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Acronyms and Abbreviations

Acronym	Full Name
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
AMPO	Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations
APMPO	Alexandria–Pineville Metropolitan Planning Organization
BPAC	Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
BPP	Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
CHSC	Central Louisiana Highway Safety Coalition
CMS	Congestion Management System
CRP	Carbon Reduction Program
CS	Complete Streets
CTST	Community Traffic Safety Team
DOTD	Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development
DZD	Destination Zero Deaths
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FAST Act	Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FY	Fiscal Year
GIS	Geographic Information System
GPC	General Planning Consulting Services
HSCP	Human Services Coordination Plan
I	Interstate
ICAM	Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility
ITS	Intelligent Transportation System
LRSP	Local Road Safety Plan
LRTP	Long-Range Transportation Plan
LS	Louisiana Statute
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act
MPA	Metropolitan Planning Area
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization

MTP	Metropolitan Transportation Plan
PEA	Planning Emphasis Area
PEPP	Project Evaluation and Prioritization Process
PIP	Public Involvement Plan
PPP	Public Participation Plan
RAPC	Rapides Area Planning Commission
RCP	Reconnecting Communities Program
RSHSP	Regional Strategic Highway Safety Plan
SAFETEA-LU	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users
SR	State Route
SRTPPP	Safe Routes to Public Places Program
SS4A	Safe Streets and Roads for All
STP	Surface Transportation Program
STBGP	Surface Transportation Block Grant Program
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
TAM	Transit Asset Management
TAP	Transportation Alternatives Program
TBD	To Be Determined
TDM	Travel Demand Management
TEA-21	Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
TMC	Traffic Management Center
TSM	Transportation System Management
UPWP	Unified Planning Work Program



TABLE 1 | 2026 - 2027 UPWP Record of Changes

Number	Resolution Number	Approval Date	Description Change
1	RAPC- #20260506-02	03/13/26	Staff submitted first draft UPWP to DOTD/FHWA/FTA for review and comment.
2		04/22/26	Staff addressed FHWA and DOTD comments into second draft UPWP and submitted to DOTD/FHWA/FTA for review and comment.
3		4/22 - 5/6/26	Draft UPWP published for public review and comment period online at www.rapc.info/transportation . No public comments were submitted.
4		04/29/26	Draft UPWP was presented to and approved for adoption by MPO Technical Advisory Committee.
5		05/06/26	Draft UPWP was presented to and adopted by the MPO Transportation Policy Committee.
7		5/27/26	Staff received additional DOTD and FHWA comments and updated document to address comments.
8		5/29/26	Resolution adopting the FY26 UPWP was signed by the TPC Chairman.
9		6/25/26	Staff submitted final revised FY 2026–2027 UPWP to LADOTD for federal approval.
10		07/07/2026	FHWA approved the Alexandria–Pineville MPO FY 2026–2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).



**ALEXANDRIA/PINEVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

RESOLUTION #RAPC-260506-02

(Adopting the FY 2026 - 2027 Unified Planning Work Program)

I, Mayor Jacques M. Roy, Chairman of the Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Transportation Policy Committee, do hereby certify that a meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee duly convened in Alexandria, Louisiana, at 10:00 am on May 6th, 2026, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Rapides Area Planning Commission is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Alexandria/Pineville metropolitan area; **AND**

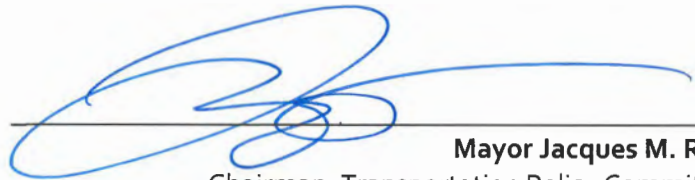
WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Organization is charged with the overall responsibility of preparing the Unified Planning Work Program that serves to successfully coordinate and integrate transportation efforts with other comprehensive planning activities at both state and local levels; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Organization has given thorough review and consideration to the SFY 2026 - 2027 Unified Planning Work Program; **AND**

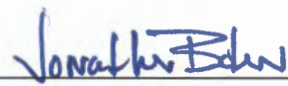
WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee has fulfilled its obligation to review and make necessary recommendations regarding the content of the SFY 2026 - 2027 Unified Planning Work Program; **AND**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Transportation Policy Committee does hereby approve and adopt the SFY 2026 - 2027 Unified Planning Work Program and directs staff of the Rapides Area Planning Commission to submit said program to appropriate federal and state agencies.

Signed and executed this 29th day of May 2026.



Mayor Jacques M. Roy,
Chairman, Transportation Policy Committee
Alexandria/Pineville MPO

ATTEST: 

Jonathan Bolen
Alexandria/Pineville MPO

Introduction

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describes the transportation planning activities to be conducted within the Alexandria–Pineville Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) during the fiscal year. The UPWP identifies the planning tasks to be undertaken by the Alexandria–Pineville Metropolitan Planning Organization (APMPO) and its staff and documents the funding sources that support these activities.

The UPWP is developed by the MPO in cooperation with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and public transportation providers. The program outlines transportation planning activities organized into major task areas and establishes the budget and schedule associated with each activity.

Financial support for the UPWP is provided through planning funds from FHWA and FTA, administered through LADOTD, along with matching contributions from local member governments of the Rapides Area Planning Commission (RAPC). FHWA and FTA planning funds are generally provided on an 80 percent federal and 20 percent local match basis. Certain planning initiatives, such as Complete Streets planning activities formula-funded through federal grant programs, may be provided with a 100 percent federal share.

Preparation and implementation of the UPWP is required under federal metropolitan transportation planning regulations contained in 23 CFR 450.308 and 23 CFR 450.334 for urbanized areas with populations greater than 50,000.

UPWP Planning Framework

The planning activities described in this Unified Planning Work Program are organized into three major sections that reflect the MPO's overall transportation planning process. They support a coordinated transportation planning process that links data collection and monitoring, planning and project development, and programming and implementation.

Section A – Information and Monitoring Systems includes activities related to the collection, maintenance, and analysis of transportation, land use, and socioeconomic data used in the metropolitan transportation planning process. These activities provide the technical foundation for planning studies and support monitoring of transportation system performance.

Section B – Planning Activities includes development and maintenance of regional transportation plans and planning initiatives, including the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the MPO's Complete Streets Program, and technical assistance provided to member governments. These activities help identify transportation needs and develop strategies to improve regional mobility, safety, and accessibility.

Section C – Administration and Program Management includes activities that support administration of the metropolitan transportation planning program and implementation of planning initiatives. These activities include development and maintenance of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), preparation of required planning reports, administration of planning grants, coordination of transit planning activities, implementation of special studies and grant programs, and regional safety planning.



About the Alexandria–Pineville MPO

The Alexandria–Pineville Metropolitan Planning Organization (APMPO), administered by the Rapides Area Planning Commission (RAPC), is responsible for conducting the federally required metropolitan transportation planning process for the Alexandria–Pineville Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). The MPO coordinates transportation planning activities among local governments, state and federal agencies, transit providers, and the public to ensure that transportation investments support regional mobility, safety, and economic development.

Administration

RAPC staff administer the metropolitan transportation planning program and coordinate planning activities associated with the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), and the Human Services Coordination Plan (HSCP). These activities support the effective management of the transportation planning process within the Alexandria–Pineville metropolitan area.

Transportation planning activities are conducted through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) planning process involving local governments, transportation agencies, stakeholders, and the public. Through this process, RAPC works with regional partners to identify transportation needs, develop planning studies, and coordinate implementation of transportation improvements.

RAPC staff will continue to monitor federal and state transportation legislation and planning guidance affecting the MPO program. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), enacted in November 2021, established updated federal transportation programs and policies that continue to guide metropolitan transportation planning activities. The MPO will continue implementing applicable requirements and guidance associated with IIJA and previous federal legislation such as the FAST Act.

Regional Coordination

The MPO promotes regional coordination by working closely with local, regional, state, and federal agencies involved in transportation planning and project implementation. These partners include the Rapides Area Planning Commission, Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Rapides Parish Police Jury, the City of Alexandria, the City of Pineville, the Town of Ball, and other regional organizations and stakeholders involved in transportation planning.

RAPC staff also participate in regional and statewide planning and safety initiatives, including coordination with planning organizations, transportation agencies, and professional associations involved in transportation planning and policy development.



Data and Information

Transportation planning activities described in the UPWP rely on data and information obtained through coordination with state agencies, local governments, transit providers, and other data sources. Much of the data used in the MPO planning process originates from information collected during development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and other regional planning studies.

Additional data sources include traffic counts collected by LADOTD and Rapides Parish, as well as demographic and economic data from the U.S. Census Bureau, FHWA, FTA, and the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission. These datasets are used to support transportation system analysis, travel demand forecasting, safety analysis, and performance monitoring.

RAPC continues to enhance its technical capabilities and anticipates expanding its ability to collect traffic and multimodal transportation data through the acquisition of traffic counting equipment and related software to support future planning activities.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) identifies federally funded transportation projects scheduled for implementation within the Alexandria–Pineville Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). The TIP is updated every four years and covers a minimum four-year programming period. The program is reviewed and amended as necessary to reflect project updates and funding changes.

The MPO coordinates closely with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) and local project sponsors to develop and maintain the TIP. The program includes projects funded through federal transportation programs such as the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) and other federal and state transportation funding sources.

The MPO continues to emphasize projects that can be implemented efficiently and provide near-term benefits to the regional transportation system. Priority project types include pavement preservation, safety improvements, intersection and operational improvements, and other projects that enhance system performance and safety while minimizing the need for extensive right-of-way acquisition or utility relocation.

TIP development and updates will follow applicable federal regulations and guidance, including 23 CFR Part 450, as well as current LADOTD procedures and formatting requirements. Activities related to TIP development, amendments, and monitoring are described in Subtask C-1 of this UPWP.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) establishes the long-range transportation vision for the Alexandria–Pineville Metropolitan Planning Area and identifies strategies and investments needed to support regional mobility over a minimum 20-year planning horizon.

The current Alexandria–Pineville Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2045 was adopted by the MPO Policy Committee in December 2021. Development of the plan included refinement of the regional travel demand model, with technical assistance provided by Alliance Transportation



Group (ATG). MPO staff now maintain and utilize the model to evaluate future transportation improvements and support long-range planning activities.

The MTP identifies regional transportation priorities that guide planning and project development activities, including:

- Safety
- System preservation and modernization
- Mobility and congestion management
- Environmental stewardship
- Transportation equity
- Economic vitality

The MPO will begin the next update of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan in FY 2026, with completion anticipated in FY 2027. Activities related to the MTP update are described in Subtask B-2 of this UPWP.

