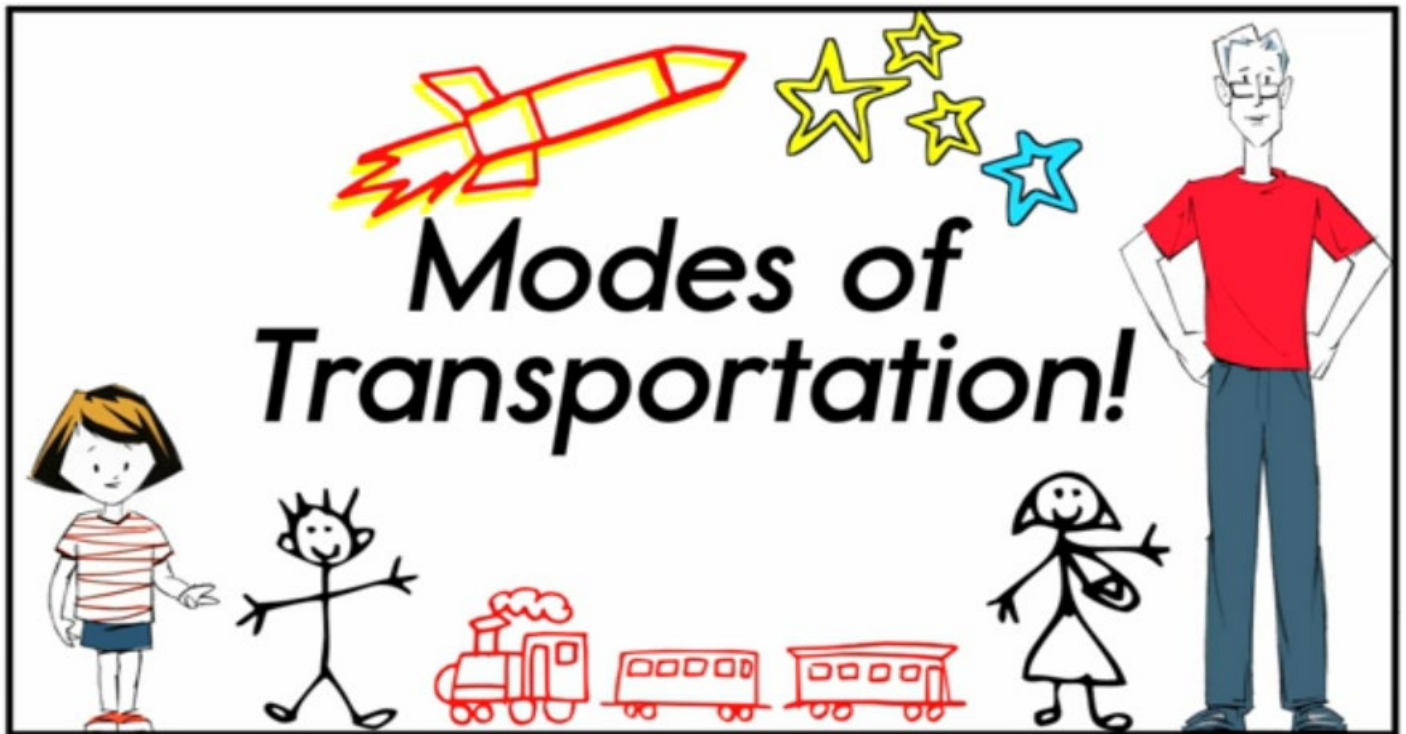


**Southeast Arkansas Regional Planning Commission**



## **FY 2021 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

### **Pine Bluff Area Transportation Study**

In cooperation with: Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Arkansas Department of Transportation, Jefferson County, City of Pine Bluff, City of White Hall, Pine Bluff Transit and Southeast Arkansas Transportation

**Jefferson County – Pine Bluff – White Hall**

# UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

## FISCAL YEAR 2021

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## **INTRODUCTION**

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### **What is a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)?**

A Metropolitan Planning Organization or MPO is a transportation policy-making agency comprised of representatives from local governments and transportation agencies. The Federal Surface Transportation Act of 1973 required any urbanized area with a population over 50,000 people to have a designated MPO. That requirement has been continued by all federal transportation statutes including the most recent legislation signed into law on December 4, 2015 and titled Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.

The Pine Bluff-White Hall urbanized area, which includes some portion of unincorporated Jefferson County, is designated as the Pine Bluff Area Transportation Study (PBATS). The Southeast Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (SEARPC) has been designated the MPO for PBATS. The MPO is comprised of two committees; 1) the Policy Committee which serves as the governing body and provides policy guidance and; 2) the Technical Committee which provides technical support and guidance in the transportation planning process.

