



FY2016 Annual Report

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Chairman's Letter

Dear Public and Local Planning Partners,

Every year the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization (VLMPO) produces an Annual Report highlighting the activities the staff and local governments carried out over the past year and it is my privilege, as VLMPO Chair, to write this letter of introduction. This report covers the period for FY2016 (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016) and I can proudly disclose that it has been yet another successful year of all the stakeholders working together to identify, scrutinize and prioritize the region's transportation policies, while following through with the agreed upon prior commitments scheduled for implementation in FY2016.

It is worth noting that as we complete studies, and with every step that we move forward in the planning process, we obtain new information and are confronted by new ideas. We learn about probable costs and we may discover physical barriers or ideological conflicts to resolve. Once given the options, the results can be easy to decide or both sobering and difficult to advance. The two (2) principal high-priority undertakings of the VLMPO staff this year were both consultant-led planning studies identified in the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan for FY2016. The first was a Transit Implementation Study by Tindale Oliver. The second study was a Downtown Truck Traffic Mitigation Study by Cambridge Systematics. The results of both these studies are highlighted within this report. Consequently, there are a lot of critically important decisions ahead for both the public and local planning partners to vet for these studies to advance further.

Lastly, I would like to thank the VLMPO staff for preparing this report and Mr. Corey Hull for his professional, unwavering, and unbiased support in what (sometimes) can be contentious and difficult matters to resolve. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the Citizen and Technical Advisory Committees for their respective roles in the decision-making process, and the Policy Committee, with members that I have had the honor to work with and serve as their Chair, for all their input and dedicated work this past year.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Gayle, Mayor
City of Valdosta
Valdosta-Lowndes MPO Chair, FY2016



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Introduction

The beginning of the fiscal year saw the final culmination of more than 24 months of work by the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization Staff and local planning partners to develop and adopt the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan. The \$1 billion plan contained strategies for the development of Complete Streets, safer intersections, strategies to promote active, healthy lifestyles, and laid the framework to implement performance-based planning and programming in the future.

FY2016 saw changes come to transportation funding in Georgia. The passage of the Georgia Transportation Funding Act of 2015 brought nearly \$800 million in additional transportation funding to the State. In this region, new projects were advanced with the funding, such as the widening of Jerry Jones Drive from Baytree Road to Oak Street in Valdosta and the widening of Lake Park Bellville Road from I-75 to US 41 near Lake Park, as well as other intersection and maintenance improvements.

The VLMPO undertook two consultant-led studies in FY2016. The first was to examine ways to mitigate the impact of truck traffic on downtown Valdosta. The second study was to identify cost-effective and innovative delivery methods for implementing public transit in the Valdosta Urbanized Area.

FY2016 saw an opportunity for the Valdosta community to start a Pilot Shuttle program through the Southern Georgia Regional Commission that could provide free fixed-route transit services in the community. This service, which targeted elderly, minority, low-income, and disabled populations, is seeing 30+ riders a day and is providing valuable data to local officials about the need for permanent public transit in the future.

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MPO Administration

FY2016 was a transition year of sorts for the VLMPO. Early in the year, the VLMPO adopted its 2040 Transportation Vision Plan, which will provide guidance for investment in the community's transportation infrastructure and programs for years to come. The conclusion of this planning effort meant that the VLMPO staff had to transition to implementing the Plan and the recommendations contained in it. Staff began this implementation phase by working to develop consultant-led studies to implement public transit and mitigate truck traffic in Downtown Valdosta.

The VLMPO staff continues to maintain an active role in several national and state organizations on behalf of the Valdosta and Lowndes County community. Staff participates in the Transportation Research Board's Metropolitan Policy, Planning, and Process Committee, its subcommittee on Transportation in Military Communities, and the Public Participation in Transportation Planning Committee. In FY2016, staff was asked to serve on the National Cooperative Highway Research Program 08-36/Task 140 Committee to Assess Actual Transportation Impacts of the 2005 BRAC Decisions; this work will continue into FY2017. Staff are also active on the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations Policy Committee, the Georgia Chapter of the American Planning Association (current President), as well as the Georgia Association of MPOs Board of Directors (current Chairman). In FY2016, the Southern Georgia Regional Commission was recognized by the National Association of Development Organizations with an Excellence in Regional Transportation Award for the efforts of the SGRC and VLMPO to plan for and implement the Valdosta Pilot Shuttle Program to provide a fixed-route public transit program in the community. The VLMPO staff have participated in numerous training opportunities, conferences, and webinars over the past year that included topics

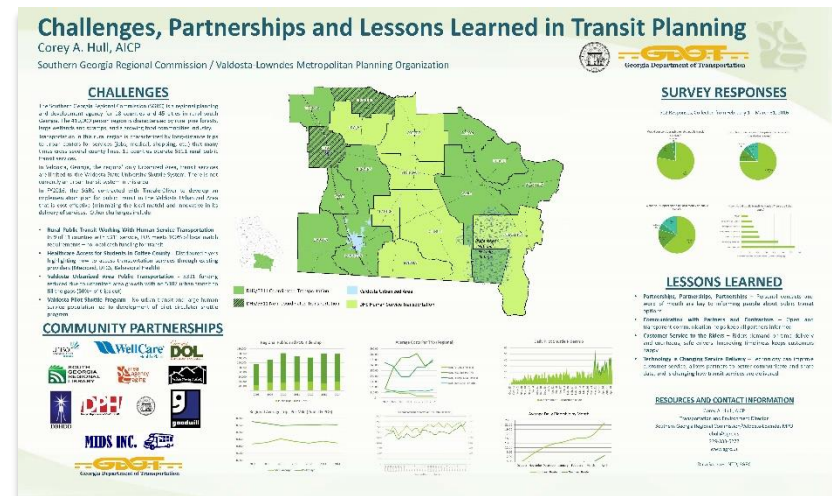


Figure 1. Poster Presentation at Community Transportation Association of America Expo 2016; Portland, OR.

such as performance measurement, citizen participation, and transportation funding.

The VLMPO staff was invited to speak at the Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) about our regional and local coordinated transportation programs (the regional program covers SGRC's 18-county area). Staff also spoke to CTAA and AMPO about the efforts the VLMPO has undertaken to build partnerships to implement performance-based planning and participation efforts.

The VLMPO hosted the Georgia Association of MPOs at the Rainwater Conference Center for a two-day event with more than twenty-five transportation planners from around the state exchanging knowledge about how to improve their local planning efforts. A highlight of the event was a tour of the Steeda Autosports factory in Valdosta, where attendees learned about high-performance auto parts and accessories.

MPO Public Participation

Following a Certification Review from the Georgia Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Transit Administrations in FY2015, the VLMPO undertook an update of its Participation Plan in FY2016 with the help of a Valdosta State University sociology graduate student. Mr. Jesse Lane spent the 2015-2016 academic year working with the VLMPO staff to research best practices and improve the communications methods used to seek public comment and input in the planning process. The updated Participation Plan was made available for public comment on July 1, 2016 and is anticipated to be adopted in September 2016.

Title VI Annual Report

As required by the VLMPO Title VI Compliance Plan, included in this report is the Annual Report on Title VI activities undertaken during the past year by the VLMPO.

The VLMPO has not had any Title VI complaints and there have been no changes to the Title VI Plan in FY2016. During the VLMPO Certification Review in FY2015, several recommendations were suggested for the Title VI and Participation Plans. The VLMPO is implementing these recommendations, which will be adopted in a new version in FY2017.

The VLMPO staff attended a Title VI training in FY2016 to learn about evaluation of disproportionate impacts of transportation planning.

Limited-English Proficiency Plan

As a recipient of federal funds, the VLMPO is required to evaluate the services and products we provide for use by individuals who may speak English less proficiently. The VLMPO reviews data annually to measure this population in Lowndes County. The Participation Plan includes data from the US Census Bureau 2005-2009 American

Community Survey, which is reviewed in the table below with data from the 2010-2014 American Community Survey.

Residents with Limited English Proficiency		
	05-09 ACS	10-14 ACS
Estimate	5,571	6,347
Margin of Error	+/- 567	+/-1,169
Lowndes County %	5.9%	6.1%
United States %	19.6%	20.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS Table S1601

PP Performance Measures

When the VLMPO Participation Plan was adopted in 2011, it included performance measures that would be reviewed annually to evaluate how effective the VLMPO is at engaging the public. Included here are the performance measures, as well as an indication of whether this measure has increased, held steady, or decreased in the last year, an indication of the effectiveness of our public participation efforts.

