applying for funding.
- **Revenue Stabilization:** Staff will work with operators to identify strategies to maintain continuity of operations through stabilization of local/state/federal funding or inter-agency cooperation.

Task C-1E Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Annual Apportionments and POP				

C-1F: GRANT MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

- **Grant Requirements:** Staff will conduct the activities required of a designated recipient of transit funds including progress and financial reporting, National Transit Database reporting, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise reporting and Title VI compliance.
- **Procurement:** Staff will ensure that any MPO procurements using FTA funds will follow RPC's FTA approved procurement manual.
- **Federal Coordination:** Staff will continue to coordinate with FTA Region VI to ensure compliance with federal regulations regarding funding eligibility and assistance to direct recipients.

Task A-C1F Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
NTD Reporting				
DBE Semiannual Reporting				

C-1G: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.
 - The MPO intends to continue its annual subscription to the REMIX software platform, for use in collaborative transit planning with agency partners.

C-1H: EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION

In the aftermath of a disaster event, such as a hurricane or extreme flooding, staff may be called upon to conduct certain activities to maintain continuity of operations and support emergency response and recovery actions. Staff will coordinate with LADOTD, FHWA, FTA, local governments, and emergency responders to determine and carry out appropriate roles and responsibilities consistent with this task.

MAJOR DELIVERABLES

- Annual Program of Projects

FUNDING

Work Responsibility by Funding		Financial Responsibility		Responsible agency
RPC	430,706 (100%)	FTA	344,565	RPC
Total	430,706	State/Local	86,141	
		Total	430,706	

STAFFING

Supervisor: Jason Sappington, AICP

C1C24: COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION

GOAL

To improve coordination of transportation services and provision of accessible transportation infrastructure for individuals with disabilities, older adults, and low-income populations.

OBJECTIVES

- Provide a forum for non-profit providers of human services transportation to coordinate and share best practices and information.
- Assist the state in the apportionment of FTA 5310 and 5311 funds.
- Identify other barriers in the transportation system for individuals with disabilities, older adults, and low-income populations.

FY 23 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Quarterly Meetings of the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Committee

SUBTASKS

C1C24A: COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

- **Meetings:** Staff will convene quarterly meetings of representatives from public transit operators, to discuss funding, opportunities for collaboration, and policy. Training for operators will be available as possible. The committee will report to the TAC (A-4A).
- **Other Coordination:** Staff will coordinate with LADOTD and with non-profit advocates for disadvantaged populations to inform activities and potential coordination opportunities.

Task C-1A Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Committee Meetings				

C1C24B: BARRIER IDENTIFICATION AND ASSISTANCE

- **Identification:** Through relationships with non-profit providers and advocacy groups via the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Committee, staff will work to identify other transportation barriers to individuals with disabilities, older adults, and low-income populations.
- **Assistance:** Staff will work to identify funding and appropriate stakeholders to address the barriers identified in the subtask.

C1C24C: 5310 AND 5311 FUNDING

- **Application Support:** Staff will review applications for 5310 funding, as submitted to the MPO by LADOTD. Staff will fill out LADOTD score sheets for each application.

C1C24D: MOBILITY POLICY

- **Research:** Staff will research best practices in mobility management nationally, particularly on peer regions (i.e., similar population, demographics, state policy). Research will be documented in a memo prepared by staff.

Task C-1A Timeline & Deliverables

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr – Jun

Mobility Research and Report

C-1C24E: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.

MAJOR DELIVERABLES

- Committee Meetings
- Mobility Report

FUNDING

Work Responsibility by Funding		Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	15,000 (100%)	LADOTD	15,000	RPC
Total	15,000	State/Local	0	

STAFFING**Supervisor:** Jason Sappington, AICP

D-1.24: PUBLIC OUTREACH AND CIVIL RIGHTS

GOAL

To ensure that the agency's planning and policy is guided by public input, particularly from those that are traditionally underrepresented. Further, ensuring that no person, on the grounds of race, color, sex, age, disability, or national origin, is excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any MPO program or activity.

OBJECTIVES

- Diverse and innovative community outreach techniques and participation efforts reaching a wide cross-section of the region's population.
- Ensure involvement is inclusive when traditionally underrepresented populations are potentially impacted by studies and projects.
- Compliance with the requirements of the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, and the agency's Title VI Plan
- RPC policy and procedures for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) consultant selection, negotiation, and administration of consultant contracts, and ample outreach to DBE firms.

FY 23 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Updated Title VI Program
- Updated Title VI methodology
- Updated Public Participation Plan

SUBTASKS

D-1A: TITLE VI

- **Policy:** Staff will undertake planning activities per the Title VI Program and Limited English Proficiency Plan, as approved by FTA. Staff will conduct an annual review of the program to ensure compliance.
- **Project Scoping:** Staff will employ the social vulnerability index for all studies to identify appropriate outreach strategies and goals for those living in project areas.

D-1B: DBE ACTIVITY

- **Outreach:** Staff will work to increase DBE participation, including through hosting or co-hosting workshops with DBE or potential DBE contractors.
- **Procurement:** Having established DBE goals, staff will ensure the goal is met through established procurement policies and best practices.

D-1C: METROPOLITAN PLANNING EDUCATION

- **Agency Branding:** Staff intends on conducting an internal agency identification exercise that will consider standardized branding for documents, outreach materials, etc. Consideration will be given to an update to the RPC guidebook, public perception of the agency, the RPC logo, study covers, the function of the MPO, and other elements as determined in the exercise.

- **School outreach:** Staff has been working with partner agencies on developing an outreach program for local schools, to inform students on the role of the MPO and other government agencies, and how citizens can participate in the planning process.
- **Public Participation Plan:** Staff will conduct its annual review of the public participation plan to guarantee consistency with current planning priorities and soundness based on national best practices. Any updates to the plan will be submitted to FHWA and FTA.
- **Newsletter:** Staff will produce and distribute a quarterly newsletter that will include: a summary of an ongoing study or studies, an educational brief on MPO practices, updates on other RPC/TPC initiatives, and a calendar of upcoming events.

Task D-1C Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Branding Exercise				
Participation Plan Review				
Newsletter				

D-1D: TARGETED OUTREACH

- **Education:** Staff will deploy project specific outreach mechanisms, including neighborhood and stakeholder meetings, community workshops, pop-up events, and news media engagement, and others as appropriate.
- **Methodology:** The Social Vulnerability Index and coordination with citizen and advocacy groups will assist in determining appropriate methods and extent of outreach for a given project.

D-1E: ONLINE PRESENCE

- **Website:** Standard maintenance of the website, social media, utilization of online surveys, and development/upkeep of online interactive data maps and dashboards.
- **Social Media:** Staff will research national and peer best practices on documenting a social media policy for the agency. This may be included in the branding exercise described in D-1C.

D-1F: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.

D-1G: EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION

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MAJOR DELIVERABLES

- Quarterly Newsletters
- Branding Documents

FUNDING

Work Responsibility by Funding		Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	150,000 (%100)	FTA	120,000	RPC
Total	150,000	State/Local	30,000	
		Total	150,000	

STAFFING

Supervisor: Malissa Givhan

E-1.24 UPWP MANAGEMENT

GOAL

Conducting the day to day administrative, contract management, and financial planning activities that ensure that the MPO functions of the staff and the TPC, and its conformity to adopted policy, as well as state and federal requirements

OBJECTIVES

- Coordination of the Transportation Policy Committee and all administrative and public requirements
- Preparation and management of contracts and agreements
- Fiscal responsibility and financial transparency
- Human resource functions which are necessary to ensure that staff have the wherewithal to conduct the everyday functions of the agency.

FY 23 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Two staff members were hired
- Annual audits performed
- Monthly TPC meetings held
- Staff meetings held biweekly
- Updates to project management manual

SUBTASKS

E-1A: CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

- **Procurement:** Staff will prepare and oversee contracts and intergovernmental agreements, ensuring that the necessary legal and contractual provisions, and guarantee these provisions are followed through the lifetime of the contract or agreement.
- **Organization:** Project files and associated contractual documents will be archived in RPC's standard online filing system for ease of access at a later date, as needed.

E-1B: TPC COORDINATION

- **Monthly Meetings:** Staff will coordinate with the local elected officials and citizen representatives, including those that make up the Committee, and conduct of the monthly TPC meetings themselves, including preparing agendas, minutes, meeting packets/material, scheduling guest speakers, preparing budget and financial reports, making provisions for public participation, and preparing public notices announcing the meetings.

Task E-1B Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
TPC Meetings and Docs				

E-1C: STAFF MANAGEMENT

- **UPWP:** Supervisors will oversee staff workflow, internal resource allocation, and staff development to fulfill the tasks of the UPWP and creation of its associated products within stated budgets and timelines.

- **Staff Meetings:** Planning staff will hold meetings every two weeks to better coordinate efforts and participate in agency decision-making.
- **Annual Reviews:** All staff will undergo annual performance reviews in the spring.
- **Employee Handbook:** Staff will internally develop a handbook summarizing staff roles and expectations.

Task E-1C Timeline & Deliverables

Performance Reviews

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr – Jun

E-1D: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES

- **Finances:** Staff will conduct the necessary activities to ensure the timely processing of invoices, including coordination with DOTD financial sections. Grant balances, per contracts with LADOTD, will be tracked throughout the year to ensure appropriate workflow distribution. Annual audits of the agency will take place. Monthly budget reports will be prepared.
- **Human Resources:** The director of finance will oversee retirement, insurance, hiring, and payroll functions.
- **Onboarding:** New planning staff will undergo a comprehensive month-long onboarding process to familiarize them with roles and responsibilities, metropolitan planning functions, and standard operating procedure for common tasks.

E-1E: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.

E-1F: EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION

In the aftermath of a disaster event, such as a hurricane or extreme flooding, staff may be called upon to conduct certain activities to maintain continuity of operations and support emergency response and recovery actions. Staff will coordinate with LADOTD, FHWA, FTA, local governments, and emergency responders to determine and carry out appropriate roles and responsibilities consistent with this task.

MAJOR DELIVERABLES

- TPC Meeting Packets
- Employee Handbook

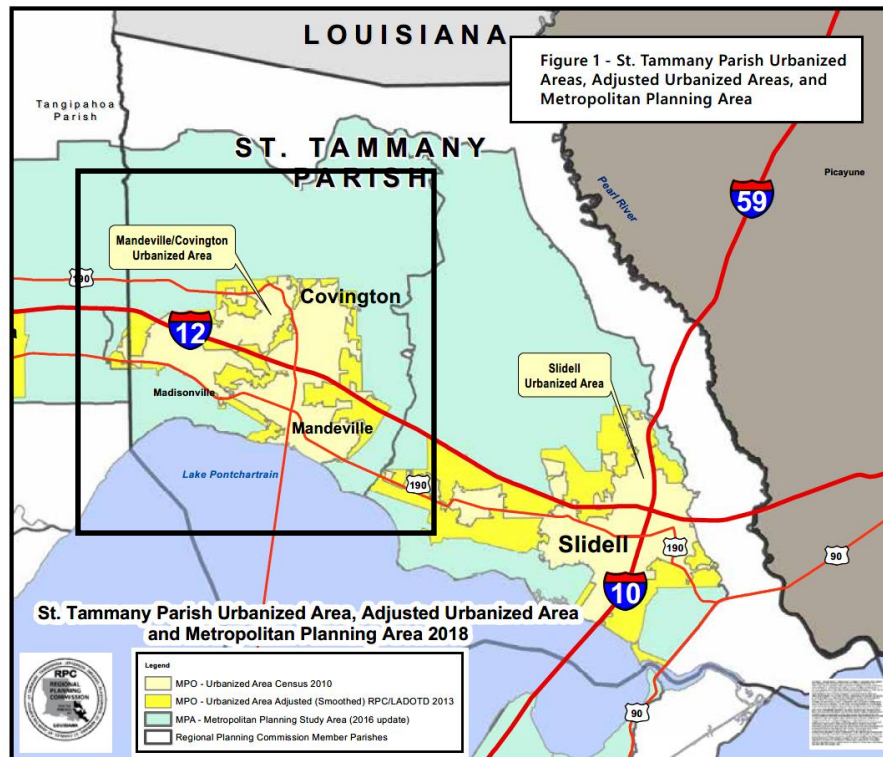
FUNDING

Work Responsibility by Funding		Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	312,500 (%100)	FHWA	250,000	RPC
Total	312,500	State/Local	62,500	
		Total	312,500	

STAFFING

Supervisor: Megan Leonard

MANDEVILLE-COVINGTON MPA



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The Mandeville-Covington Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) is in the southwestern half of St. Tammany Parish. In 2019 the population of the MPA was just over 130,000. In addition to Mandeville and Covington, significant population and/or employment centers in the MPA include Madisonville and Abita Springs.

Within the Mandeville-Covington MPA there are 310 miles of Federal Aid roadways, including I-12, which runs west towards Hammond-Ponchatoula and Baton Rouge and east towards Slidell. US 190 is another major east-west corridor connecting Mandeville to other major urban centers. The MPA lies at the northern foot of the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway Bridge, which connects the Northshore to the New Orleans MPA.

Mandeville-Covington hosts multiple trailheads of the Tammany Trace, a 31-mile multi-use path that threads through five communities in the parish. Demand Response public transit in Mandeville-Covington is provided by the parish government in partnership with the parish's Council on Aging. Significant bodies of water in the MPA include the Tchefunacte River and the northern shore of Lake Pontchartrain.

Mandeville-Covington is faced with the challenge of balancing a high quality of life standard while attracting economic and residential development and the transportation issues such development often brings, i.e., congestion and roadway maintenance.

PLANNING FACTORS

This UPWP is undertaken pursuant to and in compliance with the provisions of 23 USC 134(h)(1) and regulatory authority of 23 CFR 450.308. It has been developed with consideration of the planning factors for metropolitan transportation planning, as described in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

1. Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.
2. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
3. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
4. Increase the accessibility and mobility of people and freight.
5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and state and local planned growth and economic development patterns.
6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight.
7. Promote efficient system management and operation.
8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.
9. Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate impacts of surface transportation.
10. Enhance travel and tourism

The following table demonstrates how the tasks defined in the UPWP contribute to these planning factors in the Mandeville-Covington MPA.

	MC-1	MC-2	MC-3	MC-4	MC-5
Economic Vitality	*	*	*	*	*
Safety	*	*	*	*	*
Security	*	*	*	*	*
Accessibility and Mobility	*		*	*	*
Environment	*	*	*	*	*
Modal Connectivity	*	*	*	*	*
Efficiency	*	*	*	*	*
Preservation	*			*	*
Resilience	*	*		*	*
Travel and Tourism	*	*	*		

FUNDING TABLE 1: BY SOURCE

Task	Description	FHWA PL	PL Match	FHWA Total	FTA 5303	FTA Match	FTA Total	Total
MC-1.24	Accessibility, Mobility, Safety, Freight	136,605	34,151	170,756				170,756
MC-2.24	Land Use and Environmental	110,000	27,500	137,500				137,500
MC-3.24	Metropolitan Planning				39,689	9,922	49,611	49,611
MC-4.24	GIS and Data Management	16,000	4,000	20,000				20,000
MC-5.24	UPWP Management	15,000	3,750	18,750				18,750
MC-6.24	Complete Streets	7,118		7,118				7,118
Total		284,723	69,401	355,904	39,689	9,922	49,611	403,735

FUNDING TABLE 2: RPC STAFF VS CONTRACTED FUNDING

The “By Recipient” funding table shows the amount of total funding (local + federal), per task, assigned to RPC staff and staff support versus how much will be contracted to a consultant.

