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# Unified Planning Work Program

2017

Flint Hills



# MPO

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# Introduction

## What is the UPWP?

The Flint Hills Metropolitan Planning Organization (FHMPO) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) identifies and budgets for the regional transportation planning projects that the FHMPO and its planning partners will undertake during the calendar year. The sources of funding for carrying out the planning activities come from the Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG), which is comprised of Planning (PL) funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5303 funds, FTA Section 5307 funds, and local contributions. The CPG is administered by the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and allocated to the FHMPO each year based on a formula. The CPG funds require a non-federal match.

This UPWP was developed in cooperation with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), the Flint Hills Area Transportation Agency (FHATA), the Flint Hills Regional Transportation Administration (FHRTA), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

## What is the FHMPO transportation planning process?

The metropolitan transportation planning process provides a forum for informed decision making to improve and enhance a safe, efficient, and dependable regional transportation system. This decision-making process is cooperative, comprehensive, and continuous. It requires extensive coordination and cooperation with jurisdictional partners, local, state, and federal agencies, other stakeholders, and the public to identify common issues, concerns, and priorities for the regional transportation system.

## What is the FHMPO's role in the transportation planning process?

The FHMPO is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Manhattan Urbanized Area. The FHMPO region includes four cities (Manhattan, Junction City, Ogden, and Grandview Plaza), portions of three counties (Riley, Pottawatomie, and Geary Counties), as well as the southern portion of Fort Riley Military Base.

## 2016 FHMPO Accomplishments

The items listed below are the major activities completed during the previous calendar year:

- Adopted the first Flint Hills Transportation Plan
- Adopted the Flint Hills Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture
- Installed and collected data for the US-24 Bluetooth Project
- Initiated the Multimodal Integration Plan

## 2017 Planning Priorities

The main priorities for the FHMPO for 2017 will be:

- Develop Performance Measures for the Flint Hills Transportation Plan
- Adopt the Multimodal Integration Plan
- Begin amendment to the Flint Hills Transportation Plan to include transit and bicycle and pedestrian components
- Complete the Junction City/ USD 475 Safe Routes to School Plan

## Overview of 2017 UPWP Tasks

The regional transportation planning activities and products contained in the UPWP are categorized by four major tasks:

- Task 1.0 –MPO Support and Administration
- Task 2.0 - Public Involvement & Outreach
- Task 3.0 – Long-Range Planning
- Task 4.0 – Current Planning

# 2017 UPWP Tasks

## Task 1.0 – MPO Support and Administration

### 2017 Goals

- Develop and adopt the 2018 UPWP and annual budget.

### Sub-task 1.1 – General Program Administration

Manage and administer the FHMPO and metropolitan transportation planning process in compliance with federal and state rules and regulations. Staff will also continue conversations with local jurisdictions regarding the hiring of a regional bicycle and pedestrian position

#### Activity 1.1.1 – General MPO Management and Administration

**Lead Agencies:** FHMPO and FHRC

General management and administration of the MPO, which includes the following activities and all other related activities:

- Overall agency leadership and management
- Perform staff performance evaluations
- Process travel vouchers, maintain records, and process payments
- Process payroll and mail
- Process financial documents to purchase and pay for goods, services and materials
- Complete timesheets and monthly activity reports
- Attend weekly staff meetings
- Provide quarterly updates on FHMPO activities to the FHRC Board
- Includes vacation, sick, and holiday leave
- Participate and provide information for the Planning Review conducted by FHWA and FTA

#### Activity 1.1.2 – Policy Board and TAC Meeting Support

**Lead Agencies:** FHMPO and FHRC

Meeting support includes the following detailed activities and all other related activities:

- Develop, compile, and distribute meeting packets, including agendas, staff reports, and any additional information
- Record and transcribe meeting minutes
- Send out meeting agendas
- Provide training for new Policy Board and TAC Members
- Maintain Policy Board and TAC committee bylaws
- Maintain committee membership and mailing lists

## Sub-task 1.2—Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Develop and maintain the annual UPWP and budget, process monthly billings, and quarterly progress reports.

