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## Introduction

Since the founding of the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization (VLMPO or MPO), in 2003, the purpose has been to create a regional forum for decision making regarding transportation policy and projects. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 this purpose was demonstrated again as regional decisionmakers adopted a new 25 year vision of transportation, the 2035 Transportation Plan, and laid out new opportunities for public engagement in the transportation planning process through the adoption of an update Public Participation Plan.

Over the past year the VLMPO has focused on developing projects and engaging the public in the Metropolitan Planning Area (all of Lowndes County and portions of Berrien and Lanier Counties). The 2035 Transportation Plan which will be adopted in September 2010 is a guiding document of policies and projects for transportation, land use, safety, environmental sustainability, economic development, and improved quality of life.



Figure 1 VLMPO Metropolitan Planning Area

The various MPO committees have continued to be involved in the local and regional transportation planning process. The Citizen's Advisory Committee has been instrumental in informing local engineers and elected officials about the transportation concerns of the public. The Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC) has worked diligently to continue to implement transportation projects included in the 2035 Transportation Plan throughout the region. The Policy Committee has been shown their leadership by adopting a 25 year vision for transportation in the region and putting in place the policies and programs to carry out the 2035 TP.

The VLMPO continued to work with Grice Consulting Group to finalize the implementation studies for a fixed route transit system in the Valdosta Urbanized Area. This project continues to be on hold until a sustainable local funding source can be found.

The MPO staff continues to work with communities that impact Lowndes County every day because of the people that come to Valdosta for jobs, shopping and recreation purposes. The Policy Committee realizes the impact of land use and transportation in these outlying areas is important to the economic development of Lowndes County and wants to be sure a regional transportation system is in place to foster continues job growth and investment. The VLMPO along with leaders in Valdosta and Lowndes County have been active participants in the implementation of the Transportation Investment Act of 2010, a proposed 1% regional sales tax for transportation projects in Lowndes and 17 other counties.

## MPO Administration

FY2011 was a year of new opportunities for public and local official engagement for the VLMPO, the completion of the 2035 Transportation Plan started the years off with public meetings citizen input into the transportation plans of the region. The VLMPO committees provided strong leadership as the staff worked to develop a new Public Participation Plan and work with surrounding jurisdictions to implement the Transportation Investment Act of 2012, a proposed 1% regional sales tax for transportation projects Lowndes and 17 other counties.



The Georgia Association of MPOs (GAMPO) continued to be a forum for state and national transportation issues, where MPO staff from around the State of Georgia could network and share challenges and new ideas. The VLMPO staff took an active role in the organization this year by coordinating a statewide training workshop for Travel Demand Modeling software.

The Georgia Planning Association selected Valdosta as the host city for the 2010 Georgia Fall Planning Conference. This event brought more than 200 land use and transportation planners to Valdosta to share, learn and network with one another. The VLMPO staff continues to engage in active roles in the American Planning Association, Georgia Planning Association, the Georgia Transit Association, the Association of MPOs and the Georgia Association of MPOs by regularly attending meetings and working with fellow planners throughout the state and nation to better implement and impact planning efforts locally.

The MPO continued its oversight of consultants in the ongoing implementation of transit services in the Valdosta Urbanized Area. In the spring of 2011, Grice Consulting Group finalized a transit implementation plan for a fixed route transit system in the Valdosta Urbanized Area that included a service plan, service delivery options and several funding options. At this time the implementation of this transit system is on hold due tight budgets and the depressed economy. The VLMPO continues to include the implementation of public transit services in the 2035 Transportation Plan; however there is no timeline or funding outlined for the future implementation of these services.



## Public Involvement

In FY2011 the VLMPO undertook several new efforts to help promote public involvement in the transportation planning process in the Metropolitan Planning Area.

The VLMPO has continued to use its website as its primary mechanism for distributing information to the public, resource agencies and planning partners. In addition to its website the VLMPO has begun using social media websites like Facebook to disseminate information quickly and to new audiences. Website statistics regularly show that when the VLMPO releases a new plan, report or other significant documentation that website traffic sees double digit percentage increases. An example of this is when the VLMPO presented its 2035 TP for public comment on July 18, 2010 page loads increased from an average of 10 per



Figure 2 VLMPO staff answering a question about the 2035 Transportation Plan.

day to 38, or a 26% increase, indicating strong public interest in transportation plans produced by the VLMPO.

In FY2011 the VLMPO undertook an effort to update its Public Participation Plan (PPP). This federally required document provides guidance to the public, VLMPO committees and staff on how the VLMPO engages in public involvement

strategies. The PPP also includes a federally required Limited-English Proficiency Plan (LEP) and a Title VI Compliance Plan. The LEP Plan helps identify populations in Lowndes County that do not speak English fluently and provides opportunities for those individuals to participate in the transportation planning process. The Title VI Compliance Plan outlines the procedure the VLMPO will follow to ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Plan also contains procedures for addressing any complaints and requires an annual report which follows this section.

## Title VI Annual Report

As required by the Title VI Compliance Plan, the VLMPO is annually required to report its activities regarding Title VI:

In FY2011, the VLMPO adopted a formal Title VI Compliance Plan, the first step in an effort to provide more public outreach to the region.

The Title VI Coordinator continues to be Corey Hull, the MPO Coordinator for the VLMPO.

The VLMPO staff attended a Title VI Training Workshop in person and a conference call regarding LEP plans during the year.

There were no Title VI complaints during FY2011 (a comment that was labeled as a complaint was submitted as a part of the comment period for the PPP, prior to adoption, it was resolved with the assistance of GDOT, and resulted in new additions to the VLMPO mailing list and new outreach opportunities, increasing awareness of the transportation planning process).

As this is a newly adopted plan, the VLMPO will strive to continue to engage the public in a manner that does not exclude anyone from participating or receiving benefits from any of our programs.

## PPP Performance Measures

The newly adopted PPP includes performance measures that demonstrate how the VLMPO



Figure 3 Attendees at the 2010 Georgia Transit Day hosted by SGRC.

has engaged the public during the past year. Under each strategy listed below are this year's measurements of the VLMPO engagement of the public.

**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.**

- 4 VLMPO hosted Public Meetings or Open Houses
- Over 1000 Quarterly Newsletters mailed
- 8 Staff Speaking Engagements
- Staff was in attendance at more than 15 public meetings or events that were not hosted by the VLMPO
- 5 radio, television or newspaper articles

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

- The VLMPO has at least bi-weekly contact with the public through emails, newsletters, Facebook postings, website updates, special mailing, meeting announcements, etc.
- The VLMPO updates its website ([www.sgrc.us/transportation](http://www.sgrc.us/transportation)) at least once per month, usually much more frequently.
- The VLMPO formally responds to all public comments received during a public comment period, as well as those received outside of comment periods.

- The VLMPO staff is available during regular business hours, in person, via phone and email. The VLMPO staff also encourages scheduled speaking engagements to community groups and other organizations.