Task	Description	RPC Staff	Contractual/Consultant				Total
			Cont. PL*	New PL	Cont. FTA*	New FTA	
MC-1.24	Accessibility, Mobility, Safety, and Freight	31,102		139,654			170,756
MC-2.24	Resiliency and Land Use	30,000		107,500			137,500
MC-3.24	Core Metropolitan Planning	49,611					49,611
MC-4.24	GIS and Data Management	20,000					20,000
MC-5.24	UPWP Management	18,750					18,750
MC-6.24	Complete Streets	7,118					7,118
Total		158,361		247,154			403,735

*Continuing PL and 5303 funds are dedicated to complete contractual work started in the previous FY using funding from the current FY. Per LADOTD Policy, PL and 5303 Funds are ineligible for “carryover” from previous Fiscal Years

Notes:

No non-FHWA or non-FTA funds are used for planning for other modes.

All FHWA and FTA grants are provided at 80%, with 20% matching local funds, except for Complete Streets which is provided at 100% Federal share.

MC-1.24: ACCESSIBILITY, MOBILITY, SAFETY, FREIGHT

GOALS

A regional surface transportation system that is safe, well maintained, dependable, and useful for all users.

A freight planning program that is responsive to the movement of goods at a regional, national, and global scale, and promotes safe, equitably derived, and efficient interactions between freight and the rest of the region's transportation systems.

OBJECTIVES

- Streets that are safe to use by the most vulnerable members of our community.
- Streets that are platforms for community wealth building and neighborhood vitality.
- Streets, roads, and bridges that are maintained at levels commensurate to their value to the community.
- Models that reasonably forecast conditions in a proposed transportation system
- Reliable methodologies for measuring conditions in the existing transportation system.
- Accountability and guidance derived through consistent goal setting and performance measurement
- Improved movement of national and international freight rail, passenger rail, truck, and waterborne transport in and through the New Orleans region.
- Improved safety through the removal and/or mitigation of conflicts and better integration of freight movement with regular motorized and non-motorized traffic.
- Communication with modal stakeholders that fosters collaborative decision making regarding multi-modal planning and implementation.

FY 23 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Annual report on performance measures
- Demand model updates
- Mandeville Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan
- Freight Mobility Plan

SUBTASKS

MC-1A: COMPLETE STREETS AND SAFETY

- **Regional Guide:** Staff will scope and begin work on a regional Complete Streets guide. The guide will define Complete Streets through an updated MPO policy, and will provide a framework for identifying opportunities and implementing complete streets improvements on the region's streets. The document will be tailored to characteristics of the Mandeville-Covington urbanized area (as well as other urbanized areas, per A-1, SL-1, and T-1).
- **Scoping:** Study scoping will take place at the corridor or sub-area level, considering the interaction of surrounding land uses and the transportation system, access management, and wide-scaled travel impacts of proposed improvements. All modes will be considered during the study scoping process, including multi-modal travel data collection, crash data, potential for physically separating non-motorized from motorized traffic, potential for other non-motorized safety countermeasures, connectivity of the overall bicycle and pedestrian network, and the demographic and physical characteristics of the study's

area of interest. Work in this subtask is intended to meet the mandates promulgated of the IJJA (PL 117-58), specifically Section 11206(b).

- **Safety Data:** Staff will conduct an annual review of regional safety data during Q2 to identify injury and fatality hot spots. The resulting analysis will be used to inform the TAC in FY 25 study selection. Tasks undertaken thereto will be mindful of the State Highway Safety Plan as promulgated by LADOTD and consistent with FHWA guidance as described in 23 CFR 924.9
- **Incident Management:** Staff will coordinate with local and national disaster management and emergency response stakeholders on a quarterly basis, to prepare for hazards and threats to the transportation system and identify strategies for incident response and recovery.
- **Performance Measures:** Pursuant to 23 USC 150, the MPO will either concur with LADOTD Highway Safety Improvement Program's five safety performance targets, or will set its own targets, by February 27, 2024. The report for FY 23 will be completed in Q1 as part of the Annual Report (MC-3C).

Task MC-1A Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Complete Streets Guide Scope				
Complete Streets Guide				
Safety Performance Report				

MC-1B: NORTHSORE COORDINATION

- **Meetings:** Staff will attend monthly meetings with LADOTD District 62 and St. Tammany Parish officials to ensure coordination on ongoing and upcoming projects.

MC-1C: PRESERVATION

- **Coordination:** Staff will coordinate with state and local officials to identify segments of roadways and/or bridges that require overlays, rehabilitation, and other preservation methods.
- **Preservation Programs:** Staff will work with local parishes to create systematic, multi-year programs for conducting preservation on Federal-Aid roadways.
- **Performance Measures:** Pavement and bridge condition targets were adopted by the TPC in March of 2023 (FY 23). Staff will work with FHWA, the state, and local governments toward achievement of these targets. The report for FY 23 will be completed in Q1 as part of the Annual Report (MC-3C).

Task MC-1C Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Conditions Performance Report				

MC-1D: TRAVEL DEMAND MODELLING

- **Development:** The existing four-step model will be maintained in-house and by a contractor. Staff will scope and pursue procurement of a substantial model update.
- **Execution:** Staff will use the model on a project-by-project basis to provide future travel demand scenarios based on projected demographics and network geometry. Staff may also provide model outputs to partner stakeholders and other requestors, depending on the nature of the request and the appropriateness of the model's use for these proposals.

C-1E: CONGESTION MANAGEMENT

- **Congestion Management Process:** Staff will continue to implement the Congestion Management Process (CMP). The CMP is iterative and ongoing, and includes monitoring congestion on major roadways,

identifying bottlenecks on the congestion management system, and proposing network improvements. This subtask is intended to identify strategies and initiatives that address implementation mandates via the New Orleans UZA Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) per 23 CFR 450.322.

- **Transportation Demand Management:** Beyond multimodal improvements described elsewhere, studies will emphasize other transportation demand management and operational improvements to relieve corridor congestion, including geometric modifications and signal upgrades. Opportunities for corridor length or system-wide signalization plans will be pursued.
- **Performance Measures:** Congestion and reliability performance targets were adopted by the TPC in March of 2023 (FY 23). Staff will work with FHWA, the state, and local governments toward achievement of these targets.

Task MC-1E Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Congestion Performance Report				

MC-1F: SYSTEM SURVEILLANCE

- **Routine Traffic Counting Program:** Staff will conduct its annual traffic counting program in Fall 2023 through Spring 2024, addressing roadway segments where counts are at or over 3 years old, or where conditions otherwise warrant a more up-to-date measurement.
- **Routine Non-Motorized Counting Program:** Staff will design and test a routine counting program for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- **Project Based:** Study scoping will include, as appropriate, the collection of average daily traffic, peak travel periods, vehicle speed, intersection level of service, and other traffic data. Scoping will also include counts of bicycling and walking at identified locations in the study area.

Task MC-1F Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Routine Traffic Counting				

MC-1G: INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) AND INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

- **ITS Architecture:** Staff will coordinate with the state to ensure that the regional ITS architecture is up to date. Updates requiring systems engineering reports, if any, will be conducted in coordination with LADOTD, FHWA, and local agencies.
- **Emergency Preparedness Partnership:** Staff will host quarterly meetings of the Partnership.

MC-1I: FEDERAL AID NETWORK

- **Identification:** Urbanized boundaries were delivered from the US Census in Q3 of FY23. Staff will coordinate with local agencies, LADOTD, and FHWA to identify any necessary updates to the Federal Aid network in Q1 and Q2 of 2024.

MC-1J: FREIGHT COORDINATION

- **Coordination:** Staff will attend other stakeholder meetings that are being held regarding regional freight to ensure coordination with RPC's own freight planning activities.

MC-1K: URBAN RAIL AND FREIGHT PLANNING

- **Safety:** Corridor studies with identified truck or rail interaction will emphasize measures to decrease conflicts.
- **Truck Routes:** Staff will continue to work with local agencies on developing strategies for safely routing trucks through urban areas.
- **Truck Parking:** Staff will continue to work with freight operators and local/state officials on identifying locations for truck parking/layover locations and amenities (EV hookup, safety lighting).
- **Intercity Rail:** As the state of Louisiana refines intercity rail planning, the MPO will assist by focusing on last mile connections and complementary land use planning at existing and planned passenger rail terminals.

MC-1L: FREIGHT CONGESTION AND EMISSIONS

- **Freight Emissions:** Staff will identify best practices in estimating annual greenhouse gas emissions created by freight modes. These data will inform freight and resiliency planning efforts and potential grant applications for green freight infrastructure.
- **Performance Metrics:** Staff established and reported on performance targets for freight congestion in FY 23. Staff will continue to monitor these metrics and include them in an annual report.
- **Freight Travel Data:** Staff will continue to research potential sources of freight origin-destination-routing data for use in assisting in the identification of choke points, the upkeep of the regional travel demand model.

Task MC-1E Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Freight Congestion Report				

MC-1M: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.
 - **Traffic Data:** Procurement or renewal of a software as a service application used by staff to inform traffic surveillance and planning, will take place in Q3.

MC-1N: EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION

In the aftermath of a disaster event, such as a hurricane or extreme flooding, staff may be called upon to conduct certain activities to maintain continuity of operations and support emergency response and recovery actions. Staff will coordinate with LADOTD, FHWA, local governments, and emergency responders to determine and carry out appropriate roles and responsibilities consistent with this task.

MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Complete Streets Guidebook
- Safety Data Memo
- Performance Report – Pavement and Bridge Conditions
- Performance Report – Safety Data
- Performance Report – Congestion Data

- Performance Report – Freight Congestion Data
- Federal Aid Network Map
- Routine Traffic Count Results

FUNDING

Work Responsibility by Funding		Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	40,000 (22.3%)	FHWA	143,723	RPC
Consultant	139,654 (77.7%)	State/Local	35,931	
Total	179,654	Total	179,654	

STAFFING

Supervisor: Jeffrey Roesel, AICP

MC-2.24 RESILIENCY AND LAND USE

GOAL

Planning for transportation systems that will endure stress caused by natural disasters, and that will further support resilient communities through encouraging sustainable development, contributing to stormwater management, improving public health and, where necessary, providing safe evacuation facilities.

OBJECTIVES

- Transportation facilities that are resistant to chronic and acute climate and weather stressors.
- Transportation or transportation adjacent facilities and features that contribute toward the public health of communities that face challenges from climate and weather.
- A resiliency plan that identifies assets and vulnerabilities in both communities and within existing infrastructure that are impacted by climate threats and prioritizes measures to improve resilience.
- A unified land use and transportation planning approach that considers the impacts of transportation investments on accessibility to housing, services, and public health.

FY 23 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Scoping for Resiliency Plan

SUBTASKS

MC-2A: REGIONAL RESILIENCY PLAN

- **Plan Development:** Staff intends to develop a regional resiliency plan in FY 24. The plan will consist of multiple reports which will be published upon completion. The plan will guide staff's efforts by assessing risks to transportation infrastructure and communities and providing potential means to mitigate or avoid climate disruption. The plan will assist in prioritizing projects for funding under PROTECT Act, FHWA's Carbon Reduction Program, and other programs with similar objectives. The plan will include, at a minimum, the following:
 - *Baseline Conditions Report*, a regulatory and historical framework and an identification of climate vulnerable infrastructure and communities
 - *Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan and Carbon Reduction Strategy*, A methodology for prioritizing projects for funding under PROTECT, the Carbon Reduction Program, and other programs. This will begin in FY 24 and be completed in FY 25.
 - *Associated Reports*: Reports that address regional vulnerability and assessment that are transportation adjacent or not directly related to transportation infrastructure, such as social vulnerability, economic development, air quality, other critical infrastructure, other environmental stressors, operations/evacuation, etc.

Task MC-2A Timeline & Deliverables

Baseline Conditions Report
Transportation Resilience Plan

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr - Jun

MC-2B: INFRASTRUCTURE HARDENING

- **Scoping:** All scopes that include alternatives with potential rehabilitation or reconstruction of transportation facilities, particularly in locations identified as high risk in the Resiliency Plan, should consider the ability to harden, elevate, or otherwise increase the facilities' ability to resist flooding, heat, and other climatic or associated weather stressors.
- **Funding:** Staff will work with federal, state, and local partners to identify funding sources, strategies, and priorities for the hardening or elevating of vulnerable infrastructure.

MC-2C: LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION

- **Scoping:** Study scoping will include, with rare exceptions, an analysis of land-use characteristics surrounding a project corridor. These data will inform travel characteristics, and measures of accessibility to housing, employment, and critical services (medical, childcare, education, etc.) of the project area, particularly in disadvantaged communities.
- **Sub-Area and Corridor Studies:** Staff will work with stakeholders to identify opportunities to provide transportation planning elements that supplement local land use planning efforts.
- **Public Health:** Staff will evaluate public health impacts of new or planned transportation infrastructure funded through the MPO. Consideration will be given to changes in vehicle emissions, air quality, or other exposure to toxins, opportunities for active transportation, shade and other cooling effects, access to greenspace, access to medical services, access for the disabled and/or elderly, etc.

MC-2D: EV INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Coordination:** Staff will coordinate with the state and with local governments on the funding and effective deployment of EV infrastructure in local communities and on regional corridors.
- **Support:** Staff will continue to provide local governments with guidance on best practices and models for deployment of EV infrastructure.

MC-2E: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.

MC-2F: EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION

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MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Resiliency Plan
- Carbon Reduction Prioritization Strategy

FUNDING

Work Requirement by Funding		Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	30,000 (21.8%)	FHWA	110,000	RPC
Consultant	107,500 (78.2%)	State/Local	27,500	
Total	137,500	Total	137,500	

STAFFING

Supervisor: Thomas Haysley, AICP

MC-3.24 CORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING

GOAL

Creating, refining, and implementing the core MPO products, including the Transportation Improvement Program, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and the Unified Planning Work Program.

OBJECTIVES

- Develop and maintain the three primary planning documents for the Mandeville-Covington UZA Metropolitan Planning Area: the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
- Foster constructive dialog with key stakeholders and the public that informs the priorities of the metropolitan planning process.
- Shepherd and track the progress of projects from prioritization to implementation.

