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(UPWP)**

Texarkana MPO

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Texarkana Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the lead cooperative partner responsible for undertaking the federally required Continuing, Comprehensive, and Cooperative (3-C) transportation planning process within the Texarkana Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA), as required by Section 134(a), Title 23, United States Code. The Texarkana MPO is a regional planning organization that develops policies and makes decisions about transportation planning in the Texarkana region of Texas. It is a forum for cities, towns, counties, transit agencies, and state agencies address common regional issues.

The Texarkana MPO consists of the Cities: Texarkana, Arkansas and Texas, Nash, Wake Village, Texas and portions of Bowie County, Texas and Miller County, Arkansas.

The City of Texarkana, Texas is the fiscal agency of the MPO. The Texarkana MPO is the recipient of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) 104f Metropolitan Planning Funds and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5303 Metropolitan Planning Funds.

The MPO operations are designed to foster cooperation among the local governments in the region to plan and develop a multimodal transportation system which meets the mobility needs of the area’s residents and serves the region ‘s economy.

Unified Planning Work Program Requirements

A Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) must be developed by each MPO in cooperation with the state and public transportation operators which identifies the work of the MPO over a one- or two-year period. The development of the UPWP is a joint responsibility of the MPO, State DOT, public transportation operators and other planning implementation agencies. The UPWP must identify work by major activity and task including those that address planning factors in 23 CFR 450.306(b) which are listed below. Other requirements are that a discussion of planning priorities facing the metropolitan area must also be included. This UPWP meets all federal requirements and covers a two-year period.

The UPWP must include:

- A description of the work to be accomplished.
- Who shall perform the work for an activity/task.
- A schedule for completing the activity/task
- Resulting products of the activity/task
- Proposed funding by activity/task
- A summary of the total amounts and sources of federal and matching funds

- Identification of any incomplete work elements/activities carried over from previous fiscal years and
- A summary of the work program which shows federal share by type of fund, matching rate by type of fund, state and /or local matching share and other state or local funds.

INTRODUCTION

On September 14, 1999, the governors of the State of Arkansas and Texas designated the Texarkana Metropolitan Planning Organization (Texarkana MPO) as the organization responsible for overseeing the Texarkana Urban Transportation Study (TUTS) in the Texarkana Metropolitan Area and for coordinated, comprehensive, and continuing transportation planning as required by 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 5303.

At the time of the development of this UPWP for fiscal years 2026 and 2027, the [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act \(IIJA\)](#) is the most current transportation legislation. The IIJA was signed into law on November 15, 2021.

The UPWP is the activity and budget document for the Texarkana MPO that describes transportation planning activities to be undertaken by the MPO within the Texarkana Metropolitan Area during the two-year period from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2027. This UPWP was adopted by the Policy Board on **May 21, 2025**.

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is to plan and implement a transportation planning work program supporting the goals, objectives and recommendations of the [Texarkana 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan \(MTP\)](#). The type of work specified within a UPWP includes a summary of administrative, technical and transportation planning tasks to be performed by the MPO staff. The UPWP is a federal requirement and is updated on a as needed basis.

Pursuant to [23 CFR § 450.306\(b\)](#), the scope of the metropolitan transportation planning process for the MPA shall provide for consideration of projects and strategies that will:

- Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.
- Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
- Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
- Increase the accessibility and mobility of people and for freight.
- Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, people and freight.
- Promote efficient system management and operation.
- Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.
- Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation; and
- Enhance travel and tourism.

In accordance with [23 CFR 450.316](#), the MPO is required to engage in a metropolitan planning process that creates opportunities for public involvement, participation, and consultation throughout the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the [Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#). Under this requirement the Texarkana MPO allows for:

- Adequate public notice of public participation activities.
- Review and comment on key decision points in the development of the MTP and TIP; and
- Multiple, accessible participation formats, including electronic and in-person.