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

- Although there were no specific stakeholder meetings held this year, the VLMPO held 14 meetings of its Policy, Technical Coordinating and Citizen's Advisory Committees in FY2011.
- 4 VLMPO hosted Public Meetings or Open Houses
- 14 Committee Meetings
- The VLMPO uses various methods to address stakeholder issues, including meetings to discuss issues and formal comment periods. During formal comment periods in FY2011, the VLMPO responded to more than 4 comments from the public regarding transportation plans and policies.
- Technical information is available either included with the planning document, as a separate report, or by request. The VLMPO has made available a technical report regarding socioeconomic data for the 2035 Transportation Plan on its website.

**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.**

- 18 public meetings, including open houses and committee meetings
- All meetings of the VLMPO are held at accessible locations. This year the VLMPO held meetings at the following locations:
  - SGRC, 327 W Savannah Ave., Valdosta, 31601
  - Old Lowndes County Admin, 325 W Savannah Ave., Valdosta, 31601
  - Valdosta City Hall Annex, 300 N Lee St., Valdosta, 31601
- The VLMPO has at least bi-weekly contact with the public (including traditionally underserved populations) through emails, newsletters, Facebook postings, website updates, special mailing, meeting announcements, etc.



## Systems Management

Annually the VLMPO produces a Crash Report that examines the overall picture of crashes in Lowndes County. Over the past three years there have been more than 9,800 crashes in Lowndes County. There have been 44 fatalities in the same time period.

Persons aged 16 to 21 were in 1.53 more crashes than the same age group in peer communities. The large college-aged population in Lowndes County is a part of this data, however the 16-18 year old group, who are likely not be in college are in 12% more crashes than the average of the peer communities.

Alcohol is unfortunately a cause of many crashes in Lowndes County, which has 88% more crashes caused by drivers under the influence of alcohol than our peer communities. The stereotype that the college-aged group is the one driving under the influence of alcohol does not hold up in Lowndes County. During the study period the age groups with the highest number of crashes caused by driving under the influence alcohol were in order: 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 22-24, and then those 21 and younger.

Providing data to engineers to make a roadway safer is one of the reasons for compiling this crash report. However, engineering can reduce crashes only so much. Education is a big part of highway safety as can be seen by the data presented here.

This year the crash report also included the Top 20 Urban and Rural Intersection for the highest frequency of crashes. This was the first time that rural locations were included, but it helps to identify locations outside the City of Valdosta that contribute to the overall crash data in Lowndes County.

The full 2011 Crash Report is available on the VLMPO website at [www.sgrc.us/transportation](http://www.sgrc.us/transportation).

The VLMPO continued to use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) tools to better meet the needs of staff and help visualize projects

and data for the general public. This past year the VLMPO began to develop a GIS-based database for all transportation projects in the region. This database once completed will allow for easy distribution and dissemination of project data across multiple formats and help inform the public more easily on upcoming transportation improvements.

In 2011 the VLMPO continued its freight planning and analysis efforts and began a Freight Movement Study Report Series. The first report in the series was the "Lowndes County Location Quotient and Shift-Share Analysis." This report

This report helps to identify which industries are mature, emerging, succeeding, transforming, and/or growing in Lowndes County based on employment data. In Lowndes County the Wholesale Trade, Transportation and Warehousing, Agriculture and Forestry are all emerging industries. Manufacturing is also a transforming industry that is continuing the play an important role in the local economy.

This report is important for the VLMPO to consider as it identifies three industries as emerging in Lowndes County that are transportation dependant. The VLMPO and local officials will use this data to help identify needed transportation infrastructure projects and secure future economic development prospects.

After the completion of the 2010 US Census the VLMPO was tasked with using this new data to develop new Traffic Analysis Zones for future use in our long range planning efforts and Travel Demand Modeling software. Traffic Analysis Zones or TAZs are the basic data used by MPOs to analyze traffic patterns and socioeconomic characteristics that lead to changes and future needs in transportation infrastructure. From time-to-time this data needs to be updated to reflect current growth and traffic patterns. This new data source will be used by the VLMPO in our next long range plan update in 2015.

## Transportation Plans and Studies

In FY 2011, the VLMPO maintained its FY11-14 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) in order to remain on the schedule with GDOT and other MPOs around the state. The TIP is the short-term work program for transportation projects in the Metropolitan Planning Area. The projects in the TIP are the projects that are currently or soon to be under the phase of development listed. This document draws its projects from the first few years of the prioritized long range transportation plan, which the VLMPO also updated this year.

The VLMPO wrapped up a nineteen month planning process in September 2010 with the adoption of the 2035 Transportation Plan (TP) for the entire VLMPO Metropolitan Planning Area. The plan development involved meeting with dozens of stakeholders and many revisions to project lists. The 2035 TP included more than



\$400 million in new highway and transit projects, which mitigate congestion, improve safety and promote economic development.

Included in the 2035 TP were Priorities, Implementation Strategies and Evaluation Measures. This report will highlight these evaluation measures since the 2035 TP was adopted in September 2010.

**Priority 1: Develop a sustainable and safe regional transportation system that includes all modes for the transport of people and goods that promotes economic development.**

**1.1 Evaluate the level of service on roadways to and from activity centers, especially east-west routes.**

The level of service (LOS) of a roadway is a rather static measure of the overall transportation system. It slowly changes over time, unless there is a major capital investment that either improves or declines the LOS. There have been no major improvements from the 2035 TP that have altered the LOS completed at this time.

**1.2 Evaluate number of jobs in freight intensive industries and conduct travel time studies to evaluate wait times at at-grade crossings.**

In order to develop a baseline for job growth in freight intensive industries the 2009 US Census Bureau County Business patterns were used. In 2009, the employment in freight intensive industries was as follows:

Forestry/Agriculture	105
Utilities	100-249 (undisclosed)
Construction	2,694
Manufacturing	3,243
Wholesale Trade	1,600
Retail Trade	7,107
Transportation	1,989
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,838</b>

No travel time studies have been conducted at this time.

**1.3 Implementation of a coordinated public transit system in the Valdosta Urbanized Area.**

In FY2011 the VLMPO through its consultants completed the implementation and financing studies for a fixed-route transit system in the Valdosta Urbanized Area. At this time however no local funding is available to proceed to fully implement the system. The VLMPO is committed to continuing to keep this issue on the minds of local officials and is continuing to research other funding and implementation options.

**1.4 Work with local land use agencies to analyze future improvements to ensure**

**they will accommodate planned multi-modal improvements.**

The VLMPO staff regularly works with local land use planners and other agencies to review development plans. The VLMPO completed a model ordinance for access management along the busy Inner Perimeter Road Corridor that will be presented to local governments in FY2012.

**1.5 Number of bike and pedestrian facilities implemented and/or interconnected.**

In FY 2011 the City of Valdosta had nearly 95 miles of sidewalks, 2.6 miles of bike lanes, and 2.8 miles of multi-use trails. The City continues to expand their sidewalk network annually through road construction projects and as required for new developments. The City also has a sidewalk repair program where in 2011 nearly a ½ mile of sidewalk was repaired. The VLMPO will continue to report data for all communities in our region as data becomes available.

**1.6 Evaluate net number of jobs gained near transportation improvements.**

To begin this evaluation process a baseline needed to be established in the current year, before any transportation improvement were completed. This baseline information, which is available on our website, will be used to continually evaluate projects as they are developed and what economic development efforts are produced by these improvements. Transportation improvements can be one of many catalysts to increasing economic development in a community, it should be noted that other efforts are underway that may also promote jobs and economic development.