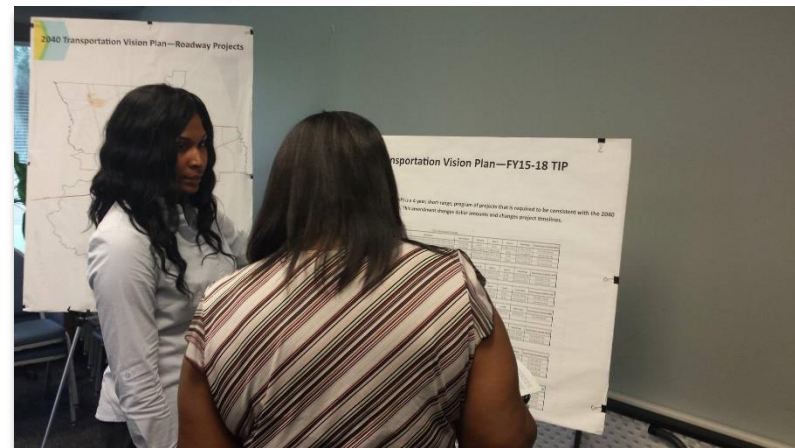


Figure 2 VLMPO Staff discussing projects with an interested citizen at an Open House.

Strategy 1: Raise public awareness and understanding of the transportation planning process including the functions, responsibilities and programs of the MPO and identify how interested citizens can become involved.

Performance measures:

- *Number of public meetings.* Hosted 4 open houses for the FY15-18 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2040 Transportation Vision Plan. At least 39 individuals attended the events. **Decrease**
- *Number of newsletters/publications.* Delivered more than 2,000 quarterly newsletters. Distributed all MPO products electronically via website for easy access. **Steady**
- *Number of staff speaking engagements.* VLMPO staff was the featured speaker at more than 25 events. **Increase**
- *Attendance at public meetings.* Staff attended more than 24 events/meetings to represent the VLMPO. **Increase**
- *Number of media engagements.* Local media reported or featured VLMPO activities at least 8 times. **Increase**



Figure 3 VLMPO staff discussing transit plans with interested stakeholders.

Strategy 2: Provide the public and others with early, ongoing and meaningful opportunities for involvement in the transportation planning process.

Performance measures:

- *Frequency of contact with the public.* Over the past year, the VLMPO has made at least daily updates to our social media websites and regular updates to our main website. **Steady**
- *Response to public comments.* The VLMPO formally responds to all comments received during a public comment period and responds to other comments throughout the year. **Steady**
- *Accessibility of staff to public.* The VLMPO staff is available to the public during regular business hours, during open houses, at other public events and on social media websites where staff can respond outside of regular business hours. **Steady**

Strategy 3: Maintain timely contact with key stakeholders and the public through the transportation planning process.

Performance measures:

- *Number of stakeholder meetings.* The VLMPO held at least 9 stakeholder meetings in FY2016, mostly related to the consultant-led transit and truck studies. **Increase**
- *Number of public meetings/events.* The VLMPO hosted 13 public committee meetings and/or open houses in FY2016. **Decrease**
- *Number of notices sent to resource and partner agencies.* The VLMPO sent 273 notices to resource and partner agencies. **Steady**
- *How stakeholder issues were addressed in planning documents.* The VLMPO responded to all formal comments received during public comment periods. **Steady**
- *Accessibility of technical information.* The VLMPO has continued to develop new tools in FY2016 to allow key

stakeholders more access to transportation project data through our project database and websites. This will continue to be an important resource as we implement the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan. **Steady**

Strategy 4: Identify, involve and mitigate impacts on traditionally underserved communities (those communities with high concentrations of minority, low-income, elderly or disabled populations) in the transportation planning process.

Performance measures:

- *Frequency of outreach to traditionally underserved populations. The VLMPO continues to provide information about DBE training offered by GDOT and other planning partners throughout the state. **Steady***
- *(As above.) The VLMPO continues to update our mailing list to ensure all interested parties are included. **Increase***
- *(As above.) The VLMPO has met regularly in the past year with representatives of minority communities to address transportation issues and concerns. **Steady***
- *Number of public meetings; accessible location of public meetings. The VLMPO hosted 34 hours of public meetings, all at accessible locations. **Increase***
- *Several new quantitative measures are being developed for FY2017 and will be reported in future annual reports.*

Strategy 5: Employ visualization and outreach techniques to better describe and communicate metropolitan transportation plans and processes to the public.

Performance measures:

- *Number of published documents. The VLMPO published 4 documents in FY2016. **Increase***
- *Number of different outreach techniques. The VLMPO employed a number of different outreach techniques in FY2016 including: stakeholder groups, interviews, media*

outreach, open houses, newsletters, social media and websites, presentations, etc. **Steady**

Strategy 6: Implement goals of the Greater Lowndes County Common Community Vision that promote open, transparent and engaging public participation.

Performance measures:

- *Participation in regional, cross-jurisdictional meetings. The VLMPO participated in at least 11 regional and cross jurisdictional meetings in FY2016. **Increase***
- *Number of active transportation-related partnerships with the VLMPO and local governments. No formal transportation partnerships have been started at this time.*
- *Number of documents/reports promoting transportation and economic development. The VLMPO has not produced any documents yet that document the connection between transportation and economic development.*

The SGRC and VLMPO website (www.sgrc.us) is a community resource for everything transportation related. All documents, reports, agenda, minutes, etc. produced by the VLMPO staff are made available on this website for the public and planning partners to use and learn more about transportation in the community. The various audiences we attract to Facebook, Twitter, public meetings, etc. are all unique and provide a broad variety of input opportunities for staff and decision makers to consider in the transportation planning process. Below are some highlights of the usage of our social media resources.

Facebook Highlights		Twitter Highlights	
Total Likes	370	Total Followers	623 (+32%)
Average Total Reach	27	Tweet Impressions	1,813
August 12, 2016			

MPO TIP and LRTP

One key function of MPOs is to develop a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that prioritizes projects for funding by phase (engineering, right-of-way, construction, etc.) over a short-term, four-year period. The VLMPO FY15-18 TIP has been amended several times to keep projects current and moving forward through the process from design and engineering plans to construction. With the adoption of the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan, the VLMPO continues to track the current status of projects in the region.

The 2040 Transportation Vision Plan encouraged planning for public transit and the mitigation of truck traffic in Downtown Valdosta. In FY2016, the VLMPO consulted with Tindale Oliver Associates to complete a Transit Implementation Study and Cambridge Systematics to complete a Downtown Truck Traffic Mitigation Study.

The VLMPO was able to work with other funding sources at the SGRC to develop the Valdosta Pilot Shuttle Program, a fixed route public transit service that targets low-income, minority, elderly and persons with disabilities and provides free transportation around the community. The Shuttle Program collects data that is shared with local decision makers about ridership that will help develop future permanent public transit programs in the community. The Shuttle

Program started in October 2015 with about 15 riders per day. A second shuttle was added in March 2016 and combined ridership increased to more than 30 riders per day. By the end of FY2016, ridership was continuing to increase, reaching more than 40 riders per day. The Shuttle Program continues to provide valuable data on what locations are popular and shows the need for permanent public transportation in the community.

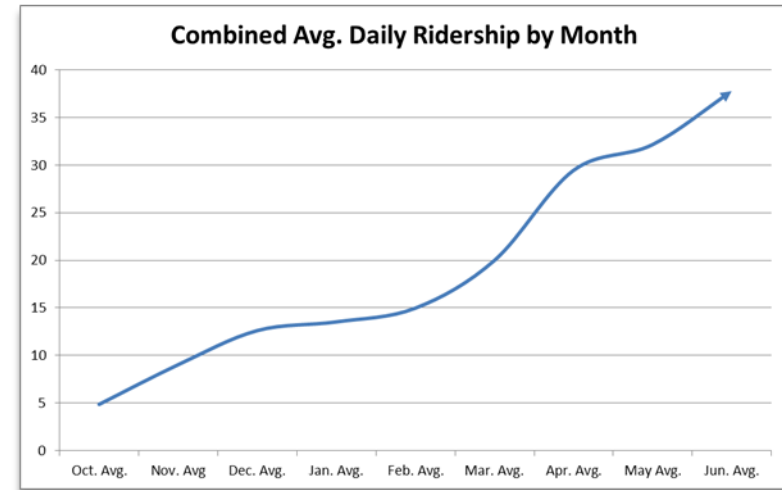


Figure 4 Daily Ridership of Shuttle Program for FY2016.