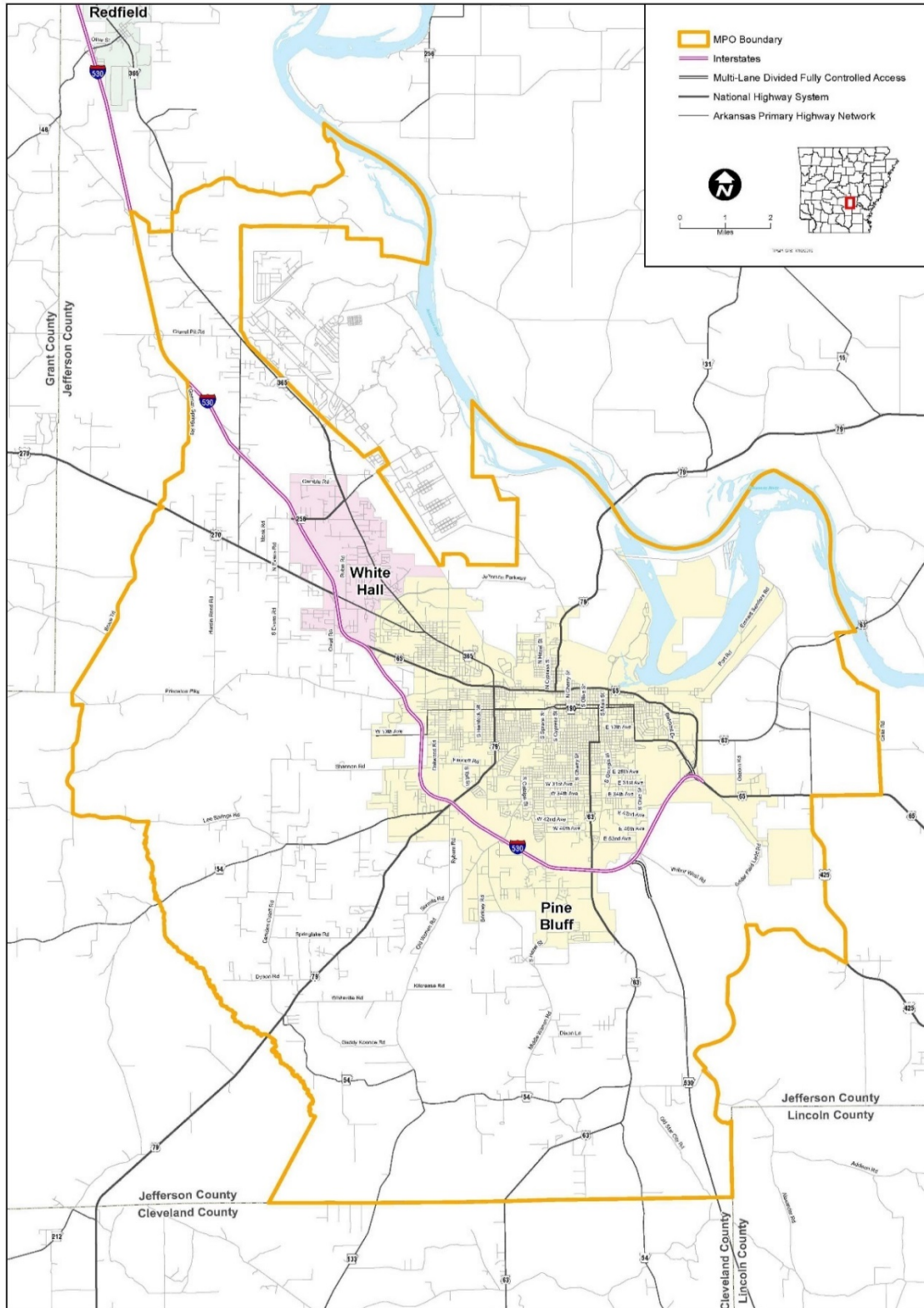
Policy guidance and overall direction for the integrated, multi-modal, urban transportation planning process is provided by the PBATS Policy Committee. The Policy Committee includes the Mayor and one Alderman from the Cities of Pine Bluff and White Hall, the County Judge and one Quorum Court member, the ArDOT District 2 Engineer and ArDOT MPO Coordinator, and an ex-officio representative from both the Southeast Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (SEARPC) and the Jefferson County Port Authority. Table 1 identifies current members. The Policy Committee reviews and approves both the UPWP and TIP and is responsible for approving the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Study Area.

The PBATS Technical Committee assists the Policy Committee by reviewing and making recommendations on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, reports, and studies that the Policy Committee must approve. The TAC members are those technical and professional staff members of local governments and ArDOT who are responsible for planning and managing various transportation systems within the Study Area and a non-voting ex-officio representative from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). See below for current members.

