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I INTRODUCTION

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the Lawton Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (LMATS) area identifies transportation planning activities to be undertaken during Fiscal Year (FY) 2019. The objective of the UPWP is to ensure the Lawton Metropolitan Planning Organization's (LMPO) transportation planning process meets 23 CFR Part 450 and 49 CFR Part 613. The UPWP is developed by the LMPO in collaboration with ODOT and LATS.

The Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration Offices of Planning have jointly issued Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs) for MPOs to identify work tasks associated with planning emphasis areas:

- MAP 21 Implementation – Begin transition to Performance Based Planning and Programming.
- Models of Regional Planning Cooperation – Promote cooperation and coordination across MPO boundaries where appropriate to ensure a regional approach to transportation planning.
- Ladders of Opportunity – Promote access to essential services as part of the transportation planning process and identify transportation connectivity gaps which, when addressed, will improve access to essential services.

II MPO

Federal law requires the governor of each state to designate any urbanized areas within the state with a population of 50,000 or more as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The transportation bill Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) required the membership of MPOs to consist entirely of local elected officials, officials of public agencies that administer or operate major modes of transportation in the metropolitan area, and appropriate State officials. Prior to MAP-21, the Lawton City Planning Commission was designated as the MPO by the Governor of Oklahoma. To meet the requirement of MAP-21, the Governor, through the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, redesignated the Transportation Policy Board as the Lawton MPO effective November 1, 2013.

Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee coordinates transportation issues at the technical level and provides technical advice to the Policy Board.

The functions of the Technical Advisory Committee include the following:

1. Present transportation agenda items to various agencies;
2. Receive presentations from various agencies;
3. Develop the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP);
4. Review transportation plans and studies;
5. Make recommendations to the Transportation Policy Board;
6. Review transportation issues at the request of the Policy Board; and
7. Develop and review the UPWP.

Transportation Policy Board

The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) has been designated as the MPO for the Lawton metropolitan area and is the final approval authority for transportation planning. The Board reviews and approves the overall work program and makes policy determinations concerning the transportation plan and the transportation improvement program. The functions of the Policy Board

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include the following:

1. Develop and maintain a comprehensive transportation planning program in conformance with 23 CFR Part 450 and 49 CFR Part 613;
2. Develop and approve all policy procedures for transportation planning in the LMA;
3. Review and approve the Transportation Plan and the TIP;
4. Ensure that established Public Participation Process is carried out appropriately for all major transportation activities;
5. Establish and revise the metropolitan area boundary as required by law;
6. Prepare certifications; and
7. Review and approve the UPWP.

The current memberships of the Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Board are found in Appendix B.

Lawton Metropolitan Area Transportation Study Boundary

The Lawton Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (LMATS) area is the geographic area in which the metropolitan transportation planning process required by 23 CFR Part 450 and 49 CFR Part 613 must be carried out. The LMATS area is basically bounded to the north by Rogers Lane/US 62, to the east by 90th Street, to the south by Coombs Road and to the west by Deyo Mission Road. Appendix A provides a map illustrating the LMATS area.

III PLANNING FACTORS

The LMPO performs its activities under the guidance of federal and state planning factors. These planning factors are reflected in the tasks and work products listed under individual work elements of the UPWP.

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) was signed into law on July 6, 2012. MAP-21 created a streamlined, performance-based, and multi-modal program to address challenges such as improving safety, maintaining infrastructure, reducing traffic congestion, improving efficiency of the transportation system and freight movement, protecting the environment, and reducing delays in project delivery. MAP-21 enhanced the transportation planning process incorporating performance goals, measures, and targets into the process of identifying needed transportation improvements and project selection.

On December 4, 2015, Fixing American's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) was signed into law. FAST Act continued the provisions of MAP-21 and added two planning factors. FAST Act is the first law enacted in over ten years that provides long-term funding for surface transportation. FAST Act made changes and reforms to many Federal transportation programs, including streamlining the approval processes for new transportation projects, providing new safety tools, and establishing new programs to advance critical freight projects.

The FAST Act requires that the transportation planning process address the following ten factors:

1. Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency;
2. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and nonmotorized users;
3. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and nonmotorized users;
4. Increase the accessibility and mobility of people and for freight;
5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns;

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6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;
7. Promote efficient system management and operation;
8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system;
9. Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation; and
10. Enhance travel and tourism.

