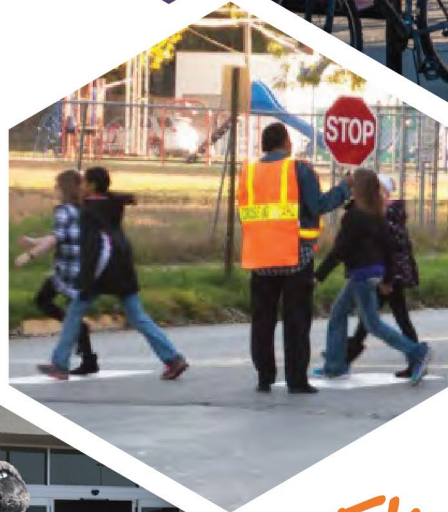


Unified Planning Work Program

2019



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Introduction

What is the UPWP?

The Flint Hills Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) identifies and budgets for the regional transportation planning projects that the MPO 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 MPO 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 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

What is the MPO 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 MPO's role in the transportation planning process?

The Flint Hills MPO is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Manhattan Urbanized Area. The MPO region includes six cities (Manhattan, Junction City, Wamego, Ogden, St. George, and Grandview Plaza), portions of three counties (Riley, Pottawatomie, and Geary Counties), as well as the southern portion of Fort Riley Military Installation.

2018 Accomplishments

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

- Adopted Targets for Safety, Pavement and Bridge Condition, and System Performance
- Developed Safe Routes to School Phase I Plan for Junction City
- Developed Safe Routes to School Phase I Plan for Wamego
- Initiated the process to update the Travel Demand Model
- Executed new Fiscal Agreement to include Wamego
- Implemented the new Manhattan fixed routes the MPO planned for FHATA
- Adopted an updated Limited English Proficiency Plan
- Adopted an updated Title VI Process
- Adopted the Public Participation Plan
- Began the Mobility Manual and Bicycle and Pedestrian Systems Plan
- Initiated the process of updating the Flint Hills Transportation Plan

2019 Planning Priorities

- Continue to develop Performance Measures and Targets
- Continue to update the Flint Hills Transportation Plan
- Complete the Mobility Manual
- Complete the Bicycle and Pedestrian Systems Plan
- Develop a Bicycle and Pedestrian Systems Plan for the City of Wamego
- Hire a Transportation Planner
- Adopt the 2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Update Federal Functional Classification Map
- Procure new on-call attorney

Task 1.0 – MPO Support and Administration

2019 Goals

- Develop and adopt the 2020 UPWP and annual budget.

Sub-task 1.1 – General Program Administration

Manage and administer the MPO and metropolitan transportation planning process in compliance with federal and state rules and regulations.

General MPO Management and Administration

General management and administration of the MPO, which includes the following activities and all other related activities. *(Any paid vacation, sick, holiday, or other leave is billed to this task.)*

- Overall agency leadership and management
- Perform staff performance evaluations
- Process travel vouchers, maintain records, and process payments
- Process documentation to support payroll
- Process financial documents to purchase and pay for goods, services and materials
- Complete timesheets and monthly activity reports
- Maintain MPO employee benefits, liability insurance, worker’s comp policies and other required policies
- Maintain and update the Flint Hills MPO Operations Manual
- Work the City of Manhattan (Fiscal Agent) on all accounting requirements and processes
- Orientate new staff member
- Procure on-call attorney

Operating Expenses

The MPO budgets and tracks non-staff operating expenses. The table below shows the categories and related budgeted amounts.

Total Operating Expenses	\$	33,620
Administration*	\$	6,100
Advertising	\$	600
Office Expenses/Supplies	\$	6,180
Office Rent	\$	4,200
Printing and Copying Services	\$	800
Phone/Internet Service	\$	2,340
Travel, Training, & Mileage Reimbursement (Hosting KAMPO Fall 2019)	\$	13,000

Administration

Worker’s Compensation and Liability Insurance Policy Premiums and account fees charged by the bank for managing our account.

Advertising

Required public notices that are published in local papers when documents are out for public comment.

Office Expenses/Supplies

Postage, software, computer supplies, GIS license, computer hardware, website expenses, and general office supplies.

Office Rent

Office rent and related utility expenses

Phone/Internet Service

Verizon Mifi, WTC office internet connection, and the cell phone reimbursement and internet reimbursement expenses.