The MPO, the States (Arkansas and Texas), and the Texarkana Urban Transit District (TUTD) (transit provider - T-Line) signed a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) on May 22, 2018, which serves the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). Federal regulations require that the MPO, State DOTs, and the public transit provide agree upon and develop specific written procedures for cooperative development and sharing information related to transportation performance data, that selection of performance targets, the reporting of performance targets, the report of performance to be used in tracking progress toward attainment of critical outcomes for the region of the MPO, and the collection of data for the State(s) asset management plan for the National Highway System (NHS). [23 CFR §450.314\(a\)](#)

B. DEFINITION OF AREA

The Texarkana MPO is in western Miller County, Arkansas and eastern Bowie County, Texas. The MPO serves 135,310 people in the Texarkana Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). Comprised of approximately 195 square miles and is located 130 miles from Little Rock, Arkansas, 180 miles from Dallas, Texas, 70 miles from Shreveport, Louisiana, and 210 miles from Tulsa, Oklahoma. The incorporated areas within the MPA include the cities of Texarkana, Arkansas, and Nash, Red Lick, Texarkana, and Wake village Texas.

C. ORGANIZATION

The Texarkana MPO rule making body is the Policy Board is made up of 3 members each from Texarkana, Arkansas and Texarkana, Texas, and 1 member each from Nash and Wake Village, Texas, Miller County, Arkansas, and Bowie County, Texas and Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG), 2 members each from Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) and Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT).

The MPO has a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) which is made up of 15 (voting) staff members from the forementioned entities and 3 (non-voting) members from Federal Highways Administration Arkansas and Texas divisions, and Federal Transit Administration – Region VI. The purpose of the TAC is to provide technical assistance to the MPO staff and to advise the Policy board on technical and policy matters with recommendations and support rational.

D. NON-MPO INVOLVEMENT

The Texarkana MPO may contract with professional services from the private sector periodically and solicit input and comments from private sector transportation providers, businesses, and individuals in accordance with [23 CFR §450.310\(f\)](#). Professional services may include assistance with planning development and public involvement activities.

E. PLANNING ISSUES AND EMPHASIS

The Texarkana MPO will seek to address PEAs through continuing, comprehensive and coordinated planning of the work tasks in this FY2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program, Staff will continue to monitor development of federal guidance in all areas pertaining to the metropolitan transportation planning process as federal law requires.

US DOT Planning Emphasis Areas include:

- Complete Street – review current policies, rules, and procedures to determine their impact on safety for all road users.
- Public Involvement – increase meaningful public involvement in transportation planning by integrating virtual Public Involvement (VPI) tools into the overall public involvement approach while ensuring continued public participation by individuals without access to computers and mobile devices.
- Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET)/U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) Coordination – coordinate with representatives from DOD in the transportation planning and project programming process on infrastructure and connectivity needs for STRAHNET routes and other public roads that connect to DOD facilities.
- Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) Coordination – coordinate with FLMAs in the transportation planning and project programming process on infrastructure and connectivity needs related to access routes and other public roads and transportation services that connect to Federal lands.
- Data in Transportation Planning – incorporate data sharing and consideration into the transportation planning process.

I. TASK 1 – ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

A. OBJECTIVE

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

To provide professional overall management of the MPO, including financial, operational, skilled planning services, and member services to the Texarkana MPO and the transportation planning program.

Retain and manage sufficient personnel, with professional staff, and provide continuing staff training and professional development

Ensure that the metropolitan transportation planning process is a continuing, comprehensive and coordinated activity; address community transportation needs and ensure that all modes of transportation are considered as viable elements in the overall planning process.

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS

The expected products during fiscal years 2026 and 2027 are:

- Ongoing compliance with state and federal requirements and regulations.
- MPO staff attendance at TUTD board meetings.
- Purchase of office supplies, equipment, record keeping and audits (if applicable), preparation of reports and documents, budgets, financial plans, monthly billings.
- The day-to-day operations of the MPO.
- Public involvement out-reach for the MPO area for the development of all transportation planning documents, programs and studies.
- Presentations to government, civic, educational and public organizations, newspapers on-line surveys.
- Biennial budgets for the fiscal agent of the MPO.
- Monitor, development and/or update MPO documents.
- Preparation of financial information and monthly claims to be submitted to ARDOT, TXDOT and the City of Texarkana, Arkansas to ensure timely reimbursement of MPO expenditures to the City of Texarkana, Texas, serving as the MPO's fiscal agent.
- Continuing management and training of MPO staff.