FY 23 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- 2052 Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program
- FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program and Progress Reports
- Obligated Projects
- Updated Title VI Program

SUBTASKS

MC-3A: TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- **Quarterly Meeting:** The TAC will meet on a quarterly basis. The purpose and membership of the TAC will be defined in bylaws which will be under review by the TAC entering FY 24. Generally, the TAC will review and make recommendations to the TPC regarding core metropolitan planning products. RPC staff will be responsible for all meetings and materials.
- **Subcommittees:** Issue specific subcommittees will meet on a self-defined basis and will make regular reports to the TAC. The TAC may create temporary or permanent subcommittees.

Task MC-3A Timeline & Deliverables

TAC Meetings

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr – Jun

MC-3B: TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- **Monthly Review:** Staff will conduct a monthly review of the FY 23-26 TIP to ensure projects are progressing toward obligation at an expected rate.
- **Stakeholder Coordination:** Staff will conduct regular outreach to LADOTD and local governments to ensure that the TIP still reflects state priorities and to assist local agencies in moving their programmed projects toward obligation.

MC-3C: METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN ANNUAL REPORT

- **Development and Distribution:** Staff will create and distribute (via the website, TAC, subcommittees, and the RPC mailing list) an annual report summarizing:

- Progress toward established FTA and FHWA performance targets
- Performance in and visualization of other transportation metrics (highway, crash/safety, freight, public transit, and others as deemed available and pertinent)
- Progress in strategies identified in the MTP
- Planning Studies and FY23 UPWP overview.

Task MC-3C Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Annual Report				

MC-3D: UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

- **Progress Reporting:** Staff will prepare quarterly reports describing progress on tasks/sub-tasks in the FY 24 UPWP, for submission to LADOTD and FHWA
- **Internal Review:** Staff will conduct quarterly internal reviews of the UPWP to determine progress on subtasks and associated timelines and assess potential need for amendment.
- **FY 25 UPWP:** The draft FY 25 UPWP for the New Orleans UZA will be prepared in Q2 and Q3. The draft will be submitted to the TAC, FHWA, LADOTD for review in Q3. Pending favorable review and recommendation by the TAC, the draft will be submitted to the TPC in Q4 for final approval in May.

Task MC-3D Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Progress Reporting				
Internal Review				
FY25 UPWP				

MC-3E: OBLIGATED PROJECTS

- **Documentation:** Projects obligated in FFY 2023 will be mapped and categorized by type and funding source to measure success toward a reasonable distribution of project types and modal emphasis areas. The report will be published on the website.

Task MC-3E Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Documentation				

MC-3F: INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

- **Agreement Updates:** Staff will update agreements with LADOTD, local parishes, and public transit agencies, defining roles, responsibilities, and deliverables.
- **Staff Liaisons:** Teams of staff, led by a principal, will be assigned to maintain communications with one or more parishes over the course of the year, to assist in defining local transportation needs and priorities.
- **Metropolitan Planning Area:** Having received urbanized area boundaries from the census in late 2022, staff will coordinate with FHWA and FTA in defining updated Metropolitan Planning Area boundaries.

Task MC-3F Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Agreements				

MC-3G: PERFORMANCE BASED PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING

- **FHWA/FTA PBPP:** Staff will attend to all DOT requirements regarding the establishment of performance targets and measuring progress toward targets. Descriptions of these activities can be found in subtasks

MC-1A, MC-1E, MC-1K, and MC-3I. Progress will be documented in the Metropolitan Planning Annual Report (MC-3C).

MC-3H: PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- **Meetings:** Staff will convene quarterly meetings of representatives from public transit operators, to discuss funding, opportunities for collaboration, and policy. The committee will report to the TAC (MC-3A).

Task MC-3H Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Committee Meetings				

MC-3I: TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT

- **Funding:** The Transit element of the TIP will be monitored for adherence to strategies that will assist the region in achieving regional Transit Asset Management performance targets.
- **Monitoring and Reporting:** Staff will continue to monitor individual agency asset management plans. Staff will report on progress toward identified transit asset management targets in the Metropolitan Planning Annual Report (MC-3C).

Task SL-3I Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Annual Report – TAM Measures				

MC-3J: TRANSIT METRICS

- **Collection and Tracking:** Staff will utilize the National Transit Database and the assistance of the members of the Public Transit Advisory Committee to collect and track regional public transit metrics. These metrics will be used for internal analysis, project identification, and as study inputs.
- **Reporting and Visualization:** Staff will share regional metrics, with longitudinal comparisons and visualization, with the Public Transit Advisory Committee on an ongoing basis. The Metropolitan Planning Annual Report (MC-3C) will include these metrics.

MC-3K: TRANSIT FUNDING

- **Annual Apportionments:** With the guidance of the Public Transit Advisory Committee, staff will develop the annual Program of Projects for FTA formula funds, following the public outreach methodology described in the MPO Public Participation Plan.
- **Discretionary Funding:** Staff will continue to monitor for opportunities for grants that would fund projects directly or indirectly contributing to public transit mobility. Assistance will be offered to agencies applying for funding.
- **Revenue Stabilization:** Staff will work with operators to identify strategies to maintain continuity of operations through stabilization of local/state/federal funding or inter-agency cooperation.

Task MC-3K Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Annual Apportionments and POP				

MC-3L: TITLE VI

- **Policy:** Staff will undertake planning activities per the Title VI Program and Limited English Proficiency Plan, as approved by FTA

- **Project Scoping:** Staff will employ RPC’s social vulnerability index for all studies to identify appropriate outreach strategies and goals for those living in project areas.

MC-3M: DBE ACTIVITY

- **Outreach:** Staff will work to increase DBE participation, including through hosting or co-hosting workshops with DBE or potential DBE contractors.
- **Procurement:** Having established DBE goals, staff will ensure the goal is met through established procurement policies and best practices.

MC-3N: METROPOLITAN PLANNING EDUCATION

- **Agency Branding:** Staff intend on conducting an internal agency identification exercise that will consider standardized branding for documents, outreach materials, etc. Consideration will be given to an update to the RPC guidebook, public perception of the agency, the RPC logo, study covers, the role of the MPO, and other elements as determined in the exercise.
- **Public Participation Plan:** Staff will conduct its annual review of the public participation plan to guarantee consistency with current planning priorities and soundness based on national best practices. Any updates to the plan will be submitted to FHWA and FTA.
- **Newsletter:** Staff will produce and distribute a quarterly newsletter that will include: a summary of an ongoing study or studies, an educational brief on MPO practices, updates on other RPC/TPC initiatives, and a calendar of upcoming events.

Task MC-3N Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Branding Exercise				
Participation Plan Review				
Newsletter				

MC-3O: TARGETED OUTREACH

- **Education:** Staff will deploy project specific outreach mechanisms, including neighborhood and stakeholder meetings, community workshops, pop-up events, and news media engagement, and others as appropriate.
- **Methodology:** The Social Vulnerability Index and coordination with citizen and advocacy groups will assist in determining appropriate methods and extent of outreach for a given project.

MC-3P: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff’s ability to conduct the described work tasks.

MC-3Q: EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION

In the aftermath of a disaster event, such as a hurricane or extreme flooding, staff may be called upon to conduct certain activities to maintain continuity of operations and support emergency response and recovery actions. Staff will coordinate with LADOTD, FHWA, local governments, and emergency responders to determine and carry out appropriate roles and responsibilities consistent with this task.

MAJOR DELIVERABLES

- FY 25 Unified Planning Work Program
- Metropolitan Planning Annual Report
- Obligated Projects Documentation

FUNDING

Work Responsibility by Funding		Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	49,611 (100%)	FHWA	39,689	RPC
Total	49,611	State/Local	9,922	

STAFFING

Supervisor: Jason Sappington, AICP

MC-4.24 GIS AND DATA MANAGEMENT

GOAL

Responsible stewardship of the region's geographic and demographic data resources, including storage, security, analysis, and distribution.

OBJECTIVES

- Up-to-date analysis of socio-economic data that will support travel and land-use modelling, economic development planning, and Title VI/Environmental Justice activities.
- A database of transportation related data for use in identifying new projects, informing existing projects, and in the development of the miscellaneous planning products
- Coordination with local, state, and federal partners on prioritization of large and/or costly data acquisitions, policy and procedures
- Maintenance of the MPO's internal information technology systems and safeguarding of nonpublic or proprietary data

FY 23 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- FY 23-26 TIP data layers, amendments
- Metropolitan Transportation Plan data layers
- FFY 22 Obligated Projects data layers
- Census 2020 data

SUBTASKS

MC-4A: DATA DEVELOPMENT

- **Development:** Staff will coordinate the development and calibration of various demographic, land-use, employment, and transportation datasets in support of other tasks in the UPWP.
- **Coordination:** Staff will foster partnerships and administer sharing agreements with data producing entities to ensure access to the most accurate available data and up-to-date knowledge of data management best practices.
- **Census Data:** Staff will continue to process 2020 decennial and ACS census data for local transportation and land use planning purposes, and to assist in defining MPA boundaries and the functional aid network.

MC-4B: DATA ANALYSIS AND VISUALIZATION

- **General:** Staff will continue analyses and geo-processing of datasets for internal project development and prioritization, performance metrics, emergency preparedness, environmental planning, local and regional land use planning, and consultant activities.
- **Applications:** Processed data will be used to populate the Travel Demand Model, and used as inputs into the Social Vulnerability Index, latent demand modelling, resiliency planning, the congestion management process, and other project support as needed.

- **Visualization:** Custom visualization of geo-data will be produced for internal analysis, presentation to the TAC and the TPC, publication in the Metropolitan Planning Annual Report (MC-3c), and as needed for other MPO products.

MC-4C: GIS CONSORTIUM

- **Meetings:** Staff will host a quarterly meeting of GIS users from throughout the region and from various stakeholders to discuss data needs and availability, policy, best practices, and opportunities for collaboration.

Task MC-4C Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Consortium Meetings				

MC-4D: PROJECT TRACKING

- **Tracking:** Staff will track projects in a database throughout their study, development, and implementation. Staff will continue to customize the project tracking database for use by staff, including further addition from study archives.
- **Mapping:** Projects in the database will be mapped. They will be modified as TIP and/or MTP documents are amended.
- **Obligated Projects Mapping:** Mapping of obligated projects will take place annually.

Task MC-4D Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Obligated Projects				

MC-4E: IT AND AV SUPPORT

- **Inventory:** Staff will work with the IT Consultant in ensuring the IT equipment used for MPO planning is documented, secure, and adequate to agency needs.

MC-4F: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.

MC-4G: EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION

In the aftermath of a disaster event, such as a hurricane or extreme flooding, staff may be called upon to conduct certain activities to maintain continuity of operations and support emergency response and recovery actions. Staff will coordinate with LADOTD, FHWA, local governments, and emergency responders to determine and carry out appropriate roles and responsibilities consistent with this task.

MAJOR DELIVERABLES

- Obligated Projects Map
- TIP Map
- IT Procurement Documentation

FUNDING

Work Responsibility by Funding		Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	20,000 (%100)	FHWA	16,000	RPC
Total	20,000	State/Local	4,000	

STAFFING

Supervisor: Lynn Dupont, ASLA

MC-5.24: UPWP MANAGEMENT

GOAL

Conducting the day to day administrative, contract management, and financial planning activities that ensure that the MPO functions of the staff and the TPC, and its conformity to adopted policy, as well as state and federal requirements.

OBJECTIVES

- Coordination of the Transportation Policy Committee and all administrative and public requirements
- Preparation and management of contracts and agreements
- Fiscal responsibility and financial transparency
- Human resource functions which are necessary to ensure that staff have the wherewithal to conduct the everyday functions of the agency.

FY 23 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Two staff members were hired
- Annual audits performed
- Monthly TPC meetings held
- Staff meetings held biweekly
- Updates to project management manual

SUBTASKS

MC-5A: CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

- **Procurement:** Staff will prepare and oversee contracts and intergovernmental agreements, ensuring that the necessary legal and contractual provisions, and guarantee these provisions are followed through the lifetime of the contract or agreement.
- **Organization:** Project files and associated contractual documents will be archived in RPC's standard online filing system for ease of access later, as needed.

MC-5B: TPC COORDINATION

- **Monthly Meetings:** Staff will coordinate with the local elected officials and citizen representatives, including those that make up the Committee, and conduct of the monthly TPC meetings themselves, including preparing agendas, minutes, meeting packets/material, scheduling guest speakers, preparing budget and financial reports, making provisions for public participation, and preparing public notices announcing the meetings.

MC-5C: STAFF MANAGEMENT

- **UPWP:** Supervisors will oversee staff workflow, internal resource allocation, and staff development to fulfill the tasks of the UPWP and creation of its associated products within stated budgets and timelines.
- **Staff Meetings:** Planning staff will hold meetings every two weeks to better coordinate efforts and participate in agency decision-making.
- **Annual Review:** All staff will undergo annual performance reviews in the spring.
- **Employee Handbook:** Staff will internally develop a handbook summarizing staff roles and expectations.

MC-5D: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES

- **Finances:** Staff will conduct the necessary activities to ensure the timely processing of invoices, including coordination with DOTD financial sections. Grant balances, per contracts with LADOTD, will be tracked throughout the year to ensure appropriate workflow distribution. An annual audit of the agency will take place. Monthly budget reports will be made available to stakeholders.
- **Human Resources:** The director of finance will oversee retirement, insurance, hiring, and payroll functions.
- **Onboarding:** New planning staff will undergo a comprehensive month-long onboarding process to familiarize them with roles and responsibilities, metropolitan planning functions, and standard operating procedure for common tasks.

MC-5E: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.

MC-5F: EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION

In the aftermath of a disaster event, such as a hurricane or extreme flooding, staff may be called upon to conduct certain activities to maintain continuity of operations and support emergency response and recovery actions. Staff will coordinate with LADOTD, FHWA, FTA, local governments, and emergency responders to determine and carry out appropriate roles and responsibilities consistent with this task.

MAJOR DELIVERABLES

- TPC Meeting Packets
- Employee Handbook

FUNDING

Work Responsibility for Funding		Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	18,750 (100%)	FHWA	15,000	RPC
Total	18,750	State/Local	3,750	
		Total	18,750	

STAFFING

Supervisor: Megan Leonard

MC-6.24 COMPLETE STREETS

GOAL

Preparation for region-wide Complete Streets Planning that will account for the roadway needs of all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit, motorists, and freight.

OBJECTIVES

- Review of Active Transportation Plans, Complete Streets policies, and associated initiatives in the Mandeville-Covington planning area.

FY 23 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- NA

SUBTASKS

MC-6A: INTERNAL AND LOCAL REVIEW

- **Active Transportation Plans:** Staff will review RPC and local studies conducted in the Mandeville-Covington MPA since the adoption of the 2011 RPC Complete Streets Policy to identify the degree to which the policy has been successfully implemented.

Task MC-5B Internal Review	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
MPO Active Transportation Plans				

MC-6B: REPORT

- **Complete Streets and Active Transportation Report:** Staff will integrate findings from MC-6A into a report being prepared for all four RPC UZAs (described in A-5). The report will be presented to the Technical Advisory Committee.