Printing and Copying Services

Printing and printing supplies

Travel, Training, & Mileage Reimbursement

Mileage reimbursement and expenses-related to attending conferences and trainings. This also includes costs related to hosting KAMPO.

Policy Board and TAC Meeting Support

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, including the following activities and all other related activities:

- Draft, finalize, and adopt the 2020 UPWP and budget
- Maintain the 2019 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 and invoice for the local match provided by the jurisdictions
- Manage the FHMPO funding streams and 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

2019 Reimbursement Requests— Monthly
2018 4th Quarter Activities Report— 1st Quarter
2018 Annual Report— 1st Quarter
2019 1st Quarter Activities Report— 2nd Quarter
2019 2nd Quarter Activities Report – 3rd Quarter
2019 3rd Quarter Activities Report – 4th Quarter
2019 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)
 - Transit Planning Courses (fixed-route)
 - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
 - American Planning Association (APA) Conference in San Francisco
 - Flint Hills Regional Leaders’ Retreat in Kansas City
 - Inter-Regional Visit hosted by the three Chambers
 - Kansas Chapter of the American Planning Association (KS APA) conference
 - Kansas Chapter of the American Planning Association Spring Symposium
 - Host Fall Kansas Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (KAMPO)
- Priority areas for MPO staff training include:
 - Performance Measures and Target setting
 - Long-range transportation planning
 - Transit Planning for fixed-routes

Task 2.0 – Involvement & Outreach

2019 Goals

- Update Public Participation Plan

Sub-task 2.1 – Outside Agency Committees & Presentations

Participate in various stakeholder boards, committees, or advisory groups, including presentations to such groups:

- Manhattan Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee
- Flint Hills Area Transportation Agency Board
- Flint Hills Regional Transit Administration Technical Committee
- Flint Hills Coordinated Transit Council meetings
- Flint Hills Regional Council
- Flint Hills Wellness Coalition
- Manhattan Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Live Well Geary County
- Presentations to the Cities and Counties
- Region Reimagined – Implementation Committee

Sub-task 2.2 – Internal Documents & Outreach Efforts

The MPO 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
- Publish quarterly newsletters
- Adopt the Public Participation Plan prior to Flint Hills Transportation Plan adoption

Products

Public Participation Plan – 2nd Quarter

2019 Title VI Annual Report – 3rd Quarter

Task 3.0 – Regional Planning Initiatives

2019 Goals

- Continue to update of the Travel Demand Model
- Fifth Annual Bike and Pedestrian Counts
- Develop Bicycle and Pedestrian Systems Plan for Wamego
- Adopt 2020 Transportation Improvement Program

Sub-task 3.1 – Flint Hills Transportation Plan

This includes any items related to the Flint Hills Transportation Plan, including:

- Maintain the Flint Hills Regional ITS Architecture
- Initiate update to the Flint Hills Regional ITS Architecture
- Continue updating the Travel Demand Model
- Continue to update the FHTP
 - Begin developing parameters for long-range plan scenarios
 - Hire consultant to assist with cost development for FHTP Projects
- Continue working on the performance monitoring and reporting required by the FAST Act for inclusion with the FHTP Update:
 - Work with KDOT to establish performance thresholds
 - Initiate performance tracking

Products

RFP for FHTP Cost Estimates – 1st Quarter

Execute Agreement with Cost Estimate Consultant – 1st Quarter

Sub-task 3.2 – 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.

- 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 2018-2021 TIP
- Adopt the 2020 Transportation Improvement Program
- Process letters of support for project sponsors as needed

Products

2018-2021 TIP Amendment #5 – 1st Quarter

2018-2021 TIP Amendment #6 – 3rd Quarter

2020-2023 TIP – 3rd Quarter

2019 Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects – 4th Quarter

Sub-task 3.3—Community Initiatives & Projects

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

- Coordination of regional Safe Routes to School plans that are already adopted
- Participating in regional long-range planning activities including, but not limited to, the following:
 - US-24 Corridor Stakeholder Meetings (Quarterly)
- Work with USD 475 to implement a Bicycle Safety and Awareness Program (BSAP)
- Develop Bicycle and Pedestrian Systems Plan for Wamego
- Update Junction City Bicycle Master Plan to include pedestrians and iterative project delivery
- Work with the Flint Hills Regional Council to develop a transportation chapters for a Comprehensive Plan for Ogden

