

**Notable Changes to the FY2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)  
As Requested by Alabama Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, and  
Federal Highway Administration, and AOMPO Board Members**

**FY2019 Draft & Amended UPWP Comments List**

**ALDOT, Bryan Fair (via email) – Auburn UPWP Comments:**

- Page 8 - Regarding the last paragraph. There are three agreements at this point - 3C, Financial Assistance, and Performance Management. None are executed annually. **Corrected**
- What task do day-to-day purchases such as office supplies come from? **3.1 unless specific items are needed for specific projects under another task**
- Page 27 - MOVES2014b is another software that you will want to become familiar with (should it be necessary) under proposed work. **OK**
- Per last year's UPWP letter, several air quality tasks can be eliminated if desired. **AOMPO has considered this and all necessary changes were made at that time**
- Page 34 - keep the bullets consistent as far as punctuation (i.e. objectives). **UPWP has been reformatted**
- Your SPR funding should be the same as last year - \$50,000 Federal and \$12,500 ALDOT match. **Updated to reflect this amount.**
- We will continue to look at the PL funds. **OK**
- We are working on an updated list for the ALDOT Planning studies in the back. However, your text says, "The list below, when it is above." **Corrected**

**LRCOG (Internal) – FINAL Submission (no public comments have been submitted to this point)**

- UPWP has been reformatted to accommodate numerous changes
- Task 1-9 (pg 1-43) funding tables totals have been updated to reflect current funding levels, calculated carryover, and task/sub-task allocations shown in Appendix D Tables 1 & 2 (pg 48-49)
- FY2020 membership list has been updated
- Task 9 – Future Planning Projects has been added at ALDOT's request
- Appendix B – Auburn-Opelika MPO Urbanized Area and Planning Area Map updated by adoption of new map at AOMPO Policy Board Meeting on May 1, 2019
- Appendix D Tables 1 & 2 updated to reflect current FY allocations, current estimate carryover amounts, and adjusted Task/Sub-task funding distributions

\*\*\*This document will be updated throughout the UPWP process with all comments.\*\*\*

- 1.3 Scope of the Planning Process, A suggestion to please expand the MPO role as the decision-making body of the regional transportation network, similar to the reference on pg. 8. Also expand on the emphasis and purpose of safety in the planning process and not as a considered action. The first paragraph was amended to now include the statement “Furthermore, as the decision-making body of the regional transportation network, MPOs will be encouraged to consult or coordinate with planning officials responsible for other types of planning activities affected by transportation, including planned growth, economic development, environmental protection, airport operations, and freight movement.” Concerning the expansion on the emphasis and purpose of safety in the planning process and not as a considered action,” the AOMPO reviewed all publicly available UPWPs for all MPOs. Upon review of these documents, the AOMPO has decided to strike the statement “Also, safety and security of the transportation system are separate planning factors that are to be considered during the metropolitan planning process.” Though this statement has been included in the AOMPO’s UPWP without further explanation since at least 2010, the AOMPO feels that the statement should be removed in an effort to show consistency and uniformity with its peer MPO’s. This being said, if FHWA feels that the statement should remain and further explanation is still needed, the MPO will oblige. Please advise if changes are still considered necessary.
- 1.5 Planning Emphasis Areas, Does the MPO have a defined plan for evaluating the effectiveness of the Public Participation Plan? If so, please include methodology in this section. The AOMPO reviewed all publicly available UPWP’s for all MPO’s in an effort to better understand the context and tone of the Planning Emphasis Areas as included in the UPWP’s statewide. As such, the AOMPO has elected to slightly modify the language in question to read “The MPO *could* achieve this by evaluating the effectiveness of public participation plans...” This change allows the AOMPO’s UPWP to remain consistent and uniform in tone with the majority of its peer MPO’s.
- 2.2 State and Federal Certification Findings and Resolutions, Please clarify to readers that the Auburn-Opelika metropolitan area is not a TMA, therefore will not receive a formal Certification unless the MPO equals or exceeds 200,000 members. The last sentence was amended to read as “The Auburn-Opelika MPO is not a Transportation Management Area (TMA) and, therefore, will not receive a formal Federal Certification.” Furthermore, Appendix C has been updated to include the abbreviation TMA.
- 3.4 Public Involvement, Commendation. Thank you for creating a description for the POI. This is an important role in the MPO planning process. No changes made.
- 3.4.4 Environmental Justice, When identifying populations in the MPO planning area that require special attention and relate to Environmental Justice, include all environmentally sensitive groups beyond the misused representation of low-income minority populations. Environmentally sensitive populations also include transportation disadvantaged individuals, senior populations, and populations of limited English proficiency. Please oblige. The first sentence under Proposed Work has been amended to read as “LRCOG will continue to work to identify environmentally sensitive groups to include (but not limited to) low-income and minority populations, transportation disadvantaged individuals, senior populations, and populations of limited English proficiency as updated Census data become available.”