FY15-18 TIP Project Status Report					
Project ID	Project Description	Design	Right-of-Way	Utilities	Construction
0000762	I-75 – Exits 22 & 29	Complete	Underway	2018	2018
0007386	I-75 Exit 2	Complete	2018	Long Range	Long Range
0010297	I-75 Exit 11	Complete	2018	Long Range	Long Range
0014134	Jerry Jones Drive	Underway	2018	Long Range	Long Range
0013987	Lake Park Bellville Road	Underway	Long Range	Long Range	Long Range
	Forrest Street	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

Active, Healthy Lifestyles Report

The 2040 Transportation Vision Plan included an Active, Healthy Lifestyles Strategy to “encourage each local jurisdiction to implement at least \$500,000 annually in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and/or promote active, healthy lifestyles” in the community. The strategy includes other requirements and criteria that allow smaller communities to make smaller financial investments. Below is the first report on this strategy for local communities.

Berrien County – No activities to report at this time.

Brooks County – Walk audit completed with SGRC and Georgia Safe Routes to School Resource Center for Quitman Elementary and Brooks County Middle School; new recreational facilities being constructed in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club.

Lanier County – No activities to report at this time.

Lowndes County – Engineering and design completed for Copeland Road sidewalk project (\$16,150); 5 new subdivisions with sidewalks built.

City of Dasher – No activities to report at this time.

City of Hahira – Local police provide crossing guards at schools

City of Lake Park – local police provide crossing guards at schools and conduct safety education (ex. proper helmet techniques, general bicycle safety, etc.) in Lake Park Elementary School. Partnered with GA Safe Sidewalks for evaluation of existing infrastructure, will begin repairs in FY17.

City of Remerton – No activities to report at this time.

City of Valdosta – More than 1,219 linear feet of sidewalk was constructed by the City or private developers in FY2016. The City also

conducts various trainings on traffic signal use and markings to all age groups.

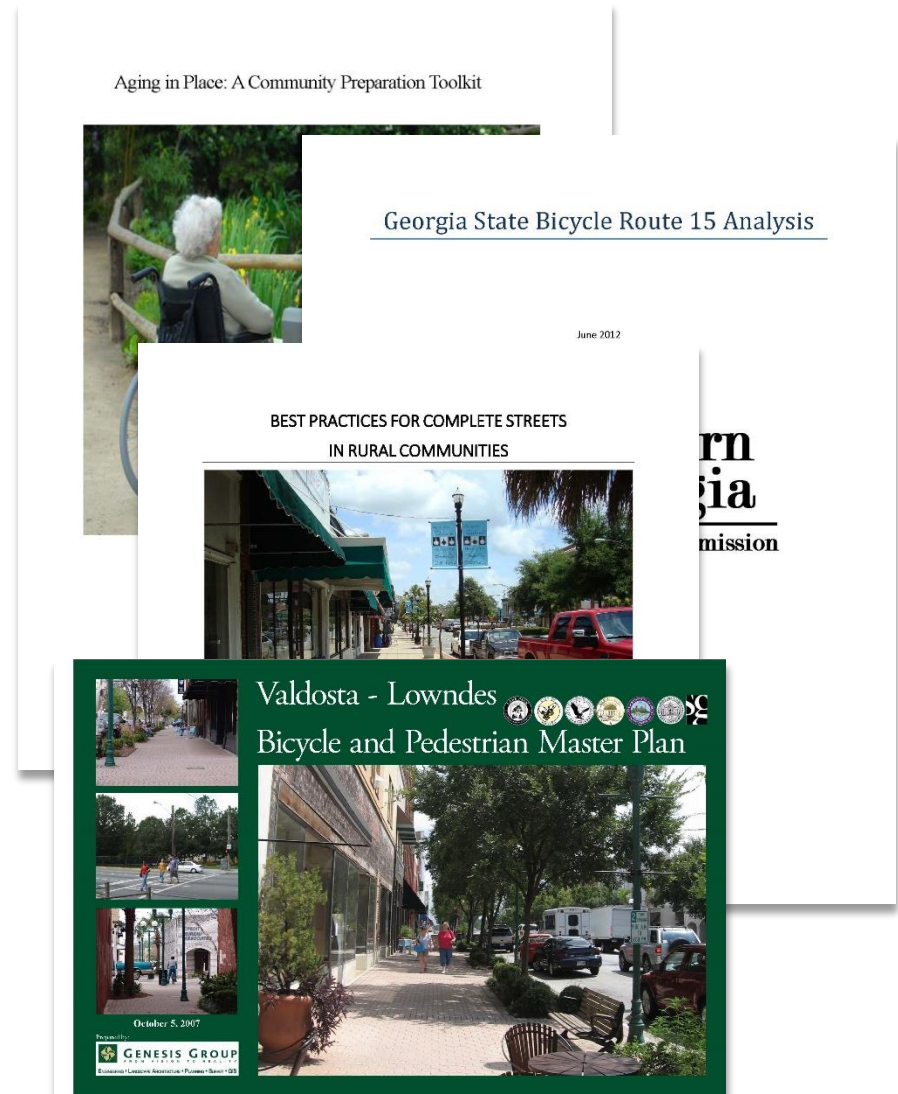


Figure 5 Local Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning Resources

Planning Studies

FY2016 was an implementation year of sorts for the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan, including two planning studies, a Transit Implementation Study, and a Downtown Truck Traffic Mitigation Study. These consultant-led studies provided alternatives for community leaders to review and consider future transportation options to improve the community.

Tindale Oliver recommended to implement transit services in the Valdosta Urbanized Area with two fixed routes and a ridesourcing (demand response using mobile technology, like Uber or Lyft) component. Total costs to implement the system range from \$400,000 to \$1.4 million in capital costs, and \$920,000 to \$1.24 million in annual operating costs. The next step for the communities is to determine how to pay for the local match of federal funds, which can be as much as 50%.



Figure 6 Recommended Alternative to Implement Transit in the Valdosta Urbanized Area.

Cambridge Systematics recommended two alternatives to mitigate truck traffic in Downtown Valdosta. The first is an upgraded Savannah Avenue that makes it a truck-friendly (wide lanes, reduced driveways, improved intersections, etc.) two-lane roadway and makes the existing Central and Hill Avenues truck-unfriendly (narrow lanes, angled parking, bike lanes, pedestrian improvements, etc.). The second alternative considered was a new four-lane roadway constructed in the right-of-way of the existing railroads located just south of downtown. This alternative would include a full redesignation of US 84 to the new roadway and return Central and Hill Avenues to local control. The costs to implement these alternatives range from \$9 million to \$38 million. The next step for the communities is to develop full, detailed traffic forecasts and begin a formal environmental process for a selected alternative.