**TABLE 1  
PBATS MEMBERSHIP**

<b>POLICY COMMITTEE</b>	
<b>REPRESENTATIVES</b>	<b>NAME AND TITLE</b>
Jefferson County	Gerald Robinson, County Judge Jimmy Lee Fisher Jr., Quorum Court Member
Pine Bluff	Shirley Washington, Mayor Joni Alexander, Alderman
White Hall	Noel Foster, Mayor Scott Ray, Alderman, Vice-Chair
Southeast Arkansas Regional Planning Comm.	Ken Smith, PBATS Chairman
ArDOT	Deric Wyatt, District 2 Engineer Sunny Farmahan, MPO Coordinator
Economic Development Alliance of Jefferson County	Allison J.H. Thompson, President

<b>TECHNICAL COMMITTEE</b>	
<b>REPRESENTATIVES</b>	<b>NAME AND TITLE</b>
Jefferson County	Rickey Bullard, County Road Department County Road Supervisor
Pine Bluff	Rickey Rhoden, PB Street Manager Cassandra Shaw, Transit Director Lt. Derrell Ray, Traffic Division, PBPD
White Hall	Noel Foster, Mayor
ArDOT	Bryan Swinney, Construction Engineer Anthony Hunter, ArDOT Planning
Pine Bluff Airport Commission	Doug Hale, Airport Manager
Pine Bluff – Jefferson County Port Authority	Rhonda Dishner, Alliance Vacant, Union Pacific Railroad
Area Agency on Aging (SEAT)	Tony Barr, Transportation Director
Federal Highway Administration (Non-voting)	Valera McDaniel, Transportation Planning Coordinator
S.E. Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (Non-voting)	Larry Reynolds, Executive Director



**MPO STUDY AREA**

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## **MPO Function**

**Metropolitan Planning Organizations have five essential functions and are responsible for the development and maintenance of three (3) key documents.**

### **The essential functions are:**

1. Establish and manage a fair and impartial setting for effective regional transportation decision making in the metropolitan area.
2. Identify and evaluate transportation improvement options.
3. Prepare and maintain the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the area that addresses mobility and access for people and freight; as well as, maintaining efficient system performance, preservation and quality of life.
4. Develop a Transportation Improvement Plan that serves as a short-range plan to meet the area's goals.
5. Involve the public in the transportation planning process.

### **Primary Documents Produced by the MPO**

- a. The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP serves as the activity and budget document for the MPO staff and identifies transportation actions to be performed on an annual basis.
- b. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The MTP is the long-range strategic transportation planning document that identifies future investments to be made in the area's transportation system. This plan is updated every five years.
- c. The Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). The TIP is a four-year funding program that implements the transportation projects and policies identified in the MTP. It must be updated at least once every four years but may be updated more frequently. In Arkansas, the TIP is updated annually.

### **Planning Process**

As the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Pine Bluff-White Hall urbanized area, the Southeast Arkansas Regional Planning Commission is responsible under Section 134 of Title 23, United States Code for carrying out a cooperative, comprehensive, and continuous (3-C) process designed to promote involvement by all users of the transportation system, such as the business community, community groups, environmental organizations, freight operators, and the general public, through a proactive public participation process.

SEARPC conducts the planning process for the Pine Bluff Area Transportation Study (PBATS) in cooperation with the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ArDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Cities of Pine Bluff and White Hall, and Jefferson County.

Section 134 of Title 23, U.S.C states:

(a) Policy – It is in the national interest –

(1) To encourage and promote the safe and efficient management, operation, and development of surface transportation systems that will serve the mobility needs of people and freight and foster economic growth and development within and between states and urbanized areas, while minimizing transportation related fuel consumption and air pollution through metropolitan and statewide planning processes identified in this chapter; and

(2) To encourage the continued improvement and evolution of the metropolitan and statewide transportation planning process by metropolitan planning organizations, State departments of transportation, and public transit operators as guided by the planning factors identified in subsection (h) and section 135(d)

**Planning Factors** (as identified in Section 134 of Title 23, U.S.C. subsection h)

- A. Support the economic vitality of the United States, the States and Metropolitan Areas, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity and efficiency;
- B. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
- C. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
- D. Increase the accessibility and mobility options available to people and for freight;
- E. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, and improve quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns;
- F. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;
- G. Promote efficient system management and operation; and
- H. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.
- I. Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate storm water impacts on surface transportation; and
- J. Enhance travel and tourism.

The Planning Factors, which apply to each Element of the Unified Planning Work Program, are listed in Table 2 below:

**TABLE 2**

FAST ACT PLANNING FACTORS	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
44:21 Program Support and Administration					X			X		
44:22 General Development and Comprehensive Planning	X			X	X	X	X	X		
44:23 Long Range Planning	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44:24 Short Range Planning	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
44:25 Transportation Improvement Program	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