Special Project Planning

The MPO conducts additional planning activities to support coordination of regional transportation services and address emerging transportation issues.

Coordinated Human Services Transportation Planning

Federal Transit Administration programs supporting transportation services for seniors, individuals with disabilities, and other transportation-disadvantaged populations require that projects be derived from a locally developed Coordinated Public Transit–Human Services Transportation Plan. This requirement applies to several federal programs, including FTA Sections 5310 and 5311, and supports coordination among transportation providers and human service agencies.

To support these efforts, RAPC established the Cenla Transportation Coalition (CTC), which includes regional transit providers, human service agencies, and other stakeholders. The coalition provides a forum for identifying transportation needs, improving coordination among service providers, and identifying opportunities to enhance mobility for transportation-disadvantaged populations.

Development of the coordinated plan included stakeholder outreach, surveys, and public meetings to identify transportation needs and opportunities for improved coordination among service providers. The planning process also included evaluation of existing transportation services and identification of gaps in service.

The coordinated planning process includes three primary phases:

1. Data Collection – Identifying transportation providers, services, and service areas.
2. GIS Integration – Mapping transportation services, routes, and demographic data.
3. Service Coordination Strategies – Identifying service gaps, overlaps, and opportunities for improved coordination.

The most recent Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan was completed in 2023. RAPC will continue to convene quarterly meetings of the Cenla Transportation Coalition to support ongoing coordination among service providers. The next plan update is anticipated during FY 2026–FY 2027.



Ozone Advance and Carbon Reduction Initiatives

In 2016, RAPC developed the Ozone Advance Program (OAP) and submitted it to EPA Region VI. The program outlines strategies to maintain attainment of federal ozone standards in the Alexandria–Pineville urbanized area by identifying local emission reduction opportunities and coordinating regional air quality initiatives.

Elements of the Ozone Advance Program will continue to inform regional strategies implemented through the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) and other transportation planning initiatives aimed at reducing transportation-related emissions and improving environmental sustainability. Participation in the EPA Ozone Advance Program is conducted as a coordination activity and is not funded with FHWA PL or FTA 5303 planning funds.

Central Louisiana Regional Infrastructure Beltway Commission

The Central Louisiana Regional Infrastructure Beltway Commission was established by Act 518 of the 2009 Louisiana Legislature to plan and develop a transportation and utility corridor supporting residential, commercial, and industrial growth in Rapides Parish and southern Grant Parish. The proposed beltway is intended to improve regional mobility, support economic development, and enhance long-term transportation connectivity.

The beltway project has been identified as a Priority A project on the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) Mega Project List. Beginning in 2014, the MPO initiated feasibility studies for the southern segment of the proposed beltway corridor (LA 28 West to LA 28 East) using MPO STP urbanized attributable funds and local matching funds provided by RAPC.

Following completion of the initial study phases, the MPO Policy Committee and the Beltway Commission reviewed the study findings. In June 2020, the Beltway Commission voted to continue advancement of the project and directed staff to pursue development of a Phase II planning effort.



Systems Planning

Compliance with Federal Planning Requirements

The metropolitan transportation planning process conducted by the Alexandria–Pineville Metropolitan Planning Organization (APMPO) is guided by federal transportation legislation, including the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and implementing regulations under 23 CFR Part 450. These regulations require MPOs to conduct transportation planning through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) process.

In coordination with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), RAPC ensures that metropolitan transportation planning activities comply with federal requirements. The planning tasks described in this Unified Planning Work Program address the federal planning factors established in IIJA and reflected throughout the metropolitan planning process.

Each UPWP task contributes to one or more federal planning factors. The relationship between UPWP tasks and the planning factors is summarized in **Table 5**.

MPO Project Development Pipeline

RAPC coordinates planning activities across multiple UPWP tasks to support a structured project development pipeline that advances transportation improvements from planning to implementation.

Transportation needs and potential projects are first identified through system monitoring, long-range planning, and technical analysis. Public engagement activities help confirm community priorities and inform project development. Planning initiatives such as Complete Streets planning, safety initiatives, and carbon reduction strategies further evaluate and refine candidate projects.

Projects identified through these efforts may advance toward funding and implementation through programming in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).



Federal Planning Factors

Federal transportation law requires MPOs to consider a set of planning factors when developing transportation plans and programs. These factors guide the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

The MPO annually certifies that the metropolitan transportation planning process addresses these planning factors and complies with federal planning regulations under 23 CFR 450.308. These federal planning factors are listed in the table below.

TABLE 2 | IJJA Federal Planning Factors

#	Federal Planning Factor
1	Support economic vitality and global competitiveness of metropolitan areas
2	Increase safety for motorized and non-motorized users
3	Increase security of the transportation system
4	Increase accessibility and mobility options for people and freight
5	Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, and improve quality of life
6	Enhance integration and connectivity of the transportation system across modes
7	Promote efficient system management and operation
8	Emphasize preservation of the existing transportation system
9	Improve resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce stormwater impacts
10	Enhance travel and tourism

Planning Factors Crosswalk

Federal metropolitan transportation planning regulations require MPOs to consider a set of planning factors when developing transportation plans and programs. These factors, established under 23 CFR 450.306(b) and reinforced through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), guide the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The Alexandria–Pineville MPO addresses these planning factors through the planning activities described in this work program. **Table 5** illustrates how individual UPWP tasks support the federal planning factors and demonstrates how the MPO’s planning program advances a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process.



TABLE 3 | UPWP Task Matrix (IJA Planning Factors)

Factor	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
UPWP Task	Econ Vitality	Safety	Security	Mobility & Access	Environment	Multimodal Integration	System Mgmt	Preservation	Resilience	Tourism
A-1 Traffic & Development Monitoring	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
A-2 GIS & Spatial Analysis	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
B-1 MPO Services	✓			✓		✓				✓
B-2 MTP Development & Maintenance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
B-3 Complete Streets Program	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
C-1 TIP Development & Programming	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
C-2 Program Support & Administration							✓			
C-3 FHWA Funded Planning Activities	✓						✓			
C-4 FTA Funded Transit Planning Activities	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				
C-5 Special Studies	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
C-6 Regional Safety Activities		✓	✓						✓	



Public Involvement

Public participation is a fundamental component of the metropolitan transportation planning process. Federal transportation legislation and regulations under 23 CFR Part 450 require Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to provide meaningful opportunities for public involvement in the development of transportation plans and programs.

RAPC, serving as the Alexandria–Pineville Metropolitan Planning Organization (APMPO), is committed to maintaining an open and inclusive planning process that encourages participation from residents, stakeholders, and partner agencies throughout the metropolitan planning area.

Public involvement activities are conducted in accordance with the MPO’s Public Participation Plan (P3), which establishes procedures for providing the public with early and continuous opportunities to participate in transportation planning activities. These procedures ensure that citizens, public agencies, private organizations, and other interested parties have access to information and opportunities to provide input during development of MPO plans and programs.

Public Engagement Summary

The Alexandria–Pineville MPO provides multiple opportunities for public participation throughout the transportation planning process. Public engagement activities are designed to ensure that community perspectives are incorporated into regional transportation decisions.

TABLE 4 | MPO Public Engagement Activities

Public Engagement Activity	Purpose	Example Activities
Public Meetings and Workshops	Provide opportunities for residents and stakeholders to review and comment on transportation plans and programs	Public meetings during development of the MTP, TIP, UPWP, and other planning studies
Public Review and Comment Periods	Allow the public to review draft planning documents prior to adoption	Public comment periods for major plan updates and amendments
Stakeholder Outreach	Engage community organizations, local governments, and transportation partners	Presentations to civic organizations, coordination with partner agencies
Digital Engagement	Provide access to planning information and opportunities for input online	RAPC transportation website, online surveys, email notifications
Accessible Participation	Ensure inclusive participation in the planning process	ADA-accessible meeting locations and accommodation for persons with disabilities

These outreach activities support the MPO’s continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) planning process and help ensure that transportation plans and programs reflect the needs and priorities of the Alexandria–Pineville metropolitan area.



Public Engagement Process

Public engagement occurs throughout the development of MPO plans and programs. Opportunities for participation are provided at key stages of the metropolitan transportation planning process.

TABLE 5 | MPO Public Engagement Process

Planning Activity	Purpose	Public Engagement Opportunities
Data and System Monitoring	Evaluate transportation system conditions and identify emerging needs	Stakeholder outreach and information sharing
Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)	Establish long-range transportation vision and priorities	Public meetings, workshops, surveys, public review and comment periods
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	Program federally funded transportation projects for implementation	Public review periods and public meetings for significant amendments
Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)	Define annual transportation planning activities and budgets	Public review and comment prior to adoption
Special Studies and Planning Initiatives	Evaluate specific transportation issues and develop project concepts	Public workshops, stakeholder coordination, and online engagement tools

Community Outreach

RAPC staff provide information regarding transportation planning activities through a variety of outreach methods. Notices of meetings and planning activities are posted on the RAPC transportation website (www.rapc.info/transportation) and distributed through email lists, media notices, and other communication channels.

MPO staff maintain a list of interested parties who request notification of transportation planning activities. This list includes local governments, transportation providers, community organizations, and members of the public interested in MPO planning activities.

Presentations regarding transportation plans, studies, and initiatives may also be provided to civic organizations, neighborhood groups, and other community stakeholders upon request.

Planning documents including the Public Participation Plan (PPP), Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) are available to the public through the RAPC website (www.rapc.info/transportation) and at the RAPC office.



Inclusive Participation

RAPC is committed to ensuring that all individuals have the opportunity to participate in the transportation planning process. Special efforts are made to engage traditionally underserved populations, including low-income communities, minority populations, older adults, and individuals with disabilities.

All public meetings and events are held in locations that are accessible in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Individuals requiring special accommodations or communication assistance may contact the Rapides Area Planning Commission in advance of the meeting.

Requests for accommodations should be directed to:

Rapides Area Planning Commission
803 Johnston Street
Alexandria, Louisiana 71301
Phone: (318) 487-5401

Requests for accommodations should be made **at least three working days prior** to scheduled meetings whenever possible.

Public Review and Comment

Draft versions of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), and Public Participation Plan (P3), as well as major amendments to these documents, will be made available for public review prior to adoption.

Notices of public review periods and public meetings will be published on the RAPC transportation website (www.rapc.info/transportation) and distributed to interested parties. Draft documents will be available for review on the RAPC website and at the RAPC office.