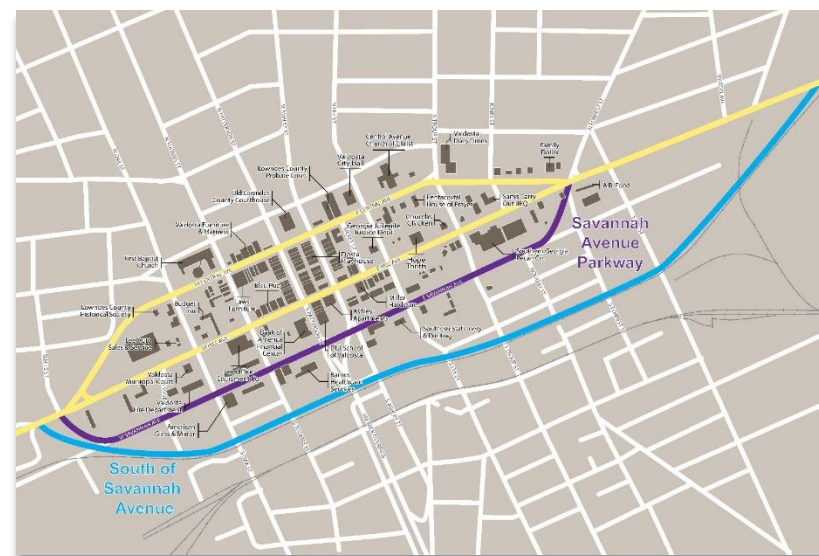


Figure 7 Recommended Truck Traffic Mitigation Alternatives

Crash Data

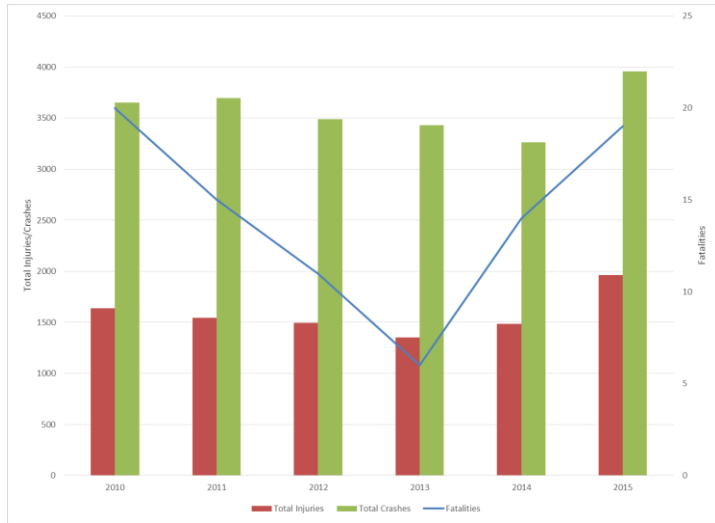


Figure 8 Crashes, Injuries and Fatalities; 2010-2015

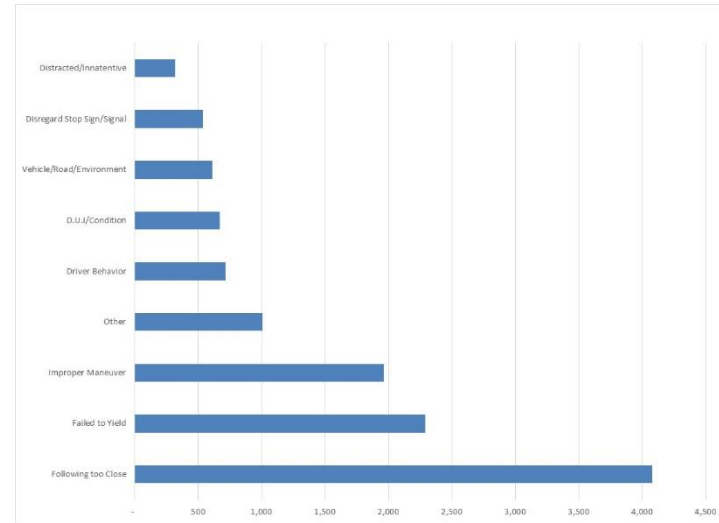


Figure 10 Contributing Factors, 2010-2015, summarized

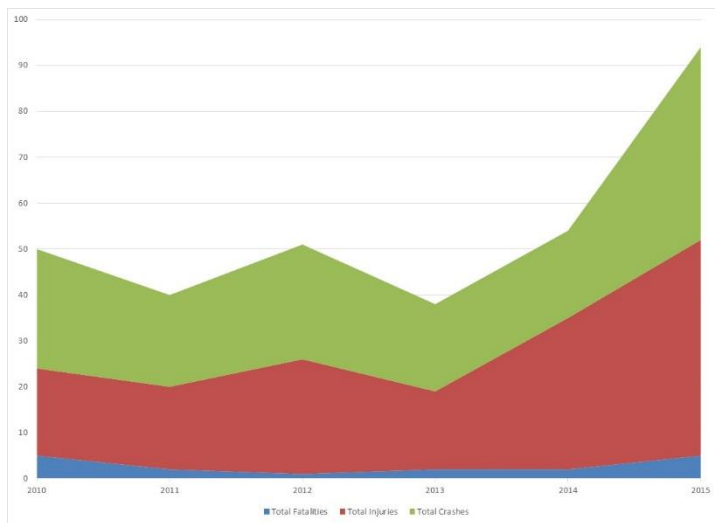


Figure 9 Pedestrian Crashes, 2010-2015

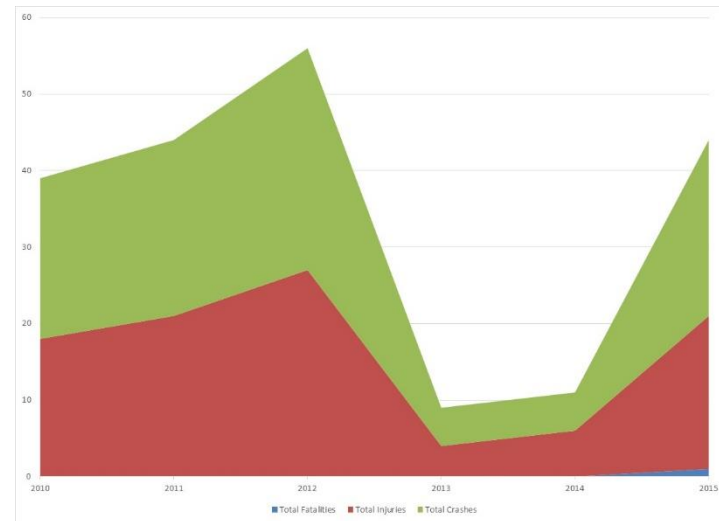


Figure 11 Bicycle Crashes, 2010-2015

Financial Highlights

The VLMPO expends funds through projects that are identified in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP identifies and outlines the planning activities which the MPO plans to undertake for the following year. The VLMPO received its funds through federal and state grants and local matching funds in FY2016. Federal funds make up a majority of the revenues at 80%, with state funding at 5% and the local matching funds at 15%. In FY2016, significant additional funds were budgeted and expended to complete the Downtown Truck Traffic Study and Transit Implementation Study.

This chart is a breakdown of the Budget and Actual Expenditures of FHWA PL, FTA 5303 and FTA 5307 Funds utilized by the VLMPO in FY2016.

FY2016 Budget and Expenditures					
Work Element	Budgeted Total	Expended Total	Expended Federal	Expended State	Expended Local
Administration	\$ 82,925.43	\$ 82,401.99	\$ 65,921.59	\$ 5,176.09	\$11,304.31
UPWP	\$ 5,108.06	\$ 5,010.46	\$ 4,008.37	\$ -	\$ 1,002.09
Staff Education	\$ 20,432.24	\$ 19,376.78	\$ 15,501.42	\$ -	\$ 3,875.36
Computer Systems	\$ 5,108.06	\$ 4,461.16	\$ 3,568.93	\$ -	\$ 892.23
Public Participation	\$ 20,432.24	\$ 17,373.49	\$ 13,898.79	\$ -	\$ 3,474.70
GIS/Travel Demand Model	\$ 15,324.18	\$ 4,290.98	\$ 3,432.78	\$ -	\$ 858.20
Land Use Planning	\$ 12,770.15	\$ 3,367.24	\$ 2,693.79	\$ -	\$ 673.45
Inter-/Multi-Modal Planning	\$ 12,770.15	\$ 4,319.44	\$ 3,455.55	\$ -	\$ 863.89
Systems Analysis	\$ 7,662.09	\$ 1,714.97	\$ 1,371.98	\$ -	\$ 342.99
TIP	\$ 10,216.12	\$ 953.68	\$ 762.94	\$ -	\$ 190.74
Long Range Planning	\$ 12,770.15	\$ 6,613.58	\$ 5,290.86	\$ -	\$ 1,322.72
Transit Planning	\$ 9,330.38	\$ 7,713.24	\$ 6,170.59	\$ 771.32	\$ 771.32
Special Studies (Optional)	\$ 227,161.19	\$ 224,831.00	\$179,864.80	\$12,496.50	\$32,469.70
Total	\$ 442,010.41	\$ 382,428.01	\$305,942.41	\$18,443.91	\$58,041.69