**Priority 2: Encourage the MPO, SGRC and their member communities to cooperatively consider land use decisions by encouraging public participation and involvement in the transportation planning process.**

**2.1 Annually evaluate public involvement effectiveness through number of persons contacted and events held.**

See the analysis of public involvement effectiveness under the Public Involvement section of this report.

**2.2 Produce documents for education and public information, including annual crash reports and intersection safety audits.**

The VLMPO annually produces a Crash Report that highlights crash statistics in Lowndes County. More detail is available earlier in this report on the specific research done this year. The VLMPO has worked to promote transparency and public education in the transportation planning process through frequent website update, beginning a Facebook page and other outreach efforts.

**2.3 Develop criteria for implementing transportation investments.**

A project selection criteria was developed for the 2035 TP, where it is described in detail. It includes evaluating projects in five primary categories: Congestion Management, Safety and Security, Land use, Economic and Multi-modal Development, and Public Input and Community Impact.

**2.4 Evaluate number of public/private partnerships accomplished.**

To date there have been no locally implemented public/private partnerships in this region. GDOT has however begun the process for a public/private partnership for rest areas and welcome centers throughout the state; this includes the one near Lake Park in Lowndes County on I-75.

**2.5 Evaluate land development outside of urban service areas**

In order to start the development of land outside of the urban service area in Lowndes County a baseline for data collection was

determined to be the year 2009, after Lowndes County had adopted its new Unified Land Development Code (ULDC). Using the zoning classifications in the ULDC, it was determined that between June 2009 and June 2011 ninety-five acres of land changed zoning classifications from less dense land uses to more dense land uses. Most of this development was in the form of low- to medium-density single family residential development. Further research and data analysis will be completed in the future as more data becomes available.

### **2.6 Number of multi-jurisdictional or coordinated transportation improvement projects/policies**

In the FY11-14 Transportation Improvement Program all projects involve some coordination between local governments and the Georgia Department of Transportation. However, one project in particular is a true coordination of two jurisdictions; the replacement of the SR 31/Madison Highway Bridge at the Florida State Line over the Withlacoochee River is a multi-jurisdictional project with the Georgia and Florida Departments of Transportation.

**Priority 3: Promote an aesthetically pleasing, sustainable, transportation system that respects the needs of, and mitigates and/or enhances the impacts on disadvantaged populations and the context of the nearby built and natural environments.**

### **3.1 Evaluate context sensitive solutions implemented in transportation projects and policies**

The VLMPO regularly works with local and state jurisdictions and project managers to ensure that transportation projects and policies mitigate their impacts on surrounding communities and the environment. The VLMPO staff regularly speaks to community groups about transportation projects and programs to help ensure that the public is aware of the transportation planning process.

### **3.2 Report use of alternative fuels and infrastructure projects for alternative modes of transportation**

The only known public, retail alternative fuel station (E85) in Lowndes County is a Flash Foods in the 4100 block of Bemiss Road. See the description of improved bike and pedestrian facilities listed previously

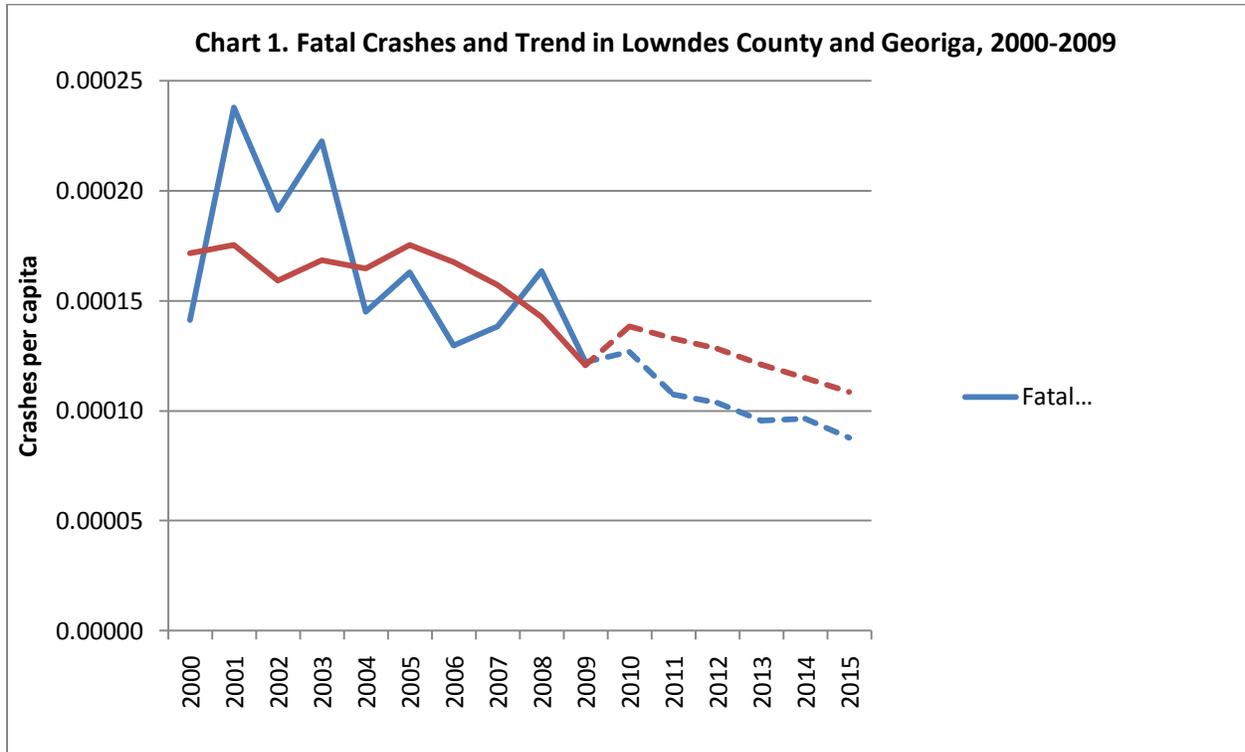
### **3.3 Report on signs installed and public acceptance of new signage.**

At this time no new way-finding signs have been installed.

Working with the Georgia Department of Transportation, the VLMPO staff, through the Southern Georgia Regional Commission, helped to coordinate with 17 other counties the implementation of the Transportation Investment Act of 2010, a proposed 1% regional sales tax for transportation improvements. The VLMPO staff and committee members participated in many meetings with other area officials to discuss what projects to include on a ballot measure and educate local officials on the implementation process.