Task MC-5C Report	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Report				

FUNDING

Staffing	Work Responsibility by Funding	Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	\$7,118 (100%)	FHWA	7,118	RPC
Consultant		State/Local	0	
Total	\$7,118	Total	7,118	

PRODUCTS

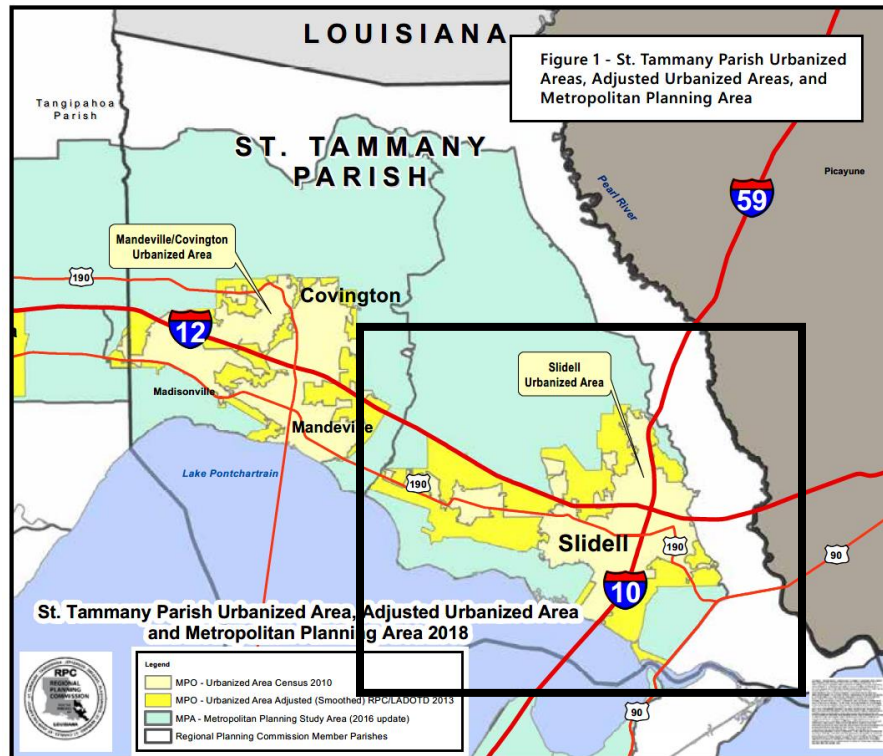
- Complete Streets Report
- Complete Streets/Active Transportation Plan Scope

STAFFING

Supervisor: Karen Parsons, AICP

SLIDELL MPA

The Slidell metropolitan planning area lies in the southeastern corner of St. Tammany Parish. In 2019 the population of the MPA was just over 120,000. In addition to Slidell itself, significant population and/or employment centers in the Slidell MPA include Lacombe, Pearl River, and Eden Isles.



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Within the Slidell MPA there are 331 miles of Federal Aid roadways, including the intersection of three interstate highways. I-10 connects Slidell to New Orleans to the southwest and the Mississippi Gulf Coast to the east. I-12 and connects Slidell to Mandeville-Covington, Hammond-Ponchatoula, and Baton Rouge. I-59 goes northeast towards Hattiesburg, MS. US 190 is another major east-west corridor connecting major urban centers on the Northshore.

Slidell hosts the easternmost trailhead of the Tammany Trace, a 31-mile multi-use path that threads through five communities in the parish. Demand Response public transit in Slidell is provided by the parish government in partnership with the parish's Council on Aging. The Slidell Municipal Airport, northeast of the city, has a 5,000 foot runway and 33 hangers. The Norfolk Southern Railroad transects Slidell on its way from New Orleans to Picayune, MS. Significant bodies of water in the MPA include Bayous Bonafouca and Liberty, Pearl River, and the northeastern shore of Lake Pontchartrain.

Slidell's primary challenge, from a transportation planning perspective, is growing congestion on its major corridors, due to pressures from development in the Parish. Slidell is also contending with drainage and flooding issues along the lakefront and local bayous.

PLANNING FACTORS

This UPWP is undertaken pursuant to and in compliance with the provisions of 23 USC 134(h)(1) and regulatory authority of 23 CFR 450.308. It has been developed with consideration of the planning factors for metropolitan transportation planning, as described in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

1. Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.
2. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
3. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
4. Increase the accessibility and mobility of people and freight.
5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and state and local planned growth and economic development patterns.
6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight.
7. Promote efficient system management and operation.
8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.
9. Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate impacts of surface transportation.
10. Enhance travel and tourism

The following table demonstrates how the tasks defined in the UPWP contribute to these planning factors in the Slidell MPA.

	SL-1	SL-2	SL-3	SL-4	SL-5
Economic Vitality	*	*	*	*	*
Safety	*	*	*	*	*
Security	*	*	*	*	*
Accessibility and Mobility	*		*	*	*
Environment	*	*	*	*	*
Modal Connectivity	*	*	*	*	*
Efficiency	*	*	*	*	*
Preservation	*			*	*
Resilience	*	*		*	*
Travel and Tourism	*	*	*		

FUNDING TABLE: BY SOURCE

Task	Description	FHWA PL	PL Match	FHWA Total	FTA 5303	FTA Match	FTA Total	Total
SL-1.24	Accessibility, Mobility, Safety, Freight	134,793	33,698	168,491				168,491
SL-2.24	Land Use and Environmental	64,400	16,100	80,500				80,500
SL-3.24	Metropolitan Planning				39,816	9,954	49,770	49,770
SL-4.24	GIS and Data Management	15,000	3,750	18,750				18,750
SL-5.24	UPWP Management	15,000	3,750	18,750				18,750
SL-6.24	Complete Streets	5,877		5,877				5,877
Total		235,070	57,298	293,838	39,816	9,954	49,770	342,138

FUNDING TABLE 2: RPC STAFF VS CONTRACTED FUNDING

The “By Recipient” funding table shows the amount of total funding (local + federal), per task, assigned to RPC staff and staff support versus how much will be contracted to a consultant.

Task	Description	RPC Staff	Contractual/Consultant				Total
			Cont. PL*	New PL	Cont. FTA*	New FTA	
SL-1.24	Accessibility, Mobility, Safety, and Freight	22,808	61,405	84,278			168,491
SL-2.24	Resiliency and Land Use	25,000		55,500			80,500
SL-3.24	Core Metropolitan Planning	49,770					49,770
SL-4.24	GIS and Data Management	18,750					18,750
SL-5.24	UPWP Management	18,750					18,750
SL-6.24	Complete Streets	5,877					5,877
Total		139,485	61,405	139,778			342,138

*Continuing PL and 5303 funds are dedicated to complete contractual work started in the previous FY using funding from the current FY. Per LADOTD Policy, PL and 5303 Funds are ineligible for “carryover” from previous Fiscal Years

Notes:

No non-FHWA or non-FTA funds are used for planning for other modes.

All FHWA and FTA grants are provided at 80%, with 20% matching local funds, except for Complete Streets which is provided at 100% Federal share.

SL-1.24: ACCESSIBILITY, MOBILITY, SAFETY, FREIGHT

GOALS

A regional surface transportation system that is safe, well maintained, dependable, and useful for all users.

A freight planning program that is responsive to the movement of goods at a regional, national, and global scale, and promotes safe, equitably derived, and efficient interactions between freight and the rest of the region's transportation systems.

OBJECTIVES

- Streets that are safe to use by the most vulnerable members of our community.
- Streets that are platforms for community wealth building and neighborhood vitality.
- Streets, roads, and bridges that are maintained at levels commensurate to their value to the community.
- Models that reasonably forecast conditions in a proposed transportation system
- Reliable methodologies for measuring conditions in the existing transportation system.
- Accountability and guidance derived through consistent goal setting and performance measurement
- Improved movement of national and international freight rail, passenger rail, truck, and waterborne transport in and through the New Orleans region.
- Improved safety through the removal and/or mitigation of conflicts and better integration of freight movement with regular motorized and non-motorized traffic.
- Communication with modal stakeholders that fosters collaborative decision making regarding multi-modal planning and implementation.

FY 23 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Annual report on performance measures
- Demand model updates
- Mandeville Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan
- Freight Mobility Plan

SUBTASKS

SL-1A: COMPLETE STREETS AND SAFETY

- **Regional Guide:** Staff will scope and begin work on a regional Complete Streets guide. The guide will define Complete Streets through an updated MPO policy, and will provide a framework for identifying opportunities and implementing complete streets improvements on the region's streets. The document will be tailored to characteristics of the Mandeville-Covington urbanized area (as well as other urbanized areas, per A-1, MC-1, and T-1).
- **Scoping:** Study scoping will take place at the corridor or sub-area level, considering the interaction of surrounding land uses and the transportation system, access management, and wide-scaled travel impacts of proposed improvements. All modes will be considered during the study scoping process, including multi-modal travel data collection, crash data, potential for physically separating non-motorized from motorized traffic, potential for other non-motorized safety countermeasures, connectivity of the overall bicycle and pedestrian network, and the demographic and physical characteristics of the study's

area of interest. Work in this subtask is intended to meet the mandates promulgated of the IJJA (PL 117-58), specifically Section 11206(b).

- **Safety Data:** Staff will conduct an annual review of regional safety data during Q2 to identify injury and fatality hot spots. This review will be summarized in a memo. The resulting analysis will be used to inform the TAC in FY 25 study selection. Tasks undertaken thereto will be mindful of the State Highway Safety Plan as promulgated by LADOTD and consistent with FHWA guidance as described in 23 CFR 924.9
- **Incident Management:** Staff will coordinate with local and national disaster management and emergency response stakeholders on a quarterly basis, to prepare for hazards and threats to the transportation system and identify strategies for incident response and recovery.
- **Performance Measures:** Pursuant to 23 USC 150, the MPO will either concur with LADOTD Highway Safety Improvement Program's five safety performance targets, or will set its own targets, by February 27, 2024. The report for FY 23 will be completed in Q1 as part of the Annual Report (MC-3C).

Task SL-1A Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Complete Streets Guide Scope				
Complete Streets Guide				
Safety Data Memo				
Safety Performance Report				

SL-1B: NORTHSORE COORDINATION

- **Meetings:** Staff will attend monthly meetings with LADOTD District 62 and St. Tammany Parish officials to ensure coordination on ongoing and upcoming projects.

SL-1C: PRESERVATION

- **Coordination:** Staff will coordinate with state and local officials to identify segments of roadways and/or bridges that require overlays, rehabilitation, and other preservation methods.
- **Preservation Programs:** Staff will work with local parishes to create systematic, multi-year programs for conducting preservation on Federal-Aid roadways.
- **Performance Measures:** Pavement and bridge condition targets were adopted by the TPC in March of 2023 (FY 23). Staff will work with FHWA, the state, and local governments toward achievement of these targets. The report for FY 23 will be completed in Q1 as part of the Annual Report (SL-3C).

Task MC-1C Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Conditions Performance Report				

SL-1D: TRAVEL DEMAND MODELLING

- **Development:** The existing four-step model will be maintained in-house and by a contractor. Staff will scope and pursue procurement of a substantial model update.
- **Execution:** Staff will use the model on a project-by-project basis to provide future travel demand scenarios based on projected demographics and network geometry. Staff may also provide model outputs to partner stakeholders and other requestors, depending on the nature of the request and the appropriateness of the model's use for these proposals.

SL-1E: CONGESTION MANAGEMENT

- **Congestion Management Process:** Staff will continue to implement the Congestion Management Process (CMP). The CMP is iterative and ongoing, and includes monitoring congestion on major roadways, identifying bottlenecks on the congestion management system, and proposing network improvements. This subtask is intended to identify strategies and initiatives that address implementation mandates via the New Orleans UZA Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) per 23 CFR 450.322.
- **Transportation Demand Management:** Beyond multimodal improvements described elsewhere, studies will emphasize other transportation demand management and operational improvements to relieve corridor congestion, including geometric modifications and signal upgrades. Opportunities for corridor length or system-wide signalization plans will be pursued.
- **Performance Measures:** Congestion and reliability performance targets were adopted by the TPC in March of 2023 (FY 23). Staff will work with FHWA, the state, and local governments toward achievement of these targets.

Task SL-1E Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Congestion Performance Report				

SL-1F: SYSTEM SURVEILLANCE

- **Routine Traffic Counting Program:** Staff will conduct its annual traffic counting program in Fall 2023 through Spring 2024, addressing roadway segments where counts are at or over 3 years old, or where conditions otherwise warrant a more up-to-date measurement.
- **Routine Non-Motorized Counting Program:** Staff will design and test a routine counting program for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- **Project Based:** Study scoping will include, as appropriate, the collection of average daily traffic, peak travel periods, vehicle speed, intersection level of service, and other traffic data. Scoping will also include counts of bicycling and walking at identified locations in the study area.

Task SL-1F Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Routine Traffic Counting				

SL-1G: INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) AND INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

- **ITS Architecture:** Staff will coordinate with the state to ensure that the regional ITS architecture is up to date. Updates requiring systems engineering reports, if any, will be conducted in coordination with LADOTD, FHWA, and local agencies.
- **Emergency Preparedness Partnership:** Staff will host quarterly meetings of the Partnership.

SL-1I: FEDERAL AID NETWORK

- **Identification:** Urbanized boundaries were delivered from the US Census in Q3 of FY23. Staff will coordinate with local agencies, LADOTD, and FHWA to identify any necessary updates to the Federal Aid network in Q1 and Q2 of 2024.

SL-1J: FREIGHT COORDINATION

- **Coordination:** Staff will attend other stakeholder meetings that are being held regarding regional freight to ensure coordination with RPC's own freight planning activities.

SL-1K: URBAN RAIL AND FREIGHT PLANNING

- **Safety:** Corridor studies with identified truck or rail interaction will emphasize measures to decrease conflicts.
- **Truck Routes:** Staff will continue to work with local agencies on developing strategies for safely routing trucks through urban areas.
- **Truck Parking:** Staff will continue to work with freight operators and local/state officials on identifying locations for truck parking/layover locations and amenities (EV hookup, safety lighting).
- **Intercity Rail:** As the state of Louisiana refines intercity rail planning, the MPO will assist by focusing on last mile connections and complementary land use planning at existing and planned passenger rail terminals.

SL-1L: FREIGHT CONGESTION AND EMISSIONS

- **Freight Emissions:** Staff will identify best practices in estimating annual greenhouse gas emissions created by freight modes. These data will inform freight and resiliency planning efforts and potential grant applications for green freight infrastructure.
- **Performance Metrics:** Staff established and reported on performance targets for freight congestion in FY 23. Staff will continue to monitor these metrics and include them in an annual report.
- **Freight Travel Data:** Staff will continue to research potential sources of freight origin-destination-routing data for use in assisting in the identification of choke points, the upkeep of the regional travel demand model.

Task SL-1E Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Freight Congestion Report				

SL-1M: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.
 - **Traffic Data:** Procurement or renewal of a software as a service application used by staff to inform traffic surveillance and planning, will take place in Q3.