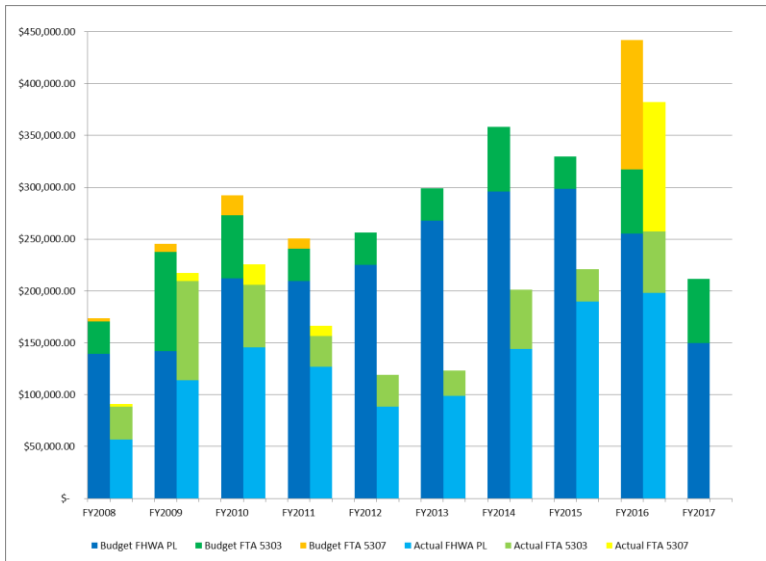


Figure 12 Historical Budget vs Actual Expenditures, by revenue source

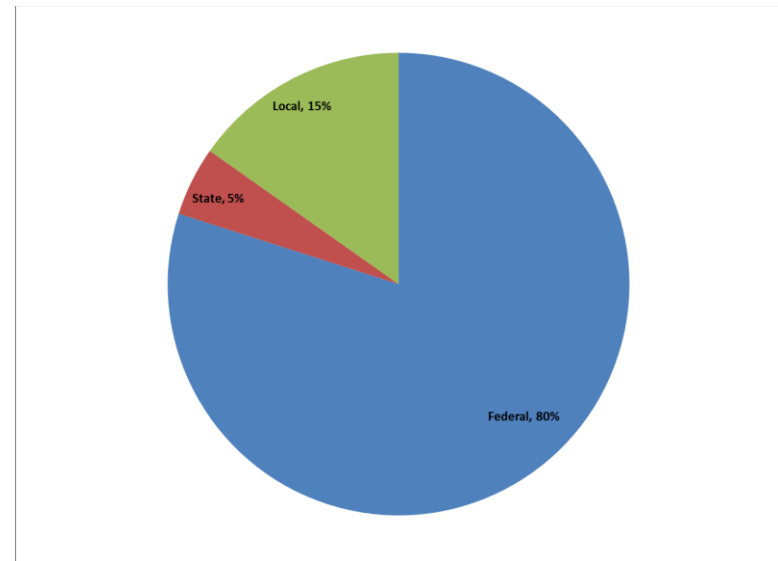


Figure 14 FY2016 Federal, State, Local Share, %

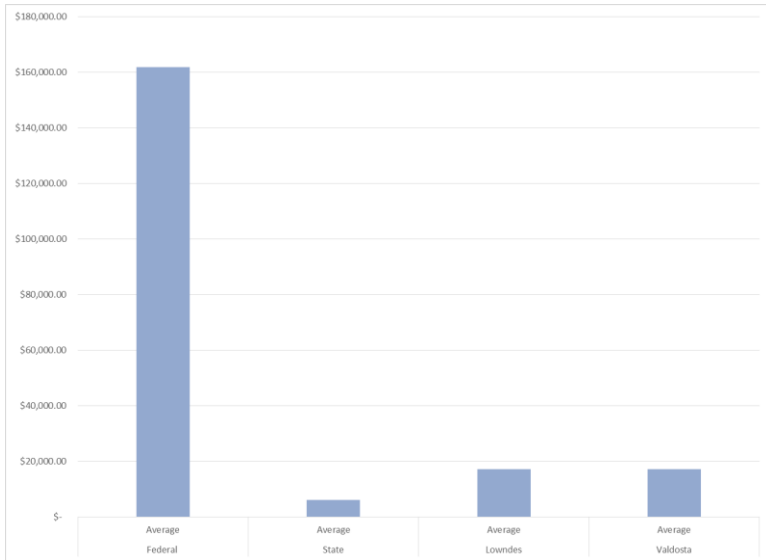


Figure 13 Annual Average Revenue FY2011-2016

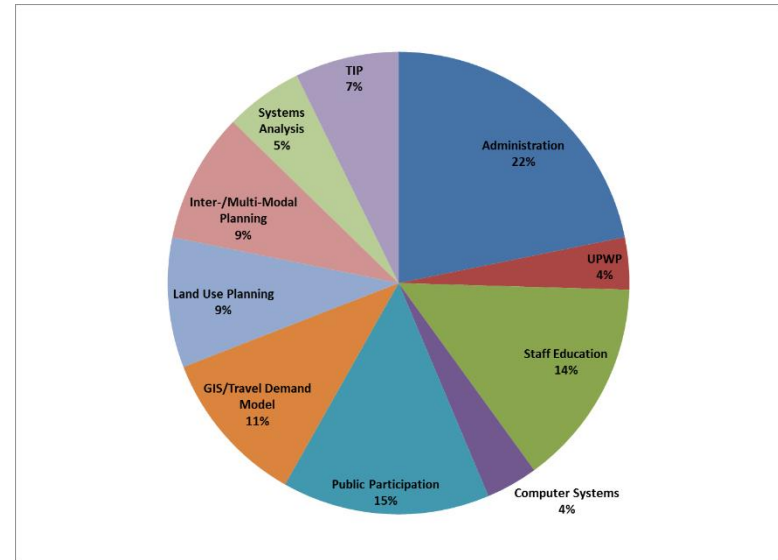


Figure 15 FY2016 Expenditures, by UPWP element, %

FY2016 FHWA PL Funds by Quarter

This chart is a breakdown of the expenditures of FHWA PL funds by Quarter utilized by the VLMPO in FY2016.

FY2016 FHWA PL Expenditures by Quarter							
Work Element	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Total Year End	Contract Total	Contract Balance
Administration	\$ 15,033.14	\$ 1,373.88	\$ 13,907.30	\$ 326.78	\$ 30,641.10	\$ 30,648.35	\$ 7.25
UPWP	\$ 1,023.10	\$ 2,734.65	\$ 665.92	\$ 586.79	\$ 5,010.46	\$ 5,108.06	\$ 97.60
Staff Education	\$ 6,875.36	\$ 11,470.07	\$ 1,938.64	\$ (907.29)	\$ 19,376.78	\$ 20,432.24	\$ 1,055.46
Computer Systems	\$ 1,086.03	\$ 1,444.45	\$ 1,451.04	\$ 479.64	\$ 4,461.16	\$ 5,108.06	\$ 646.90
Public Participation	\$ 14,666.76	\$ 546.41	\$ 1,067.75	\$ 1,092.57	\$ 17,373.49	\$ 20,432.24	\$ 3,058.75
GIS/Travel Demand Model	\$ 1,810.07	\$ 1,887.37	\$ 616.95	\$ (23.41)	\$ 4,290.98	\$ 15,324.18	\$ 11,033.20
Land Use Planning	\$ 2,505.21	\$ 99.10	\$ 693.78	\$ 69.15	\$ 3,367.24	\$ 12,770.15	\$ 9,402.91
Inter-/Multi-Modal Planning	\$ 886.37	\$ 170.06	\$ 685.60	\$ 2,577.41	\$ 4,319.44	\$ 12,770.15	\$ 8,450.71
Systems Analysis	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 394.35	\$ 1,320.62	\$ 1,714.97	\$ 7,662.09	\$ 5,947.12
TIP	\$ 376.39	\$ 14.90	\$ 355.70	\$ 206.69	\$ 953.68	\$ 10,216.11	\$ 9,262.43
Long Range Planning	\$ 3,015.28	\$ 127.18	\$ 2,068.82	\$ 1,402.30	\$ 6,613.58	\$ 12,770.15	\$ 6,156.57
Transit Planning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Studies (Optional)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,110.00	\$ 60,756.00	\$ 99,866.00	\$ 102,161.19	\$ 2,295.19
Totals	\$ 47,277.71	\$ 19,868.07	\$ 62,955.85	\$ 67,887.25	\$ 197,988.88	\$ 255,402.97	\$ 57,414.09

FY2016 FTA 5303 and 5307 Funds by Quarter

This chart is a breakdown of the expenditures of FTA 5303 and 5307 funds by Quarter utilized by the VLMPO in FY2016.

FY2016 FTA 5303 & 5307 Expenditures by Quarter							
Work Element	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Total Year End	Contract Total	Contract Balance
Administration	\$ 9,832.91	\$ 28,774.03	\$ 13,589.50	\$ (435.55)	\$ 51,760.89	\$ 52,277.07	\$ 516.18
UPWP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Staff Education	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Computer Systems	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Public Participation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
GIS/Travel Demand Model	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Land Use Planning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Inter-/Multi-Modal Planning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Systems Analysis	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
TIP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Long Range Planning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Transit Planning	\$ -	\$ 368.97	\$ 3,263.98	\$ 4,080.29	\$ 7,713.24	\$ 9,330.38	\$ 1,617.14
Special Studies (Optional)	\$ -	\$ 6,883.85	\$ 46,632.08	\$ 71,449.07	\$ 124,965.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 35.00
Totals	\$ 9,832.91	\$ 36,026.85	\$ 63,485.56	\$ 75,093.81	\$ 184,439.13	\$ 186,607.45	\$ 2,168.32

FY2016 UPWP Work Element Summary Reports

2016-1.1 MPO Administration

Objective:

To provide overall management of the VLMPO's transportation planning program, and ensure compliance with applicable federal, state and local requirements.