IV TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PRODUCTS

The metropolitan transportation planning process results in the development of metropolitan planning products, including the UPWP, the MTP, the TIP, and the PPP. Details of these products are provided below.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP is one element of the transportation planning process that the LMPO is responsible for developing during each fiscal year. The purpose of the UPWP is to provide guidance for the comprehensive, continuing and coordinated approach to transportation planning. Each year, the UPWP is developed through a collaborative process involving LMPO staff, Lawton Area Transit System (LATS), Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), and the Oklahoma division of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Before its submittal to the ODOT, the UPWP is reviewed by the TTC and adopted by the LMPO.

The UPWP is based on the transportation planning priorities of the area and also federal planning factors and federal emphasis areas. The UPWP lists all work to be addressed in a given fiscal year and identifies revenue sources. The FHWA, FTA, and the ODOT Planning Division must approve the budget and statement of work in the UPWP in writing by June 30th, before costs may be incurred for the new fiscal year.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The MTP is the centerpiece of the metropolitan transportation planning process. The LMPO has developed a number of long range transportation plans since its inception. The current MTP identifies transportation improvements through the year 2040 and articulates transportation goals, objectives and strategies. This Plan is financially constrained and reflects only funding that is currently available or can reasonably be expected to be available during the plan's time frame.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is a prioritized list of transportation projects proposed for implementation during the next four years. ODOT and the MPO update the TIP in a collaborative effort. The TIP is important because no federally funded transportation project can be implemented unless it appears in the TIP and in the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The TIP includes projects on the Interstate, Freeways, Arterials and Collectors. Also included are safety, transportation enhancement, and transit projects. Transit projects for FTA Section 5310 funding are submitted by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services on behalf of social service organizations.

Projects included in the TIP must be consistent with the MTP, and the TIP is required to be financially constrained in each year of the program. This means that the funding identified for transportation projects in a given year must be equal to the amount reasonably expected to be available under existing federal, state and local programs. Prior to adoption of the TIP (or amendment) the LMPO provides an opportunity for public review and comment and holds a public hearing. A project utilizing federal transportation funds may not proceed unless it is included in the TIP. Amendments and revisions of the TIP may occur at any time during the fiscal year.

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Public Participation Process (PPP). The FAST Act requires citizen participation to occur throughout all stages of federally funded projects. Public participation provides citizens, affected public agencies, private providers of transportation and other interested parties reasonable opportunity to comment, participate in goal-setting, problem solving, and expand the focus of transportation decision making. In addition, the FAST Act requires transportation agencies to develop and implement a proactive approach to ensure that transportation services are extended to those traditionally underserved.

Private developers and other governmental entities such as Tribal and US Department of Defense play a major role in land use development and the transportation infrastructure. The LMPO recognizes this role and encourages private sector and governmental participation in MPO projects and programs as required by the FAST Act. The LMPO encourages participation of projects under consideration by providing agenda notice to tribal governments. Secondly, the LMPO ensures that programmed projects, invitation to bid and requests for proposals are advertised in the local newspaper and on the website at www.lawtonmpo.org. Planning documents and LMPO meeting agendas and information are available at www.lawtonmpo.org.

V LMPO FY 2019 PLANNING PRIORITIES

As required in 23 CFR 450.308 (c), the MPO "...shall develop a UPWP that includes a discussion of the planning priorities facing the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA)." The FY 2019 planning priorities are reflected in the various elements of this document. The major products or activities in this fiscal year will include:

1. Prepare a sidewalk master plan using the analysis of pedestrian facilities, assessing safety and condition, and evaluating if compliant with ADA;
2. Identify streets exceeding Level of Service D using the most current traffic counts;
3. Identify priority corridors where access management techniques can improve traffic flow and safety;
4. Continue research of right-of-way widths of all streets and create map;
5. Hire consultant to perform travel demand forecasting for update of the MTP;
6. Prepare the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan;
7. Establish and report performance measure targets;
8. Identify freight route and determine if improvements are needed at intersections for safe maneuvering of trucks;
9. Monitor consultant hired to prepare design concept of multi-modal transportation transfer center and hub;
10. Research grant opportunities for construction of bus transfer center;
11. Attend training for 2020 Census;
12. Prepare amendments to FFY 2018-2021 TIP as needed;
13. Continue the public awareness campaign for air quality;
14. Identify intersections for installation of vehicle-actuated signals; and
15. Continue the bicycle safety education campaign.