## **FY2020 UPWP ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Developed Letter of Interest specifications for 2045 MTP
- Prepared 2045 MTP Scope of Work and awarded contract for 2045 MTP
- Provided documentation and information for Technical Advisory and Policy Board meetings
- Updated records maintenance
- Reviewed Public Participation Policy
- Provide information to local entities and departments on TAP grant opportunities
- Assisted in TAP grant application for Grant Street Pedestrian Path
- Completed Annual Performance and Expenditures Report
- Completed and posted 2019 Annual List of Projects
- Participated in discussion and development of Performance Targets with ArDOT
- Assisted Pine Bluff Transit with Triennial preparations
- Attended and managed Pine Bluff and White Hall Planning Commission meetings
- Reviewed local site development requests
- Reviewed demolition and building permits
- Worked with Pine Bluff Transit and SEAT on long range needs and goals
- Participated in several webinars including Healthy Active Arkansas, TAM and Highway Safety
- Coordinated Comprehensive Plan development, arranged public meetings, and engaged stakeholders for the City of Pine Bluff
- Assisted Transit Director in general requirements of FTA
- Held discussions with JRMC and Pine Bluff Council members on alternative Transportation routes and transportation issues affecting the hospital
- Served on Technical committee for the Arsenal Compatible Use Study
- Coordinated efforts to allow a roadway exchange between Pine Bluff and ArDOT to allow for extension of the Streetscape Project
- Reviewed and participated in area and land use development surrounding the Casino development located between U.S. highway 63, 65 and 65B
- Maintained and updated website as needed

## **UPWP Purpose**

The UPWP describes the planning activities that the metropolitan transportation planning organization and other agencies propose to undertake during the FY 2021 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021) to address local and regional transportation issues. The Unified Planning Work Program also provides budgeting and proposed expenditures of local, state, and federal funds used to support the various planning activities while providing a management tool for the MPO and the funding agencies in scheduling transportation planning activities, products and milestones.

Pursuant to these functions, the PBATS FY2021 UPWP is the document identifying all USDOT funded transportation planning activities that will be undertaken within the Pine Bluff-White Hall Metropolitan Area by the Southeast Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (SEARPC) during the FY 2021 project year. The UPWP has been developed as a cooperative venture between SEARPC (which provides administrative staff for the PBATS MPO), ArDOT, FHWA, FTA, City of Pine Bluff, City of White Hall, and Jefferson County.

## **WORK ELEMENTS**

Five work categories or tasks have been developed relative to the planning process that address the factors of the FAST ACT listed previously. These are as follows:

- Task 1: 44.21 Program Support and Administration
- Task 2: 44.22 General Development and Comprehensive Planning
- Task 3: 44.23 Long Range Transportation Planning
- Task 4: 44.24 Short Range Transportation Planning
- Task 5: 44.25 Transportation Improvement Program.

## 44.21 PROGRAM SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION

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### **DESCRIPTION**

The purpose of this task is to ensure that the transportation planning process conducted in the Study Area is **continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive**, and that it has resulted in plans and programs consistent with the comprehensive planned development of the urbanized area. The task consists of the daily administrative and management work elements that are necessary to maintain the transportation planning and public participation process for the Pine Bluff-White Hall Urbanized Area for both the FHWA and FTA portions of the program. This task reflects all those activities associated in ensuring community involvement in the planning process, monitoring of on-going planning activities, and ensuring that all modes of transportation are considered in the planning process in terms of addressing the planning factors as stated in federal transportation legislation.

### **WORK TASK**

#### **44.21.01 – Work Program Development and Administration**

- A. Financial Management:** Provide administrative, budgeting, bookkeeping, and clerical duties required to perform work tasks and comply with ArDOT, FTA, and FHWA requirements. Progress reports, payment requests, budget monitoring and related documentation will be prepared.
- B. Administration:** MPO staff will prepare reports and agendas for the SEARPC Technical Committee and Policy Board meetings and respond to committee and/or Policy Board requests and maintain program management and coordination. An on-going review of MPO by-laws and policies will be conducted. Evaluation and upgrading of equipment and SEARPC's website will continue.
- C. Record Maintenance:** These activities will include all correspondence from ArDOT and local questions and decisions regarding transportation actions within the MPO area. Committee memberships, agency agreements, financial documentation, and meeting minutes and attendance rosters will be maintained.
- D. Document Preparation:** Staff will prepare the 2021 UPWP which identifies the transportation planning and programming activities to be undertaken in the SARPC area.
- E. Staff Training:** MPO staff will participate in various training relative to transportation requirements including performance measure development and adoption, professional development, and other Planning related topics.
- F. Community / Member training:** Staff will look for ways to provide training to member agencies, citizens and the media to emphasize the importance of the MPO and community support through transportation process and to improve understanding of their roles and responsibilities.

**44.21 PROGRAM SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION (cont.)**

**44.21.02 – Public Information and Citizen Participation**

**A. Public Participation Plan:** MPO staff will ensure compliance with its current public involvement procedures and will annually review and update, when needed, the agency’s Public Participation Plan.

**B. Planning assistance:** MPO staff will assist SEARPC member organizations in utilizing transportation resources by relaying information regarding transportation programs (TAP, etc.). Staff will assist in updating the Master Street plans for each entity and continue involvement in all local planning issues.