Project Description:

Maintain proper records as required under Federal and State regulations for contracts administered by the MPO. Coordinate MPO Committee meetings and overall transportation planning efforts in the Region. Continue to work with Georgia Assoc. of MPOs (GAMPO) and other state and national organizations on the role of MPOs in statewide and metropolitan transportation planning. Continue to work with GDOT and surrounding jurisdictions/agencies to maintain a comprehensive, coordinated, continuous, regional, multi-modal transportation planning process. The VLMPO will develop a planning document schedule for local officials to understand the planning process better. Staff will continue to inform the MPO committees of legislative and regulatory actions impacting transportation planning and funding. Support statewide GAMPO activities through participation in meetings and events.

Quarter 1 Report:

Staff prepared meeting agendas and minutes for PC/TAC/CAC meetings. Staff met with new CAC members for orientation. Staff prepared for the GAMPO Annual Meeting in Valdosta. Staff attended meetings of the SGRC Council. Staff prepared RFP/Qs for transit and truck studies.

Quarter 2 Report:

Staff prepared meeting agendas and minutes for PC/TAC/CAC meetings. Staff met with new CAC and TAC members for orientation. Staff hosted the annual GAMPO meeting in Valdosta. Staff attended the SGRC Council meetings.

Quarter 3 Report:

Staff prepared meeting agendas and minutes for PC/TAC/CAC meetings. Staff met with new CAC members for orientation. Staff attended the GAMPO PL Funds Review Committee Meeting.

Quarter 4 Report:

Staff prepared meeting agendas and minutes for the CAC meetings. Staff met with new CAC and PC members for orientation. Staff executed contracts for FY2017.

Comparisons of Actual to Date performance to stated goals: Actual to Date performance matches stated goals.

Progress in meeting schedules: All schedules met during this quarter.

Approved Budget: \$30,648.36

Expenditures to Date: \$30,641.10

Percent Expended: 99.98%

Project Complete: 100%

Approved planning program revisions: A budget amendment was approved in Quarter 2 to include FY15 carryover and full federal funding allocation.

2016-1.2 Operations/UPWP

Objective:

Identify work tasks to be undertaken by the VLMPO to address transportation needs in the Metropolitan Planning Area. Coordinate contracts for the VLMPO and report to GDOT and federal partners quarterly progress made in achieving annual work tasks.

Project Description:

Prepare an annual UPWP, including the preparation of work tasks, cost estimates and financial reports. Prepare quarterly reports, invoices and reimbursement requests. Prepare annual report reviewing activities of the past fiscal year.

Quarter 1 Report:

Staff prepared the FY2015 Annual Report and 4th quarter report. Staff executed contracts with GDOT on the 5303 and FHWA PL funding sources.

Quarter 2 Report:

Staff prepared the FY2016 1st Quarter Report. Staff executed contract with GDOT on the 5303, PL and 5307 funding sources.

Quarter 3 Report:

Staff prepared the FY2016 2nd Quarter Report. Staff continued to execute and report on contracts with GDOT for 5303, PL and 5307 funding sources.

Quarter 4 Report:

Staff prepared the FY2016 3rd Quarter Report. Staff continued to execute and report on contracts with GDOT for 5303, PL and 5307 funding sources.

Comparisons of Actual to Date performance to stated goals: Actual to Date performance matches stated goals.

Progress in meeting schedules: All schedules met during this quarter.

Approved Budget: \$5,108.06

Expenditures to Date: \$5,010.46

Percent Expended: 98.09%

Project Complete: 100%

Approved planning program revisions: A budget amendment was approved in Quarter 2 to include FY15 carryover and full federal funding allocation.

2016-1.3 Training/Professional Development

Objective:

Develop MPO staff knowledge of transportation planning procedures through relevant workshops, conferences, and seminars.

Project Description:

Provide continuing education and training for MPO staff and committees that will enable the MPO to effectively carry out the transportation planning process. Some conferences the staff and committees may attend include but are not limited to (parentheses indicate registration/travel cost estimate): GA Planning Assoc. (500/700), GA Transit Assoc. (500), American Planning Assoc. (2000), Transportation Research Board (2000), GA Assoc. of MPOs (500), Assoc. of MPOs (1500), GA Highway Safety Conference (500), National Assoc. of Development Orgs. (1500), and other training provided by FHWA, FTA, GDOT, NTI or NHI. Travel will be subject to the SGRC Travel Policies, based on Federal per diem rates. Staff will attend GIS training courses to improve visualization techniques as they are available. SGRC/VLMPO will continue membership in AMPO and NADO, and will consider other memberships as needed. The VLMPO will be hosting the GAMPO meeting in Fall 2015, which will include meeting preparations, and payment of registration costs for VLMPO committee members to attend the event.

Quarter 1 Report:

Staff attended various webinars on topics like: GDOT funding from Policy Best and SRTA. Staff attended the GPA Conference in Savannah.

Quarter 2 Report:

Staff attended the AMPO meeting in Las Vegas, NV; the GTA meeting in Jekyll Island, GA (staff sat on a panel at this event); the GAMPO meeting in Valdosta, the GARC Meeting in St. Simons, GA.

Quarter 3 Report:

Staff attended the TRB meeting in Washington, DC; a PBPP Workshop in Atlanta; and a webinar regarding the FAST Act.

Quarter 4 Report:

Staff attended the APA National Planning Conference in Phoenix, AZ; the GPA Spring Conference in Douglasville, GA; the GA Trails Summit in Carrolton; the CTAA Expo in Portland, OR; the SRTS forum in Atlanta; and the GAMPO summer meeting in Atlanta. Staff attended webinars on PM implementation, alternative fuels, and citizen participation. Note: Funding for some of these events may have been through non-PL sources.

Comparisons of Actual to Date performance to stated goals: Actual to Date performance matches stated goals.

Progress in meeting schedules: All schedules met during this quarter.

Approved Budget: \$20,432.24

Expenditures to Date: \$19,376.78

Percent Expended: 94.83%

Project Complete: 100%

Approved planning program revisions: A budget amendment was approved in Quarter 2 to include FY15 carryover and full federal funding allocation.

2016-1.4 Equipment/Supplies/Technical Assistance

Objective:

To maintain computer systems and office equipment used by the VLMPO for relevant transportation planning activities.

Project Description:

The SGRC/VLMPO will purchase and maintain relevant computer hardware, software and other equipment to meet the needs of the staff to effectively carryout the transportation planning process pursuant to the VLMPO Procurement Policy. The SGRC IT Department will continue to provide technical assistance to maintain computer equipment. The VLMPO will also coordinate the purchase of equipment, supplies, computer systems, software and training with local governments for local traffic counting programs as requested.

Quarter 1 Report:

Staff maintained computer software and performed routine maintenance of computer hardware. This includes software purchase/update for transportation project database.

Quarter 2 Report:

Staff maintained computer software and performed maintenance of computer hardware.

Quarter 3 Report:

Staff maintained computer software and performed maintenance of computer hardware.

Quarter 4 Report:

Staff maintained computer software and performed maintenance of computer hardware.

Comparisons of Actual to Date performance to stated goals: Actual to Date performance matches stated goals.

Progress in meeting schedules: All schedules met during this quarter.

Approved Budget: \$5,108.06

Expenditures to Date: \$4,461.16

Percent Expended: 87.34%

Project Complete: 100%

Approved planning program revisions: A budget amendment was approved in Quarter 2 to include FY15 carryover and full federal funding allocation.

2016-2.1 Participation Plan Implementation

Objective:

To implement the identified strategies and policies of the VLMPO Participation Plan including Title VI Compliance, Environmental Justice analysis, and LEP analysis.

Project Description:

Review and update the Participation Plan as appropriate. Annually report on the status of the Participation Plan, Title VI compliance, EJ outreach, and LEP analysis. Staff will annually attend training events for ADA, Title VI, EJ and LEP as available. Continue to engage the Citizen’s Advisory Committee through innovative and new public involvement techniques to increase participation and public outreach. Continue to develop and maintain websites, social media, mobile applications, and documents with the most recent and relevant data for public and local government decision makers. Continue to develop visualization tools and techniques to better communicate the transportation planning process, MPO plans, and programs for the public and local officials. The VLMPO will continue to carry out the strategies and policies identified in the PP for all documents and plans as appropriate, including the 2040 LRTP. Continue to inform the public and stakeholders of the Greater Lowndes County Common Community Vision and promote its use as a strategic vision for the community.