Products

Wamego Bicycle and Pedestrian Systems Plan—4th Quarter

Junction City Bicycle and Pedestrian Systems Plan—4th Quarter

Competitive CPG—Mobility Manual and Bicycle and Pedestrian Systems Plan

Working with the City of Manhattan, the MPO will procure a consultant to assist with the development of a Mobility Manual to encourage a multimodal transportation system during the development or redevelopment process. The next phase of the project will be to update the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Systems Plan, which hasn't been done since 1999. This will be accomplished by using the Mobility Manual and will feed into the Flint Hills Transportation Plan.

Products

Mobility Manual—1st Quarter

Bicycle and Pedestrian Systems Plan—4th Quarter

Regional Transit Activities

The Flint Hills Area Transportation Agency (FHATA) has several transit activities planned for the 2018 calendar year. Many of the planning-related items are a joint effort between the staffs of both organizations. The MPO and FHATA share an intern who bills time between the two agencies. Hours worked on activities that directly benefit FHATA (i.e. bus wrap design, bus stop sign design, route brochures, etc.) is directly billed to

- Planning for centralized dispatching service (FHATA)
- Develop an Emergency Management Plan (FHATA)
- Establish transit performance measures and targets
- Continue to evaluate and track transit services and activities
- Assist FHATA with the evaluation of transit services
- Report on monthly ridership to TAC and Policy Board
- Evaluate ridership on fixed-routes to determine any changes to stops or routes
- Continue to evaluate feasibility of fixed, regional routes

- Work with FHATA to improve bus stop amenities

Sub-task 3.4—Regional Datasets & Analytics

Develop and maintain regional datasets, including the analysis of data to support the multimodal planning process. Activities include:

- Coordinate regional bicycle and pedestrian counts
- Coordinate with state and local partners to monitor on-going Bluetooth data collection
- Identify data sources and create a regional data repository for performance data
- Performance Monitoring and Reporting
- Review Federal Functional Classification map and make any revisions as necessary, prior to new TIP

Appendix A: UPWP Budget Summary

UPWP Task	Activities	CPG
1.0	<i>MPO Support and Administration</i>	\$ 103,087.80
1.1	General Program Administration	\$ 74,868.17
	Salaries and Benefits	\$ 41,248.17
	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 33,620
	Administration*	\$ 6,100
	Advertising	\$ 600
	Office Expenses/Supplies	\$ 6,180
	Office Rent	\$ 4,200
	Printing and Copying Services	\$ 800
	Phone/Internet Service	\$ 2,340
	Travel, Training, & Mileage Reimbursement (Hosting KAMPO Fall 2019)	\$ 13,000
	On-call CPA Services	\$ 200
	Independent Legal Services	\$ 200
1.2	UPWP and Budget	\$ 9,368.53
1.3	Professional Development and Training	\$ 18,851.10
2.0	<i>Involvement & Outreach</i>	\$ 24,475.48
2.1	Outside Agency Committees/Presentations	\$ 18,289.47
2.2	Internal Documents & Outreach Efforts	\$ 6,186.01
3.0	<i>Regional Planning Initiatives</i>	\$ 368,283.73
3.1	Flint Hills Transportation Plan	\$ 274,124.88
	Salary and Benefits	\$ 49,124.88
	Consultant Services: Mobility Manual & Systems Plan	\$ 175,000.00
	Consultant Services: Travel Demand Model and Data Sets	\$ 30,000.00
	Consultant Services: Flint Hills Transportation Plan	\$ 20,000.00
3.2	Transportation Improvement Program	\$ 5,869.63
3.3	Community Initiatives & Projects	\$ 51,375.99
3.4	Regional Datasets & Analytics	\$ 36,913.23
	TOTAL	\$ 495,847.01

*Includes costs associated with Fiscal Agent expenses, insurance policies, etc.

2019 MPO Funding Breakout	Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG)	Competitive CPG	Local Funds*	Total
Budget Breakout	\$184,600.33	\$140,000.00	\$171,246.67	\$495,847.01

* Local Funds include \$35,000 from City of Manhattan for Competitive CPG Project

Appendix B:

Certification of Restrictions on Lobbying

I, _____, the Flint Hills Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Board
_____, 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 28th day of November 2018.