- Support for the MPO committees and ensure public access through provision of agendas, informational materials, discussion, timely notice and opportunities for public participation throughout the planning process, in conformance with the MPO's Public Participation Plan (3P), including notification of the public of the meetings and the subject matter presented at meetings, and preparation of agendas, resolution, meeting minutes and information to be considered by the Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee to assist in their deliberations.
- Third party contract development, management and administration as needed, and to ensure compliance with applicable federal and state requirements.

C. PREVIOUS WORK

Previous work included:

- Financial information and monthly claims were prepared and submitted monthly to ARDOT, TXDOT and the City of Texarkana, Arkansas for reimbursement of MPO expenses along with monthly progress reports.
- Budgets were submitted to the City of Texarkana, Texas as requested for FY2024 and FY2025.
- Amendments and administrative modifications were made to the FY2024 and FY2025 UPWP and needed.
- The FY2024 APL was completed and submitted to ARDOT.
- The FY2022, FY2023, and FY2024 APL were completed and submitted to TXDOT for FY2024.
- The FY2024 APER was completed and submitted to ARDOT and TXDOT
- Opportunities for professional development and technical training have been through webinars, conferences, and workshops. Sponsors included Texas Metropolitan Planning Organization (TEMPO), Association of Metropolitan Planning Organization (AMPO), American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), Transportation Research Board (TRB), ARDOT, TXDOT, Census, FHWA and FTA.
- Office equipment, copiers, materials, and related supplies were purchased and maintained to enable MPO staff to perform the functions of the MPO.
- In fiscal year 2024 (July 2023 – June 2024) the MPO scheduled quarterly meetings for the TAC and PB. The TAC met four (4) times and the PB met three (3) times.
- In fiscal year 2025 (July 2024 – June 2025) the MPO has scheduled quarterly meetings for the TAC and PB. The TAC is to meet six (6) times and the PB to meet five (5) times.

D. SUBTASKS

Subtask 1.1: Administration

Administration, including project monitoring and development, record-keeping and related activities for transportation planning, and monthly billing statements, and processes related to the efficient performance of the financial operations of the MPO.

- Preparation of biennial budgets and work programs for FY2026-2027 budgets and work programs and include budgets for the City of Texarkana as fiscal agent of the MPO.
- Support for the Texarkana MPO committees with agendas, meeting logistics, information and materials, maintenance of membership and miscellaneous communications.
- Provide opportunities for public participation and timely notification of MPO activities and involve the public at all levels of planning and decision-making in accordance with the Public Participation Plan (3P), including website development and maintenance.
- Website Maintenance – maintain the MPO website to provide up-to-date information on plans, meetings, and activities.
- Coordinate activities, programs, and project development of the Northeast Texas Regional Mobility Authority (NET-RMA) and the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG), including coordination of improvements to major transportation corridors that would have an impact on the transportation network in the MPO area.
- Identify costs, which include, but are not limited to copying, printing and binding costs, advertising, postage, telephone usage, equipment and office lease expenses, room rental for public meetings, and other services that may be necessary, purchase of office furniture and supplies and other related normal administrative costs are included under this subtask and submit labor and expenses for reimbursement.
- Administer, coordinate, and monitor the MPO and associated transportation planning activities in the metropolitan area for compliance with federal and state requirements.
- Coordinate with ARDOT and TXDOT in the development of the FY2025 and FY2026 APER and the APL.
- Update the MPO Bylaws and the UPWP as necessary.
- Participation in Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO), the Texas Metropolitan Planning Organization (TEMPO) and other organizations that enhance the planning Process.

Subtask 1.2: Travel, Training, Professional Development

Expenses associated with professional development and other qualifying or related expenses such as the TEMPO meetings, the biennial ARDOT and TXDOT Transportation Planning Conferences and other meetings in both Texas and Arkansas, GIS conferences, and additional transportation related conferences and training as appropriate and other qualifying organization membership dues.