### Activity 1.2 – UPWP and Budget

**Lead Agencies:** FHMPO and FHRC

Develop and maintain the UPWP and budget including the following detailed activities and all other related activities:

- Draft, finalize, and adopt the 2018 UPWP and budget
- Maintain the 2017 UPWP and budget through UPWP amendments, as necessary
- Compile and submit monthly reimbursement requests to KDOT
- Compile and submit quarterly progress reports to KDOT.
- Manage the FHMPO funding streams
- Track the status of the UPWP budget and activities
- Maintain the annual Consolidated Planning Grant contract and any subsequent amendments
- Carry out UPWP-related public involvement activities
- Maintain the FHMPO's 5-year budget

#### Products

2017 Reimbursement Requests—Monthly

2016 4th Quarter Activities Report

2016 Annual Report

2017 1st Quarter Activities Report– 2nd Quarter

2017 2nd Quarter Activities Report – 3rd Quarter

2017 3rd Quarter Activities Report – 4th Quarter

2017 UPWP Amendments – at least one mid-year

## Sub-task 1.3—Professional Development and Training

Increase knowledge of metropolitan transportation planning process, regulations, planning techniques, and other relevant topics through professional development, education, and training opportunities. This may include:

- Attend relevant trainings, workshops, conferences, webinars, and other educational opportunities that include; but not limited to:
  - National Highway Institute (NHI)
  - National Transit Institute (NTI)
  - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
  - American Planning Association (APA)
  - Kansas Chapter of the American Planning Association (KS APA) conference
  - Kansas Chapter of the American Planning Association Spring Symposium
  - Kansas Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (KAMPO) – bi-yearly
- Priority areas for FHMPO staff training include:
  - Performance Measures

- Long-range transportation planning
- MPO managerial courses
- Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture

## Task 2.0—Public Involvement & Outreach

The FHMPO will continue to develop, update, and distribute general information about the MPO planning process and products. This may include the following detailed activities and all other related activities:

- Develop pamphlets, handouts, brochures, and other publications.
- Update social media sites
- Maintain website
- Make presentations to local organizations and clubs, as requested
- Maintain the Title VI Program and LEP Plan

### Products

2016 Title VI Annual Report—3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

## Task 3.0—Long-Range and Corridor Planning

### 2017 Goals

- Adopt the Multimodal Integration Study

### Sub-task 3.1 – General Long-Range Planning

This includes any items long-range in nature, such as:

- Maintaining the Flint Hills Regional ITS Architecture
- Participating in regional long-range planning activities including, but not limited to, the following:
  - US-24 Corridor Stakeholder Meetings (Quarterly)
  - K-113 Corridor Plan

#### Activity 3.1.1—Flint Hills Transportation Plan

MPO staff will continue working on the performance monitoring and reporting required by the FAST Act for inclusion with the next FHTP Update.

- Develop performance measures
- Work with KDOT to establish performance thresholds
- Identify data sources and create a regional data repository
- Initiate performance tracking

#### Activity 3.1.2—K-113 Corridor Study

Work with KDOT, the City of Manhattan, and Riley County to develop a corridor plan for K-113 from K-18/Fort Riley Boulevard to US-24.



## Sub-task 3.2 – Multimodal Integration Plan

**Timeframe:** January 2016—October 2017

Continue to develop the regional Multimodal Integration Plan which consists of a fixed-route realignment study, regional bike/ped master plan, and an identification of multimodal opportunities (bike-share, mini multimodal hubs, park and ride opportunities, and the integration of ITS, etc).

### Products

Draft Transit Recommendations—2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2017

Draft Documents—3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2017

Final Documents—4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2017

## Task 4.0—Current Planning

### 2017 Goals

- Third Annual Bike and Pedestrian Counts
- Analysis of Bluetooth Information
- Update Functional Classification Map
- Develop Junction City/USD 475 Safe Routes to School Plan

### Sub-task 4.1—General Current Planning Activities

Develop and maintain FHMPO maps and data; as well as participate in local and regional planning activities and initiatives that support the FHMPO's multimodal planning process. Activities include:

- Support regional bicycle and pedestrian activities including
- Coordination of regional Safe Routes to School plans
- Participate in the planning of Bike Month activities
- Coordinate with KDOT, FHATA, and FHRTA on the development of a Coordinated Public Transit Plan
- Participate in federal, state, and local committees and advisory groups on issues concerning the metropolitan transportation planning process, including:
  - Serve on the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee
  - Serve as a member on the Flint Hills Area Transportation Agency Board
  - Serve on the Flint Hills Regional Transit Administration Technical Committee
  - Attend quarterly Flint Hills Coordinated Transit Council meetings
- Coordinate with state and local partners to monitor on-going Bluetooth data collection

#### Activity 4.1.1 – Bike/Ped Count Project

Organize and execute the third year of bicycle and pedestrian counts following the National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project. The counts are taken by using volunteers and FHMPO staff in September.