## Safety Trends

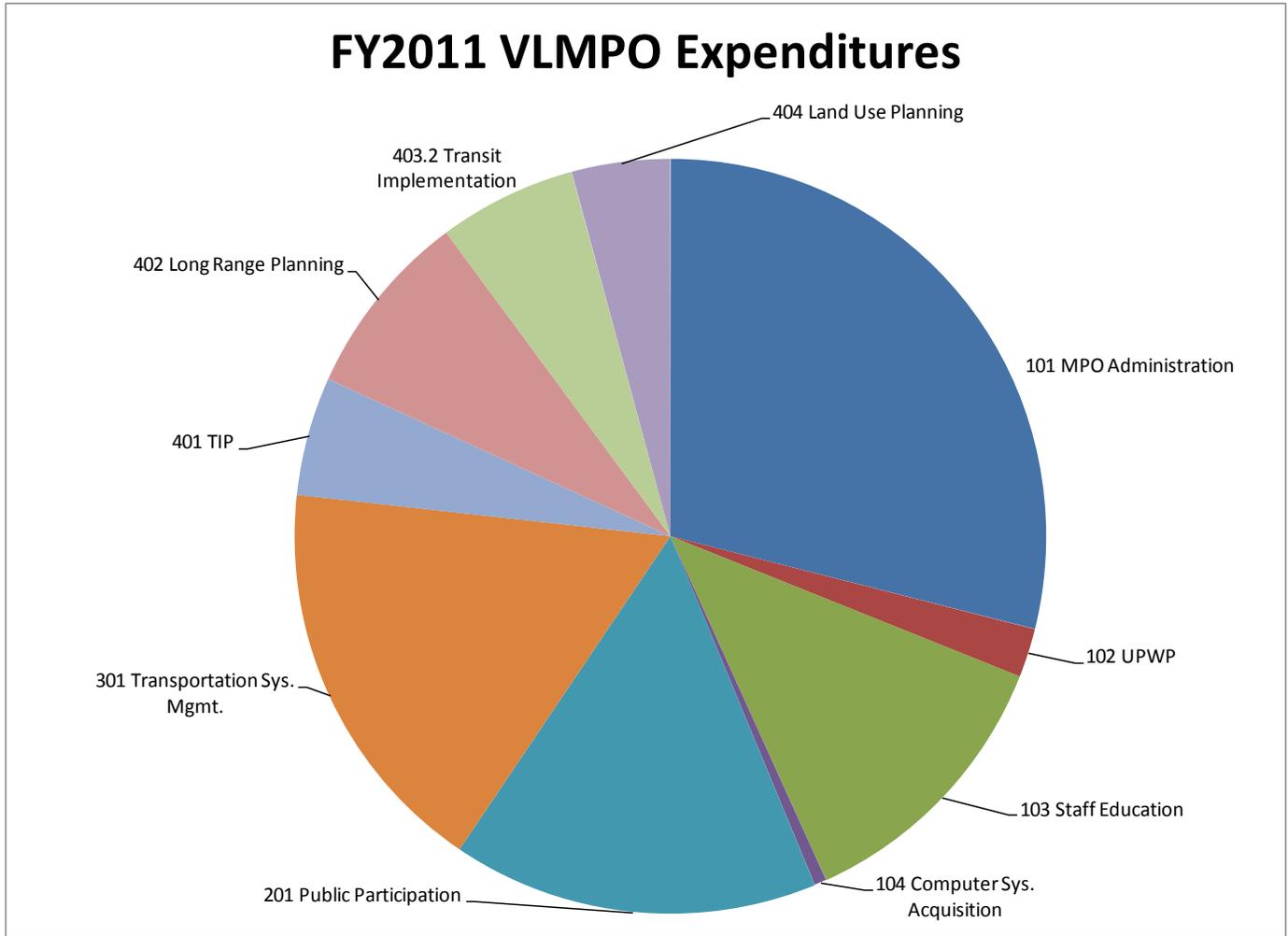
Below are examples of some of the crash data available to the MPO. This data shows general characteristic of crashes in Lowndes County. Source: GDOT and CARE 9.



Rank	Top 5 Urban Intersections		Total Crashes
1	Ashley Street	Bemiss Road/Park Avenue	154
2	Five Points		116
3	St. Augustine Road	Norman Drive	105
4	North Valdosta Road	Country Club Drive	101
5	St. Augustine Road	Gornto Road	76
Rank	Top 5 Rural Intersections		Total Crashes
1	SR 122	Sheriff's Boys Ranch Road	18
2	SR 376	Loch Laural Road	13
2	Marion Ave.	East Street	13
4	SR 31/Madison Highway	SR 376	9
5	Main Street	US 41 North	8
5	Lakes Boulevard	Mill Store Road	8
5	SR 122	Val Del Road	8

## Financials

The Valdosta-Lowndes MPO 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 Valdosta-Lowndes MPO receives its funds through Federal and State grants and Local matching funds. Federal funds make up the majority of the revenues at 80%, with State funding at 10%, and the Local matching funds at 10%. The accompanying Expenditure Chart shows expenditures by task as identified in the UPWP.



## FY2011 FHWA PL Funds

This chart is a breakdown of the expenditure of FHWA PL and FTA 5303 and 5307 funds utilized by the Valdosta-Lowndes MPO in FY2011.

FY2011 Revenue and Expenditures					
Work Element	Budgeted Total	Expended Total	Expended Federal	Expended State	Expended Local
101 MPO Administration	\$ 62,653.67	\$ 48,158.30	\$ 38,526.64	\$ 4,815.83	\$ 4,815.83
102 UPWP	\$ 12,561.47	\$ 3,478.96	\$ 2,783.17	\$ 347.90	\$ 347.90
103 Staff Education	\$ 23,029.36	\$ 20,213.79	\$ 16,171.03	\$ 2,021.38	\$ 2,021.38
104 Computer Sys. Acquisition	\$ 12,561.47	\$ 866.27	\$ 693.02	\$ 86.63	\$ 86.63
201 Public Participation	\$ 27,216.51	\$ 26,162.15	\$ 20,929.72	\$ 2,616.22	\$ 2,616.22
301 Transportation Sys. Mgmt.	\$ 39,777.98	\$ 28,753.21	\$ 23,002.57	\$ 2,875.32	\$ 2,875.32
401 TIP	\$ 20,935.78	\$ 8,448.26	\$ 6,758.61	\$ 844.83	\$ 844.83
402 Long Range Planning	\$ 20,935.78	\$ 13,327.79	\$ 10,662.23	\$ 1,332.78	\$ 1,332.78
403.2 Transit Implementation	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,845.10	\$ 7,876.08	\$ 984.51	\$ 984.51
404 Land Use Planning	\$ 20,935.78	\$ 7,053.18	\$ 5,642.54	\$ 705.32	\$ 705.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 250,607.80</b>	<b>\$166,307.01</b>	<b>\$133,045.61</b>	<b>\$16,630.70</b>	<b>\$16,630.70</b>

## FY2011 FHWA PL Funds by Quarter

This chart is a breakdown of the expenditure of FHWA PL funds by quarter utilized by the Valdosta-Lowndes MPO in FY2011.