These activities will aid in addressing the transportation planning needs of the study area.

The UPWP elements will address how these priorities will be accomplished.

Status of Transportation Planning Activities Update

In the past fiscal year, all federal and state transportation planning requirements applicable to the LMPO were met by the LMPO. In addition, a number of other projects that were essential to the

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transportation planning process were completed. These projects include:

- ✓ *Developed the Fiscal Year 2019 Unified Planning Work Program;*
- ✓ *Prepared an updated report on nondedicated streets;*
- ✓ *Identified and prioritized the first phase of intersections for actuated signalization;*
- ✓ *Developed and executed the air quality education program in cooperation with local media and the LMPO Air Quality Stakeholders Advisory Committee;*
- ✓ *Continued the education program for bicycle safety;*
- ✓ *Completed a study of current bus routes;*
- ✓ *Hired a consultant to prepare design concept and construction plans for a multi-modal transportation center and hub;*
- ✓ *Began compiling the database and mapping of street right-of-way widths of arterial streets; and*
- ✓ *Completed compiling the database and mapping of traffic control signs on arterials.*

The bus route study concluded that the existing routes are functioning well for the transit system, and therefore no changes are planned at this time. The Lawton Transit Trust has hired a consultant to prepare the design concept and construction plans for a multi-modal transportation center in the downtown area and a transit hub at NW 52nd Street and Cheyenne Avenue. The Lawton Transit Trust has received grant money for the design of the center and the hub. The LMPO Staff is researching grant opportunities for construction.

Funding

Funding of the transportation planning process for the LMATS is from three sources: FHWA PL fund, FTA Section 5303 fund, and the local match. Federal funds will reimburse up to 80% of eligible work effort (identified in the UPWP) and the remaining 20% of the funding is provided by the City of Lawton. Through FHWA, ODOT receives federal State Planning and Research (SPR) funds in the amount of \$15,000 for the LMATS area. Based on an agreed distribution formula involving ODOT, ACOG, and INCOG, the LMPO Fiscal Year 2019 PL funds are \$120,000 plus carryover from previous years. For FY 2019 the LMPO is applying for \$232,017 in PL funds. Funding for Section 5303 transit planning annually is \$25,000. Total FHWA PL and FTA Section 5303 funds applied for equal \$257,017. The LMPO also applied for \$150,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. Included in the UPWP for air quality planning activities is \$70,000 and the FFY 2019 Transportation Improvement Program includes \$80,000 for the purchase and installation of actuated signals at approved intersections. Total federal funds applied for is \$407,017. Tables 1 and 2 illustrate the source of funding. There are Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) between the LMPO and the City of Lawton detailing the amount of local match and responsibilities.

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Table 1: FHWA PL & FTA Section 5303 & CMAQ Budget Summary

	PL Funds	5303 Funds	CMAQ Funds	City Match	SPR	TOTAL
Personnel	\$123,334	\$21,683	\$12,400	\$39,362	\$15,000	\$211,779
Equipment & Supplies	\$5,363	\$237	\$14,800	\$5,100	\$0	\$25,500
Printing, Media	\$28,880	\$320	\$42,800	\$18,000	\$0	\$90,000
Contractual	\$71,240	\$360	\$0	\$17,900	\$0	\$89,500
Travel & Training	\$3,200	\$2,400	\$0	\$1,400	\$0	\$7,000
TOTAL	\$232,017	\$25,000	*\$70,000	\$81,762	\$15,000	\$423,779

Source: LMPO

*\$80,000 in CMAQ funds is included in the FFY 2019 TIP for implementation of CMAQ-funded projects.

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Table 2: Fiscal Year 2019 Total Budget, Including Federal, State and Local Sources

PL	5303	Project	PL Funds	5303 Funds	CMAQ	City Match	SPR*	TOTAL
1.0	44.21.00	Program Support & Administration	\$39,992	\$6,129	\$0	\$11,530	\$15,000	\$72,652
2.0	44.22.00	Data Collection & Information	\$21,505	\$2,389	\$0	\$5,974	\$0	\$29,869
3.0	44.24.00	Short Range Transit Planning – System	\$14,987	\$15,000	\$0	\$7,494	\$0	\$37,481
4.0		Long Range Transportation Planning	\$137,724	\$0	\$0	\$34,431	\$0	\$172,155
5.0	44.25.00	Transportation Improvement Program	\$788	\$788	\$0	\$394	\$0	\$1,971
6.0		Air Quality Program/ Projects	\$0	\$0	\$70,000	\$17,500	\$0	\$87,500
7.0	44.27.00	Public Participation	\$17,019	\$693		\$4,428		\$22,140
		TOTAL	\$232,017	\$25,000	**\$70,000	\$81,751	\$15,000	\$423,768