SL-1N: EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION

In the aftermath of a disaster event, such as a hurricane or extreme flooding, staff may be called upon to conduct certain activities to maintain continuity of operations and support emergency response and recovery actions. Staff will coordinate with LADOTD, FHWA, local governments, and emergency responders to determine and carry out appropriate roles and responsibilities consistent with this task.

MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Complete Streets Guidebook
- Safety Data Memo

- Performance Report – Pavement and Bridge Conditions
- Performance Report – Safety Data
- Performance Report – Congestion Data
- Performance Report – Freight Congestion Data
- Federal Aid Network Map
- Routine Traffic Count Results

FUNDING

Work Responsibility by Funding		Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	22,808 (13.5%)	FHWA	134,793	RPC
Consultant	145,683 (86.5%)	State/Local	33,698	
Total	168,491			

STAFFING

Supervisor: Jeffrey Roesel, AICP

SL-2.24 RESILIENCY AND LAND USE

GOAL

Planning for transportation systems that will endure stress caused by natural disasters, and that will further support resilient communities through encouraging sustainable development, contributing to stormwater management, improving public health and, where necessary, providing safe evacuation facilities.

OBJECTIVES

- Transportation facilities that are resistant to chronic and acute climate and weather stressors.
- Transportation or transportation adjacent facilities and features that contribute toward the public health of communities that face challenges from climate and weather.
- A resiliency plan that identifies assets and vulnerabilities in both communities and within existing infrastructure that are impacted by climate threats and prioritizes measures to improve resilience.
- A unified land use and transportation planning approach that considers the impacts of transportation investments on accessibility to housing, services, and public health.

FY 23 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Scoping for Resiliency Plan

SUBTASKS

SL-2A: REGIONAL RESILIENCY PLAN

- **Plan Development:** Staff intends to develop a regional resiliency plan in FY 24. The plan will consist of multiple reports which will be published upon completion. The plan will guide staff's efforts by assessing risks to transportation infrastructure and communities and providing potential means to mitigate or avoid climate disruption. The plan will assist in prioritizing projects for funding under PROTECT Act, FHWA's Carbon Reduction Program, and other programs with similar objectives. The plan will include, at a minimum, the following:
 - *Baseline Conditions Report*, a regulatory and historical framework and an identification of climate vulnerable infrastructure and communities
 - *Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan and Carbon Reduction Strategy*, A methodology for prioritizing projects for funding under PROTECT, the Carbon Reduction Program, and other programs. This will begin in FY 24 and be completed in FY 25.
 - *Associated Reports*: Reports that address regional vulnerability and assessment that are transportation adjacent or not directly related to transportation infrastructure, such as social vulnerability, economic development, air quality, other critical infrastructure, other environmental stressors, operations/evacuation, etc.

Task MC-2A Timeline & Deliverables

Baseline Conditions Report
Transportation Resilience Plan

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr - Jun

SL-2B: INFRASTRUCTURE HARDENING

- **Scoping:** All scopes that include alternatives with potential rehabilitation or reconstruction of transportation facilities, particularly in locations identified as high risk in the Resiliency Plan, should consider the ability to harden, elevate, or otherwise increase the facilities' ability to resist flooding, heat, and other climatic or associated weather stressors.
- **Funding:** Staff will work with federal, state, and local partners to identify funding sources, strategies, and priorities for the hardening or elevating of vulnerable infrastructure.

SL-2C: LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION

- **Scoping:** Study scoping will include, with rare exceptions, an analysis of land-use characteristics surrounding a project corridor. These data will inform travel characteristics, and measures of accessibility to housing, employment, and critical services (medical, childcare, education, etc.) of the project area, particularly in disadvantaged communities.
- **Sub-Area and Corridor Studies:** Staff will work with stakeholders to identify opportunities to provide transportation planning elements that supplement local land use planning efforts.
- **Public Health:** Staff will evaluate public health impacts of new or planned transportation infrastructure funded through the MPO. Consideration will be given to changes in vehicle emissions, air quality, or other exposure to toxins, opportunities for active transportation, shade and other cooling effects, access to greenspace, access to medical services, access for the disabled and/or elderly, etc.

SL-2D: EV INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Coordination:** Staff will coordinate with the state and with local governments on the funding and effective deployment of EV infrastructure in local communities and on regional corridors.
- **Support:** Staff will continue to provide local governments with guidance on best practices and models for deployment of EV infrastructure.

SL-2E: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.

SL-2F: EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION

In the aftermath of a disaster event, such as a hurricane or extreme flooding, staff may be called upon to conduct certain activities to maintain the continuity of operations and support emergency response and recovery actions. Staff will coordinate with LADOTD, FHWA, local governments, and emergency responders to determine and carry out appropriate roles and responsibilities consistent with this task.

MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Resiliency Plan
- Carbon Reduction Prioritization Strategy

FUNDING

Work Responsibility by Funding		Financial Responsibility		Agency Responsibility
RPC	25,000 (31%)	FHWA	64,400	RPC
Consultant	55,500 (69%)	State/Local	16,100	
Total	80,500			

STAFFING

Supervisor: Thomas Haysley, AICP

SL-3.24 CORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING

GOAL

Creating, refining, and implementing the core MPO products, including the Transportation Improvement Program, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and the Unified Planning Work Program.

OBJECTIVES

- Develop and maintain the three primary planning documents for the Slidell UZA Metropolitan Planning Area: the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
- Foster constructive dialog with key stakeholders and the public that informs the priorities of the metropolitan planning process.
- Shepherd and track the progress of projects from prioritization to implementation.

FY 23 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- 2052 Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program
- FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program and Progress Reports
- Obligated Projects
- Updated Title VI Program

SUBTASKS

SL-3A: TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- **Quarterly Meeting:** The TAC will meet on a quarterly basis. The purpose and membership of the TAC will be defined in bylaws which will be under review by the TAC entering FY 24. Generally, the TAC will review and make recommendations to the TPC regarding core metropolitan planning products. RPC staff will be responsible for all meetings and materials.
- **Subcommittees:** Issue specific subcommittees will meet on a self-defined basis and will make regular reports to the TAC. The TAC may create temporary or permanent subcommittees.

Task SL-3A Timeline & Deliverables

TAC Meetings

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr – Jun

SL-3B: TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- **Monthly Review:** Staff will conduct a monthly review of the FY 23-26 TIP to ensure projects are progressing toward obligation at an expected rate.
- **Stakeholder Coordination:** Staff will conduct regular outreach to LADOTD and local governments to ensure that the TIP still reflects state priorities and to assist local agencies in moving their programmed projects toward obligation.

SL-3C: METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN ANNUAL REPORT

- **Development and Distribution:** Staff will create and distribute (via the website, TAC, subcommittees, and the RPC mailing list) an annual report summarizing:

- Progress toward established FTA and FHWA performance targets
- Performance in and visualization of other transportation metrics (highway, crash/safety, freight, public transit, and others as deemed available and pertinent)
- Progress in strategies identified in the MTP
- Planning Studies and FY23 UPWP overview

Task SL-3C Timeline & Deliverables

Annual Report

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr – Jun

SL-3D: UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

- **Progress Reporting:** Staff will prepare quarterly reports describing progress on tasks/sub-tasks in the FY 24 UPWP, for submission to LADOTD and FHWA
- **Internal Review:** Staff will conduct quarterly internal reviews of the UPWP to determine progress on subtasks and associated timelines assess potential need for amendment.
- **FY 25 UPWP:** The draft FY 24 UPWP for the New Orleans UZA will be prepared in Q2 and Q3. The draft will be submitted to the TAC, FHWA, LADOTD for review in Q3. Pending favorable review and recommendation by the TAC, the draft will be submitted to the TPC in Q4 for final approval in May.

Task SL-3d Timeline & Deliverables

Progress Reporting

Internal Review

FY25 UPWP

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr – Jun

SL-3E: OBLIGATED PROJECTS

- **Documentation:** Projects obligated in FFY 2023 will be mapped and categorized by type and funding source to measure success toward a reasonable distribution of project types and modal emphasis areas. The report will be published on the website.

Task SL-3e Timeline & Deliverables

Documentation

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr - Jun

SL-3F: INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

- **Agreements Updates:** Staff will update agreements with LADOTD, local parishes, and public transit agencies, defining roles, responsibilities, and deliverables.
- **Staff Liaisons:** Teams of staff, led by a principal, will be assigned to maintain communications with one or more parishes over the course of the year, to assist in defining local transportation needs and priorities.
- **Metropolitan Planning Area:** Having received urbanized area boundaries from the census in late 2022, staff will coordinate with FHWA and FTA in defining updated Metropolitan Planning Area boundaries.

Task SL-3F Timeline & Deliverables

Agreements

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr - Jun

SL-3G: PERFORMANCE BASED PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING

- **FHWA/FTA PBPP:** Staff will attend to all DOT requirements regarding the establishment of performance targets and measuring progress toward targets. Progress will be documented in the Metropolitan Planning Annual Report.

SL-3H: PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- **Meetings:** Staff will convene quarterly meetings of representatives from public transit operators, to discuss funding, opportunities for collaboration, and policy. The committee will report to the TAC.

Task SL-3H Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Committee Meetings				

SL-3I: TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT

- **Funding:** The Transit element of the TIP will be monitored for adherence to strategies that will assist the region in achieving regional Transit Asset Management (TAM) performance targets.
- **Monitoring and Reporting:** Staff will continue to monitor individual agency asset management plans. Staff will report on progress toward identified transit asset management targets in the Metropolitan Planning Annual Report.

Task SL-3C Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Annual Report – TAM Measures				

SL-3J: TRANSIT METRICS

- **Collection and Tracking:** Staff will utilize the National Transit Database and the assistance of the members of the Public Transit Advisory Committee to collect and track regional public transit metrics. These metrics will be used for internal analysis, project identification, and as study inputs.
- **Reporting and Visualization:** Staff will share regional metrics, with longitudinal comparisons and visualization, with the Public Transit Advisory Committee on an ongoing basis. The Metropolitan Planning Annual Report (SL-3c) will include these metrics.

SL-3K: TRANSIT FUNDING

- **Annual Apportionments:** With the guidance of the Public Transit Advisory Committee, staff will develop the annual Program of Projects for FTA formula funds, following the public outreach methodology described in the MPO Public Participation Plan.
- **Discretionary Funding:** Staff will continue to monitor for opportunities for grants that would fund projects directly or indirectly contributing to public transit mobility. Assistance will be offered to agencies applying for funding.
- **Revenue Stabilization:** Staff will work with operators to identify strategies to maintain continuity of operations through stabilization of local/state/federal funding or inter-agency cooperation.

Task SL-3k Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Annual Apportionments and POP				

SL-3L: TITLE VI

- **Policy:** Staff will undertake planning activities per the Title VI Program and Limited English Proficiency Plan, as approved by FTA
- **Project Scoping:** Staff will employ RPC's social vulnerability index for all studies to identify appropriate outreach strategies and goals for those living in project areas.

SL-3M: DBE ACTIVITY

- **Outreach:** Staff will work to increase DBE participation, including through hosting or co-hosting workshops with DBE or potential DBE contractors.
- **Procurement:** Having established DBE goals, staff will ensure the goal is met through established procurement policies and best practices.

SL-3N: METROPOLITAN PLANNING EDUCATION

- **Agency Branding:** Staff intends on conducting an internal agency identification exercise that will consider standardized branding for documents, outreach materials, etc. Consideration will be given to an update to the RPC guidebook, public perception of the agency, the RPC logo, study covers, the role of the MPO, and other elements as determined in the exercise.
- **Public Participation Plan:** Staff will conduct its annual review of the public participation plan to guarantee consistency with current planning priorities and soundness based on national best practices. Any updates to the plan will be submitted to FHWA and FTA.
- **Newsletter:** Staff will produce and distribute a quarterly newsletter that will include: a summary of an ongoing study or studies, an educational brief on MPO practices, updates on other RPC/TPC initiatives, and a calendar of upcoming events.

Task SL-3N Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Participation Plan Review				
Newsletter				

SL-3O: TARGETED OUTREACH

- **Education:** Staff will deploy project specific outreach mechanisms, including neighborhood and stakeholder meetings, community workshops, pop-up events, and news media engagement, and others as appropriate.
- **Methodology:** The Social Vulnerability Index and coordination with citizen and advocacy groups will assist in determining appropriate methods and extent of outreach for a given project.

SL-3P: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.

SL-3Q: EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION

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MAJOR DELIVERABLES

- FY 25 Unified Planning Work Program
- Metropolitan Planning Annual Report
- Obligated Projects Documentation

FUNDING

Work Responsibility by Funding		Financial Responsibility		Agency
RPC	49,770 (%100)	FHWA	39,816	RPC
Total	49,770	State/Local	9,954	
		Total	49,770	

STAFFING

Supervisor: Jason Sappington, AICP

SL-4.24 GIS AND DATA MANAGEMENT

GOAL

Responsible stewardship of the region's geographic and demographic data resources, including storage, security, analysis, and distribution.

OBJECTIVES

- Up-to-date analysis of socio-economic data that will support travel and land-use modelling, economic development planning, and Title VI/Environmental Justice activities.
- A database of transportation related data for use in identifying new projects, informing existing projects, and in the development of the miscellaneous planning products
- Coordination with local, state, and federal partners on prioritization of large and/or costly data acquisitions, policy and procedures
- Maintenance of the MPO's internal information technology systems and safeguarding of nonpublic or proprietary data

FY 23 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- FY 23-26 TIP data layers, amendments
- Metropolitan Transportation Plan data layers
- FFY 22 Obligated Projects data layers
- Census 2020 data

SUBTASKS

SL-4A: DATA DEVELOPMENT

- **Development:** Staff will coordinate the development and calibration of various demographic, land-use, employment, and transportation datasets in support of other tasks in the UPWP.
- **Coordination:** Staff will foster partnerships and administer sharing agreements with data producing entities to ensure access to the most accurate available data and up-to-date knowledge of data management best practices.
- **Census Data:** Staff will continue to process 2020 decennial and ACS census data for local transportation and land use planning purposes, and to assist in defining MPA boundaries and the functional aid network.

SL-4B: DATA ANALYSIS AND VISUALIZATION

- **General:** Staff will continue analyses and geo-processing of datasets for internal project development and prioritization, performance metrics, emergency preparedness, environmental planning, local and regional land use planning, and consultant activities.
- **Applications:** Processed data will be used to populate the Travel Demand Model, and used as inputs into the Social Vulnerability Index, latent demand modelling, resiliency planning, the congestion management process, and other project support as needed.

- **Visualization:** Custom visualization of geo-data will be produced for internal analysis, presentation to the TAC and the TPC, publication in the Metropolitan Planning Annual Report (SL-3c), and as needed for other MPO products.

SL-4C: GIS CONSORTIUM

- **Meetings:** Staff will host a quarterly meeting of GIS users from throughout the region and from various stakeholders to discuss data needs and availability, policy, best practices, and opportunities for collaboration.