FY 2011 FHWA PL Expenditures by Quarter							
Work Element	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Total Year End	Contract Total	Contract Balance
101 MPO Administration	\$ 8,441.15	\$ 8,019.44	\$ 2,452.48	\$ (60.35)	\$ 18,852.72	\$ 31,403.67	\$ 12,550.95
102 UPWP	\$ 2,146.32	\$ 1,192.29	\$ (42.91)	\$ 183.26	\$ 3,478.96	\$ 12,561.47	\$ 9,082.51
103 Staff Education	\$ 8,369.25	\$ 6,484.54	\$ 3,802.17	\$ 1,557.83	\$ 20,213.79	\$ 23,029.36	\$ 2,815.57
104 Computer Sys. Acquisition	\$ 400.00	\$ 67.75	\$ (0.87)	\$ 399.39	\$ 866.27	\$ 12,561.47	\$ 11,695.20
201 Public Participation	\$ 12,384.32	\$ 4,105.71	\$ 6,816.23	\$ 2,855.89	\$ 26,162.15	\$ 27,216.51	\$ 1,054.36
301 Transportation Sys. Mgmt.	\$ 13,022.34	\$ 7,862.96	\$ 3,016.95	\$ 4,850.96	\$ 28,753.21	\$ 39,777.98	\$ 11,024.77
401 TIP	\$ 2,361.18	\$ 317.13	\$ 1,117.75	\$ 4,652.20	\$ 8,448.26	\$ 20,935.78	\$ 12,487.52
402 Long Range Planning	\$ 6,043.61	\$ 158.52	\$ 539.25	\$ 6,586.41	\$ 13,327.79	\$ 20,935.78	\$ 7,607.99
404 Land Use Planning	\$ 696.99	\$ 5,463.26	\$ 950.32	\$ (57.39)	\$ 7,053.18	\$ 20,935.78	\$ 13,882.60
Totals	\$ 53,865.16	\$ 33,671.60	\$ 18,651.37	\$ 20,968.20	\$ 127,156.33	\$ 209,357.80	\$ 82,201.47

## FY2011 UPWP Work Element Summary Reports

### 101.1 – MPO Administration

**Objective:**

To coordinate and conduct the transportation planning activities of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations and requirements.

**Project Description:**

Maintain proper records as required under the PL contract, 5303 and any other contracts administered by the MPO, includes preparation of budgets, financial records, reimbursement requests and an annual performance report. Coordinate MPO Committee meetings and overall transportation planning efforts in the Region. Continue to work with 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 to develop a comprehensive, coordinated and continuous regional transportation planning process.

**Quarter 1 Report:**

Staff held regular meetings with the Policy, Technical and Citizen's Committees. A special meeting was held with the Technical and Policy Committees. Staff continued to work with GAMPO to meet the needs of the MPOs in Georgia. Staff continued to work with consultants and GDOT on the completion of the planning documents for transit implementation in the Valdosta Urban Area. Staff met to assign annual tasks and work responsibilities for new staff for the MPO. Staff organized a meeting of the mayors in Lowndes County to select the mayoral representative for the new Regional Transportation Roundtable.

**Quarter 2 Report:**

Staff held regular meetings with the Policy, Technical and Citizen's Committees. The MPO coordinated with GDOT the implementation of HB 277 in the region and attended several meetings, including the Regional Transportation Roundtable meeting in December. Staff attended the annual GAMPO meeting in Athens. Staff continued to work with consultants and GDOT on the completion of the planning documents for transit implementation in the Valdosta UA. Staff met with new members of the Citizen's Advisory Committee and conducted orientation sessions with them.

**\*Quarter 3 Report:**

Staff held regular meetings with the Policy, Technical and Citizen's Committees. Staff prepared minutes and agendas for the regular meetings of the MPO. The MPO coordinated with GDOT the implementation of TIA in the region and attended several meetings. Staff continued to work with consultants and GDOT on the completion of the planning documents for transit implementation in the Valdosta UA. Consultant provided draft of all transit implementation planning documents to staff for review. Staff met with new members of the Citizen's Advisory Committee and Technical Committee and conducted orientation sessions with them. Staff participated in conference calls with GAMPO to discuss various topics relating to MPOs, mostly including the role of MPOs in the development of the TIA project list.

**\*Quarter 4 Report:**

Staff held regular meetings with the Policy, Technical and Citizen's Committees. Staff prepared minutes and agendas for the regular meetings of the MPO. The MPO coordinated with GDOT on the implementation of TIA in the region and attended several meetings. Staff continued to work with consultants and GDOT on the completion of the planning documents for transit implementation in the Valdosta UA. Consultant provided final documents for transit implementation and MPO staff began closeout of this the contracts. Staff participated in GAMPO conference calls on TIA.

**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.

<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$31,403.67</b>	<b>Actual to Date</b>	<b>\$18,852.72</b>	<b>Percent Expended</b>	<b>60%</b>
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**Percent of Project Complete:** 100%

**Budget Revisions:**

Yes, added FY2010 carryover and full FY2011 federal allocation, pending GDOT contract process, for a new total amount of: \$31,403.67

\*Note: In Quarters 3 and 4 this work element has been supplemented with 5303 planning funds in this quarter as described in the UPWP.

## 102.1 UPWP

### **Objective:**

Develop annual work program to guide staff in the transportation planning activities of the MPO as directed by the Policy Committee in compliance with all federal, state and local laws, regulations and requirements.

### **Project Description:**

The UPWP is an annual document that includes a brief description of tasks, work products, responsible agencies, and identifies the funding sources to accomplish planning efforts. MPO staff will draft an FY2012 UPWP by February 2011 for review by GDOT/FHWA. The Final UPWP will be reviewed by the TCC and CAC which then recommends it to the Policy Committee for adoption (by March 2011).

### **Quarter 1 Report:**

Staff completed annual report for FY2010. Staff prepared final reimbursement requests for FY2010 contracts. Staff prepared UPWP amendment for FY2010 carryover funds and included the full FY2011 federal funding allocation.

### **Quarter 2 Report:**

Staff worked to prepare the FY11 Quarter 1 report and sent it on to GDOT. Staff prepared the draft FY12 budget and UPWP.

### **Quarter 3 Report:**

Staff worked to prepare the FY11 Quarter 2 report and sent it on to GDOT. Staff prepared the draft FY12 budget and UPWP. Staff worked with the MPO Committees to adopt the FY12 UPWP and MPO budget.

### **Quarter 4 Report:**

Staff prepared the FY11 Quarter 3 report and sent it to GDOT. Staff prepared an update to the FY12 UPWP and presented it for adoption to the Policy Committee.

### **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.

<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$12,561.47</b>	<b>Actual to Date</b>	<b>\$3,478.96</b>	<b>Percent Expended</b>	<b>28%</b>
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**Percent of Project Complete:** 100%

### **Budget Revisions:**

Yes, added FY2010 carryover and full FY2011 federal allocation, pending GDOT contract process, for a new total amount of: \$12,561.47.

## 103.1 Staff Education

### Objective:

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

### Project Description:

To provide continued education and training for MPO staff that will enable the MPO to effectively carry out the planning process in the Greater Valdosta - Lowndes Urbanized Area. Some of the conferences the staff may attend are: GPA/FPA Conferences, GTA, APA, TRB, GAMPO, AMPO, GA Highway Safety Conference, GA ITS Conference, NARC. Attendance at other meetings and events not listed here shall also be considered eligible. Other out of state travel not listed here will require advance permission from GDOT. For in state travel as requested by GDOT or FHWA for conferences or training shall not require advance permission. MPO will continue membership in AMPO, and will consider other association memberships as needed. Provide staff with necessary training to operate software and produce data and analysis relative to the needs of the MPO.