**C. Intergovernmental review:** Review area Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration funding applications.

**END PRODUCT**

	<b>END PRODUCTS</b>	<b>Completion Dates</b>
1	Record keeping, correspondence, public involvement	On-going
2	Audit Report	July 2021
3	Financial and Performance Reports.	Quarterly
4	FY2022 UPWP.	May 2021
5	Office/equipment upgrades.	On-going
6	Website Maintenance	On-going
7	Documentation of PPP compliance maintained on file	On-going
8	Compliance Documentation and Training	On-going
9	Community / Member training	On-going
10	Planning Assistance and Program Funding Review	As needed
11	Prepare FY 2020 APER	September 2020

Cooperating Agencies: SEARPC, ArDOT, FHWA, FTA, Pine Bluff Transit, SEAT, City of Pine Bluff, City of White Hall and Jefferson County.

**44.21 Funding Data**

**Local        \$ 3,536**  
**Federal     \$ 14,145**  
**Total        \$ 17,681**

**UPWP Percent    13 %**

## **44.22 GENERAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING**

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### **DESCRIPTION**

The maintenance of socio-economic data, land use, and transportation system characteristics on a current basis is necessary to compare and evaluate existing conditions in relation to assumptions and forecasts made in developing transportation plans. The determination of the magnitude and location of changing demographics and statistics is essential in updating the overall transportation plan and in the scheduling of priority projects in the Transportation Improvement Program.

The purpose of this task is to collect various data and information that is used in the transportation planning process. The data and information collected is used for the purpose of identifying trends and gaps in connectivity that may result in a lack of transportation related access across various population sectors.

### **WORK TASK**

#### **44.22.01 – Technical Assistance to Local Governments**

A. **Map Review**: SEARPC staff will assist local jurisdictions in map review and amend the functional classification maps within the study area as needed.

#### **44.22.02 – Geographic Information, Graphics and Mapping**

A. **GIS Development**: SEARPC will work to upgrade PBATS area maps to ArcMap and ArcGIS format.

#### **44.22.03 – Land Use / Socioeconomic Data Development**

A. **Demographics and Projection**: MPO staff will collect and compile demographic data related to population, housing, and employment in order to provide transportation related projections to assist in prioritizing local projects. Data will be collected from local jurisdictions, ArDOT, the Census bureau, and American Community Survey (ACS).

B. **Land Use / Transportation Coordination**: SEARPC will assist local jurisdictions in coordinating land use decisions with consideration toward transportation alternatives.

## 44.22 GENERAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING (cont.)

### END PRODUCT

	<b>END PRODUCTS</b>	<b>Completion Dates</b>
1	Map Review	On-going
2	Traffic count database	On-going
3	GIS mapping program	On-going
4	Demographic and development database	On-going
5	Land use / Transportation Coordination	On-going

Cooperating Agencies: SEARPC, ArDOT, FHWA, FTA, Pine Bluff Transit, SEAT, City of Pine Bluff, City of White Hall and Jefferson County.

### 44.22 Funding Data

**Local**      \$ 3,264

**Federal**    \$ 13,057

**Total**      \$ 16,321

**UPWP Percent**    12 %

## 44.23 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

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### **DESCRIPTION**

The 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) process will take place during FY 2020 and overlap into FY 2021 with adoption scheduled no later than September 2020. PBATS' 2040 MTP plan which was last adopted in 2015 will be reviewed to determine what parts of the plan need to be changed to better reflect the Urban Area's current and future transportation needs. To this end, this task will also involve evaluating the work conducted under the other tasks of the UPWP to determine if the Plan is meeting the immediate needs of the Study Area. Review of local government's policies and practices that have a bearing on the implementation of the Transportation Plan will also be undertaken as part of this task.

A consultant will be hired for the development of the 2045 MTP and staff will assist with the plan development while monitoring and updating the 2040 MTP and amending it as may be necessary to reflect urgent needs. This will include but is not limited to reviewing the transportation system and policies, identifying a financially constrained list of transportation projects, and involving the public in the development of the MTP.

### **WORK TASK**

#### **44.23.01 – Metropolitan Transportation Plan**

- A. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan:** The development of the 2045 MTP will be the primary focus of this element of the UPWP. SEARPC has entered in an agreement with Neel-Schafer to assist with the plan development.
- B. Plan Development:** Staff will continue to work with local governments on regional transportation plans and / or updates:
- a. Review with local governmental units the Arkansas Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan
  - b. Encourage coordination of local Regional Bike and Pedestrian Plans with the State Plan
- C. 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan:** Though development of the 2045 MTP will have started, staff will be tasked with monitoring and amending the 2040 MTP as needed.

#### 44.23 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING (cont.)

##### END PRODUCT

	<b>END PRODUCTS</b>	<b>Completion Dates</b>
1	2045 MTP Development Adoption	September 2020
2	2040 MTP Monitoring and amending as needed	On-going

Cooperating Agencies: SEARPC, ArDOT, FHWA, FTA, Pine Bluff Transit, SEAT, City of Pine Bluff, City of White Hall, and Jefferson County.