Public review periods will provide adequate time for interested parties to submit comments. A minimum two-week notice will be provided prior to public participation meetings when feasible.

All comments received during public review periods will be considered prior to adoption of MPO plans and programs. A summary of comments received and responses provided will be included in the final adopted documents.

The Public Participation Plan (PPP) is periodically reviewed to ensure that the public involvement process remains effective. Updates to the PPP will be subject to a minimum 45-day public review and comment period prior to adoption.



Public Review and Title VI

Development of this Unified Planning Work Program included opportunities for public review and participation. MPO committee meetings were conducted in publicly accessible venues and through virtual participation options. Public comment opportunities were provided during meetings of the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) and other MPO committees.

Draft copies of the UPWP were distributed to appropriate partner agencies and made available for public review at the Rapides Area Planning Commission (RAPC) office and on the RAPC transportation website (<https://www.rapc.info/transportation>). Comments received during the review period were considered and addressed where appropriate prior to adoption.

RAPC conducts transportation planning activities in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which provides that no person in the United States shall, on the basis of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

Level of Planning Effort

The planning tasks described in this UPWP respond to the transportation planning needs of the Alexandria–Pineville Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) and support a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) planning process. The work program includes activities addressing multiple transportation modes, including roadway, transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and freight transportation.

Transportation planning activities conducted under this UPWP consider the objectives of local comprehensive plans and other regional planning initiatives to ensure coordination between land use and transportation planning. Work products will be developed by RAPC staff, with support from consultants and coordination with partner agencies including local governments, LADOTD, FHWA, FTA, and other regional stakeholders.

Air Quality Planning

The Alexandria–Pineville Metropolitan Planning Area is currently in attainment of federal ozone standards and is not subject to transportation conformity requirements. However, RAPC continues to support proactive air quality planning initiatives aimed at maintaining healthy air quality conditions in the region.

RAPC participates in the EPA Ozone Advance Program, which promotes voluntary strategies to preserve or improve regional air quality. Efforts focus on increasing public awareness of ground-level ozone and identifying practical strategies that may reduce emissions from transportation sources.

Air quality planning activities are coordinated with regional partners and may also support initiatives implemented through programs such as the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) and other transportation planning efforts that promote sustainable transportation and reduced emissions.



Regional Transportation System Priorities

Through ongoing coordination with local governments, stakeholders, and the public, several key priorities have been identified for the regional transportation system. These priorities guide planning and project development activities within the MPO program.

TABLE 6 | MPO Key Regional Priorities

Key Regional Priorities
Preservation of the existing transportation system , including maintenance and rehabilitation of roadway infrastructure.
Improved transportation access and mobility , supporting workforce participation and economic opportunity.
Efficient movement of freight , which is critical to the region’s economic competitiveness.
Improved transportation safety for all users , including motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users.
Expanded multimodal transportation options , ensuring safe and accessible travel choices for residents and visitors.
Transportation system resilience , particularly in response to extreme weather events and other hazards.
Regional coordination of public transportation services , reducing barriers created by jurisdictional boundaries and improving system integration.



Organization and Management

The Alexandria–Pineville Metropolitan Planning Organization (APMPO), administered by the Rapides Area Planning Commission (RAPC), is responsible for conducting the federally required metropolitan transportation planning process for the Alexandria–Pineville Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). RAPC coordinates transportation planning activities among local governments, state and federal agencies, transit providers, and the public to support regional mobility, safety, and economic development. The MPO operates through a committee structure supported by RAPC staff and coordinated through cooperative agreements with state and federal transportation agencies.

Organizational Structure

The MPO planning process is supported by a multi-level organizational structure that includes policy leadership, technical advisory support, and professional staff responsible for implementing the transportation planning program.

TABLE 7 | MPO Organizational Structure

Entity	Role
Transportation Policy Committee (TPC)	Policy-making body responsible for approving MPO plans, programs, and policies
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)	Provides technical guidance and recommendations on transportation plans and studies
RAPC Staff	Administers the MPO planning program and implements planning activities
Advisory Groups and Partners	Includes regional transportation providers, human services agencies, and other stakeholders

MPO Committees

Transportation Policy Committee (TPC)

The Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) serves as the policy-making body for the MPO and provides overall direction for the metropolitan transportation planning process. The committee is responsible for approving major MPO plans and programs, including the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Membership consists primarily of elected officials representing jurisdictions within the Metropolitan Planning Area along with representatives from regional transportation agencies. Membership is established through agreement among participating jurisdictions and in accordance with 23 CFR 450.310.

Voting Members

- City of Alexandria (3)
- City of Pineville (2)
- Town of Ball (1)
- Rapides Parish Police Jury (2)
- LADOTD District 08 (1)
- Central Louisiana Regional Port (1)
- England Airpark (1)



Non-Voting Advisory Members

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Louisiana Division
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region VI

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) provides technical guidance and professional recommendations to the Transportation Policy Committee regarding transportation plans, programs, and projects. TAC membership consists of technical staff representing local governments, state agencies, and transportation providers within the region. The committee reviews planning studies, evaluates technical analyses, and provides recommendations prior to consideration by the TPC.

Voting Members

- City of Alexandria (1)
- City of Pineville (1)
- Town of Ball (1)
- Rapides Parish Police Jury (1)
- LADOTD District 08 (2)
- LADOTD HQ (1)
- LADOTD Public Transit (1)
- Rapides Area Planning Commission (4)

Both the TPC and TAC meet on a quarterly basis, with additional meetings scheduled as needed. TAC and TPC FY 2027 quarterly meeting schedule located in **Appendix D**.

GenLA Transportation Coalition (CTC)

The GenLA Transportation Coalition (CTC) supports coordination among regional transit providers and human services agencies to improve mobility for transportation-disadvantaged populations. The coalition was previously known as the Human Services Coordination Plan Committee (HSCPC). The CTC meets quarterly and helps guide development and implementation of the Coordinated Public Transit–Human Services Transportation Plan.

Staff Support Services

RAPC staff provide professional planning, technical analysis, and administrative support necessary to implement the MPO planning program. **Table 8** summarizes the staff services supporting MPO planning activities.

Key staff functions include:

- Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) development and updates
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development and monitoring
- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) development and administration
- GIS mapping and spatial analysis
- Transportation data collection and analysis
- Public engagement and stakeholder outreach
- Grant administration and financial management
- Committee coordination and meeting support

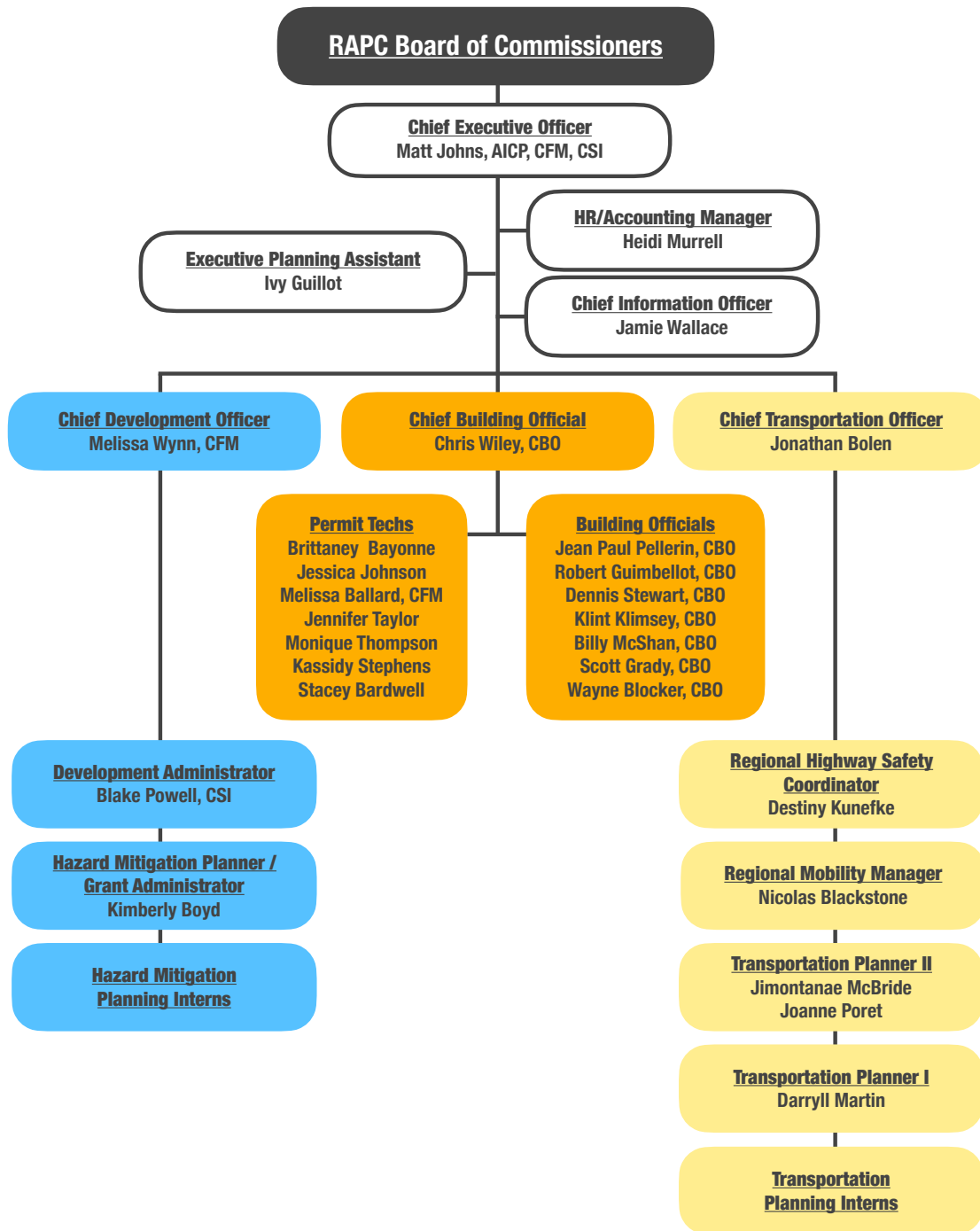


TABLE 8 | Staff Support Services

UPWP Section	Program Area	Staff Support Services
Section A – Information and Monitoring Systems	Data Collection and System Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic, bicycle, and pedestrian data collection • Socioeconomic and land use data analysis • Travel demand model support • Performance measure monitoring and reporting
	GIS and Spatial Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GIS database development and maintenance • Mapping and spatial analysis for MPO plans and studies • Data visualization and technical mapping support
Section B – Planning Activities	MPO Planning Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical assistance to member governments • Local transportation and land use planning support • Multimodal and Complete Streets planning
	Long-Range Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) development and updates • Corridor and system planning studies • Safety, mobility, and sustainability planning initiatives
Section C – Program Management and Implementation	Program Development and Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development and monitoring • Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) development and administration • Grant and contract administration
	Public Engagement and Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public involvement and stakeholder outreach • Coordination of MPO committees (TPC, TAC) • Regional coordination with LADOTD, FHWA, FTA, and partner agencies
	Administrative Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting coordination, agendas, and minutes • Website and digital communications management • Reports, newsletters, and planning publications • Records management and document distribution



FIGURE 1 | Rapides Area Planning Commission (RAPC) Organizational Structure



Agreements

Metropolitan transportation planning activities are conducted through cooperative agreements among the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD).