Continued training of MPO staff through attendance at transportation related conferences, workshops, and seminars with content having relevance to the work program. Emphasis will continue to be placed on travel demand modeling/scenario planning, highway capacity, traffic impact analysis and land use/transportation interactions, bicycle, pedestrian and transit planning, and adaptation or resiliency planning. Attending at least one national transportation conference each year such as the TRB Annual Meeting, Tools of the Trade Conference, Access Management Conference, Planning Applications Conference, AMPO, AASHTO, and National Association of Regional Councils (NARC). Attendance at other conferences and/or training workshops with content relevant to transportation planning may include the American Planning Association (APA).

Other training such as classes offered by ESRI or other private sector agents, or other professional development services or conferences offered by Transportation Research Board (TRB) or National Highway Institute (NHI), ARDOT, TXDOT, or professional development offered through local entities.

Subtask 1.3: Section 5307 Funds

This subtask documents the Section 5307 funds used by the Texarkana Urban Transit District (TUTD) under direction of the Board of Directors and General Manager. Funds are utilized to cover a portion of program support and administration, capital projects planning, system management, operations, and finances.

Funds are provided ***directly to TUTD and not programmed or managed by the MPO or MPO staff***. As part of this task, TUTD coordinates with the MPO, ARDOT and TXDOT when federal funding is used for eligible projects under 49 USC Chapter 53 – Public Transportation. This includes, but is not limited to program and projects under **Section 5307** (Urbanized area formula grants), **Section 5309** (Ladders of Opportunity initiative), **Section 5310** (Enhanced mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities), **Section 5319** (Bicycle Facilities), **Section 5326** (Transit asset management), **Section 5329** (Public transportation safety program), **Section 5339** (Bus facilities formula grants), **Section 5337** (State of Good Repair grant), or other Federally funded programs within the Texarkana MPO study area boundary.

E. FUNDING SUMMARY

Table 1a: Task 1 – FY 2026 Funding Summary Table – ARKANSAS

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) ¹	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ²
1.1	MPO	32,480	8,120	40,600	
1.2	MPO	1,600	400	2,000	
Total		34,080	8,520	42,600	

Table 1a: Task 1 – FY 2027 Funding Summary Table – ARKANSAS

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) ³	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ⁴
1.1	MPO	32,480	8,120	40,600	
1.2	MPO	1,600	400	2,000	
Total		34,080	8,520	42,600	

¹ TPF – This includes both FHWA PL-112 (including the 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside) and FTA Section 5303 Funds.

² 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside – This funding must come from the PL funds within TPF.

II. TASK 2 - DATA DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

A. OBJECTIVE

The objective is to collect, update, and report data required to perform both long- and short-range transportation planning, and to create, update and maintain transportation planning databases and inventories and to monitor developments in the region for impacts on the transportation system on an ongoing basis. When appropriate, data will be integrated into a geographic information system (GIS).

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS

- Functional classification maps for TXDOT - FY2026.
- Metropolitan planning area maps
- TIP maps (project specific)
- MTP maps (demographic, transit, and project specific)
- Census information – population and socio-economic data
- Title VI updates as needed
- Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ) maps, updated
- SS4A Grant/Safety Action Plan monitoring

C. PREVIOUS WORK

- Update functional classification map for ARDOT, June FY2025.
- Monitoring and/or updates to Title VI Plan.
- Monitored MTP demographic and census data.
- Continue to review traffic counts with TXDOT.
- Monitored Group Projects from TxDOT.

D. SUBTASKS

Subtask 2.1: Data Acquisition

Gather, maintain, analyze, and public transportation related data, information, reports, studies, and other documents to inform the PB, TAC, and other stake holders related to the Texarkana MPA transportation system.

Monitor other state and local agencies and organizations for transportation planning information and disseminate this information when it contributes to the functioning of the MPO, such as reports developed by staff, consultants, and these other agencies.

Review for accuracy and bring current TAZ structure from the development of the most recent (2050) travel demand model update.

Gather traffic accident data along major corridors, analyze data, and develop strategies for safety improvements.