##### **44.23 Funding Data**

**Local      \$ 13,329**

**Federal    \$ 53,316**

**Total      \$ 66,645**

**UPWP Percent    49 %**

## 44.24 SHORT RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

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### **DESCRIPTION**

The staff will continue to provide technical assistance to local governments in their planning process as it relates to the MPO 3-C transportation planning process. We will assist local governments in preparing and administering “Transportation Alternative” program grants (Enhancement, Trail, Safe Routes to Schools, etc.) and other transportation grants as requested or as may come available. The staff will participate in various community and regional committees directly related to transportation. Staff will work with local governmental bodies to assist in the understanding of MPO Transportation Planning.

### **WORK TASK**

#### **44.24.01 – Traffic Monitoring and Analysis of Existing Conditions**

- A. **Traffic Counts**: Utilize state and local traffic counts to monitor area of congestion or safety issues.
- B. **Project Priority List**: Staff will work with the TAC to maintain a continuous project priority list.

#### **44.24.02- Traffic Congestion and Safety Planning**

- A. **Crash data analysis and eCrash**: Staff will review and monitor traffic accidents and crash data to identify patterns and use the data to meet FAST Act performance measures when adopted. MPO will continue working with local governments and law enforcement to emphasize the importance of utilizing e-Crash accident / incident management system for transportation planning and assist with any transition.
- B. **Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act compliance / Dashboard and Graphs**: Inclusion of performance measures are required by the FAST ACT. To this end, staff will continue to work with ArDOT staff and other MPO’s to include performance measures that will be used to guide future transportation projects.
- C. **Highway Safety Improvement Program** – MPO will participate in on-going involvement with the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).
- D. **Hazel Street / University Corridor Preliminary Study**: MPO will continue an analysis of creating a connection between Hazel Street and University Avenue to determine feasibility and identify other issues including Hospital access and flooding. This action will also look at avenues for funding.
- E. **Streetscape extension project**: MPO will continue to monitor and assist the City of Pine Bluff, Downtown Development and ArDOT regarding extending the adopted streetscape project on Main Street beyond 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**44.24 SHORT RANGE PLANNING (cont.)**

**44.24.03 – Public Transportation, Goods Movement and Intermodal Planning:**

- A. Transit Performance Measures:** Staff will work with Pine Bluff Transit and Southeast Arkansas Transit by providing technical assistance in the implementation of performance measures once adopted.
- B. Statewide Public Transportation Coordination Plan:** SEARPC staff will assist public transit operators and local human service providers in coordinating the delivery of transit services. Staff will monitor and work with ArDOT in the coordination of the Statewide Plan.
- C. Pine Bluff Transit Safety Plan:** SEARPC staff will coordinate with Pine Bluff Transit to establish an agency safety plan before July 20, 2020.
- D. Complete Streets:** Continue work with local governments to develop and get implemented a “Complete Streets” policy for the Cities in the MPO area.
- E. Comprehensive Plan Development:** Staff will coordinate the City of Pine Bluff’s Comprehensive Plan Development as the lead agency working with Crafton Tull.

**END PRODUCT**

	<b>END PRODUCTS</b>	<b>Completion Dates</b>
1	Traffic Monitoring	On-going
2	Project Priority List	On-going
3	Complete Street planning and coordination	On-going
4	Hazel Street Corridor Analysis	On-going
5	Comprehensive Plan	December 31, 2020
6	Transit performance measures	On-going
7	Arsenal Compatible Use Study	June 30, 2021
8	Statewide Public Transportation Plan	On-going
9	Pedestrian and Bicycle Sidewalk Analysis	June 30, 2021
10	Highway Safety Improvement Program Targets	As Determined by ArDOT

Cooperating Agencies: SEARPC, ArDOT, FHWA, FTA, Pine Bluff Transit, SEAT, City of Pine Bluff, City of White Hall and Jefferson County.

**44.24 Funding Data**

**Local           \$ 5,168**  
**Federal       \$ 20,674**  
**Total           \$ 28,674**

**UPWP Percent    19 %**

## 44.25 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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### **DESCRIPTION**

The objective of this task is to further the goals and objectives of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) planning process through review and analysis by MPO staff or in support of the existing TIP or developing a new TIP.