Federal planning funds are administered through LADOTD with local matching funds provided by RAPC and its member governments. RAPC also maintains cooperative relationships with regional transportation partners and may utilize consultant services to support specialized planning activities.

These agreements support the implementation of a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) transportation planning process.

Operational Procedures and Bylaws

The Rapides Area Planning Commission (RAPC) was established by executive order of the Governor of Louisiana in 1972 to provide regional planning services to local governments within Rapides Parish and the surrounding region. RAPC provides transportation planning, geographic information systems (GIS), floodplain management, and other technical services to communities in central Louisiana.

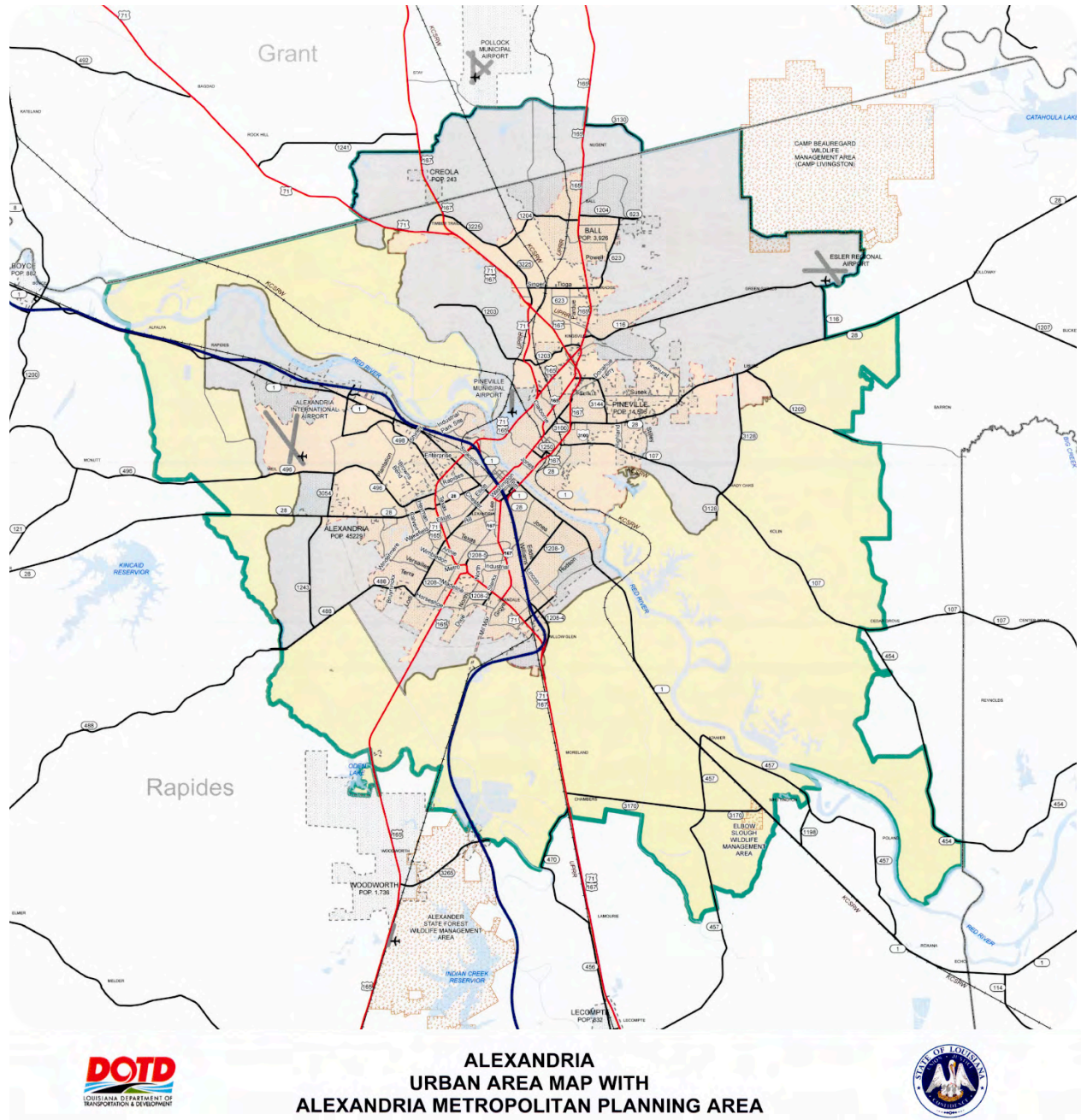
RAPC is designated by the Governor as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Alexandria–Pineville Metropolitan Planning Area, which includes the City of Alexandria, City of Pineville, Town of Ball, and surrounding areas of Rapides Parish.

The MPO operates in accordance with adopted bylaws that define the responsibilities of the Transportation Policy Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, and MPO staff. These bylaws guide the administration of the metropolitan transportation planning process and are available to the public upon request from RAPC.

The adopted MPO by-laws are available to the public upon request via email to Heidi Murrell heidi@rapc.info.



FIGURE 2 | MPO Planning Area Map (based on 2020 Census)



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FHWA and FTA Administration Tasks and Funding

The following sections describe the planning tasks, funding sources supporting the planning tasks, funded through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) metropolitan planning programs. These tasks support implementation of the Alexandria–Pineville Metropolitan Planning Organization’s transportation planning activities and are organized by major program areas within the Unified Planning Work Program.

TABLE 9 | UPWP Task Matrix

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Section A – Information and Monitoring Systems

Section A includes activities that support the collection, management, and analysis of transportation, land use, and socioeconomic data used in the Alexandria–Pineville MPO planning process. These activities provide the technical foundation for regional transportation planning by monitoring transportation system conditions, development trends, and demographic changes within the MPO planning area.

Tasks within this section include monitoring traffic conditions and development trends, maintaining planning datasets, and managing geographic information system (GIS) resources used to support MPO planning activities. Information developed through these tasks supports preparation of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), safety analysis, travel demand modeling, and other planning studies conducted under the Unified Planning Work Program.

Subtask	Role	Focus
A-1 Traffic and Development Monitoring	Data monitoring	Collection and analysis of traffic, socioeconomic, and system performance data
A-2 Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Spatial Analysis	Technical analysis	GIS data management, spatial analysis, mapping, and modeling support



Subtask A-1

Traffic and Development Monitoring

Funding Sources	2026-2027
LADOTD	\$ 0.00
FHWA_PL	\$ 36,428.60
RAPC Match	\$ 9,107.15
TOTAL	\$ 45,535.75

Purpose

To collect and monitor traffic data and development activity within the Alexandria–Pineville MPO planning area. Data collected under this task supports development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), travel demand modeling, and performance monitoring.

Methodology

RAPC staff will coordinate with LADOTD, local jurisdictions, and regional partners to collect, maintain, and monitor traffic count data and development activity within the MPO planning area. Activities will include conducting traffic counts, maintaining traffic data records, and monitoring land development trends to support transportation planning and project development. Data collected under this task will be used to support performance-based planning and travel demand modeling and will be provided for integration into GIS resources maintained under Subtask A-2. This task does not include GIS analysis or system-level modeling activities, which are addressed under Subtask A-2 and Task B-2.

Expected Work Product	Responsible Party	Anticipated Completion
Collect traffic counts (vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian) to support MPO planning activities, project development, and performance monitoring.	RAPC	Summer 2027
Maintain traffic count database and associated records for use in planning, modeling, and project evaluation.	RAPC	Ongoing
Monitor land development activity to support transportation planning and project development.	RAPC	Ongoing
Provide traffic count data and development monitoring inputs to support the APMPO Travel Demand Model.	RAPC	Ongoing
Support MPO performance monitoring through collection of traffic and related data inputs.	RAPC	Ongoing
Coordinate with LADOTD and local partners on traffic data collection and data sharing efforts.	RAPC	Ongoing / As Needed

Schedule

This task will be completed throughout the entire FY 2026-2027.



Subtask A-2

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Spatial Analysis

Funding Sources	2026-2027	
LADOTD	\$	0.00
FHWA_PL	\$	46,924.10
RAPC Match	\$	11,731.03
FTA-5303	\$	7,360.00
RAPC Match	\$	1,840.00
TOTAL	\$	67,855.13

Purpose

To maintain GIS databases and spatial analysis capabilities used to support transportation planning and decision-making within the Alexandria–Pineville MPO planning area.

Methodology

RAPC staff will maintain and update GIS databases and spatial datasets supporting MPO planning activities, including transportation, land use, and demographic data. Activities will include data integration, validation, and quality control of datasets developed under Task A-1 and other sources. Staff will produce mapping and spatial analysis to support MPO planning activities, including the TIP, safety planning, travel demand modeling, and other UPWP tasks. Coordination with LADOTD, local jurisdictions, and regional partners will support updates to multimodal datasets and integration of MPO data into internal systems and public-facing mapping platforms.

Expected Work Product	Responsible Party	Anticipated Completion
Maintain and update GIS databases and spatial datasets supporting MPO planning activities, including transportation, land use, and demographic data.	RAPC	Ongoing
Perform data integration, validation, and quality control of MPO datasets, including traffic, multimodal network, land use, and demographic data.	RAPC	Ongoing
Maintain, validate, and update multimodal transportation network datasets (roadway, bicycle, pedestrian, and transit), including coordination with member jurisdictions and integration with public-facing mapping platforms (e.g., Google Maps, OpenStreetMap).	RAPC	Ongoing
Produce maps, spatial analysis, and visualization products to support MPO plans, studies, project development, and public outreach.	RAPC	Ongoing
Provide GIS and mapping support for the APMPO Travel Demand Model and other UPWP tasks.	RAPC	Ongoing / As Needed
Provide GIS and mapping assistance to local governments within the MPO planning area.	RAPC	Ongoing / As Requested
Existing Sidewalk GIS Database – Phase III.	RAPC	Summer 2027

Schedule

This task will be completed throughout the entire FY 2026-2027.