Maintain a structured sidewalk database, including multi-use trails, to be used in GIS applications, project evaluations, for future bicycle and pedestrian plans, and analysis to improve safety, increase public awareness, to identify safety concerns and to encourage alternate modes of transportation.

Subtask 2.2: Socio-economic Data

Collect, analyze data, at the TAZ level, places that have consistently high rates of people living below the poverty level within the MPO boundary and the barriers to opportunities.

Review and update socioeconomic and demographic data at the TAZ level to support the travel demand model, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and the 3P

Subtask 2.3: GIS Capacity and Maintenance

Continuance of annual software maintenance costs, technical support, enhancement and upgrades to the GIS and associated hardware, software, equipment and applications. Work with other agencies and organizations to exchange information and ideas using GIS. This subtask also includes purchases of computers, hardware, and software, as well as relevant data.

E. FUNDING SUMMARY

Table 1a: Task 2 – FY 2026 Funding Summary Table – ARKANSAS

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) ⁵	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ⁶
2.1	MPO	800	200	1,000	
2.2	MPO	400	100	500	
2.3	MPO	400	100	500	
Total		1,600	400	2,000	

Table 1a: Task 2 – FY 2027 Funding Summary Table – ARKANSAS

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) ⁷	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ⁸
2.1	MPO	800	200	1,000	
2.2	MPO	400	100	500	
2.3	MPO	400	100	500	
Total		1,600	400	2,000	

⁵ TPF – This includes both FHWA PL-112 (including the 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside) and FTA Section 5303 Funds.

⁶ 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside – This funding must come from the PL funds within TPF.

III. TASK 3 - SHORT RANGE PLANNING

A. OBJECTIVE

To facilitate short-term intermodal planning activities that generally extend from 1 to 5 years. This includes local and regional transportation planning which supports regional efforts while seeking to promote the area's transportation needs and economic vitality.

To support performance measures in areas such as safety, infrastructure condition, congestion, system reliability, emissions, and freight movement targets into the transportation planning process.

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS

- Preparation, updating, continuing maintenance, and coordination of required MPO documents including but not limited to:
 - Public Participation Plan (3P)
 - Required self-certifications and other necessary certifications
 - Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Arkansas and Texas
- Updates to the MPO boundaries – the MPA and Urban Area Boundary, as needed.
- Federal Roadway Functional Classification, updates as needed.
- Performance Targets, updates as needed.
- Coordinate with transit provider. Assist TUTD in public transportation planning, per their short-range planning needs, updating of Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) targets and requirements, as needed.
- High Speed Rail – the MPO will support ARDOT and TXDOT on development of a high-speed rail service plan for the South-Central High-Speed Rail Corridor from Little Rock, Arkansas through the Texarkana region, to Dallas, Texas, and efforts to achieve High Speed Rail corridors across each state.
- Performance Measures:
 - Include Performance targets in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - Coordinate with planning partners to establish targets that address PM1: Safety, PM 2: Pavement and Bridge Condition, PM3: System Performance, Transit Asset Management (TAM) and PTASP.

C. PREVIOUS WORK

- Monitoring and/or updates to the 3P.
- Update to FY2023-2026 Arkansas TIP
- Development of FY2025-2028 Arkansas and Texas TIPs. Amendments and/or administrative modifications were made as necessary.
- FY2024 and FY2025 Performance Measure Targets for Arkansas and Texas were adopted.
- Coordinated with ARDOT and TXDOT on STIP preparations.
- Coordinated with transit provider in updating the TAM and PTASP targets and requirements.

D. SUBTASKS

Subtask 3.1: Management of MPO Documents

- Review and update the Public Participation Plan(3P) as needed.
- Develop the new Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Arkansas and Texas
- Monitor and update MPO/Urban/City boundaries as needed
- Development of new Functional Classification Maps for Arkansas and Texas

Subtask 3.2: Transit Coordination

The MPO will coordinate with the TUTD and ATCOG, as needed, to update their various transportation plans. The MPO will participate in TUTD planning activities as appropriate and will attend TUTD meetings. The MPO will coordinate with TUTD to develop and provide transit data, reports, and studies to assist in provision of transit services by TUTD.