Task SL-4C Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Consortium Meetings				

SL-4D: PROJECT TRACKING

- **Tracking:** Staff will track projects in a database throughout their study, development, and implementation. Staff will continue to customize the project tracking database for use by staff, including further addition from study archives.
- **Mapping:** Projects in the database will be mapped. They will be modified as TIP and/or MTP documents are amended.
- **Obligated Projects Mapping:** Mapping of obligated projects will take place annually.

Task SL-4D Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Obligated Projects				

SL-4E: IT AND AV SUPPORT

- **Inventory:** Staff will work with the IT Consultant in ensuring the IT equipment used for MPO planning is documented, secure, and adequate to agency needs.

SL-4F: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.

SL-4G: EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION

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MAJOR DELIVERABLES

- Obligated Projects Map
- TIP Map
- IT Procurement Documentation

FUNDING

Work Responsibility by Funding		Financial Responsibility		Agency Responsibility
RPC	18,750 (%100)	FHWA	15,000	RPC
Total	18,750	State/Local	3,750	
		Total	18,750	

STAFFING

Supervisor: Lynn Dupont, ASLA

SL-5.24: UPWP MANAGEMENT

GOAL

Conducting the day to day administrative, contract management, and financial planning activities that ensure that the MPO functions of the staff and the TPC, and its conformity to adopted policy, as well as state and federal requirements

OBJECTIVES

- Coordination of the Transportation Policy Committee and all administrative and public requirements
- Preparation and management of contracts and agreements
- Fiscal responsibility and financial transparency
- Human resource functions which are necessary to ensure that staff have the wherewithal to conduct the everyday functions of the agency.

FY 23 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Two staff members were hired
- Annual audits performed
- Monthly TPC meetings held
- Staff meetings held biweekly
- Updates to project management manual

SUBTASKS

SL-5A: CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

- **Procurement:** Staff will prepare and oversee contracts and intergovernmental agreements, ensuring that the necessary legal and contractual provisions, and guarantee these provisions are followed through the lifetime of the contract or agreement.
- **Organization:** Project files and associated contractual documents will be archived in RPC's standard online filing system for ease of access at a later date, as needed.

SL-5B: TPC COORDINATION

- **Monthly Meetings:** Staff will coordinate with the local elected officials and citizen representatives, including those that make up the Committee, and conduct of the monthly TPC meetings themselves, including preparing agendas, minutes, meeting packets/material, scheduling guest speakers, preparing budget and financial reports, making provisions for public participation, and preparing public notices announcing the meetings.

SL-5C: STAFF MANAGEMENT

- **UPWP:** Supervisors will oversee staff workflow, internal resource allocation, and staff development to fulfill the tasks of the UPWP and creation of its associated products within stated budgets and timelines.
- **Staff Meetings:** Planning staff will hold meetings every two weeks to better coordinate efforts and participate in agency decision-making.
- **Annual Review:** All staff will undergo annual performance reviews in the spring.
- **Employee Handbook:** Staff will internally develop a handbook summarizing staff roles and expectations.

SL-5D: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES

- **Finances:** Staff will conduct the necessary activities to ensure the timely processing of invoices, including coordination with DOTD financial sections. Grant balances, per contracts with LADOTD, will be tracked throughout the year to ensure appropriate workflow distribution. Annual audits of the agency will take place. Monthly budget reports will be prepared.
- **Human Resources:** The director of finance will oversee retirement, insurance, hiring, and payroll functions.
- **Onboarding:** New planning staff will undergo a comprehensive month-long onboarding process to familiarize them with roles and responsibilities, metropolitan planning functions, and standard operating procedure for common tasks.

SL-5E: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.

SL-5F: EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION

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MAJOR DELIVERABLES

- TPC Meeting Packets
- Employee Handbook

FUNDING

Work Responsibility by Funding		Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	18,750 (%100)	FHWA	15,000	RPC
Total	18,750	State/Local	3,750	
		Total	18,750	

STAFFING

Supervisor: Megan Leonard

SL-6.24 COMPLETE STREETS

GOAL

Preparation for region-wide Complete Streets Planning that will account for the roadway needs of all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit, motorists, and freight.

OBJECTIVES

- Review of Active Transportation Plans, Complete Streets policies, and associated initiatives in the Slidell planning area.

FY 23 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- NA

SUBTASKS

SL-6A: INTERNAL AND LOCAL REVIEW

- **Active Transportation Plans:** Staff will review RPC and local studies conducted in the Slidell MPA since the adoption of the 2011 RPC Complete Streets Policy to identify the degree to which the policy has been successfully implemented.

Task SL-5B Internal Review

MPO Active Transportation Plans

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr - Jun

SL-6B: REPORT

- **Complete Streets and Active Transportation Report:** Staff will integrate findings from SL-6A into a report being prepared for all four RPC UZAs (described in A-5). The report will be presented to the Technical Advisory Committee.

Task SL-5C Report

Report

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr - Jun

FUNDING

Staffing	Work Responsibility by Funding	Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	\$5,877 (100%)	FHWA	5,877	RPC
Consultant		State/Local	0	
Total	\$5,877	Total	5,877	

PRODUCTS

- Complete Streets Report
 - Complete Streets/Active Transportation Plan Scope
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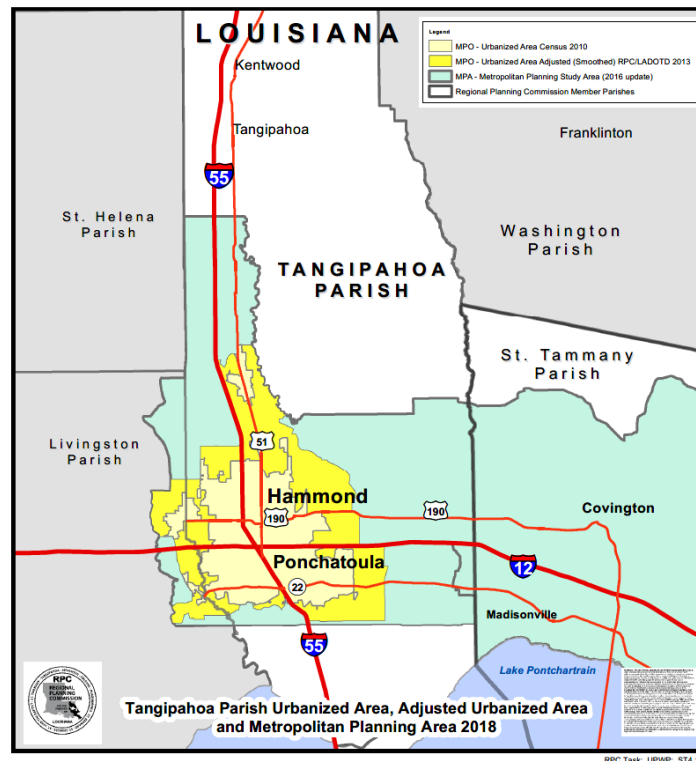
STAFFING

Supervisor: Karen Parsons, AICP

TANGIPAHOA MPA

Tangipahoa, which includes the cities of Hammond (pop. 20,768) and Ponchatoula (pop. 6,659), was designated as an urbanized area following the 2010 census. In 2018 the population of the MPA was just under 135,000. It is located northwest of New Orleans, west of St. Tammany Parish, and 45 miles east of Baton Rouge. Cities in the Urbanized Area include Hammond and Ponchatoula. In addition to being a major residential and employment center, Hammond is the home of Southeast Louisiana University.

Within the MPA there are 472 miles of Federal Aid roadways, including two interstate highways: I-12 and I-55. US 190 is another major east-west corridor that connects major urban centers on the Northshore.



Scan the QR Code on the title page (p. iii) for a larger version of this map

Fixed route public transit is available in Hammond and Ponchatoula with demand response available parish-wide, provided by the parish government in partnership with the Council on Aging. The Hammond Northshore Regional Airport, northeast of Hammond, is a 900-acre facility with two runways. A Canadian National rail line traverses the MPA from north to south, also carrying Amtrak service.

The primary challenge facing the MPA, from a transportation perspective, is the large amount of development taking place, particularly in the southeastern part of the MPA, and the demands that this development is placing on existing transportation infrastructure. Planning is focused on assisting the parish and the cities to manage and guide this growth and mitigate congestion and maintenance issues that often accompany it.

PLANNING FACTORS

This UPWP is undertaken pursuant to and in compliance with the provisions of 23 USC 134(h)(1) and regulatory authority of 23 CFR 450.308. It has been developed with consideration of the planning factors for metropolitan transportation planning, as described in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

1. Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.
2. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
3. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
4. Increase the accessibility and mobility of people and freight.
5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and state and local planned growth and economic development patterns.
6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight.
7. Promote efficient system management and operation.
8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.
9. Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate impacts of surface transportation.
10. Enhance travel and tourism

The following table demonstrates how the tasks defined in the UPWP contribute to these planning factors in the New Orleans MPA.

	T-1	T-2	T-3	T-4	T-5
Economic Vitality	*	*	*	*	*
Safety	*	*	*	*	*
Security	*	*	*	*	*
Accessibility and Mobility	*		*	*	*
Environment	*	*	*	*	*
Modal Connectivity	*	*	*	*	*
Efficiency	*	*	*	*	*
Preservation	*			*	*
Resilience	*	*		*	*
Travel and Tourism	*	*	*		

FUNDING TABLE 1: BY SOURCE

Task	Description	FHWA PL	PL Match	FHWA Total	FTA 5303	FTA Match	FTA Total	Total
T-1.24	Traveler Mobility and Accessibility Safety	109,581	27,395	136,976				136,976
T-2.24	Land Use and Environmental	60,000	15,000	75,000				75,000
T-3.24	Metropolitan Planning				34,974	8,744	43,718	43,718
T-4.24	GIS and Data Management	10,000	2,500	12,500				12,500
T-5.24	UPWP Management	8,000	2,000	10,000				10,000
T-6.24	Complete Streets	4,810		4,810				4,810
	Total	192,391	46,895	239,286	34,974	8,744	43,718	283,004

FUNDING TABLE 2: RPC STAFF VS CONTRACTED FUNDING

The “By Recipient” funding table shows the amount of total funding (local + federal), per task, assigned to RPC staff and staff support versus how much will be contracted to a consultant.

Task	Description	RPC Staff	Contractual/Consultant				Total
			Cont. PL*	New PL	Cont. FTA*	New FTA	
T-1.24	Accessibility, Mobility, Safety, and Freight	23,987		112,989			136,976
T-2.24	Resiliency and Land Use	20,000		55,000			75,000
T-3.24	Core Metropolitan Planning	43,718					43,718
T-4.24	GIS and Data Management	12,500					12,500
T-5.24	UPWP Management	10,000					10,000
T-6.24	Complete Streets	4,810					4,810
	Total	115,015		167,989			283,004

*Continuing PL and 5303 funds are dedicated to complete contractual work started in the previous FY using funding from the current FY. Per LADOTD Policy, PL and 5303 Funds are ineligible for “carryover” from previous Fiscal Years

Notes:

No non-FHWA or non-FTA funds are used for planning for other modes.

All FHWA and FTA grants are provided at 80%, with 20% matching local funds, except for Complete Streets which is provided at 100% Federal share.

T-1.24: ACCESSIBILITY, MOBILITY, SAFETY, FREIGHT

GOALS

A regional surface transportation system that is safe, well maintained, dependable, and useful for all users.

A freight planning program that is responsive to the movement of goods at a regional, national, and global scale, and promotes safe, equitably derived, and efficient interactions between freight and the rest of the region's transportation systems.

OBJECTIVES

- Streets that are safe to use by the most vulnerable members of our community.
- Streets that are platforms for community wealth building and neighborhood vitality.
- Streets, roads, and bridges that are maintained at levels commensurate to their value to the community.
- Models that reasonably forecast conditions in a proposed transportation system
- Reliable methodologies for measuring conditions in the existing transportation system.
- Accountability and guidance derived through consistent goal setting and performance measurement
- Improved movement of national and international freight rail, passenger rail, truck, and waterborne transport.
- Improved safety through the removal and/or mitigation of conflicts and better integration of freight movement with regular motorized and non-motorized traffic.
- Communication with modal stakeholders that fosters collaborative decision making regarding multi-modal planning and implementation.

FY 23 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Annual report on performance measures
- Demand model updates
- Freight Mobility Plan

SUBTASKS

T-1A: COMPLETE STREETS AND SAFETY

- **Regional Guide:** Staff will scope and begin work on a regional Complete Streets guide. The guide will define Complete Streets through an updated MPO policy, and will provide a framework for identifying opportunities and implementing complete streets improvements on the region's streets. The document will be tailored to characteristics of the Mandeville-Covington urbanized area (as well as other urbanized areas, per A-1, SL-1, and MC-1).
- **Scoping:** Study scoping will take place at the corridor or sub-area level, considering the interaction of surrounding land uses and the transportation system, access management, and wide-scaled travel impacts of proposed improvements. All modes will be considered during the study scoping process, including multi-modal travel data collection, crash data, potential for physically separating non-motorized from motorized traffic, potential for other non-motorized safety countermeasures, connectivity of the overall bicycle and pedestrian network, and the demographic and physical characteristics of the study's area of interest. Work in this subtask is intended to meet the mandates promulgated of the IJA (PL 117-58), specifically Section 11206(b).

- **Safety Data:** Staff will conduct an annual review of regional safety data during Q2 to identify injury and fatality hot spots. This review will be summarized in a memo. The resulting analysis will be used to inform the TAC in FY 25 study selection. Tasks undertaken thereto will be mindful of the State Highway Safety Plan as promulgated by LADOTD and consistent with FHWA guidance as described in 23 CFR 924.9
- **Incident Management:** Staff will coordinate with local and national disaster management and emergency response stakeholders on a quarterly basis, to prepare for hazards and threats to the transportation system and identify strategies for incident response and recovery.
- **Performance Measures:** Pursuant to 23 USC 150, the MPO will either concur with LADOTD Highway Safety Improvement Program's five safety performance targets, or will set its own targets, by February 27, 2024. The report for FY 23 will be completed in Q1 as part of the Annual Report (T-3C).

Task T-1A Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Complete Streets Guide Scope				
Complete Streets Guide				
Safety Data Memo				
Safety Performance Report				

T-1B: NORTHSORE COORDINATION

- **Meetings:** Staff will attend monthly meetings with LADOTD District 62 and St. Tammany Parish officials to ensure coordination on ongoing and upcoming projects.

T-1C: PRESERVATION

- **Coordination:** Staff will coordinate with state and local officials to identify segments of roadways and/or bridges that require overlays, rehabilitation, and other preservation methods.
- **Preservation Programs:** Staff will work with local parishes to create systematic, multi-year programs for conducting preservation on Federal-Aid roadways.
- **Performance Measures:** Pavement and bridge condition targets were adopted by the TPC in March of 2023 (FY 23). Staff will work with FHWA, the state, and local governments toward achievement of these targets. The report for FY 23 will be completed in Q1 as part of the Annual Report (T-3C).