Quarter 1 Report:

Staff hosted 3 open houses for 2040 LRTP and spoke at more than 20 events on same topic. Staff attended the VSU “The Happening”. Staff prepared advertising for 2040 LRTP including billboards, direct mailers, website and social media posts, and other materials.

Quarter 2 Report:

Staff continued to make updates to the VLMPO website and social media accounts. Staff was a guest speaker at a planning class at Valdosta State University. Staff was the guest speaker at the Moody AFB Engineers meeting. Staff hosted CTAA in Valdosta for technical assistance they are providing the MPO to improve our public participation efforts. Staff met with VSU student who is re-writing the VLMPO PP.

Quarter 3 Report:

Staff continued to make updates to the VLMPO website and social media accounts. Staff met with CTAA in Washington, DC for technical assistance they are providing the MPO to improve our public participation efforts. Staff met with VSU student who is re-writing the VLMPO PP. Staff attended the Bird Supper and Okefenokee Occasion legislative events, the Lowndes County Community Planning Workshop, and the Chamber Community Council. See also LRTP section for LRTP amendment public participation.

Quarter 4 Report:

Staff hosted 1 public meeting on transit implementation and 2 public meetings on the downtown truck traffic study. Staff continued to make updates to the VLMPO website and social media accounts. Staff prepared the VLMPO Participation Plan for public comment (will occur in FY17). Staff prepared public notices and comment periods for TIP, LRTP and PP amendments and updates (comment periods occur in FY17).

Comparisons of Actual to Date performance to stated goals: Actual to Date performance matches stated goals.

Progress in meeting schedules: All schedules met during this quarter.

Approved Budget: \$20,432.24

Expenditures to Date: \$17,373.49

Percent Expended: 85.03%

Project Complete: 100%

Approved planning program revisions: A budget amendment was approved in Quarter 2 to include FY15 carryover and full federal funding allocation.

2016-3.1 GIS/Travel Demand Model Development

Objective:

Maintain GIS layers needed for the transportation planning process and to ensure effective use of the Travel Demand Model.

Project Description:

The VLMPO will work with the Valdosta-Lowndes Regional GIS Department (VALOR) at the SGRC to develop and maintain GIS data, including a GIS website that shows transportation projects from the TIP and LRTP. The VLMPO will continue to work with GDOT to develop and maintain the VLMPO Travel Demand Model. Maintain the VLMPO 2035 Joint Land Use Study Travel Demand Model for analysis requests from local stakeholders as it relates to the mission of Moody Air Force Base and its impact on land use and transportation relationships in the Metropolitan Planning Area.

Quarter 1 Report:

Staff developed new regional commuting pattern maps.

Quarter 2 Report:

Staff developed maps to support the truck traffic study and freight planning efforts of the VLMPO.

Quarter 3 Report:

Worked on truck route maps and edited/updated VLMPO layer with new project data and updated service for online mapping application.

Quarter 4 Report:

GIS staff continued to update and maintain GIS layers and complete data analysis for the Lowndes County Transit Development Plan.

Comparisons of Actual to Date performance to stated goals: Actual to Date performance matches stated goals.

Progress in meeting schedules: All schedules met during this quarter.

Approved Budget: \$15,324.18

Expenditures to Date: \$4,290.98

Percent Expended: 28.00%

Project Complete: 100%

Approved planning program revisions: A budget amendment was approved in Quarter 2 to include FY15 carryover and full federal funding allocation.

2016-3.2 Land Use Planning

Objective:

Participate and review local land use, comprehensive and transportation plans as they relate to the transportation planning process and the plans and policies of the VLMPO.

Project Description:

Coordinate with local land use planning staff to review local land use developments (zoning requests, subdivision plats, commercial developments, etc.) as to their affects on the local transportation infrastructure and consistency with the goals of the Transportation Plan. Provide technical assistance to local engineers and planners on topics relating to transportation and land use including: access management, transit oriented development, complete streets, etc. Coordinate with local jurisdictions to cooperatively develop local comprehensive plan updates as required by the GA Department of Community Affairs (transportation planning requirements and transportation-land use relationships). Continue to inform the public and stakeholders of the Greater Lowndes County Common Community Vision and promote its use as a strategic vision for the community. Continue to work with the SGRC and local land use planners to implement the Moody Air Force Base Joint Land Use Study recommendations that impact the transportation-land use relationship in the Metropolitan Planning Area. Continue to work with GDOT, FHWA and surrounding jurisdictions to develop and implement a comprehensive, coordinated and continuous regional transportation plan pursuant to Models of Regional Planning Cooperation Planning Emphasis Area.

Quarter 1 Report:

Staff continued to report on the Greater Lowndes County Common Community Vision through social media. Staff continued to meet with local jurisdictions regarding Moody Air Force Base Activity Zones.

Quarter 2 Report:

Staff continued to report on the Greater Lowndes County Common Community Vision through social media. Staff continued to meet with local jurisdictions regarding Moody Air Force Base Activity Zones. Staff began to

coordinate with Lowndes County to kick-off the comprehensive land use plan update.

Quarter 3 Report:

Staff continued to report on the Greater Lowndes County Common Community Vision through social media. Staff participated in community planning workshops for the Greater Lowndes County Comprehensive Plan.

Quarter 4 Report:

Staff continued to report on the Greater Lowndes County Common Community Vision through social media. Staff participated in community planning workshops for the Greater Lowndes County Comprehensive Plan.

Comparisons of Actual to Date performance to stated goals: Actual to Date performance matches stated goals.

Progress in meeting schedules: All schedules met during this quarter.

Approved Budget: \$12,770.15

Expenditures to Date: \$3,367.24

Percent Expended: 26.37%

Project Complete: 100%

Approved planning program revisions: A budget amendment was approved in Quarter 2 to include FY15 carryover and full federal funding allocation.

2016-3.3 Multi-Modal Transportation Planning

Objective:

To plan for all modes of transportation and analyze how they are used in the VLMPO Metropolitan Planning Area. See also Transit Planning.

Project Description:

Continue to work with local and state jurisdictions to implement the Bike/Ped Master Plan. Continue to work with local communities and interested parties to develop projects and pursue funding for alternative transportation projects and programs (safety/education), including TAP and SRTS programs. Continue to integrate freight and goods movement planning and analysis into long and short range planning efforts. Continue to update data and perform analysis of how freight and goods movement impacts economic development in the region. Coordinate MPO planning efforts with other local transportation modes: railroads, airports, seaports, etc. to inform and influence the LRTP planning process.

Quarter 1 Report:

Staff distributed new bicycle route maps (purchased from other funding sources). Staff continued to advertise and seek participation in the Safe Routes to School program and Teens in the Driver Seat Program. Staff prepared an RFQ/P for a truck traffic study.

Quarter 2 Report:

Staff continued to advertise and seek participation in the Safe Routes to School program and Teens in the Driver Seat Program.

Quarter 3 Report:

Staff began working with consultants (Cambridge Systematics) on a Downtown Truck Traffic Study. Staff reviewed technical reports and memorandums from the consultant and attended coordination meetings with the consultant.

Quarter 4 Report:

Staff began working with consultants (Cambridge Systematics) on a Downtown Truck Traffic Study. Staff reviewed technical reports and

memorandums from the consultant and attended coordination meetings with the consultant. Staff hosted two public meetings for the truck study and two stakeholder meetings as well. Staff prepared a time-only contract extension to July 31 to complete the final report.

Comparisons of Actual to Date performance to stated goals: Actual to Date performance matches stated goals.

Progress in meeting schedules: All schedules met during this quarter.

Approved Budget: \$12,770.15

Expenditures to Date: \$4,319.44

Percent Expended: 33.82%

Project Complete: 100%

Approved planning program revisions: A budget amendment was approved in Quarter 2 to include FY15 carryover and full federal funding allocation.

2016-3.4 Systems Data Analysis and Research

Objective:

To provide data to the public and local/state officials on various transportation planning programs that improve the overall safety, security, preservation and operational efficiency of the transportation system for all modes of transportation for goods and people.