Support TUTD in their FTA Ladders of Opportunity Initiative efforts to modernize and expand the transit bus service specifically for the purpose of connecting individuals in persistent poverty areas, veterans, seniors, youths, and others with local workforce training, employment centers, healthcare and other vital services.

E. FUNDING SUMMARY

Table 1a: Task 3 – FY 2026 Funding Summary Table – ARKANSAS

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) ⁹	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ¹⁰
3.1	MPO	1,440	360	1,800	
3.2	MPO	320	80	400	
Total		1,760	440	2,200	

Table 1a: Task 3 – FY 2027 Funding Summary Table – ARKANSAS

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) ¹¹	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ¹²
3.1	MPO	1,440	360	1,800	
3.2	MPO	320	80	400	
Total		1,760	440	2,200	

⁹ TPF – This includes both FHWA PL-112 (including the 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside) and FTA Section 5303 Funds.

¹⁰ 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside – This funding must come from the PL funds within TPF.

IV. TASK 4 - METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

A. OBJECTIVE

To implement, monitor and amend as necessary the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) which identified metropolitan area transportation projects and their anticipated funding and provides guidance on the management of the region's transportation system in accordance with local needs and federal and state regulations.

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS

- Update the 2050 MTP as needed
- Update the Thoroughfare Plan and/or Freight Plan as needed

C. PREVIOUS WORK

- Adopted the 2050 MTP on September 18, 2024.

D. SUBTASKS

Subtask 4.1: Metropolitan Transportation Plan

- Monitor and update 2050 MTP as needed.

The MPO will continue to coordinate with TXDOT and the local entities to reflect their priorities of the region with their project selections for the TIP and the 10-Year Plan.

Subtask 4.2: Thoroughfare Plan and Freight Plan

- Monitor and update the Thoroughfare Plan and/or Freight Plan as needed.

E. FUNDING SUMMARY

Table 1a: Task 4 – FY 2026 Funding Summary Table – ARKANSAS

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) ¹³	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ¹⁴
4.1	MPO	320	80	400	
4.2	MPO	320	80	80	
Total		640	160	800	

Table 1a: Task 4 – FY 2027 Funding Summary Table – ARKANSAS

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) ¹⁵	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ¹⁶
4.1	MPO	320	80	400	
4.2	MPO	320	80	400	
Total		640	80	400	

¹³ TPF – This includes both FHWA PL-112 (including the 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside) and FTA Section 5303 Funds.

¹⁴ 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside – This funding must come from the PL funds within TPF.

V. TASK 5 - SPECIAL STUDIES

A. OBJECTIVE

To further the goals and objectives of the transportation planning process through special studies undertaken by MPO staff and/or consultants in support of existing or projected national, statewide, and regional transportation related issues and needs. Special Studies include management system planning, transit studies, bicycle/pedestrian studies, freight movement studies, hazardous freight route studies, site impact analysis, and other specific studies not included elsewhere.

B. EXPECTED PRODUCTS

- Regional Safety Action Plan
- Regional Active Transportation Plan update
- Serve as project manager for consultant-led activities.
- Coordinate and facilitate meetings, provide oversight of the project managers.
- Long- and short-range planning

C. PREVIOUS WORK

- Coordination with the Cities of Texarkana, Arkansas, Nash, Texarkana and Wake Village, Texas, and Miller County, Arkansas, and Bowie County, Texas in development of an application to apply for the SS4A grant.
- Procured services of Alliance Transportation Group (ATG) to formulate an application for the SS4A program. The MPO coordinated with the cities of Texarkana, Arkansas and Texas in the process of obtaining ATG. This application, once completed, will be submitted when the notice of funding opportunity for the SS4A is released.
- Review information relating to the various aspects of a Resiliency Plan and a Safety Action Plan.

D. SUBTASKS

Subtask 5.1: 2026 Resiliency Plan

Develop a Regional Resiliency Plan to assess vulnerable transportation assets in immediate and long-term transportation planning that demonstrates a systemic approach to surface transportation system resilience.