Task T-1C Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Conditions Performance Report				

T-1D: TRAVEL DEMAND MODELLING

- **Development:** The existing four-step model will be maintained in-house and by a contractor. Staff will scope and pursue procurement of a substantial model update.
- **Execution:** Staff will use the model on a project-by-project basis to provide future travel demand scenarios based on projected demographics and network geometry. Staff may also provide model outputs to partner stakeholders and other requestors, depending on the nature of the request and the appropriateness of the model's use for these proposals.

T-1E: CONGESTION MANAGEMENT

- **Congestion Management Process:** Staff will continue to implement the Congestion Management Process (CMP). The CMP is iterative and ongoing, and includes monitoring congestion on major roadways, identifying bottlenecks on the congestion management system, and proposing network improvements.

This subtask is intended to identify strategies and initiatives that address implementation mandates via the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) per 23 CFR 450.322.

- **Transportation Demand Management:** Beyond multimodal improvements described elsewhere, studies will emphasize other transportation demand management and operational improvements to relieve corridor congestion, including geometric modifications and signal upgrades. Opportunities for corridor length or system-wide signalization plans will be pursued.
- **Performance Measures:** Congestion and reliability performance targets were adopted by the TPC in March of 2023 (FY 23). Staff will work with FHWA, the state, and local governments toward achievement of these targets.

Task T-1E Timeline & Deliverables

Congestion Performance Report

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr - Jun

T-1F: SYSTEM SURVEILLANCE

- **Routine Traffic Counting Program:** Staff will conduct its annual traffic counting program in Fall 2023 through Spring 2024, addressing roadway segments where counts are at or over 3 years old, or where conditions otherwise warrant a more up-to-date measurement.
- **Routine Non-Motorized Counting Program:** Staff will design and test a routine counting program for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- **Project Based:** Study scoping will include, as appropriate, the collection of average daily traffic, peak travel periods, vehicle speed, intersection level of service, and other traffic data. Scoping will also include counts of bicycling and walking at identified locations in the study area.

Task T-1F Timeline & Deliverables

Routine Traffic Counting

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr - Jun

T-1G: INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) AND INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

- **ITS Architecture:** Staff will coordinate with the state to ensure that the regional ITS architecture is up to date. Updates requiring systems engineering reports, if any, will be conducted in coordination with LADOTD, FHWA, and local agencies.
- **Emergency Preparedness Partnership:** Staff will host quarterly meetings of the Partnership.

T-1H: FEDERAL AID NETWORK

- **Identification:** Urbanized boundaries were delivered from the US Census in Q3 of FY23. Staff will coordinate with local agencies, LADOTD, and FHWA to identify any necessary updates to the Federal Aid network in Q1 and Q2 of 2024.

T-1I: FREIGHT COORDINATION

- **Coordination:** Staff will attend other stakeholder meetings that are being held regarding regional freight to ensure coordination with RPC's own freight planning activities.

T-1J: URBAN RAIL AND FREIGHT PLANNING

- **Safety:** Corridor studies with identified truck or rail interaction will emphasize measures to decrease conflicts.

- **Truck Routes:** Staff will continue to work with local agencies on developing strategies for safely routing trucks through urban areas.
- **Truck Parking:** Staff will continue to work with freight operators and local/state officials on identifying locations for truck parking/layover locations and amenities (EV hookup, safety lighting).
- **Intercity Rail:** As the state of Louisiana refines intercity rail planning, the MPO will assist by focusing on last mile connections and complementary land use planning at existing and planned passenger rail terminals.

T-1K: FREIGHT CONGESTION AND EMISSIONS

- **Freight Emissions:** Staff will identify best practices in estimating annual greenhouse gas emissions created by freight modes. These data will inform freight and resiliency planning efforts and potential grant applications for green freight infrastructure.
- **Performance Metrics:** Staff established and reported on performance targets for freight congestion in FY 23. Staff will continue to monitor these metrics and include them in an annual report.
- **Freight Travel Data:** Staff will continue to research potential sources of freight origin-destination-routing data for use in assisting in the identification of choke points, the upkeep of the regional travel demand model.

Task MC-1E Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun
Freight Congestion Report				

T-1L: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.
 - **Traffic Data:** Procurement or renewal of a software as a service application used by staff to inform traffic surveillance and planning, will take place in Q3.

T-1M: EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION

In the aftermath of a disaster event, such as a hurricane or extreme flooding, staff may be called upon to conduct certain activities to maintain continuity of operations and support emergency response and recovery actions. Staff will coordinate with LADOTD, FHWA, local governments, and emergency responders to determine and carry out appropriate roles and responsibilities consistent with this task.

MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Complete Streets Guidebook
- Safety Data Memo
- Performance Report – Pavement and Bridge Conditions
- Performance Report – Safety Data
- Performance Report – Congestion Data
- Performance Report – Freight Congestion Data
- Federal Aid Network Map

- Routine Traffic Count Results

FUNDING

Work Responsibility by Funding		Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	30,000 (21%)	FHWA	114,391	RPC
Consultant	112,989 (79%)	State/Local	28,598	
Total	142,989	Total	142,989	

STAFFING

Supervisor: Jeffrey Roesel, AICP

T-2.24 RESILIENCY AND LAND USE

GOAL

Planning for transportation systems that will endure stress caused by natural disasters, and that will further support resilient communities through encouraging sustainable development, contributing to stormwater management, improving public health and, where necessary, providing safe evacuation facilities.

OBJECTIVES

- Transportation facilities that are resistant to chronic and acute climate and weather stressors.
- Transportation or transportation adjacent facilities and features that contribute toward the public health of communities that face challenges from climate and weather.
- A resiliency plan that identifies assets and vulnerabilities in both communities and within existing infrastructure that are impacted by climate threats and prioritizes measures to improve resilience.
- A unified land use and transportation planning approach that considers the impacts of transportation investments on accessibility to housing, services, and public health.

FY 23 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Scoping for Resiliency Plan

SUBTASKS

T-2A: REGIONAL RESILIENCY PLAN

- **Plan Development:** Staff intends to develop a regional resiliency plan in FY 24. The plan will consist of multiple reports which will be published upon completion. The plan will guide staff's efforts by assessing risks to transportation infrastructure and communities and providing potential means to mitigate or avoid climate disruption. The plan will assist in prioritizing projects for funding under PROTECT Act, FHWA's Carbon Reduction Program, and other programs with similar objectives. The plan will include, at a minimum, the following:
 - *Baseline Conditions Report*, a regulatory and historical framework and an identification of climate vulnerable infrastructure and communities
 - *Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan and Carbon Reduction Strategy*, A methodology for prioritizing projects for funding under PROTECT, the Carbon Reduction Program, and other programs. This will begin in FY 24 and be completed in FY 25.
 - *Associated Reports*: Reports that address regional vulnerability and assessment that are transportation adjacent or not directly related to transportation infrastructure, such as social vulnerability, economic development, air quality, other critical infrastructure, other environmental stressors, operations/evacuation, etc.

Task MC-2A Timeline & Deliverables

Baseline Conditions Report

Transportation Resilience Plan

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr - Jun

T-2B: INFRASTRUCTURE HARDENING

- **Scoping:** All scopes that include alternatives with potential rehabilitation or reconstruction of transportation facilities, particularly in locations identified as high risk in the Resiliency Plan, should consider the ability to harden, elevate, or otherwise increase the facilities' ability to resist flooding, heat, and other climatic or associated weather stressors.
- **Funding:** Staff will work with federal, state, and local partners to identify funding sources, strategies, and priorities for the hardening or elevating of vulnerable infrastructure.

T-2C: LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION

- **Scoping:** Study scoping will include, with rare exceptions, an analysis of land-use characteristics surrounding a project corridor. These data will inform travel characteristics, and measures of accessibility to housing, employment, and critical services (medical, childcare, education, etc.) of the project area, particularly in disadvantaged communities.
- **Sub-Area and Corridor Studies:** Staff will work with stakeholders to identify opportunities to provide transportation planning elements that supplement local land use planning efforts.
- **Public Health:** Staff will evaluate public health impacts of new or planned transportation infrastructure funded through the MPO. Consideration will be given to changes in vehicle emissions, air quality, or other exposure to toxins, opportunities for active transportation, shade and other cooling effects, access to greenspace, access to medical services, access for the disabled and/or elderly, etc.

T-2D: EV INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Coordination:** Staff will coordinate with the state and with local governments on the funding and effective deployment of EV infrastructure in local communities and on regional corridors.
- **Support:** Staff will continue to provide local governments with guidance on best practices and models for deployment of EV infrastructure.

T-2E: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.

T-2F: EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION

In the aftermath of a disaster event, such as a hurricane or extreme flooding, staff may be called upon to conduct certain activities to maintain the continuity of operations and support emergency response and recovery actions. Staff will coordinate with LADOTD, FHWA, local governments, and emergency responders to determine and carry out appropriate roles and responsibilities consistent with this task.

MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Resiliency Plan
- Carbon Reduction Prioritization Strategy

FUNDING

Work Responsibility by Funding		Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	20,000 (26.7%)	FHWA	60,000	RPC
Consultant	55,000 (73.3%)	State/Local	15,000	
Total	75,000	Total	75,000	

STAFFING

Supervisor: Thomas Haysley, AICP

T-3.24 CORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING

GOAL

Creating, refining, and implementing the core MPO products, including the Transportation Improvement Program, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and the Unified Planning Work Program.

OBJECTIVES

- Develop and maintain the three primary planning documents for the Tangipahoa UZA Metropolitan Planning Area: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
- Foster constructive dialog with key stakeholders and the public that informs the priorities of the metropolitan planning process.
- Shepherd and track the progress of projects from prioritization to implementation.

FY 23 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- 2052 Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program
- FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program and Progress Reports
- Obligated Projects
- Updated Title VI Program

SUBTASKS

T-3A: TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- **Quarterly Meeting:** The TAC will meet on a quarterly basis. The purpose and membership of the TAC will be defined in bylaws which will be under review by the TAC entering FY 24. Generally, the TAC will review and make recommendations to the TPC regarding core metropolitan planning products. RPC staff will be responsible for all meetings and materials.
- **Subcommittees:** Issue specific subcommittees will meet on a self-defined basis and will make regular reports to the TAC. The TAC may create temporary or permanent subcommittees.

Task T-3A Timeline & Deliverables

TAC Meetings

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr – Jun

T-3B: TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- **Monthly Review:** Staff will conduct a monthly review of the FY 23-26 TIP to ensure projects are progressing toward obligation at an expected rate.
- **Stakeholder Coordination:** Staff will conduct regular outreach to LADOTD and local governments to ensure that the TIP still reflects state priorities and to assist local agencies in moving their programmed projects toward obligation.

T-3C: METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN ANNUAL REPORT

- **Development and Distribution:** Staff will create and distribute (via the website, TAC, subcommittees, and the RPC mailing list) an annual report summarizing:

- Progress toward established FTA and FHWA performance targets
- Performance in and visualization of other transportation metrics (highway, crash/safety, freight, public transit, and others as deemed available and pertinent)
- Progress in strategies identified in the MTP
- Planning Studies and FY23 UPWP overview

Task T-3C Timeline & Deliverables

Annual Report

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr – Jun

T-3D: UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

- **Progress Reporting:** Staff will prepare quarterly reports describing progress on tasks/sub-tasks in the FY 24 UPWP, for submission to LADOTD and FHWA
- **Internal Review:** Staff will conduct quarterly internal reviews of the UPWP to determine progress on subtasks and associated timelines assess potential need for amendment.
- **FY 25 UPWP:** The draft FY 25 UPWP for the New Orleans UZA will be prepared in Q2 and Q3. The draft will be submitted to the TAC, FHWA, LADOTD for review in Q3. Pending favorable review and recommendation by the TAC, the draft will be submitted to the TPC in Q4 for final approval in May.

Task T-3d Timeline & Deliverables

Progress Reporting

Internal Review

FY25 UPWP

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr – Jun

T-3E: OBLIGATED PROJECTS

- **Documentation:** Projects obligated in FFY 2024 will be mapped and categorized by type and funding source to measure success toward a reasonable distribution of project types and modal emphasis areas. The report will be published on the website.

Task T-3e Timeline & Deliverables

Documentation

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr - Jun

T-3F: INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

- **Agreement Updates:** Staff will update agreements with LADOTD, local parishes, and public transit agencies, defining roles, responsibilities, and deliverables.
- **Staff Liaisons:** Teams of staff, led by a principal, will be assigned to maintain communications with one or more parishes over the course of the year, to assist in defining local transportation needs and priorities.
- **Metropolitan Planning Area:** Having received urbanized area boundaries from the census in late 2022, staff will coordinate with FHWA and FTA in defining updated Metropolitan Planning Area boundaries.

Task T-3F Timeline & Deliverables

Agreements

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr - Jun

T-3G: PERFORMANCE BASED PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING

- **FHWA/FTA PBPP:** Staff will attend to all DOT requirements regarding the establishment of performance targets and measuring progress toward targets. Progress will be documented in the Metropolitan Planning Annual Report.

T-3H: PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- **Meetings:** Staff will convene quarterly meetings of representatives from public transit operators, to discuss funding, opportunities for collaboration, and policy. The committee will report to the TAC.

Task T-3H Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Committee Meetings				

T-3I: TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT

- **Funding:** The Transit element of the TIP will be monitored for adherence to strategies that will assist the region in achieving regional Transit Asset Management performance targets.
- **Monitoring and Reporting:** Staff will continue to monitor individual agency asset management plans. Staff will report on progress toward identified transit asset management targets in the Metropolitan Planning Annual Report.

Task SL-3I Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Annual Report – TAM Measures				

T-3J: TRANSIT METRICS

- **Collection and Tracking:** Staff will utilize the National Transit Database and the assistance of the members of the Public Transit Advisory Committee to collect and track regional public transit metrics. These metrics will be used for internal analysis, project identification, and as study inputs.
- **Reporting and Visualization:** Staff will share regional metrics, with longitudinal comparisons and visualization, with the Public Transit Advisory Committee on an ongoing basis. The Metropolitan Planning Annual Report (T-3c) will include these metrics.

T-3K: TRANSIT FUNDING

- **Annual Apportionments:** With the guidance of the Public Transit Advisory Committee, staff will develop the annual Program of Projects for FTA formula funds, following the public outreach methodology described in the MPO Public Participation Plan.
- **Discretionary Funding:** Staff will continue to monitor for opportunities for grants that would fund projects directly or indirectly contributing to public transit mobility. Assistance will be offered to agencies applying for funding.
- **Revenue Stabilization:** Staff will work with operators to identify strategies to maintain continuity of operations through stabilization of local/state/federal funding or inter-agency cooperation.

Task T-3K Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Annual Apportionments and POP				

T-3L: TITLE VI

- **Policy:** Staff will undertake planning activities per the Title VI Program and Limited English Proficiency Plan, as approved by FTA
- **Project Scoping:** Staff will employ RPC's social vulnerability index for all studies to identify appropriate outreach strategies and goals for those living in project areas.