Section B – Planning Activities

Section B includes activities that support development of transportation plans, policies, and planning initiatives within the Alexandria–Pineville MPO planning area. These activities evaluate transportation system needs, develop strategies to improve regional mobility and safety, and support identification of transportation improvements that may advance through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Subtasks within this section function as a coordinated Planning and Project Development Program. Activities include providing technical assistance to local governments, developing and maintaining the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and implementing the MPO’s Complete Streets program to identify and advance multimodal transportation improvements.

Subtask	Role	Focus
B-1 MPO Services	Local planning coordination	Technical assistance to member governments
B-2 MTP Development and Maintenance	Long-range planning	Regional mobility strategy and modeling
B-3 Complete Streets	Project development	Multimodal project identification and prioritization



Subtask B-1

MPO Services

Funding Sources	2026-2027
LADOTD	\$ 0.00
FHWA_PL	\$ 36,904.77
RAPC Match	\$ 9,226.19
FTA-5303	\$ 4,905.60
RAPC Match	\$ 1,226.40
TOTAL	\$ 52,262.96

Purpose

To provide technical planning assistance to local governments within the Alexandria–Pineville MPO planning area for transportation-related activities that support coordinated regional development. Assistance under this task helps ensure that local plans, policies, and development decisions are consistent with the goals and strategies of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and other adopted MPO plans and programs.

Methodology

RAPC staff will provide technical planning assistance to member governments, as requested, to support transportation-related planning initiatives within the MPO planning area. Assistance may include coordination with local jurisdictions, review of plans and development proposals, and support for activities that ensure consistency between local efforts and regional transportation plans and policies. Services will be delivered through a structured request process and scoped as small-scale, planning-level efforts based on MPO priorities, project readiness, and available budget. Work products are limited to planning-level activities and will not include final design, engineering, or construction.

Expected Work Product	Responsible Party	Anticipated Completion
Provide mapping, GIS, and technical planning assistance to MPO member governments.	RAPC	Ongoing / As Requested
Assist local governments with updates to plans, regulations, and ordinances to maintain consistency with regional transportation goals.	RAPC	Ongoing / As Requested
Conduct technical studies and analyses for member jurisdictions (e.g., traffic, transit, parking, demographic, environmental, or outreach-related studies).	RAPC	As Requested
Support development of local transportation-related plans such as comprehensive plans, master street plans, land use plans, bikeway and pedestrian plans, and transit service plans.	RAPC	As Requested
Provide additional transportation-related planning support to MPO member jurisdictions.	RAPC	As Requested

Schedule

This task will be completed throughout the entire FY 2026-2027.



Subtask B-2

Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Development and Maintenance

Funding Sources	2026-2027	
LADOTD SPR-A [MTP Update]	\$	80,000.00
LADOTD Match [MTP Update]	\$	20,000.00
STP50-200K [MTP Update]	\$	80,000.00
RAPC Match [MTP Update]	\$	20,000.00
FHWA_PL	\$	16,126.38
RAPC Match	\$	4,031.60
FTA-5303	\$	6,974.40
RAPC Match	\$	1,743.60
TOTAL	\$	228,875.98

Purpose

To develop, update, and maintain the Alexandria–Pineville Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), a financially constrained 20-year transportation plan that identifies regional transportation needs and strategies for the metropolitan planning area. The MTP will support a multimodal, performance-based transportation planning process that evaluates system performance, addresses safety and infrastructure condition, and guides long-range transportation investment consistent with federal metropolitan planning requirements.

Methodology

RAPC staff will continue development and maintenance of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) in accordance with the metropolitan planning requirements outlined in 23 CFR 450, ensuring a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) planning process. The MTP update is currently underway and is anticipated to be completed and adopted by June 30, 2027. This task will build upon foundational work conducted under UPWP Tasks A-1 and A-2, including ongoing data collection, system monitoring, GIS database development, and spatial analysis. RAPC will utilize these resources, along with the APMPO Travel Demand Model, to evaluate existing transportation conditions, forecast future travel demand, and assess multimodal system performance across the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). The MTP update will result in a comprehensive, multimodal transportation strategy that reflects regional priorities, supports federal performance goals, and provides a clear framework for future transportation investment decisions within the MPA. Data development, GIS analysis, and system monitoring supporting the MTP will be performed under Subtasks A-1 and A-2 to ensure clear separation of planning functions for compliance and audit purposes. This task includes both ongoing MTP maintenance activities and the comprehensive Move 2050 MTP update effort, which are reflected separately in the UPWP funding summary for clarity.

Key activities include:

- Evaluation of system performance and identification of transportation needs using performance-based planning principles;
- Development of goals, objectives, performance measures, and scenario-based investment strategies;
- Travel demand modeling and analysis of future conditions;
- Public and stakeholder engagement consistent with the MPO’s Public Participation Plan and federal requirements;



- Coordination with regional partners, including the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development(LADOTD), to ensure consistency with state and regional plans;
- Integration of related planning efforts, including Complete Streets (B-3), Carbon Reduction Program activities, safety initiatives, transit planning (C-3), and TIP development (C-1); and
- Preparation of a fiscally constrained, performance-based MTP, including all required elements for adoption.

Expected Work Product	Responsible Party	Anticipated Completion
Updated MTP planning assumptions, existing conditions analysis, and baseline data integration utilizing inputs developed under Subtasks A-1 and A-2 (including socioeconomic and demographic data updates).	RAPC	Dec-26
Updated Street and Highway Networks to 2024 Base Year, including ADT and network validation for model application.	Consultant	Summer 2026
Updated Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) demographic data to 2024 Base Year.	Consultant	Summer 2026
Extension of TAZ socioeconomic forecasts to horizon years (2030, 2040, and 2050) to support long-range modeling and scenario planning.	Consultant	Fall 2026
Travel demand model updates, calibration support, and network-based forecast analysis to evaluate future transportation conditions and scenarios.	RAPC (with Consultant support)	Mar-27
Development of MTP goals, objectives, performance measures, and scenario evaluation framework consistent with performance-based planning requirements.	RAPC	Mar-27
Performance measure monitoring, system condition assessment, and needs analysis supporting MTP development.	RAPC	Apr-27
Public and stakeholder engagement activities, including documentation of outreach in accordance with the MPO Public Participation Plan and federal requirements.	RAPC	Ongoing through May 2027
Draft Move 2050 MTP document, including financial plan, project prioritization, and multimodal investment strategies.	RAPC	May-27
Final Move 2050 MTP document, including all required elements for a fiscally constrained, performance-based plan.	RAPC	Jun-27
MTP amendments, administrative modifications, or technical updates to maintain consistency with the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and planning activities.	RAPC	As needed
Documentation supporting MTP development, maintenance, and compliance with federal planning requirements.	RAPC	30-Jun-27

Schedule

This task will be completed throughout the entire FY 2026-2028.



Subtask B-3

Complete Streets

Funding Sources	2026-2027	
LADOTD	\$	0.00
FHWA_PL (100%)	\$	4,153.00
RAPC Match	\$	0.00
TOTAL	\$	4,153.00

Purpose

Following completion of the Complete Streets Prioritization Plan as part of the 2025-2026 UPWP, staff will develop a small toolkit to help local governments advance prioritized Complete Streets projects toward funding and implementation. The effort will focus on translating selected priority corridors into simple concept-level project summaries and identifying potential funding sources.

Methodology

Staff will review the prioritized project list and select several projects suitable for near-term advancement. Staff will utilize available data and analysis developed under Subtasks A-1 and A-2, including roadway conditions, safety data, and pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure information. Staff will develop concept-level Complete Streets improvements based on identified needs and existing data and describe the proposed improvements, planning-level cost ranges, and potential benefits. Potential funding programs such as HSIP, STBG, CRP, TAP, and SS4A will also be identified. Data collection, GIS analysis, and system monitoring supporting Complete Streets activities will be conducted under Subtasks A-1 and A-2.

Expected Work Product	Responsible Party	Anticipated Completion
Complete Streets funding source reference table.	RAPC	September 2026
Project development checklist and screening guidance to support advancement of Complete Streets projects.	RAPC	October 2026
Complete Streets Implementation Toolkit (focused on applying existing plan recommendations and project pipeline).	RAPC	December 2026

Schedule

This task will be completed throughout the entire FY 2026-2027.



Section C – Administration and Program Management

Section C includes activities that support administration and implementation of the Alexandria–Pineville MPO transportation planning program. These activities ensure compliance with federal metropolitan planning requirements and support coordination with federal, state, and local partners. Tasks within this section include development and maintenance of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), administration of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), management of federal planning grants, coordination of public participation activities, transit planning coordination, implementation of special studies, and regional safety planning.

Subtask	Role	Focus
C-1 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development & Programming	Project programming	Development, management, and monitoring of federally funded transportation projects
C-2 Program Support & Administration	Program reporting	Preparation and publication of required MPO plans, reports, and planning documents
C-3 FHWA Funded Planning Activities	Planning program administration	UPWP administration, grant management, public participation, and compliance with federal planning requirements
C-4 FTA Funded Transit Planning Activities	Transit planning coordination	Coordination of regional transit planning activities, including mobility management and transit facility initiatives
C-5 Special Studies	Planning initiatives and grant implementation	Implementation of special planning programs such as TDM, Reconnecting Communities, SS4A initiatives, and Roadway Drainage Study
C-6 Regional Safety Activities	Safety planning coordination	Support for regional safety planning, SHSP implementation, LRSP development, and safety performance monitoring



Subtask C-1

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development & Programming

Funding Sources	2026-2027
LADOTD	\$ 0.00
FHWA_PL	\$ 25,717.64
RAPC Match	\$ 6,429.41
FTA-5303	\$ 4,652.00
RAPC Match	\$ 1,163.00
TOTAL	\$ 37,962.05

Purpose

To develop, maintain, and implement the Alexandria–Pineville MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in cooperation with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD), local governments, and transit providers, consistent with 23 CFR Part 450 Subpart C. This task supports the programming and advancement of federally funded transportation projects, including Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) investments, and ensures consistency with the adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Methodology

RAPC staff will coordinate with LADOTD, local jurisdictions, transit providers, and project sponsors to develop, maintain, and implement the TIP in accordance with applicable federal and state requirements.