The Regional Resiliency Plan will be consultant led and may require 18 months to complete. If the plan is carried into FY2027 the UPWP will be amended to reflect the addition of the Resiliency Plan in FY2027.

Subtask 5.2: 2026 Safety Action Plan

Develop a regional comprehensive Safety Action Plan consistent with the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program, utilizing consultant assistance and leveraging existing data and regional safety initiatives.

Subtask 5.1: 2027 Texarkana Regional Active Transportation Plan Update

Initiate public involvement through local organization meetings, media promotion, easily accessed public comment methods and neighborhood workshops, in preparation for a revision and update to the 2017 Texarkana Regional Active Transportation Plan (TRATP), the MPO’s bike/ped plan.

E. FUNDING SUMMARY

Table 1a: Task 5 – FY 2026 Funding Summary Table – ARKANSAS

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) ¹⁷	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ¹⁸
5.1	MPO	16,000	4,000	20,000	
5.2	MPO	4,000	1,000	5,000	
Total		20,000	5,000	25,000	

Table 1a: Task 5 – FY 2027 Funding Summary Table – ARKANSAS

Subtask	Responsible Agency	Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) ¹⁹	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ²⁰
5.1	MPO	20,000	5,000	25,000	
5.2	MPO	0	0	0	
Total		20,000	5,000	25,000	

¹⁷ TPF – This includes both FHWA PL-112 (including the 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside) and FTA Section 5303 Funds

¹⁸ 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside – This funding must come from the PL funds within TPF.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Table 6a: Funding Summary - FY 2026 – ARKANSAS

UPWP Task	Description	TPF ²¹	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ²²
1.0	Administration – Management	34,080	8,520	42,600	
2.0	Data Development and Maintenance	1,600	400	2,000	
3.0	Short Range Planning	1,760	440	2,200	
4.0	Metropolitan Transportation Plan	640	160	800	
5.0	Special Studies	20,000	5,000	25,000	9,375.00
Total		58,080	14,520	72,600	

Table 6a: Funding Summary - FY 2027– ARKANSAS

UPWP Task	Description	TPF ²³	Local Funds	Total Funds	Amount of 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside Funding ²⁴
1.0	Administration – Management	34,080	8,520	42,600	
2.0	Data Development and Maintenance	1,600	400	2,000	
3.0	Short Range Planning	1,760	440	2,200	
4.0	Metropolitan Transportation Plan	640	160	800	
5.0	Special Studies	20,000	5,000	25,000	
Total		58,080	14,520	72,600	

Combined TPF Allocations (WO 1 and WO 2) for FY 2026 and FY 2027	\$ 121,020
Estimated Unexpended TPF Carryover (WO 3) from Previous FYs	\$ 80,000
TOTAL TPF for FY 2026 and FY 2027	\$ 201,020

²¹ TPF – This includes both FHWA PL-112 (including the 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside) and FTA Section 5303 Funds.

²² 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside – This funding must come from the PL funds within TPF.

²³ TPF – This includes both FHWA PL-112 (including the 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside) and FTA Section 5303 Funds

²⁴ 2.5% Safety/Complete Streets Set-Aside – This funding must come from the PL funds within TPF.

APPENDIX A

Policy Board (PB) Membership

Mary Beth Rudel	Executive Director	Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG)
Laney Harris	Ward 2 Director	City of Texarkana, Arkansas
Steven Hollibush	Ward 3 Director / Assistant Mayor	City of Texarkana, Arkansas
Tyler Richards	City Manager / Public Works Director	City of Texarkana, Arkansas
Robert Bunch	Mayor	City of Nash, Texas
Bob Bruggeman	Mayor / MPO Chairman	City of Texarkana, Texas
David Orr	City Manager	City of Texarkana, Texas
Mary Hart	City Councilmember	City of Texarkana, Texas
Sheryl Collum	Mayor / MPO Vice-Chairman	City of Wake Village, Texas
Cathy Harrison	County Judge	Miller County, Arkansas
Tom Whitten	County Commissioner	Bowie Couty, Texas
Sunny Farmahan	Senior Transportation Planner	Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT)
William Cheatham	District 3 Engineer	Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT)
Katie Martin	Transportation Planning & Development Director	Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT)
Rebecca Wells	District Engineer	Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT)