Source: LMPO

*SPR - State Planning & Research Funds Included

**\$80,000 in CMAQ funds is included in the FFY 2019 TIP for implementation of CMAQ-funded projects

ELEMENT 1.0 - PROGRAM SUPPORT & ADMINISTRATION

OBJECTIVE: Management and monitoring of the transportation planning process. Compliance with administrative, financial, and legal requirements for maintaining a continuous, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process.

TASK DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this element is to ensure that the accounting and management functions necessary to maintain the efficient and effective planning activities outlined in the FY 2019 UPWP are carried out. Further, this element provides the administrative support needed to manage and coordinate day-to-day LMPO transportation planning activities at the program level such as supervision of LMPO staff persons and contracted services.

The following products or activities will be the responsibility of the LMPO staff in cooperation with ODOT.

Tasks:

- 1) **General Administration:** This task provides the basic framework for other tasks in the UPWP. Work items under this task include staffing, correspondence, record keeping, coordinating, providing technical support to the LMPO Policy Board and the Transportation Technical Committee, and serving as point of contact to FHWA, FTA, other agencies, and the local community. Activities include:
 - a) Prepare and submit monthly claims statement to ODOT,
 - b) Maintain financial records including an annual financial audit; the audit will be performed in accordance with 49 CFR 18.26, 49 CFR Part 90, OMB Circular A133,
 - c) Monitor Federal and State legislation related to transportation issues, analyze their impact on the LMATS area, respond to requirements, and provide pertinent information to the LMPO.
 - d) Prepare the annual agreements, memoranda of understanding, certification statements, Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects, etc., and coordinate with ODOT and LATS on the development of the UPWP.
 - e) Research and prepare grant applications.
- 2) **Training and Travel:** This task ensures adequate training of MPO staff using technical assistance available through the ODOT, National Highway Institute (NHI), FHWA, FTA, and other agencies.
- 3) **Supplies and Equipment:** Office supplies, equipment, and meeting room fees and supplies.

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Products and Schedule:

Product	Start	Complete	Staff Contact*	Estimated Hours
FY 2020 UPWP, Memoranda of Understanding, Annual Funding Agreements, Certifications	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter	SP	50
Audit	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	SP/TP	20
Annual Listing of Obligated Projects	2 nd Quarter	2 nd Quarter	TP	40
Grant Applications	1 st Quarter	4 th Quarter	TP	315

*PD – Planning Director; SP – Senior Planner; TP – Transportation Planner

Table 3: Program Support & Administration Funding

FUNDING SOURCE	FUNDING AMOUNT
PL Funds	\$ 39,992
FTA Section 5303 Grant Funds	\$ 6,129
City Match	\$ 11,530
SPR* (ODOT)	\$ 15,000
TOTAL	\$ 72,652

Source: LMPO

ELEMENT 2 - DATA COLLECTION & INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE: Monitor changes in demographic characteristics and land use to ensure transportation projections are compatible with current patterns, local land use policies and provide required data for the transportation model.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: This element provides for the collection and maintenance of data on metropolitan development patterns and demographic characteristics to support the long range planning process and the development of the transportation model; develop and maintain maps and database to support transportation planning activities. A database and map of right-of-way widths of streets within the LMA will be completed.

The following products or activities will be the responsibility of the LMPO staff:

Tasks:

- 1) Data Collection & Maintenance.
 - a) Collect and maintain databases that support the transportation planning process.
 - (i) Building permit data by TAZ.
 - (ii) Traffic count data and accident data.
 - (iii) Socio-economic information.
 - (iv) Collect operational and performance data of the transit system.
 - (v) Collect data on non-motorized travel including bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
- 2) Create database of right-of-way widths within the LMA and create map.
- 3) 2020 Census
 - a) Participate as an affiliate agency in the Oklahoma State Data Center Program, administered by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.
- 4) Mapping & Graphics.
 - a) Prepare visual aids to be incorporated into transportation plans, studies or reports to support the transportation planning process,
 - b) Maintain electronic maps showing: traffic counts, accident data, speed limits, number of lanes, signalized intersections, traffic control signs, transit routes, bus shelter locations, sidewalk locations, bicycle and pedestrian routes, and traffic generator locations.