Key activities include:

- Development and adoption of the FFY 2027–2030 TIP, including project prioritization and fiscal constraint;
- Administration of the MPO’s Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) suballocation program and coordination of Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds apportioned to the MPO;
- Programming and incorporation of projects identified through the MPO’s Carbon Reduction Plan into the TIP and project delivery pipeline;
- Processing TIP amendments and administrative modifications to maintain consistency with project readiness, funding availability, and implementation schedules;
- Monitoring the status and advancement of programmed projects in coordination with LADOTD and project sponsors;
- Preparation and publication of the Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (ALOP) in accordance with federal requirements; and
- Documentation and reporting of TIP activities to ensure consistency with the MTP and STIP and compliance with federal and state requirements.



All activities will be conducted at a planning and programming level and will not include project construction or direct implementation of capital improvements. This task focuses on transportation project programming and reporting and does not include general program administration or transit-specific planning activities, which are addressed under Tasks C-2 and C-4, respectively.

Expected Work Product	Responsible Party	Anticipated Completion
Final revisions to FFY 2027–2030 TIP submitted to LADOTD	RAPC	July 2026
Adopted FFY 2027–2030 TIP document	RAPC	September 30, 2026
STBG and CRP project selection and programming documentation	RAPC	September 2026
TIP amendments and administrative modifications	RAPC	As needed
TIP project status monitoring summaries for MPO use	RAPC	Ongoing
Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (ALOP)	RAPC	October 2026
Incorporation of Carbon Reduction Plan projects into the TIP and programming pipeline	RAPC	2026–2027

Schedule

This task will be completed throughout the entire FY 2026-2027.



Subtask C-2

Program Support and Administration

Funding Sources	2026-2027
LADOTD	\$ 0.00
FHWA_PL	\$ 16,000.38
RAPC Match	\$ 4,000.10
FTA-5303	\$ 6,974.40
RAPC Match	\$ 1,743.60
TOTAL	\$ 28,718.48

Purpose

To administer the metropolitan transportation planning program and prepare required MPO planning reports in support of federal metropolitan transportation planning requirements, consistent with 23 CFR Part 450 Subpart C. This task includes development and management of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), administration of FHWA PL and FTA 5303 planning funds, preparation of required planning reports, maintenance of planning documentation, and ensuring that MPO planning products and reports are accessible to MPO committees, partner agencies, and the public.

Methodology

RAPC staff will administer the metropolitan transportation planning program and the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), including staffing, financial management, contract administration, and coordination necessary to carry out planning activities.

Key activities include:

- Development, management, and amendment of the UPWP (including both FHWA PL- and FTA 5303-funded components);
- Administration of FHWA PL and FTA 5303 planning funds, including budgeting, invoicing, reimbursement requests, and financial reporting;
- Maintenance of accounting records, cost allocation, and supporting documentation to ensure compliance with federal grant requirements and audit standards;
- Preparation of required planning reports and program summaries, including documentation of planning activities and expenditures;
- Document preparation, recordkeeping, archiving, and maintenance of official MPO planning documents;
- Publication and distribution of MPO plans, studies, and reports in accordance with the APMPO Public Participation Plan;
- Administration of consultant contracts and interagency agreements supporting the planning program; and
- Support of MPO committee coordination, including preparation and distribution of meeting materials and documentation.



All activities will be conducted to ensure proper documentation, transparency, and accountability, and to support federal and state oversight, audits, and certification reviews. This task includes overall MPO program administration and UPWP development for both FHWA and FTA planning funds.

Expected Work Product	Responsible Party	Anticipated Completion
Draft FY 2028 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)	RAPC	March 2027
Final FY 2028 UPWP (Adopted)	RAPC	June 2027
UPWP Amendments and Administrative Modifications	RAPC	As needed
UPWP Progress Reports (PL and FTA-funded activities)	RAPC	Quarterly
Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (FHWA/FTA)	RAPC	August 2026
Financial documentation, invoices, and supporting records (PL & 5303)	RAPC	Ongoing
Maintain and archive official MPO planning documents (MTP, TIP, UPWP, PPP)	RAPC	Ongoing
MPO planning documents published and maintained on RAPC website	RAPC	Ongoing
Maintain records management system and planning program files for audit and compliance	RAPC	Ongoing
Consultant contracts and interagency agreements (execution and management)	RAPC	Ongoing
MPO committee meeting coordination and documentation (TAC, TPC, Policy)	RAPC	Ongoing

Schedule

This task will be completed throughout the entire FY 2026-2027.



Subtask C-3

FHWA Funded Planning Activities

Funding Sources	2026-2027
LADOTD	\$ 0.00
FHWA_PL	\$ 24,279.13
RAPC Match	\$ 6,069.78
TOTAL	\$ 30,348.91

Purpose

To conduct metropolitan transportation planning activities funded with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Planning (PL) funds in accordance with 23 CFR Part 450 Subpart C, ensuring a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) planning process. This task includes general planning support, interagency coordination, and performance monitoring activities necessary to implement the metropolitan transportation planning program.

Methodology

RAPC staff will carry out FHWA-funded planning activities that support the metropolitan transportation planning process, including coordination with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD), FHWA, local jurisdictions, and regional stakeholders.

Key activities include:

- Interagency coordination and participation in regional planning initiatives to support transportation system planning and policy development;
- Monitoring and documentation of transportation system performance and planning activities outside of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update;
- Support for performance-based planning and programming, including coordination of performance measures and targets consistent with federal and state requirements;
- Coordination and support of regional safety initiatives, including participation in programs aligned with state and national safety goals;
- Planning-level support for implementation of adopted plans, programs, and policies, including coordination with local jurisdictions and partner agencies;
- Documentation of planning activities and maintenance of records necessary to demonstrate compliance with federal metropolitan planning requirements; and
- Participation in training, professional development, and technical coordination activities that support the metropolitan planning process.



All activities will be conducted at a planning level and will not include program administration, UPWP development, or transit-specific planning activities, which are addressed under Tasks C-2 and C-4, respectively.

Expected Work Product	Responsible Party	Anticipated Completion
Interagency coordination and participation in regional planning initiatives	RAPC	Ongoing
Documentation of planning activities and compliance with federal planning requirements	RAPC	Ongoing
Performance monitoring and reporting supporting performance-based planning and programming	RAPC	Ongoing
Coordination and participation in regional safety planning initiatives and programs	RAPC	Ongoing
Planning-level support for implementation of adopted plans, policies, and programs	RAPC	Ongoing
Technical coordination, training, and professional development activities	RAPC	Ongoing

Schedule

This task will be completed throughout the entire FY 2026-2027.



Subtask C-4

FTA Funded Transit Planning Activities

Item	Funding Sources	2026-2027
Urban Transit Planning	LADOTD	\$ 0.00
	FTA-5303	\$ 15,628.80
	RAPC Match	\$ 3,907.20
	Subtotal	\$ 19,536.00
Regional Mobility Manager	LADOTD	\$ 0.00
	FTA-5311	\$ 80,000.00
	RAPC Match	\$ 20,000.00
	Subtotal	\$ 100,000.00
ICAM Grant - Consolidated Transit Vehicle Inspection & Driver Training Facility	LADOTD	\$ 0.00
	FTA-ICAM	\$ 384,000.00
	RAPC Match	\$ 96,000.00
	Subtotal	\$ 480,000.00
Central Louisiana Intercity Fixed-Route Feasibility Study	LADOTD	\$ 0.00
	FTA-5303	\$ 120,000.00
	RAPC Match	\$ 30,000.00
	Subtotal	\$ 150,000.00
TOTAL		\$ 749,536.00

Purpose

To support public transportation planning activities within the Alexandria–Pineville Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) in coordination with regional transit providers and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD), consistent with 23 CFR Part 450 Subpart C and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requirements. This task includes transit system planning, performance monitoring, data integration, and evaluation of regional and intercity transit opportunities.

Methodology

RAPC staff will coordinate with transit providers, LADOTD, and regional partners to support transit planning activities funded through FTA Section 5303 and coordinated with FTA Section 5311 programs.

Key activities include:

- Transit system planning and technical support, including service planning coordination, system evaluation, and identification of capital and operational needs;
- Support for Transit Asset Management (TAM) and State of Good Repair (SGR) planning, including performance monitoring and asset inventory development;



- Development, maintenance, and integration of transit data, including GIS datasets and General Transit Feed Specification (GTFS), to support planning and public information systems;
- Integration of transit planning into the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP);
- Planning-level evaluation of regional and intercity transit opportunities, including feasibility analysis and stakeholder coordination;
- Coordination with regional mobility programs, including planning support activities associated with the Regional Mobility Manager Program and ICAM-funded initiatives; and
- Preparation of transit-related planning documentation, reports, and technical analyses.

All activities will be conducted at a planning level and will not include direct program operations or service delivery. This task focuses on transit-specific planning activities funded under FTA Section 5303 and does not include UPWP development or overall MPO program administration, which are addressed under Task C-2.

Expected Work Product	Responsible Party	Anticipated Completion
Coordination with regional partners and LADOTD regarding transit planning, mobility management, and rural transit programs	RAPC	Ongoing
Planning-level support for Regional Mobility Manager Program (FTA Section 5311 coordination)	RAPC	Ongoing
Planning coordination for ICAM-funded transit facility initiatives	RAPC	Ongoing
Documentation supporting FTA Section 5303 transit planning activities	RAPC	Ongoing
Transit data collection, analysis, and GIS mapping support, including maintenance of transit datasets and asset inventories	RAPC	Ongoing
Technical support for transit elements of the MTP and TIP	RAPC	Ongoing
Transit performance monitoring and reporting (including TAM/SGR)	RAPC	Ongoing
Support development and maintenance of Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan (HSCTP) and TAM plans	RAPC	As needed
Transit Data Integration and Passenger Information Systems (GTFS and mapping platforms, including Google Maps Transit)	RAPC	June 2027
Central Louisiana Intercity Transit Feasibility Study and implementation strategy (planning-level)	RAPC	June 2027

Schedule

This task will be completed throughout the entire FY 2026-2027.



Subtask C-5

Special Studies

Item	Funding Sources	2026-2027
Travel Demand Management	LADOTD	\$ 0.00
	STBG (STP50-200K)	\$ 100,000.00
	RAPC Match	\$ 0.00
	Subtotal	\$ 100,000.00
Reconnecting Communities Pilot	LADOTD	\$ 0.00
	Reconnecting Communities	\$ 100,000.00
	RAPC Match	\$ 25,000.00
	Subtotal	\$ 125,000.00
VRU Safety Improvement Program	LADOTD	\$ 0.00
	SS4A	\$ 246,400.00
	RAPC Match	\$ 61,600.00
	Subtotal	\$ 308,000.00
RAPC MPA Roadway Drainage Study	LADOTD	\$ 0.00
	STBG (STP50-200K)	\$ 300,000.00
	RAPC Match	\$ 75,000.00
	Subtotal	\$ 375,000.00
TOTAL		\$ 908,000.00

Purpose

To conduct targeted transportation planning studies that address system preservation, resiliency, safety, and infrastructure needs within the Alexandria–Pineville Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA), consistent with 23 CFR Part 450 Subpart C. These efforts support development of planning-level solutions, cost-feasible projects, and implementation strategies to advance regional priorities and inform Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) programming and future funding opportunities.