Project Description:

Continue to develop an Annual Crash report that analyzes crash data for local governments to identify safety improvements that can be implemented through new projects or educational programs. Conduct Road Safety Audits (RSAs) with local jurisdictions as requested to identify solutions to safety and operational concerns. Continue to work with GDOT and local jurisdictions on the implementation of Intelligent Transportation Systems and architectures in the Metropolitan Planning Area. Coordinate data development and analysis with GIS resources to better visualize data for local decision makers for various MPO plans and projects. Maintain socioeconomic data and research to inform the transportation planning process for TIP and LRTP updates.

Quarter 1 Report:

Staff did not complete any work in this quarter.

Quarter 2 Report:

Staff did not complete any work in this quarter.

Quarter 3 Report:

Staff prepared a crash data request for Lowndes County.

Quarter 4 Report:

Staff completed a crash report for Lowndes County.

Comparisons of Actual to Date performance to stated goals: Actual to Date performance matches stated goals.

Progress in meeting schedules: All schedules met during this quarter.

Approved Budget: \$7,662.09

Expenditures to Date: \$1,714.97

Percent Expended: 22.38%

Project Complete: 100%

Approved planning program revisions: A budget amendment was approved in Quarter 2 to include FY15 carryover and full federal funding allocation.

2016-4.1 TIP

Objective:

To develop and maintain a fiscally constrained Transportation Improvement Program in cooperation with local and state planning partners.

Project Description:

The VLMPO will continue to work with GDOT and local planning partners in prioritizing, developing and implementing projects in the TIP, this includes attending meetings and conducting analysis where needed to select and prioritize projects. Continue to process TIP amendments and administrative modifications according to adopted policies in coordination with GDOT and local jurisdictions. Continue to provide technical support for projects in the TIP and LRTP. Continue to maintain a project tracking tool and GIS database to provide the public and planning partners information about project development and timelines. Continue to work with the City of Valdosta in the prioritization and implementation of projects, plans and policies identified in the City of Valdosta Transportation Master Plan. The VLMPO will consider and document methods that consolidate the TIP and LRTP documents and update processes.

Quarter 1 Report:

Staff prepared a public notice and held meetings to update the FY15-18 TIP to be consistent with the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan.

Quarter 2 Report:

No work was completed in this quarter.

Quarter 3 Report:

Staff prepared a public notice and held meetings to update the FY15-18 TIP (Amendment #2).

Quarter 4 Report:

Staff prepared an administrative amendment to the FY15-18 TIP (Amendment #3). Staff prepared a public notice and held meetings to update the FY15-18 TIP (Amendment #4). Amendment was approved at July (FY2017) PC meeting.

Comparisons of Actual to Date performance to stated goals: Actual to Date performance matches stated goals.

Progress in meeting schedules: All schedules met during this quarter.

Approved Budget: \$10,216.12

Expenditures to Date: \$953.68

Percent Expended: 9.34%

Project Complete: 100%

Approved planning program revisions: A budget amendment was approved in Quarter 2 to include FY15 carryover and full federal funding allocation.

2015-4.2 Long Range Transportation Plan

Objective:

To develop and maintain a 20-year horizon fiscally responsible long range transportation plan. Develop data for ongoing long range planning efforts.

Project Description:

Work with USDOT and GDOT to develop and analyze new socioeconomic information as needed in the development/modification of the Travel Demand Model (TDM), including but not limited to updating functional classification maps and/or National Highway System maps. Continue to develop the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan which must be adopted before September 14, 2015. Develop GIS layers and models needed for development of land use patterns for travel demand model. Continue to develop reports and information to fund transportation and transit improvements throughout the region. Continue to work with various stakeholders to implement land use policy recommendations from the JLUS study for Moody AFB and surrounding areas. Continue to work with GDOT and local partners in prioritizing and implementing projects in the LRTP and TIP, this includes attending meetings and conducting analysis where needed for a comprehensive, coordinated and continuous regional Long Range Transportation Plan. Continue to inform the public and stakeholders of the Greater Lowndes County Common Community Vision and promote its use as a strategic vision for the community.

Quarter 1 Report:

Staff hosted a series of public open houses and other events to gather input on the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan, it was presented and adopted by the Policy Committee on 9/2/15.

Quarter 2 Report:

Staff began preparing for an LRTP amendment to be completed in the 3rd Quarter.

Quarter 3 Report:

Staff prepared an LRTP amendment (#1), included public notice and comment period (held in conjunction with TIP amendment). Staff carried

out Participation Plan procedures to complete amendment. Amendment was approved at July (FY2017) PC meeting.

Quarter 4 Report:

Staff prepared an LRTP amendment (#2), included public notice and comment period (held in conjunction with TIP amendment). Staff carried out Participation Plan procedures to complete amendment. Amendment was approved at July PC meeting.

Comparisons of Actual to Date performance to stated goals: Actual to Date performance matches stated goals.

Progress in meeting schedules: All schedules met during this quarter.

Approved Budget: \$12,770.15

Expenditures to Date: \$6,613.58

Percent Expended: 51.79%

Project Complete: 100%

Approved planning program revisions: A budget amendment was approved in Quarter 2 to include FY15 carryover and full federal funding allocation.

2015-4.3 Transit Planning

Objective:

To plan for effective, affordable and accessible public transportation options and alternatives in the Metropolitan Planning Area.

Project Description:

Provide transit planning administration and assistance to Lowndes, Brooks and Berrien Counties Transit Systems (all 5311 rural systems) and any future urban transit system in the Valdosta Urbanized Area. Provide data analysis and reports as requested by local or state officials regarding current or future transit operations. Continue to coordinate transit planning with rural and human service providers. Includes coordination with GDOT, SGRC Coordinated Transportation Program, Department of Human Services, GRTA/Governor’s Development Council and other stakeholders. The VLMPO will consider obtaining consultant services to implement an urban transit system in the Valdosta Urbanized Area, includes providing financial analysis, routing analysis, ridership analysis, implementation coordination, partnership development, and other tasks to be identified.

Quarter 1 Report:

No work completed in this quarter.

Quarter 2 Report:

Staff began working with Lowndes County to complete a Transit Development Plan for the 5311 rural services in the community.

Quarter 3 Report:

Staff continued to work with Lowndes County to complete a Transit Development Plan for the 5311 rural service in the community. Staff continued to work with consultants to complete an urban transit study in the community (funded with 5307 funds).

Quarter 4 Report:

Staff completed the Lowndes County Transit Development Plan for the 5311 rural service in the community. Staff continued to work with consultants to complete an urban transit study in the community (funded with 5307 funds).

Comparisons of Actual to Date performance to stated goals: Actual to Date performance matches stated goals.

Progress in meeting schedules: All schedules met during this quarter.

Approved Budget: \$0 (does not include FTA 5303/5307 funds)

Expenditures to Date: \$0

Percent Expended: 0%

Project Complete %: 100%

Approved planning program revisions: None.

2015-4.4 Special Transportation Studies

Objective:

To conduct planning level analysis of alternatives for transportation projects identified in the LRTP or by the transportation planning process.

Project Description:

The VLMPO will consider obtaining consultant services to analyze alternatives that mitigate impacts of truck traffic in Downtown Valdosta. Alternatives that may be considered include: ‘Western Perimeter’, ‘South Bypass’, Savannah Ave. Truck Route, Relinquishment of US 84 and/or US 41 Bus. & Alt. to local jurisdictions, operational improvements, other consultant recommendations, and do-nothing alternative. The VLMPO will consider obtaining consultant services to implement an urban transit system in the Valdosta Urbanized Area, includes providing financial analysis, routing analysis, ridership analysis, implementation coordination, partnership development, and other tasks to be identified.

Quarter 1 Report:

Staff solicited RFQ/Ps for the transit and truck studies.

Quarter 2 Report:

Staff selected a consultant to complete a Truck Traffic Study (Cambridge Systematics) and a consultant to complete a Transit Implementation Study (Tindale-Oliver). Consultants started work on or about December 1, 2015.

Quarter 3 Report:

Consultants continued to work on Truck Traffic Study. See associated staff detail in task 3.3.

Quarter 4 Report:

Consultants continued to work on Truck Traffic Study. See associated staff detail in task 3.3. Staff prepared a time-only contract extension to July 31 to complete the final report.

Comparisons of Actual to Date performance to stated goals: Actual to Date performance matches stated goals.

Progress in meeting schedules: All schedules met during this quarter.

Approved Budget: \$102,161.19 (does not include FTA 5307 funds)

Expenditures to Date: \$99,866.00

Percent Expended: 97.75%

Project Complete %: 100%

Approved planning program revisions: A budget amendment was approved in Quarter 2 to include FY15 carryover and full federal funding allocation.