- Submit count information to the National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project

### Activity 4.1.3 – Regional Transit Activities

The Flint Hills Area Transportation Agency (FHATA) and Flint Hills Regional Transit Administration (FHRTA) have several transit activities planned.

- Coordinate with KDOT, FHATA, FHRTA and other regional partners on the development of a new Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transit Plan (CPT-HSTP) (FHMPO, FHATA, FHRTA)
- Planning for centralized dispatching service (FHRTA, FHATA)
- Emergency Management Plan
- Continue to work with Fort Riley to establish an internal circulator
- Planning for the potential expansion of Wamego Shuttle to St. Mary's
- Establish transit performance measures and targets

<b>FHATA Led Planning Activity</b>	<b>FHATA Contribution</b>
Centralized Dispatching Service	\$15,000
Jardine Route/Park and Ride Service	\$1,500

### Sub-task 4.2 – Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Maintain a fiscally constrained Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that programs regional transportation system improvement projects to be implemented over the next four years.

#### Activity 4.2 – 2016-2019 TIP Maintenance

- Prepare reporting documents, including the Annual Listing of Obligated Projects
- Coordinate with planning partners regarding TIP activities
- Carry out TIP-related public involvement activities
- Process Quarterly Amendments for the 2016-2019 TIP
- Develop the 2018-2021 TIP
- Process letters of support for project sponsors as needed

#### Products

2016-2019 TIP Amendment #5 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

2016-2019 TIP Amendment #6 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

2016-2019 TIP Amendment #7 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

2018-2021 TIP Approval – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

2018-2021 TP Amendment #1 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018

2017 Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

## Appendix A: UPWP Budget Summary

UPWP Task	Activities	FHMPO	FHRTA
1.0	<b>MPO Support and Administration</b>	\$ 91,966.38	
1.1	General Program Administration	\$ 63,191.15	
	Salaries and Benefits	\$ 41,991.15	
	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 21,200	
	Advertising	\$ 500	
	Audit Fees	\$ 2,000	
	Office Expenses	\$ 8,300	
	Phone/Internet Service	\$ 1,400	
	Printing and Copying Services	\$ 1,300	
	Travel and Training	\$ 7,500	
	Independent Legal Services	\$ 200	
1.2	UPWP and Budget	\$ 17,550.17	
1.3	Professional Development and Training	\$ 11,225.05	
2.0	<b>Public Involvement</b>	\$ 18,186.00	
3.0	<b>Long-Range &amp; Corridor Planning</b>	\$ 239,615.68	
3.1	General Long-Range Planning Activities	\$ 23,757.48	
3.2	Multimodal Integration Study	\$ 215,858.20	
	Salaries and Benefits	\$ 40,858.20	
	Consultant Services: Multimodal Integration Study	\$ 175,000.00	
4.0	<b>Current Planning</b>	\$ 42,511.13	\$ 161,971.22
4.1	General Current Planning Activities	\$ 28,212.18	\$161,971.22
4.2	Transportation Improvement Program	\$ 14,298.95	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 392,279.19	\$ 161,971.22

2017 FHMPO Funding Breakout	Federal			Local Funds	Total
	Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG)	Competitive CPG Funds	FTA 5307		
Budget Breakout	\$173,823.36	\$84,000.00	\$56,000.00	\$78,455.84	<b>\$392,279.19</b>

2017 FHRTA Funding Breakout	FTA 5307	State Funds	Local Funds	Total
Budget Breakout	\$77,475.61	\$76,046.05	\$8,449.56	<b>\$161,971.22</b>

# Appendix B:

## Certification of Restrictions on Lobbying

I, Cory Davis, the Flint Hills Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Board Vice-Chairperson, hereby certify on behalf of Flint Hills MPO that to the best of my knowledge:

(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 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 sub awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

The certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is 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.

Executed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016.

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