### Quarter 1 Report:

Staff began to work with the members of GAMPO to organize a Cube training course for the MPOs, GDOT and other parties for this fiscal year or next. Staff attended and helped host the 2010 Georgia Planning Conference in Valdosta.

### Quarter 2 Report:

Staff continued to work with GAMPO and Citilabs on organizing a Cube training course to be held in FY12 for the entire state of Georgia. Staff attended and helped host the 2010 Georgia Planning Conference in Valdosta. Staff attended the GTA conference in Athens and the GAMPO annual meeting in Athens.

### Quarter 3 Report:

Staff continued to work with GAMPO and Citilabs on organizing a Cube training course to be held in FY12 for the entire state of Georgia. Staff attended the Annual TRB meeting in Washington, DC; sessions attended include: Public Involvement Committee, Metropolitan Planning Committee, Visualization Committee, several travel demand forecasting committees and others. Staff attended a webinar on TAZ development that the staff will be undertaking with the US Census Bureau in the 4th quarter. Staff participated in AMPO and NADO conference calls regarding federal budget allocations and general transportation planning funding programs. Staff participated in conference calls for the Georgia Planning Association spring conference; included organizing speakers and topics to present at the conference. Staff attended a SHWA Scenario Planning webinar to learn more about this method of planning for possible future use in local planning efforts. Staff participated in a FHWA sponsored Fiscal Constraint workshop in Macon.

### Quarter 4 Report:

Staff attended the Georgia Logistics Summit to learn about impacts of the freight industry on local transportation infrastructure and economic development. Staff coordinated and hosted two US Census bureau training events on how to use the new US Census Bureau website for local government employees. Staff attended a webinar on how to use CTPP data and the new CTPP data website.

### 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.

<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$23,029.36</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>\$20,213.79</b>	<b>Percent Expended</b>	<b>88%</b>
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**Percent of Project Complete:** 100%

**Budget Revisions:**

Yes, added FY2010 carryover and full FY2011 federal allocation, pending GDOT contract process, for a new total amount of: \$23,029.36.

## 104.1 Computer System Acquisition

**Objective:**

Acquire relevant computer systems and software and train staff as related to the transportation planning process.

**Project Description:**

This element allows the SGRDC to purchase computer systems and software for ITS and GIS activities relative to the MPO planning process. Update and/or purchase Arc GIS, Arc View, CUBE 5, CORSIM, Synchro and other transportation related software packages as needed. Consider purchasing upgrades to Cube 5 traffic modeling software. Provide staff with necessary training to operate software and produce data and analysis relative to the needs of the MPO. Coordinate purchases of computer systems, software and training with GDOT. Consider the purchase of a video/teleconferencing system to allow for better meeting attendance with planning partners.

**Quarter 1 Report:**

Staff completed the purchase of the annual ArcGIS software update and maintenance agreement.

**Quarter 2 Report:**

During this quarter staff continued to develop a training opportunity for VLMPO staff and other MPOs in Georgia working with Citilabs. The ArcGIS license the MPO uses for various mapping purposes was also renewed in this quarter.

**Quarter 3 Report:**

During this quarter staff continued to develop a training opportunity for VLMPO staff and other MPOs in Georgia working with Citilabs.

**Quarter 4 Report:**

During this quarter staff continued to develop a training opportunity for VLMPO staff and other MPOs in Georgia working with Citilabs.

**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.

<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$12,561.47</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>\$866.27</b>	<b>Percent Expended</b>	<b>7%</b>
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**Percent of Project Complete:** 100%

**Budget Revisions:**

Yes, added FY2010 carryover and full FY2011 federal allocation, pending GDOT contract process, for a new total amount of: \$12,561.47

## 201.1 Participation Plan and Community Outreach

### **Objective:**

To implement a Participation Plan (PP) that outlines the goals of the MPO and opportunities for interaction amongst units of government and the public as they relate to the planning process.

### **Project Description:**

To effectively obtain input concerning the MPO planning process through a framework encouraging public participation. MPO plans will be developed in consultation with local, state, and federal agencies to ensure intergovernmental coordination. Review and update the Public Participation Plan as appropriate. Continue to engage the Citizen's Advisory Committee through innovative and new public involvement techniques to increase participation. Continue previous efforts of SGRC to engage the Greater Lowndes Growth Advisory Committee as a resource for community input for the MPO, SGRC, Greater Lowndes Planning Commission, Lowndes County, Valdosta, Remerton, Hahira, Dasher, and Lake Park. Continue to work on transit implementation and services through public marketing and outreach. Continue to maintain and update websites and documents for public consumption with the most recent and relevant data. Continue to develop visualization tools and techniques to better communicate MPO plans, programs, and public involvement.

### **Quarter 1 Report:**

Staff prepared for and hosted two Public Open Houses for the 2035 Transportation Plan adoption. Staff completed several newspaper, radio and television interviews relating to the 2035 Transportation Plan adoption and other transportation related topics. Staff continued to make regular updates to the website ([www.sgrc.us/transportation](http://www.sgrc.us/transportation)) and to our new Facebook account. Staff attended and presented at several meetings (Berrien County Commissioners, ACCG listening session, Valdosta Chamber of Commerce, SGRC Council) information on new transportation laws in Georgia.

### **Quarter 2 Report:**

Staff continued to make regular updates to the website ([www.sgrc.us/transportation](http://www.sgrc.us/transportation)) and to our Facebook account. Staff attended several meetings and answered many questions (phone, email, etc.) from local officials and agencies regarding HB 277 including one hosted by the Valdosta Chamber and the City of Remerton.

### **Quarter 3 Report:**

Staff continued to make regular updates to the website ([www.sgrc.us/transportation](http://www.sgrc.us/transportation)) and to our Facebook account. Staff attended several meetings and answered many questions (phone, email, etc.) from local officials and agencies regarding TIA. Staff presented information on the MPO to the Valdosta-Lowndes Industrial Authority. Staff attended the March GDOT State Transportation Board meeting to assist in a presentation on MPOs in Georgia. Staff arranged for a meeting of the GDOT senior staff with the Leadership Lowndes group in Atlanta, where the group learned about transportation investment needs in the State. Staff attended the Hwy 84 widening public meeting in Homerville to learn more about the proposed widening and how it would affect travel to and from Valdosta.

### **Quarter 4 Report:**

Staff completed the draft of the new Public Participation Plan (PPP), Title VI Plan and LEP Plan. Staff presented the draft versions to the MPO committees and then held a 45-day public comment period, including an open house on the Plan. MPO Committees adopted PPP as presented by staff in June. Staff worked with GDOT and a local citizen to resolve a Title VI comment. Staff began to update the MPO mailing list. Staff made regular updates to the MPO website and Facebook page.

### **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.

<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$27,216.51</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>\$26,162.15</b>	<b>Percent Expended</b>	<b>96%</b>
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**Percent of Project Complete:** 100%

**Budget Revisions:**

Yes, added FY2010 carryover and full FY2011 federal allocation, pending GDOT contract process, for a new total amount of: \$27,216.51

## 301.1 Transportation Systems Management

### **Objective:**

Promote the safety, security, preservation, maintenance, and operations of the existing transportation system through the integration and connectivity of modes, for people and freight.