This task includes implementation of defined planning initiatives and studies, including the Travel Demand Management (TDM) Program, coordination of the Reconnecting Communities program, implementation of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Vulnerable Road User Improvement Program, and the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) Roadway Drainage Study. Corridor-level and sub-area analyses are incorporated within these planning efforts, and no additional standalone corridor or sub-area studies are anticipated during this program period.

Methodologies and deliverables for activities under this task are defined within each individual study or program component.



Methodology

Travel Demand Management (TDM) Program

RAPC staff will administer the regional Travel Demand Management (TDM) program, including promotion of carpooling and vanpooling and coordination with employers to support trip reduction strategies. Activities may include outreach to employers, development of informational materials, and coordination with regional partners to encourage alternative transportation options.

Expected Work Product	Responsible Party	Anticipated Completion
Provide technical assistance to implement workplace commuter programs	RAPC	As Requested
Monitor regional transportation performance measures	RAPC	Ongoing
Active Travel Demand Management program activities	RAPC	Annually
Employer Workplace Commuter Survey Tool	RAPC	As Requested
Maintain TDM resource webpage	RAPC	Ongoing
Annual application to continue TDM program	RAPC	April 2027

Reconnecting Communities Grant

RAPC will coordinate with FHWA and project partners to implement the Reconnecting Communities grant, including finalizing the scope of work, administering consultant services, coordinating stakeholder engagement, and supporting planning activities associated with the study.

Expected Work Product	Responsible Party	Anticipated Completion
Administration and execution of RCP grant and RAPC/ FHWA agreement	RAPC	Ongoing
Project website	RAPC	July 2026
Public workshops and community meetings	RAPC	August 2026
Public input survey, interactive mapping tool, and summary report	RAPC	September 2026
Prioritized VRU project listing	RAPC / Consultant	Summer 2027
Pathways to Unity: Connecting Divided Communities in Central Louisiana project report	RAPC / Consultant	Summer 2028
Engineering (30%) for Priority VRU Projects in the MPA	Consultant	Summer 2027



Vulnerable Road User (VRU) Improvement Program

RAPC staff will coordinate implementation of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) VRU Improvement Program, including administration of consultant contracts, coordination with local jurisdictions and stakeholders, and development of safety improvement strategies and implementation actions. As of July 1, 2026, approximately 18 months remain in the two-year program.

Expected Work Product	Responsible Party	Anticipated Completion
Administration of SS4A grant and VRU Improvement Program	RAPC	Ongoing
RAPC/FHWA Recipient Agreement and Subrecipient Agreements	RAPC	October 2025
Updated Rapides Parish Local Road Safety Plan	RAPC / Consultant	Summer 2027
Five Rural Community Safety Action Plans	RAPC / Consultant	Summer 2027
ADA Transition Plan for the MPA	Consultant	October 2026
Engineering (30%) for Priority Safety Projects – Rapides Parish	Consultant	Summer 2027
Engineering (30%) for Priority Safety Projects – Clayton, Colfax, Ferriday, Vidalia, Winnfield	Consultant	Summer 2027

MPA Roadway Drainage Study

RAPC staff will coordinate with LADOTD and local partners to conduct transportation-focused drainage planning using existing data and the regional H&H model to evaluate flood-prone roadway corridors. Activities include identifying deficiencies, developing conceptual improvements, preparing planning-level cost estimates, and prioritizing projects based on asset preservation, flood risk reduction, and regional significance. Deliverables will support advancement of cost-ready projects for TIP programming, funding, and coordination with DOTD and local jurisdictions.

Expected Work Product	Responsible Party	Anticipated Completion
Define study corridors and identify flood-prone roadway segments	RAPC	August 2026
Assess drainage deficiencies using existing H&H model	RAPC	October 2026
Develop conceptual drainage improvement alternatives	RAPC	December 2026
Prepare planning-level cost estimates and phasing	RAPC	January 2027
Prioritize projects based on risk and system importance	RAPC	February 2027
Prepare supporting mapping, technical summaries, and GIS data	RAPC	April 2027
Develop project summaries for funding and implementation	RAPC	May 2027
Prepare draft and final study report	RAPC	June 2027

Schedule

These tasks will be completed throughout FY 2026-2028.



Subtask C-6

Regional Safety Activities

Funding Sources	2026-2027
LADOTD	\$ 0.00
HSIP	\$ 293,000.00
RAPC Match	\$ 0.00
TOTAL	\$ 293,000.00

Purpose

To support regional transportation safety planning within the Alexandria–Pineville MPO planning area by coordinating with LADOTD, local jurisdictions, and regional safety partners to address roadway safety concerns and advance safety improvement strategies.

Methodology

RAPC staff will coordinate with LADOTD and local jurisdictions to identify and address surface transportation safety concerns within the MPO planning area. Activities include participation in Destination Zero Deaths (DZD) – Central Region safety coordination efforts and support for implementation of the Louisiana Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). RAPC staff will assist local jurisdictions with development and maintenance of Local Road Safety Plans (LRSPs) and monitor regional safety performance and APMPO safety performance targets, consistent with statewide safety performance targets. Safety analysis and coordination activities will also help inform regional safety initiatives and project development efforts.

Expected Work Product	Responsible Party	Anticipated Completion
Coordination with LADOTD and regional safety partners	RAPC	Ongoing
Participation in Destination Zero Deaths – Central Region activities	RAPC	Ongoing
Development or maintenance of Local Road Safety Plans	RAPC	As Needed
Regional safety outreach and coordination activities	RAPC	Ongoing
Monitoring and reporting of APMPO safety performance targets	RAPC	Ongoing
Coordination of regional safety initiatives supporting SHSP implementation and SS4A safety efforts	RAPC	Ongoing

Schedule

This task will be completed throughout the entire FY 2026-2027.



TABLE 10 | UPWP Funding Sources Summary

Task	Description	Fund Type	Fund Split	FHWA		FTA		Total Task Budget	
				Federal	Local	Federal	Local		
A-1	Traffic & Development Monitoring	PL	80/20	\$ 36,428.60	\$ 9,107.15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,535.75	
A-2	GIS and Spatial Analysis	PL	80/20	\$ 46,924.10	\$ 11,731.03	\$ 7,360.00	\$ 1,840.00	\$ 67,855.13	
B-1	MPO Services	PL	80/20	\$ 36,904.77	\$ 9,226.19	\$ 4,905.60	\$ 1,226.40	\$ 52,262.96	
B-2	MTP Maintenance (Ongoing Activities)	PL	80/20	\$ 16,126.38	\$ 4,031.60	\$ 6,974.40	\$ 1,743.60	\$ 28,875.98	
B-2	MTP Development	STP 50-200K	80/20	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	
		SPR-A (DOTD)	80/20	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 20,000.00			\$ 100,000.00	
B-3	Complete Streets	PL	100/0	\$ 4,153.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,153.00	
C-1	TIP Development & Programming	PL	80/20	\$ 25,717.64	\$ 6,429.41	\$ 4,652.00	\$ 1,163.00	\$ 37,962.05	
C-2	Program Support & Administration	PL	80/20	\$ 16,000.38	\$ 4,000.10	\$ 6,974.40	\$ 1,743.60	\$ 28,718.48	
C-3	FHWA Funded Planning Activities	PL	80/20	\$ 24,279.13	\$ 6,069.78	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,348.91	
C-4	FTA Funded Transit Planning Activities	FTA Funded Transit Planning Activities	PL	80/20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,628.80	\$ 3,907.20	\$ 19,536.00
C-4		Regional Mobility Manager	5311	80/20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
C-4		Consolidated Transit Vehicle Inspection & Training Center	ICAM	80/20	\$ -	\$ -	\$384,000.00	\$ 96,000.00	\$ 480,000.00
C-4		Central Louisiana Intercity Fixed-Route Feasibility Study	5304	80/20	\$ -	\$ -	\$120,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
C-5	Special Studies	Travel Demand Management	STP 50-200K	100/0	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00
C-5		Reconnecting Communities Pilot	RCP	80/20	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125,000.00
C-5		VRU Safety Improvement Program	SS4A	80/20	\$ 246,400.00	\$ 61,600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 308,000.00
C-5		MPA Roadway Drainage Study	STP 50-200K	80/20	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 75,000.00			\$ 375,000.00
C-6	Regional Safety Activities	HSIP	100/0	\$ 293,950.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 293,950.22	
TOTAL 2026-2027 UPWP BUDGET				\$ 1,406,884.22	\$ 252,195.25	\$ 630,495.20	\$ 157,623.80	\$ 2,447,198.47	

NOTE: The MTP update is funded through a combination of STP-50-200K funds administered by the MPO and SPR funds administered by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD). Each funding source follows an 80% federal / 20% local match structure. The local match is proportionally split between the MPO and DOTD based on their respective share of project costs.

FHWA PL SUMMARY	Federal	Local
FHWA PL	\$ 202,381.00	\$ 50,595.25
Complete Street	\$ 4,153.00	\$ -
FHWA Total	\$ 206,534.00	\$ 50,595.25

FTA PL SUMMARY	Federal	Local
FTA PL	\$ 46,495.20	\$ 11,623.80
FTA Total	\$ 46,495.20	\$ 11,623.80



Appendix A

FTA Certifications & Assurances



FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2025 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR FTA ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

(Signature pages alternate to providing Certifications and Assurances in TrAMS.)

