

Unified Planning Work Program Summary

WHAT IS A UPWP?

The Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** is a federally required document that **describes the Gainesville-Hall Metropolitan Planning 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, 2022 through June 30, 2023.** These activities are typically geared towards the preparation and development of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) over a 30-year horizon and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) over a four year horizon. Public participation is an integral part throughout the planning process.

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act & Planning Processes

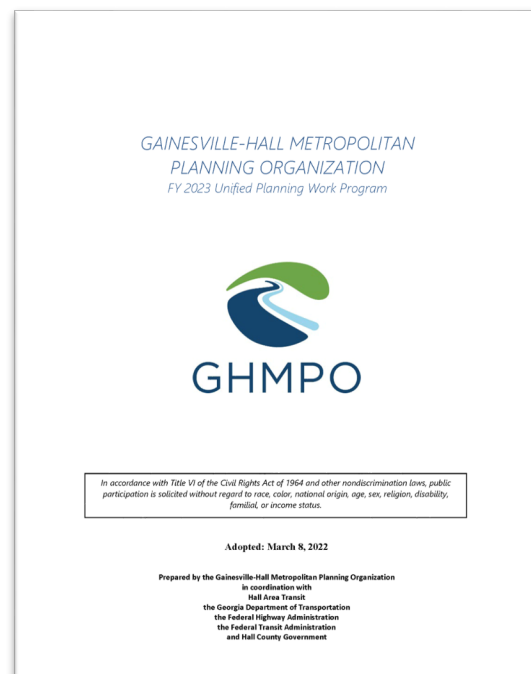
The transportation planning process for the GHMPO must explicitly address the planning factors identified by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Eight planning emphasis areas are also highlighted within the IIJA that the GHMPO must focus on (Tackling the Climate Crisis, Equity and Justice, Strategic Highway Network/US Department of Defense Coordination, Federal Land Management Agency, Planning and Environmental Linkages, Complete Streets, Public Involvement, and Data in Transportation Planning.).

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 **8 planning priorities** in FY 2023:

1. Apply for additional PL Funds through the PL Funds Review Committee to begin updating the GHMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (see Task #4, Sub-Element 4.5).
2. Amend the current Regional Transportation Plan through agency, stakeholder, and public coordination, as necessary (see Task #4, Sub-Element 4.3).



3. Amend the Transportation Improvement Program, as necessary (See Task #4, Sub-Element 4.4).
4. Continue to plan for and help advance the Highlands to Islands Trail Network within Hall County through the continuation of the TCC Trails Subcommittee (See Task #4, Sub-Element 4.1).
5. Take steps to continually monitor and maintain the transportation system (See Task #1, Sub-Element 1.1 and Task #4, Sub-Elements 4.3, 4.4, and 4.5).
6. 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. (See Appendix A)
7. Support the Pavement and Bridge Condition (PM 2) and Performance of National Highway System, Freight, and Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (PM 3) 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. (See Appendix B)
8. Support the Transit Asset Management Targets approved by the Georgia Department of Transportation regarding inventory and condition of capital assets. (See Appendix C)