### **Project Description:**

Incorporate traffic management and other strategies to improve system efficiency into MPO plans. Consider the development of an Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) plan for Valdosta UZA. Continue to integrate freight and goods movement into long range and short range planning efforts; including development of LRTP/TIP projects and policies. Continue to review and update previous freight planning efforts (2009 Freight Movement Study). Continue to work with local and regional transit providers in developing Coordinated Transit Plans. Continue to develop alternative transportation methods and facilities like bike and pedestrian paths. Research and develop in cooperation with local public agencies, GDOT and FHWA bike safety programs and materials for school aged children. Work with local communities to develop bike/ped funding opportunities and plans through TE, SRTS, GATEway, and other state and federal programs. Continue to actively participate in the Valdosta Chamber's Gateway Planning Committee. In cooperation with GDOT, FHWA and US Census Bureau complete TAZ delineation for 5-year CTPP data products, for all counties included within the Metropolitan Planning Area. Develop GIS layers as needed for better and more integrated land use and transportation planning. Consider, in consultation with GDOT, local public agencies and FHWA to develop comprehensive traffic count database for better use in developing local and state projects. Consider developing public website to display transportation and economic development related data and TIP and LRTP projects. Continue to develop annual crash report and crash data to identify potential safety projects.

### **Quarter 1 Report:**

Staff began to update and develop GIS layers including the roads, bridges and commuting pattern maps. Staff continued to make maps and other data for use at public meetings and in the 2035 Transportation Plan. Staff continued to distribute information on bike safety at various public meetings and Open Houses. Staff began the update of the 2011 Crash Report by researching the requirements of conducting Road Safety Audits. Staff continued to work with the Valdosta-Lowndes Chamber on the completion of a Gateways Master Plan for the county. Staff worked with the Technical Task Force to develop the outline for the Master Plan as well as developing the priorities for the community.

### **Quarter 2 Report:**

Staff met with the Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority to discuss future partnerships for freight planning and joint research that can be conducted. Staff worked with the SGRC GIS staff to develop a new project database structure that will allow a central project listing to be created that can easily be presented in different visualization formats, like GIS, Access, SharePoint, paper reports, a GIS website and other ways yet to be determined. Staff continued to work with the Valdosta Chamber Gateways Committee to develop a priority listing of gateway projects and to begin an effort to develop a master plan for building community support for Gateways.

### **Quarter 3 Report:**

Staff worked with the SGRC GIS staff to develop a new project database structure that will allow a central project listing to be created that can easily be presented in different visualization formats, like GIS, Access, SharePoint, paper reports, a GIS website and other ways yet to be determined. Staff participated in a meeting with Wiregrass Georgia Technical College to discuss the role of the MPO in supporting an expanded truck driving school and course and how this relates to the MPO Freight Study efforts.

### **Quarter 4 Report:**

Staff continued to work with SGRC GIS staff to develop a new project database structure. Staff participated in meetings with the City of Valdosta Traffic Management Center consultants for future upgrades and new developments.

**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.

<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$39,777.98</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>\$28,753.21</b>	<b>Percent Expended</b>	<b>72%</b>
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**Percent of Project Complete:** 100%

**Budget Revisions:**

Yes, added FY2010 carryover and full FY2011 federal allocation, pending GDOT contract process, for a new total amount of: \$39,777.98.

## 401.1 FY2010-2013 TIP

### Objective:

Develop a fiscally constrained Transportation Improvement Program in cooperation with local and state planning partners.

### Project Description:

Update the existing TIP to include new projects and delete projects that have been completed. Assist GDOT and local public agencies in developing projects in the TIP throughout the year, including processing TIP amendments and attending meetings with GDOT and local governments regarding projects in the TIP. Consider development of project tracking program to provide Policy and Technical Committee representative's information about project development and timelines. Provide technical support for projects within the TIP and LRTP. Develop a project database that is compatible with GIS. 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.

### Quarter 1 Report:

Staff attended the quarterly GDOT Project Status meetings in Tifton and reported this information back to the various MPO committees. Staff prepared and completed four Administrative Amendments to the FY2011-2014 TIP.

### Quarter 2 Report:

Staff continued to work with GDOT and local agencies on implementing various aspects of HB 277.

### Quarter 3 Report:

Staff continued to work with GDOT and local agencies on implementing various aspects of TIA. Staff continued to develop a new project database structure for better project tracking for ease of preparing future reports and visualization aids. Staff attended a meeting of local jurisdictions to discuss future availability of SPLSOT revenue in Lowndes County and its impact of transportation investment. Staff attended the GDOT District 4 Quarterly Status meeting.

### Quarter 4 Report:

Staff met with GDOT and local officials to implement various aspects of TIA. Staff worked with GDOT and local agencies to develop the FY12-15 TIP and held several meetings associated with this. Staff continued to develop a new project database structure for better project tracking for ease of preparing future reports and visualization aids. Staff prepared a draft TIP and presented it for a public comment period and held an open house.

### 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.

<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$20,935.78</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>\$8,448.26</b>	<b>Percent Expended</b>	<b>40%</b>
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**Percent of Project Complete:** 100%

### Budget Revisions:

Yes, added FY2010 carryover and full FY2011 federal allocation, pending GDOT contract process, for a new total amount of: \$20,935.78

## 402.1 Long Range Transportation Plan

### **Objective:**

Develop and maintain a 20-year horizon fiscally responsible long range transportation plan.

### **Project Description:**

Work with GDOT and other transportation planning partners to complete an update to the Metro 2030 TP to the year 2035. Maintain and amend as needed the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. Work with USDOT, GDOT and possibly FDOT when new census socio-economic information is released or needed in the development of the Travel Demand Model (TDM). Modify TDM in cooperation with GDOT to include new projects. Continue to work with local governments and GDOT to development project prioritization for projects in the LRTP. Provide technical support for projects within the TIP and LRTP. Continue to work with the US Census Bureau to ensure proper implementation and review of Census 2010 data locally including block, block group, tract, and TAZ revisions. Consider developing TAZs for counties into which the Urban Area may be expanding into based on 2010 Census data and the growth of the Valdosta Metropolitan Area into areas including but not limited to Brooks, Cook, Berrien, and Lanier Counties in Georgia and Hamilton and Madison Counties in Florida. Work with GDOT, FHWA, and Census Bureau to delineate TAZs based on new 2010 Census information. Consider the growth and development in surrounding areas and the impact on the transportation system in the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Area when developing the Metro 2035 TP. Develop GIS layers and models needed for development of land use patterns for travel demand model. In cooperation with GDOT, FHWA and US Census Bureau complete TAZ delineation for 5-year CTPP data products, for all counties included within the Metropolitan Planning Area. Work with various stakeholders to participate in the completion of a traffic impact study for Moody Air Force Base and the surrounding areas. Includes the development of a TDF Model, data gathering, socio-economic data preparation, and improvement recommendations to be included in future TIPs and LRTPs. This project will be funded by the Dept. of Defense. Work with GDOT, FHWA and surrounding jurisdictions to continue to develop a comprehensive, coordinated and continuous regional transportation plan.