Name of Applicant: Rapides Area Planning Commission

The Applicant certifies to the applicable provisions of all categories: (*check here*)

Or,

The Applicant certifies to the applicable provisions of the categories it has selected:

Category	Certification
01 Certifications and Assurances Required of Every Applicant	_____
02 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans	_____
03 Tax Liability and Felony Convictions	_____
04 Private Sector Protections	_____
05 Transit Asset Management Plan	_____
06 Rolling Stock Buy America Reviews and Bus Testing	_____
07 Urbanized Area Formula Grants Program	_____
08 Formula Grants for Rural Areas	_____
09 Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Grants and the Expedited Project Delivery for Capital Investment Grants Pilot Program	_____
10 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities and Low or No Emission Vehicle Deployment Grant Programs	_____
11 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Programs	_____

- 12 State of Good Repair Grants _____
- 13 Infrastructure Finance Programs _____
- 14 Alcohol and Controlled Substances Testing _____
- 15 Rail Safety Training and Oversight _____
- 16 Demand Responsive Service _____
- 17 Interest and Financing Costs _____
- 18 Cybersecurity Certification for Rail Rolling Stock and Operations _____
- 19 Tribal Transit Programs _____
- 20 Emergency Relief Program _____

CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES SIGNATURE PAGE

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT

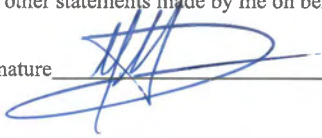
Name of the Applicant: Matt Johns, RAPC CEO

BY SIGNING BELOW, on behalf of the Applicant, I declare that it has duly authorized me to make these Certifications and Assurances and bind its compliance. Thus, it agrees to comply with all federal laws, regulations, and requirements, follow applicable federal guidance, and comply with the Certifications and Assurances as indicated on the foregoing page applicable to each application its Authorized Representative makes to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in the federal fiscal year, irrespective of whether the individual that acted on his or her Applicant’s behalf continues to represent it.

The Certifications and Assurances the Applicant selects apply to each Award for which it now seeks, or may seek in the future, of federal assistance to be awarded by FTA during the federal fiscal year.

The Applicant affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of the Certifications and Assurances it has selected in the statements submitted with this document and any other submission made to FTA, and acknowledges that the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, 31 U.S.C. § 3801 *et seq.*, and implementing U.S. DOT regulations, “Program Fraud Civil Remedies,” 49 CFR part 31, apply to any certification, assurance or submission made to FTA. The criminal provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 apply to any certification, assurance, or submission made in connection with a federal public transportation program authorized by 49 U.S.C. chapter 53 or any other statute

In signing this document, I declare under penalties of perjury that the foregoing Certifications and Assurances, and any other statements made by me on behalf of the Applicant are true and accurate.

Signature  _____ Date: 6/6/2025

Name Matt Johns Authorized Representative of Applicant

AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANT’S ATTORNEY

For (Name of Applicant): Rapides Area Planning Commission

As the undersigned Attorney for the above-named Applicant, I hereby affirm the Applicant has the authority under state, local, or tribal government law, as applicable, to make and comply with the Certifications and Assurances as indicated on the foregoing pages. I further affirm that, in my opinion, the Certifications and Assurances have been legally made and constitute legal and binding obligations on it.

I further affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, there is no legislation or litigation pending or imminent that might adversely affect the validity of these Certifications and Assurances, or of the performance of its FTA assisted Award.

Signature  Date: 6-9-2025

Name  Attorney for Applicant

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Appendix B

Public Notice & Comment



Notice Summary Cover Sheet

Item	Documentation
Project/Action	SFY2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program
Public Comment Period	April 22 – May 6, 2026
Notice Posted Date	April 22, 2026
Methods Used	Website, Email Lists (300+ recipients), Social Media (FB), Press Release to 10 outlets
PPP Section Referenced	UPWP Public Participation Process Section
Responsible Staff	Planner III
Comments Received	None
Certification	Notice consistent with adopted Public Participation Plan (P3)

Public notice was provided in accordance with the RAPC Public Participation Plan adopted on June 30, 2025, specifically TIP Public Participation Process Section, which requires notice via website posting, email notification to interested parties, and notification to local media outlets at least 14 days prior to action.



April 22, 2026



PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED:

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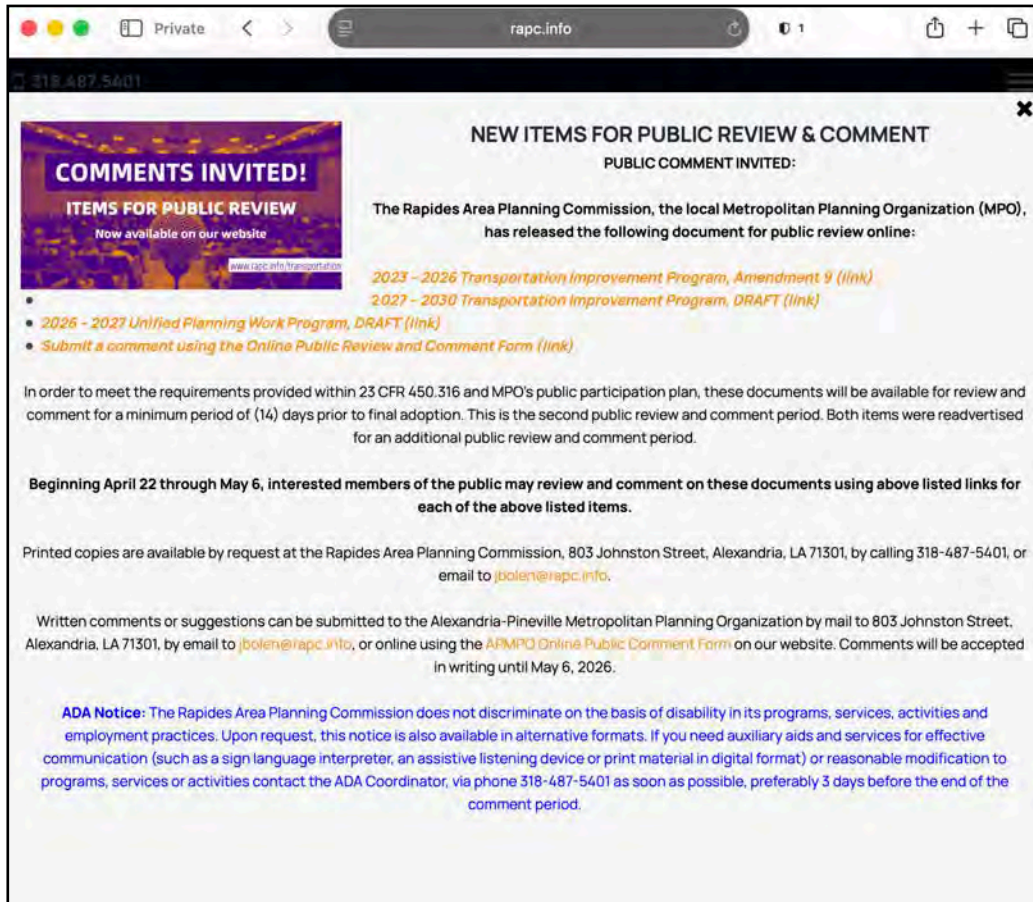
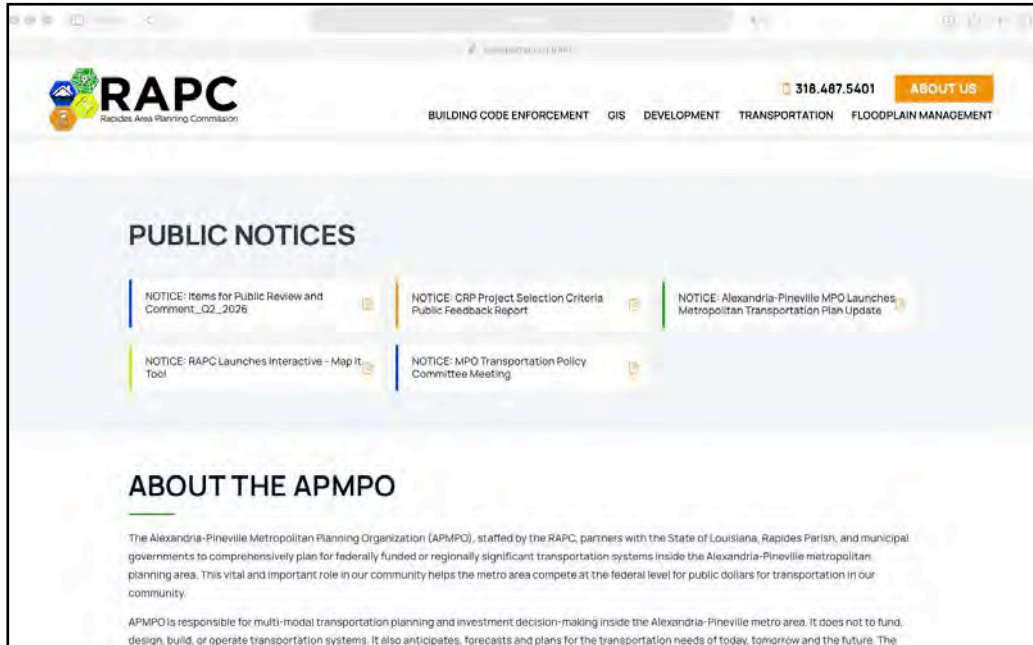
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Public Participation Certification SFY2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program

Public Notice on RAPC Transportation Website's Public Notice Section
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Appendix A | Public Participation Certification SFY2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program

RAPC Online Public Comment Report FFY 2023-2026 TIP Amendment 9

Report for AP-MPO | Online Public Comment Form - Q2 2026 - copy

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Appendix C

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LADOTD Title VI Program Manager

Phone: 225-379-1923

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Rapides Area Planning Commission

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Appendix D

Technical Advisory Committee & Transportation Policy Committee FY 2026 - 2027 Meeting Schedule:

Technical Advisory Committee

- Meeting 1: August 5, 2026
- Meeting 2: November 4, 2026
- Meeting 3: January 13, 2027
- Meeting 4: April 21, 2027

Transportation Policy Committee

- Meeting 1: September 2, 2026
- Meeting 2: December 2, 2026
- Meeting 3: February 3, 2027
- Meeting 4: May 5, 2027

Note: All meetings are scheduled 10:00AM to 11:00AM at the Rapides Area Planning Commission conference room located 803 Johnston Street, Alexandria, LA 71301 and online using Zoom.

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Appendix E

FHWA FY27 UPWP Approval





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**Federal Highway
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July 1, 2026

In Reply Refer To: HDA-LA

Glenn Ledet, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Subject: UPWP Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Alexandria Metropolitan Planning Organization

Attn: Dawn Sholmire, Transportation Planning Administrator

Secretary Ledet:

This letter provides **approval** of the Alexandria 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as submitted to LADOTD by Jae McBride, Chief Transportation Officer of the Rapides Area Planning Commission, on June 25, 2026. The UPWP was adopted by the Transportation Policy Committee on May 29, 2026.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Laura Phillips, FHWA, at (225) 757-7622 or laura.phillips@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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