### **WORK TASK**

#### **44.25.01 – TIP Development, Project Selection and Monitoring**

- A. Transportation Improvement Program:*** MPO will monitor and amend the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program as needed.
- B. Annual Listing of Projects (ALOP):*** Listing and publication of Annual List of Projects (ALOP) in which Federal Highway and Federal Transit funds have been obligated.
- C. Monitor Project Progress:*** Monitor progress on TIP projects and keep local government up to date.
- D. Transportation Improvement Plan:*** Staff will coordinate with ArDOT on the development of the future TIP,

### **END PRODUCT**

	<b>END PRODUCTS</b>	<b>Completion Dates</b>
1	2019-2022 TIP updates and amendments	On-going
2	Annual Listing of Projects (ALOP)	December 2020
3	Monitor TIP Projects	On-going
4	TIP Development and Adoption	Undetermined

Cooperating Agencies: SEARPC, ArDOT, FHWA, FTA, Pine Bluff Transit, SEAT, City of Pine Bluff, City of White Hall, and Jefferson County.

#### **44.25 Funding Data**

**Local**           \$ 1,904  
**Federal**       \$ 7,617  
**Total**           \$ 9,521

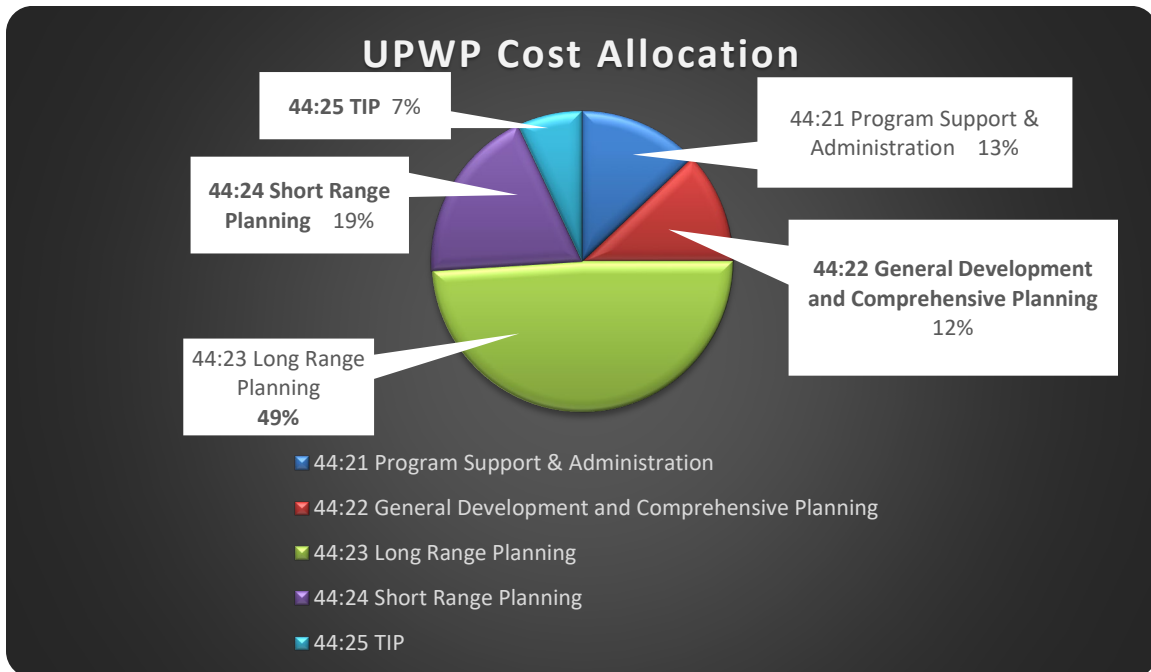
**UPWP Percent**    7 %

## 2021 UPWP FINANCIAL SUMMARY

It is anticipated that in order to complete the work tasks as described in the UPWP, \$108,808 in PL and FTA funds will be required. Excess FY 2020 funds may be used if needed. The following table indicates the estimated cost by work task in order to complete each task.

TASKS	PL & FTA FEDERAL (5307)	LOCAL	TOTAL
44:21 Program Support and Administration	\$ 14,145	\$ 3,536	\$ 17,681
44:22 General Development and Comprehensive Planning	\$ 13,057	\$ 3,264	\$ 16,321
44:23 Long Range Planning	\$ 53,316	\$13,329	\$ 66,645
44:24 Short Range Planning	\$ 20,674	\$ 5,168	\$ 28,842
44:25 Transportation Improvement Program	\$ 7,617	\$ 1,904	\$ 9,521
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 108,808</b>	<b>\$ 27,202</b>	<b>\$ 136,010</b>