### **Quarter 1 Report:**

Staff completed the final 2035 Transportation Plan draft after a final Policy Committee meeting approving it on July 1, 2010. Staff prepared the document for the public comment period and hosted two public Open Houses during the comment period with more than 50 people in attendance. Staff compiled and responded to all comments received from the public during the public comment period and presented these comments to the Citizen's Technical and Policy Committees for adoption in September. The Policy Committee adopted the 2035 Transportation Plan on September 14, 2010. The document is available for review on the MPO website at [www.sgrc.us/transportation](http://www.sgrc.us/transportation) and has been distributed according to the MPO Public Participation Plan.

### **Quarter 2 Report:**

Staff continued to work with various local agencies and GDOT to implement various aspects of HB 277.

### **Quarter 3 Report:**

Staff continued to work with various local agencies and GDOT to implement various aspects of TIA. Staff began preparations for developing TAZ and TAD geography layers for the US Census Bureau and future travel model development for Lowndes and all surrounding counties in Georgia.

### **Quarter 4 Report:**

Staff continued to work with various local agencies and GDOT to implement various aspects of TIA. Staff developed new TAZs and TADs for Lowndes, Cook, Berrien, Brooks, Lanier and Echols Counties. Staff participated in a webinar on the data available from the new CTPP website. Staff attended the Chamber of Commerce Economic Summit looking at long range growth in Valdosta and 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.

<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$20,935.78</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>\$13,327.79</b>	<b>Percent Expended</b>	<b>64%</b>
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**Percent of Project Complete:** 100%

**Budget Revisions:**

Yes, added FY2010 carryover and full FY2011 federal allocation, pending GDOT contract process, for a new total amount of: \$20,935.78.

## 404.1 Land Use Planning

### Objective:

Development and review of local transportation plans and comprehensive plan elements and review/development of traffic impact analyses that are associated with land-use and zoning and directly affect or are affected by transportation plans of the MPO.

### Project Description:

Coordinate with local planning staff to review local land-use developments (e.g. zoning requests, subdivision plats, and commercial development) and affects to the transportation infrastructure. Review plans' compatibility with transportation plans. Continue previous efforts of SGRC to engage the Greater Lowndes Growth Advisory Committee as a resource for community input for the MPO, SGRC, Greater Lowndes Planning Commission, Lowndes County, Valdosta, Remerton, Hahira, Dasher, and Lake Park. Provide technical assistance to local land use planners and engineers on planning topics related to the integration of transportation and land use, including: access management, transit oriented development, etc. Continue to work with GDOT, FHWA and surrounding jurisdictions to continue to develop a comprehensive, coordinated and continuous regional transportation plan.

### Quarter 1 Report:

Staff continued to work with the City of Valdosta, Lowndes County and GDOT on the access management plan for Inner Perimeter Road. Staff is continuing this project with the development of a model ordinance to present to the communities for adoption.

### Quarter 2 Report:

Staff composed a draft model ordinance for access management of Inner Perimeter Road in Lowndes County.

### Quarter 3 Report:

Staff attended a joint land development review meeting with Lowndes County, the City of Valdosta and the City of Hahira for a proposed large commercial, industrial and residential development.

### Quarter 4 Report:

VLMPO staff was added to local land use review committees for the City of Valdosta and Lowndes County. Staff completed no work on this task in this quarter.

### 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.

<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$20,935.78</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>\$7,053.18</b>	<b>Percent Expended</b>	<b>34%</b>
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**Percent of Project Complete:** 100%

### Budget Revisions:

Yes, added FY2010 carryover and full FY2011 federal allocation, pending GDOT contract process, for a new total amount of: \$20,935.78.

**VLMPO Committees**  
(as of July 2011)



Valdosta-Lowndes MPO

**FY2012 VLMPO  
Policy Committee Membership**

**Voting Members:**

John Fretti	City of Valdosta, Mayor	Chairman
Jason Davenport^	Lowndes County, Planner	Vice-Chairman
Larry Hanson	City of Valdosta, Manager	Member
John Leonard	SGRC, Executive Director	Member
Vance Smith*	GDOT, Commissioner	Member
Joe Pritchard	Lowndes County, Manager	Member
Walter Sandlin	City of Lake Park, Mayor	Member

**Non-Voting Members:**

Rodney Barry	FHWA – GA Division, Administrator
Yvette Taylor	FTA Region IV, Administrator

All members are permitted to send a temporary or permanent proxy representative

^Jason Davenport is permanent representative for Ashley Paulk, Lowndes County Chairman (renewed annually)

\*Tom McQueen is representative, Lesa Walker is alternate

The Policy Committee is the regional forum for cooperative decision-making by principal local elected officials, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), and other planning partners.

The Policy Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm each quarter (March, June, September, and December).

For more information please contact Corey Hull, MPO Coordinator at 229-333-5277 or at [chull@sgrc.us](mailto:chull@sgrc.us).

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**FY2012 VLMPO  
Transportation Coordinating Committee Membership**

**Voting Members:**

Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County, Engineer	Chairman
Patrick Collins	City of Valdosta, Engineer	Vice Chairman
Lesa Walker*	GDOT, Transportation Planner	Member
Brent Thomas	GDOT District 4, Engineer	Member

**Non-Voting Members:**

Roger Christie	Lowndes County Schools, Trans. Director
Edward Collins	Valdosta City Schools, Trans. Director
Patrick Paige	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advocate
Andrew Edwards	FHWA – GA Division
Danny Weeks	Lowndes County Emergency Mgmt. Dir.

\* Tom McQueen is alternate

The TCC is a technical committee of professional advising the policy committee on technical matters relating to transportation plans and programs. The TCC is made up of city and county engineers, GDOT District engineers, GDOT planners, local school board representatives, bike and pedestrian advocates, and emergency response officials.

The Technical Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am each quarter (March, June, September, and December).

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**FY2011 VLMPO  
Citizen's Advisory Committee Membership**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointed By</b>	<b>Position</b>
1. Col. Clarence Parker	VL Airport Authority	Chairman
2. Angela Crance	Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	Vice-Chairman
3. Allan Rickets	VL Industrial Authority	Secretary
4. Robert Jefferson	Lowndes County	Member
5. Charlie Clark	Lowndes County	Member
6. Greg Hall	Lowndes County	Member
7. Debbie Hobdy	Lowndes County	Member
8. Brian Childress	City of Valdosta	Member
9. Bryan Almand	City of Valdosta	Member
10. Brian Geary	City of Valdosta	Member
11. Earl Wetherington	City of Valdosta	Member
12. Bert Chancy	City of Hahira	Member
13. W.G. Walker	City of Dasher	Member
14. Kenneth Sherrill	City of Lake Park	Member
15. Caroll Griffin	City of Remerton	Member
16. Steve Coleman	Lowndes Board of Education	Member
17. Ray Sable	Valdosta State University	Member
18. Michael Jetter	Convention and Visitors' Bureau	Member
19. Amanda Peacock	Downtown Development Authority	Member
20. Leggett Lovan	VL Chamber of Commerce	Member
21. Steven Barnes	Leadership Lowndes	Member
22. Tiffanie Williams	Valdosta Board of Education	Member
23. Vacant	Lowndes County	Member

The CAC serves as a public information and involvement committee that represents a cross section of the community in diversity and interests.

The Citizen's Advisory Committee meets on the Thursday before the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 3:00pm each quarter (March, June, September, and December).

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