T-3M: DBE ACTIVITY

- **Outreach:** Staff will work to increase DBE participation, including through hosting or co-hosting workshops with DBE or potential DBE contractors.
- **Procurement:** Having established DBE goals, staff will ensure the goal is met through established procurement policies and best practices.

T-3N: METROPOLITAN PLANNING EDUCATION

- **Agency Branding:** Staff intends on conducting an internal agency identification exercise that will consider standardized branding for documents, outreach materials, etc. Consideration will be given to an update to the RPC guidebook, public perception of the agency, the RPC logo, study covers, the role of the MPO, and other elements as determined in the exercise.
- **Public Participation Plan:** Staff will conduct its annual review of the public participation plan to guarantee consistency with current planning priorities and soundness based on national best practices. Any updates to the plan will be submitted to FHWA and FTA.
- **Newsletter:** Staff will produce and distribute a quarterly newsletter that will include: a summary of an ongoing study or studies, an educational brief on MPO practices, updates on other RPC/TPC initiatives, and a calendar of upcoming events.

Task T-3n Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Participation Plan Review				
Newsletter				

T-3O: TARGETED OUTREACH

- **Education:** Staff will deploy project specific outreach mechanisms, including neighborhood and stakeholder meetings, community workshops, pop-up events, and news media engagement, and others as appropriate.
- **Methodology:** The Social Vulnerability Index and coordination with citizen and advocacy groups will assist in determining appropriate methods and extent of outreach for a given project.

T-3P: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.

T-3Q: EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION

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MAJOR DELIVERABLES

- FY 25 Unified Planning Work Program
- Metropolitan Planning Annual Report

- Obligated Projects Documentation

FUNDING

Work Responsibility by Funding		Financial Responsibility		Agency
RPC	43,718 (%100)	FHWA	34,974	RPC
Total	43,718	State/Local	8,744	
		Total	43,718	

STAFFING

Supervisor: Jason Sappington, AICP

T-4.24 GIS AND DATA MANAGEMENT

GOAL

Responsible stewardship of the region's geographic and demographic data resources, including storage, security, analysis, and distribution.

OBJECTIVES

- Up-to-date analysis of socio-economic data that will support travel and land-use modelling, economic development planning, and Title VI/Environmental Justice activities.
- A database of transportation related data for use in identifying new projects, informing existing projects, and in the development of the miscellaneous planning products
- Coordination with local, state, and federal partners on prioritization of large and/or costly data acquisitions, policy and procedures
- Maintenance of the MPO's internal information technology systems and safeguarding of nonpublic or proprietary data

FY 23 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- FY 23-26 TIP data layers, amendments
- Metropolitan Transportation Plan data layers
- FFY 22 Obligated Projects data layers
- Census 2020 data

SUBTASKS

T-4A: DATA DEVELOPMENT

- **Development:** Staff will coordinate the development and calibration of various demographic, land-use, employment, and transportation datasets in support of other tasks in the UPWP.
- **Coordination:** Staff will foster partnerships and administer sharing agreements with data producing entities to ensure access to the most accurate available data and up-to-date knowledge of data management best practices.
- **Census Data:** Staff will continue to process 2020 decennial and ACS census data for local transportation and land use planning purposes, and to assist in defining MPA boundaries and the federal aid network.

T-4B: DATA ANALYSIS AND VISUALIZATION

- **General:** Staff will continue analyses and geo-processing of datasets for internal project development and prioritization, performance metrics, emergency preparedness, environmental planning, local and regional land use planning, and consultant activities.
- **Applications:** Processed data will be used to populate the Travel Demand Model, and used as inputs into the Social Vulnerability Index, latent demand modelling, congestion management process, resiliency planning, and other project support as needed.

- **Visualization:** Custom visualization of geo-data will be produced for internal analysis, presentation to the TAC and the TPC, publication in the Metropolitan Planning Annual Report (T-3c), and as needed for other MPO products.

T-4C: GIS CONSORTIUM

- **Meetings:** Staff will host a quarterly meeting of GIS users from throughout the region and from various stakeholders to discuss data needs and availability, policy, best practices, and opportunities for collaboration.

Task SL-4C Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Consortium Meetings				

T-4D: PROJECT TRACKING

- **Tracking:** Staff will track projects in a database throughout their study, development, and implementation. Staff will continue to customize the project tracking database for use by staff, including further addition from study archives.
- **Mapping:** Projects in the database will be mapped. They will be modified as TIP and/or MTP documents are amended.
- **Obligated Projects Mapping:** Mapping of obligated projects will take place annually.

Task T-4D Timeline & Deliverables	Jul – Sep	Oct – Dec	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun
Obligated Projects				

T-4E: IT AND AV SUPPORT

- **Inventory:** Staff will work with the IT Consultant in ensuring the IT equipment used for MPO planning is documented, secure, and adequate to agency needs.

T-4F: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.

T-4G: EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION

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MAJOR DELIVERABLES

- Obligated Projects Map
- TIP Map
- IT Procurement Documentation

FUNDING

Staffing	Work Responsibility	Financial Responsibility		Agency
RPC	12,500 (100%)	FHWA	10,000	RPC
Total	12,500	State/Local	2,500	
		Total	12,500	

STAFFING

Supervisor: Lynn Dupont, ASLA

T-5.24: UPWP MANAGEMENT

GOAL

Conducting the day to day administrative, contract management, and financial planning activities that ensure that the MPO functions of the staff and the TPC, and its conformity to adopted policy, as well as state and federal requirements

OBJECTIVES

- Coordination of the Transportation Policy Committee and all administrative and public requirements
- Preparation and management of contracts and agreements
- Fiscal responsibility and financial transparency
- Human resource functions which are necessary to ensure that staff have the wherewithal to conduct the everyday functions of the agency.

FY 23 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Two staff members were hired
- Annual audits performed
- Monthly TPC meetings held
- Staff meetings held biweekly
- Updates to project management manual

SUBTASKS

T-5A: CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

- **Procurement:** Staff will prepare and oversee contracts and intergovernmental agreements, ensuring that the necessary legal and contractual provisions, and guarantee these provisions are followed through the lifetime of the contract or agreement.
- **Organization:** Project files and associated contractual documents will be archived in RPC's standard online filing system for ease of access at a later date, as needed.

T-5B: TPC COORDINATION

- **Monthly Meetings:** Staff will coordinate with the local elected officials and citizen representatives, including those that make up the Committee, and conduct of the monthly TPC meetings themselves, including preparing agendas, minutes, meeting packets/material, scheduling guest speakers, preparing budget and financial reports, making provisions for public participation, and preparing public notices announcing the meetings.

T-5C: STAFF MANAGEMENT

- **UPWP:** Supervisors will oversee staff workflow, internal resource allocation, and staff development to fulfill the tasks of the UPWP and creation of its associated products within stated budgets and timelines.
- **Staff Meetings:** Planning staff will hold meetings every two weeks to better coordinate efforts and participate in agency decision-making.
- **Annual Review:** All staff will undergo annual performance reviews in the spring.
- **Employee Handbook:** Staff will internally develop a handbook summarizing staff roles and expectations.

T-5D: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES

- **Finances:** Staff will conduct the necessary activities to ensure the timely processing of invoices, including coordination with DOTD financial sections. Grant balances, per contracts with LADOTD, will be tracked throughout the year to ensure appropriate workflow distribution. Annual audits of the agency will take place. Monthly budget reports will be prepared.
- **Human Resources:** The director of finance will oversee retirement, insurance, hiring, and payroll functions.
- **Onboarding:** New planning staff will undergo a comprehensive month-long onboarding process to familiarize them with roles and responsibilities, metropolitan planning functions, and standard operating procedure for common tasks.

T-5E: SUPPORT

- **Education:** Staff may attend workshops, training events, conferences, or other peer-to-peer exchanges or educational opportunities that will further capacity toward the conduct of the described work tasks.
- **Equipment:** Procurement of equipment, software, software services, or other materials that will further staff's ability to conduct the described work tasks.

T-5F: EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION

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MAJOR DELIVERABLES

- TPC Meeting Packets
- Employee Handbook

FUNDING

Staffing	Funding Requirement	Financial Responsibility		Agency
RPC	10,000	FHWA	8,000	RPC
Consultant		State/Local	2,000	
Total	10,000			

STAFFING

Supervisor: Megan Leonard

T-6.24 COMPLETE STREETS

GOAL

Preparation for region-wide Complete Streets Planning that will account for the roadway needs of all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit, motorists, and freight.

OBJECTIVES

- Review of Active Transportation Plans, Complete Streets policies, and associated initiatives in the Tangipahoa planning area.

FY 23 MAJOR PRODUCTS

- NA

SUBTASKS

MC-6A: INTERNAL AND LOCAL REVIEW

- **Active Transportation Plans:** Staff will review RPC and local studies conducted in the Tangipahoa MPA since the adoption of the 2011 RPC Complete Streets Policy to identify the degree to which the policy has been successfully implemented.

Task T-5B Internal Review

MPO Active Transportation Plans

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr - Jun

MC-6B: REPORT

- **Complete Streets and Active Transportation Report:** Staff will integrate findings from T-6A into a report being prepared for all four RPC UZAs (described in A-5). The report will be presented to the Technical Advisory Committee.

Task T-5C Report

Report

Jul – Sep

Oct – Dec

Jan – Mar

Apr - Jun

FUNDING

Staffing	Work Responsibility by Funding	Financial Responsibility		Responsible Agency
RPC	\$4,810 (100%)	FHWA	4,810	RPC
Consultant		State/Local	0	
Total	\$4,810	Total	4,810	

PRODUCTS

- Complete Streets Report
 - Complete Streets/Active Transportation Plan Scope
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STAFFING

Supervisor: Karen Parsons, AICP

APPENDIX A – REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (4/1/23)

The Regional Planning Commission (RPC) meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10 Veterans Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70124, immediately following the meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC). Meetings are open to the public.

Officers:

Matt Jewell, Chairman- St. Charles Parish

Jaclyn Hotard, 1ST Vice Chairwoman- St. John The Baptist Parish

Cynthia Lee Sheng, 2ND Vice Chairwoman- Jefferson Parish

Robby Miller, 3RD Vice Chairman - Tangipahoa Parish

Guy McInnis, 4th Vice Chairman- St. Bernard Parish

LaToya Cantrell, 5TH Vice Chairwoman – Orleans Parish

Keith Hinkley, Secretary – Plaquemines Parish

Mike Cooper, Treasurer – St. Tammany Parish

Jefferson Parish:

Councilmember At-Large Scott Walker

Mayor Michael J. Glaser (Kenner)

Lee Giorgio

Jack Stumpf

Orleans Parish:

Councilmember At-Large JP Morrell

Councilmember At-Large Helena Moreno

Citizen Member (open)

Citizen Member (open)

Plaquemines Parish:

Council Chair Carlton M. LaFrance, Sr.

Councilmember Mark Cognevich

Robert Hopkins

Allen Hero

St. Bernard Parish:

Councilmember Wanda Alcon
Councilmember At-Large Kerri Callais
Ray Lauga, Jr.
Susan Klees

ST. Charles Parish

Councilmember Julia Fisher-Cormier
Councilmember Dick Gibbs
Garret C. Monti
Pastor Thomas Hines

St. John The Baptist Parish

Councilmember Robert Arcuri
Councilmember Tammy Houston
Raj Pannu
Jonathan Perret

St. Tammany Parish:

Councilmember Chris Canulette
Councilmember Mike Lorino
Chris Masingill
Christopher Abadie

Tangipahoa Parish:

Council Chair David Vial
Mayor Bob Zabbia (Ponchatoula)
Michael Showers
Citizen Member (open)

DOTD

Secretary Eric Kalivoda

APPENDIX B – RPC TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE (4/1/23)

The RPC Transportation Policy Committee meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10 Veterans Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70124, at 12:30 PM. Meetings are open to the public.

The Transportation Policy Committee consists of the membership of the RPC (see Appendix A) plus:

Mayor Greg Cromer (Slidell)

Tomeka Watson Bryant (N.O. Public Belt RR)

Kevin Dolliole (Aviation Director)

Brandy Christian (Port)

Mayor Clay Madden, (Mandeville)

Lona Hankins (RTA)

Carlton Dufrechou

Ninette Barrios (JeT)

Mayor Pete Panepinto (Hammond)

Mayor Mark R. Johnson (Covington)

Renee Amar (LMTA)

APPENDIX C – RPC TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AARP

Senior Program Specialist

Advocacy Center

Director, Public Policy

Bike Easy

Executive Director

Education Programs Director

City of Covington

Assistant Director of Planning

City Engineer

Director, Public Works

Administrative Officer

City of Gretna

Director, Planning and Major Projects

Planning and Zoning Official

City of Hammond

Director, Administration

Director, Planning

City of Kenner

Director, Public Works

Director, Planning

City of Mandeville

Director, Planning and Development

Director, Department of Public Works

City of New Orleans

Manager, Policy and Programs, Mayor's Office of Transportation

Director, Department of Public Works

Traffic Engineer, Public Works

Director, City Planning Commission

City of Pontchatoula

Streets Supervisor

City of Slidell

Director, Engineering

Transportation Engineer

Director, Planning

Federal Transit Administration

Community Planner

Federal Highway Administration	Community Planner
Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission	General Manager
Greater New Orleans Foundation	Director Environmental Programs
Jefferson Parish	Director, Engineering Director, Planning Parish President's Office - Land Use and Development Director, Public Works Director, Ecosystem and Coastal Management Director, Transit Administration
LA DOTD	Highway Safety Manager MPO Urban Systems Coordinator Urban Transit Program Manager Planning Program Administrator Director of Planning District Administrator, District 02 District Administrator, District 62 Urban Systems >200k Program Manager Urban Systems <200K Program Manager
Lighthouse Louisiana	Director of Public Policy Citizen Advocate
Louisiana Motor Transportation Association	Renee Amar Executive Director
National Safety Council	President and CEO - South Louisiana Chapter
New Orleans Aviation Board	Executive Director Deputy Director
New Orleans Port Authority	President and CEO
New Orleans Public Belt Railroad	General Manager
Plaquemines Parish	Parish Engineer GIS Manager

Port of New Orleans	Chief Operating Officer
Plaquemines Port Harbor Terminal District	Assistant Port Manager
Ride New Orleans	Executive Director
Regional Transit Authority	Executive Director Director, Planning and Scheduling Director, Strategic Planning Senior Transportation Planner
St. Bernard Parish	Director, Community Development Director, Public Works Transit Manager Director, Community Development
St. Charles Parish	Director, Planning and Zoning Director, Public Works Grants Manager
St. John the Baptist Parish	Director, Public Works Manager, Planning and Zoning Manager Chief Administrative Assistant Coastal & Water Management Division
St. Tammany Parish	Chief Operating Officer Parish Engineer Grant Project Manager-Transit Director, Planning
Tangipahoa Parish	Parish Engineer Director, Community Development Parish Engineer Director, Parish Planning