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Membership

Leslie McBride	Deputy Director	Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG)
Patrick Cox	Administration & Maintenance Coordinator	Texarkana Urban Transit District (T-Line)
Velvet Cool	Planning Secretary	City of Texarkana, Arkansas
Jamie Finley	City Planner	City of Texarkana, Arkansas
Tracie Lee	Interim Public Works Director	City of Texarkana, Arkansas
Doug Bowers	City Administrator	City of Nash, Texas
Dusty Henslee	Assistant City Manager / Public Works Director	City of Texarkana, Texas
Jonathan Wade	City engineer	City of Texarkana, Texas
Vashil Fernandez	Planning & community Development Director	City of Texarkana, Texas
Jim Roberts	City Administrator	City of Wake Village, Texas
Joyce Dennington	Assessor	Miller County, Arkansas
Tom Whitten	County Commissioner	Bowie County, Texas
Anthony Hunter	Transportation Planner Multimodal Planning	Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT)
Daniel Huett	Resident Engineer	Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT)
Adrian Walton	Advance Planning Engineer	Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT)
Tommy Bruce	Area Engineer	Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT)
Paul Mehrlich	Executive Director	Texarkana Regional Airport

MPO Staff

Rea Donna Jones	Director
Jo Anne Gray	Planner

APPENDIX B

Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary Map



APPENDIX C

Debarment Certification

(Negotiated Contracts)

(1) The Texarkana **MPO** as **CONTRACTOR** certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principles:

- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency.
- (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public* transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity* with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
- (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions* terminated for cause or default.

(2) Where the **CONTRACTOR** is unable to certify any of the statements in this certification, such **CONTRACTOR** shall attach an explanation to this certification.

**federal, state or local*

Mayor, Bob Bruggeman, City of Texarkana, Texas

Date

Bob Bruggeman, Texarkana MPO Policy Board – Chair

Texarkana MPO

APPENDIX D

Lobbying Certification

The undersigned certifies to the best of their knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Mayor, Bob Bruggeman, City of Texarkana, Texas

Date

Bob Bruggeman, Texarkana MPO Policy Board – Chair

Texarkana MPO

APPENDIX E

Certification of Contract and Procurement Procedures Compliance

I, [click to insert Name and Position](#),

a duly authorized officer/representative of [click to insert MPO name](#)

do hereby certify that the contract and procurement procedures that are in effect and used by the forenamed MPO are in compliance with 2 CFR §200, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards," as it may be revised or superseded.

Mayor, Bob Bruggeman, City of Texarkana, Texas

Date

Bob Bruggeman, Texarkana MPO Policy Board – Chair

Texarkana MPO

Attest:

Name

Title

APPENDIX F

Certification of Internal Ethics and Compliance Program

I, Bob Bruggeman, MPO Chairman

a duly authorized officer/representative of Texarkana MPO

do hereby certify that the forenamed MPO has adopted and does enforce an internal ethics and compliance program that is designed to detect and prevent violations of law, including regulations and ethical standards applicable to this entity or its officers or employees and that the internal ethics and compliance program satisfies the requirements of 43 TAC § 31.39 "Required Internal Ethics and Compliance Program" and 43 TAC § 10.51 "Internal Ethics and Compliance Program" as it may be revised or superseded.

Mayor, Bob Bruggeman, City of Texarkana, Texas

Date

Bob Bruggeman, Texarkana MPO Policy Board – Chair

Texarkana MPO

Attest:

Name

Title

APPENDIX G

Amendment Summary

Texarkana MPO

FY 2026 (and 2027) UPWP Amendment Summary

(Optional)

Policy Board Action DATE	Federal Approval DATE	UPWP Amendment Resolution Number	UPWP Page #(s)	CIV Reporting- DBE Goal	UPWP Amendment Summary

APPENDIX H

Completed UPWP Checklist (Optional)