**\*\* Federal Share includes FHWA / FTA Consolidated Planning Funds**



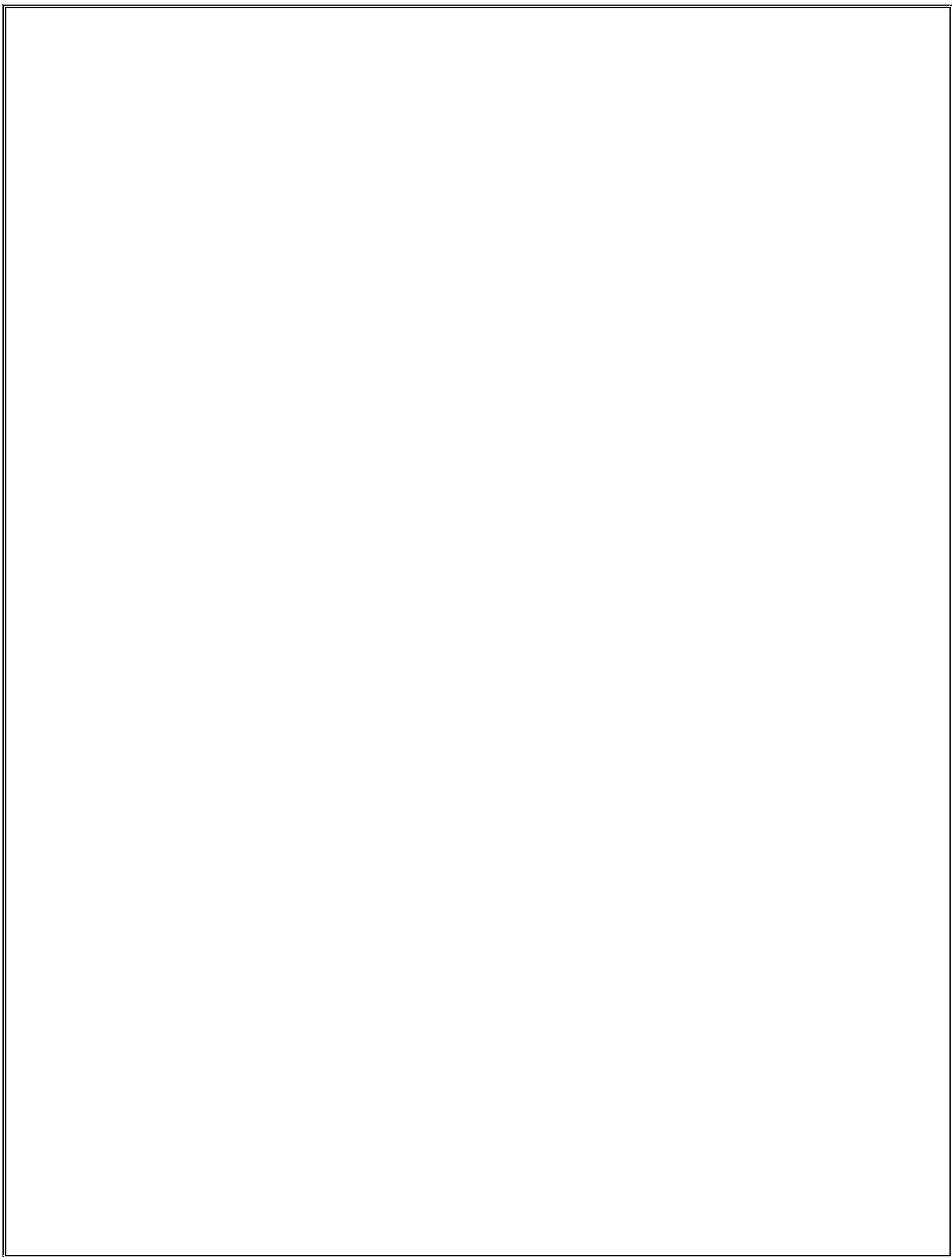
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***PUBLIC NOTICE OF DRAFT FY2020 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM***

The Southeast Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (SEARPC - MPO) is requesting the public to review and provide comments on the draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the Pine Bluff Area Transportation Study (PBATS) area. This document describes what transportation planning activities will be conducted within the Pine Bluff Urbanized Area between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021. In accordance with the U. S. Department of Transportation rules and regulations the anticipated expenditures are outlined for those activities.

The UPWP can be viewed at [www.searpc.com](http://www.searpc.com) and is on file and available for public inspection at the Southeast Arkansas Regional Planning Commission office, located at 1300 Ohio Street, Suite B, Pine Bluff, Arkansas from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic copies will not be located at White Hall City Hall, Pine Bluff City Hall, or the Jefferson County Courthouse. Copies will be furnished to individuals by calling 870-534-4247.

Comments concerning the proposed UPWP will be received beginning Thursday, April 23rd, 2020 until 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 8th, 2020. Comments should be submitted to the Southeast Arkansas Regional Planning Commission, 1300 Ohio, Suite B, Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601. Should you have any questions, please contact the SARPC office at 534-4247.



**PINE BLUFF AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

**RESOLUTION # 2020-1**

***ADOPTION OF FY2021 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM***

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee was established for the purpose of providing policy guidance  
for the Pine Bluff Area Transportation Study planning process; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee has met to discuss the FY2021 Unified Planning Work  
Program for the area.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, THE Policy Committee hereby adopts the  
recommended FY2020 PBATS Unified Planning Work Program.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2020.

  
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Ken Smith, Chairman Policy Board  
Pine Bluff Metropolitan Planning Organization

  
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Larry Reynolds, Study Director  
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