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Products and Schedule:

Product	Start	Complete	Staff Contact*	Estimated Hours
Data Collection/ Maintenance/Mapping	1 st Quarter	4 th Quarter	TP	310
Street Right-of-Way Widths	1 st Quarter	4 th Quarter	TP	235
2020 Census	1 st Quarter	4 th Quarter	TP	225

*PD – Planning Director; SP – Senior Planner; TP – Transportation Planner

Table 4: Data Collection & Information Funding

FUNDING SOURCE	FUNDING AMOUNT
PL Funds	\$ 21,505
FTA Section 5303 Grant Funds	\$ 2,389
City Match	\$ 5,974
TOTAL	\$ 29,869

Source: LMPO

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ELEMENT 3 - SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLANNING

OBJECTIVE: The objectives of this task are to assist the Lawton Area Transit System to monitor public transportation needs and to identify and improve locations with operational deficiencies .

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: This element involves coordination between the transit management consultant, transit trust and other agencies to provide transit service to the community.

In 2017 the Lawton Area Transit System revised the Orange Route which served Fort Sill. Fort Sill became a “closed” post which required Department of Defense issued identification cards to access the post, Some passengers did not have the required identification and could not continue into Fort Sill on the bus. The LATS General Manager requested the Transit Trust revise the Orange Route so that it does not enter Fort Sill and provide a demand-response shuttle service to Fort Sill. The shuttle service has worked extremely well.

The bus route study completed in 2018 indicated the current routes are serving Lawton effectively. A consultant has been hired to perform an environmental assessment and develop a design concept and construction plans for a multi-modal transportation center in the downtown area and a transit hub at NW 52nd Street and Cheyenne Avenue. Staff will be researching funding for the construction of the transfer center and hub.

Staff will work with LATS General Manager to ensure the requirements of the Public Participation Plan are met as progress is made on the transfer center and hub and any route changes.

The following products or activities will be the responsibility of the LMPO staff:

Tasks:

- 1) Public Transit System.
 - a) Coordinate with LATS General Manager to ensure the MPO Public Participation Process meets applicable FTA requirements for public involvement and participation.
 - b) Oversee the management of transit system.
 - c) Manage bus shelter/bus bench contract.
 - d) Manage contract for the environmental assessment, design concept, and construction plans for the transfer center and hub.

Products and Schedule:

Product	Start	Complete	Staff Contact*	Estimated Hours
Oversight of transit system	1 st Quarter	4 th Quarter	PD/SP	375
Bus Shelters/Benches	1 st Quarter	4 th Quarter	PD/SP/TP	20
Design concept for transfer center/hub**	1 st Quarter	4 th Quarter	PD/SP/TP	150
Coordination on public involvement	1 st Quarter	4 th Quarter	SP/TP	155

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**Consultant

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Table 5: Short Range Transit Planning Funding

FUNDING SOURCE	FUNDING AMOUNT
PL Funds	\$ 14,987
FTA Section 5303 Grant Funds	\$ 15,000
City Match	\$ 7,494
TOTAL	\$ 37,481

Source: LMPO

ELEMENT 4 - LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

OBJECTIVE: To develop policies and plans regarding transportation and transportation-related areas such as air quality, reducing congestion and preserving street network capacity.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: A consultant will be hired to prepare the travel demand model for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan in the first quarter of FY 2019. Staff will gather public input and comments and have a draft plan by the end of the fiscal year.

Staff has developed a bicycle safety education program targeted to adults and secondary school students. A bicycle and pedestrian education program directed toward elementary school students was developed in 2009. The media coverage of the new bicycle routes has been a success and will continue during this fiscal year.

In FY 2018 Staff was nearing completion of mapping sidewalks along arterials when the computers crashed. This project was delayed due to the computer situation (which lasted for four months for GIS projects). A sidewalk master plan will be development in FY 2019.

