

Unified Planning Work Program Summary



WHAT IS A UPWP?

The Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** is a federally required document that **describes the organization's planning goals and activities, provides cost estimates for each activity, identifies funding sources, and outlines a work schedule for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.** These activities are typically geared towards the preparation and development of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) over a 25-year horizon and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) over a four year horizon. Public participation is an integral part throughout the planning process.

FAST ACT & PLANNING PROCESSES

The transportation planning process for the GHMPO must explicitly address the planning factors identified by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act). Three planning emphasis areas are also highlighted within the FAST Act that the GHMPO must focus on (Implementation, Regional Modes of Cooperation, and Ladders of Opportunity).

GHMPO is responsible under Section 134 of Title 23, United States Code, for carrying out a “continuing, cooperative and comprehensive” (3-C) transportation planning process. The process uses three committees: the **Policy Committee (PC)** – the decision making body, the **Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)** – the staff, and **Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)** – the public. These committees develop and carry out a comprehensive transportation planning process which ensures that programs, improvements, and expenditures are consistent with regional goals, policies, and plans.

GHMPO PLANNING PRIORITIES

The GHMPO will work towards the following **12 planning priorities** in FY 2019:

1. Amend the Regional Transportation Plan through agency, stakeholder, and public coordination, as necessary.
2. Amend the Transportation Improvement Program, as necessary.
3. Undertake an update of the Gainesville-Hall Regional Transportation Plan to be completed by June 2020.
4. Conduct an update of the Jackson County Master Transportation Plan.
5. Complete the four PL-funded studies undertaken in 2018: (1) Dawsonville Highway-McEver Road Connectivity Study, (2) Gainesville Trail Connectivity Study, (3) South Hall Trail Study, and (4) Oakwood Citywide Traffic Improvement Study.
6. Provide a more integrated multimodal and intermodal transportation system that increases travel options by prioritizing transit, pedestrian, and bicycle travel throughout the region.
7. Maintain and improve transportation system safety and security for motorists, transit riders, pedestrians, and bicyclists.
8. Take steps to continually monitor and maintain the transportation system.
9. Develop a transportation system that conserves energy, maintains the attainment of air quality standards, protects the natural environment and minimizes adverse impacts.
10. Provide a transportation system that provides for the movement of people and goods safely and efficiently and advances the region's economic competitiveness.
11. Develop a transportation system that is efficient by integrating transportation planning with land use decisions and other comprehensive planning tools.
12. Support the Safety Performance Management Targets approved by the Georgia Department of Transportation regarding fatalities, rate of fatalities, serious injuries, rate of serious injuries, and the number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries.