The following products or activities will be the responsibility of the LMPO staff:

Tasks:

- 1) MTP Administration.
 - a) Monitor implementation of the 2040 MTP and identify projects which have been implemented.
 - b) Hire and monitor consultant for the travel demand model.
 - c) Prepare the 2045 MTP
 - d) Prepare a sidewalk master plan which analyzes sidewalks to show connectivity and accessibility to bus routes and bicycle routes.
 - e) Evaluate projects based on Environmental Justice and Title VI criteria for disproportionate impacts and distribution of benefits on low-income and minority projects.
- 2) Establish and report performance measure targets.
- 3) Development.
 - a) Review development proposals to assure consistency with established development and transportation plans and policies.
- 4) Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning.
 - a) Continue bicycle safety education program for adults and secondary school students.
 - b) Conduct count of bicyclists utilizing bike routes.
- 5) Participate in transportation-related committees and provide updates to the TTC and TPB.

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Products and Schedule:

Product	Start	Complete	Staff Contact	Estimated Hours
2040 MTP administration	1 st Quarter	4 th Quarter	PD/SP/TP	80
EJ reviews on developments	1 st Quarter	4 th Quarter	PD/SP	25
Establish and report performance measure targets	1 st Quarter	4 th Quarter	SP/TP	135
Sidewalk Master Plan	1 st Quarter	4 th Quarter	SP/TP	125
2045 MTP	1 st Quarter	4 th Quarter	PD/SP/TP	430
Bicycle Safety Education Program	1 st Quarter	4 th Quarter	PD/TP	100
Bicycle Friendly Community Application	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	PD/TP	40

*PD – Planning Director; SP – Senior Planner; TP – Transportation Planner

**Consultant

Table 6: Long Range Transportation Planning Funding

FUNDING SOURCE	FUNDING AMOUNT
PL Funds	\$ 137,724
FTA Section 5303 Grant Funds	\$ 0
City Match	\$ 34,431
TOTAL	\$ 172,155

Source: LMPO

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ELEMENT 5 - TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVE: To develop, prioritize and schedule a program of transportation projects.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Identify transportation improvement projects recommended for advancement during the program period, prioritize the projects, and include realistic estimates of costs and revenues for the program period. This will enable the MPO to prepare annual recommendations and a planned program of transportation improvements drawn from the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The FFY 2018-2021 TIP was adopted in FY 2017. ODOT has adopted a new TIP process requiring updating the TIP every two years. Amendments will be processed throughout the fiscal year, as needed.

The following products or activities will be the responsibility of the LMPO staff.

Tasks:

- 1) Transportation Improvement Program.
 - a) Review and process TIP amendments as necessary,

Products and Schedule:

Product	Start	Complete	Staff Contact*	Estimated Hours
TIP Amendments	1 st Quarter	4 th Quarter	SP	40

*PD – Planning Director; SP – Senior Planner; TP – Transportation Planner

Table 7: TIP Funding

FUNDING SOURCE	FUNDING AMOUNT
PL Funds	\$ 788
FTA Section 5303 Grant Funds	\$ 788
City Match	\$ 394
TOTAL	\$ 1,971

Source: LMPO

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ELEMENT 6 - CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY

OBJECTIVE: To support the LMATS area air quality program and public awareness campaign.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Continue the air quality awareness program to include participation in public events, ads on television, radio, and newspaper, and a bus wrap. This year the LMPO will convert six intersections to vehicle-actuated signals to assist with air quality. The selected intersections will be recommended by the Technical Committee. Projects funded by CMAQ and not listed in this document are specifically listed in the FFY 2018-2021 TIP.

The following products or activities will be the responsibility of the LMPO staff.

Tasks:

- 1) Public Awareness.
 - a) Increase public awareness utilizing various techniques and encouraging public participation.
 - b) Participate in local and national events (e.g. Open Streets, bike rides and bike rodeos, Cameron University Health Fair, run/walk/bike events, Try Transit Week, Ride Your Bike to Work Day)
- 2) Ozone.
 - a) Review daily ozone readings and related meteorological data and maintain electronic summary of readings
 - b) Notify LATS and City departments when air quality action days are issued by ODEQ in accordance with the City of Lawton policy.
 - c) Coordinate with ODEQ and KSWO-TV to identify contacts for maintaining continuous flow of information.
 - d) Monitor EPA's proposed regulations for primary and secondary ozone and its impact to the study area.
- 3) Air Quality Offset Fee. CMAQ funds will be used to reimburse LATS on Air Action Days.
- 4) Vehicle-Actuated Signals.
 - a) Review data and make a recommendation on six intersections that would best benefit the community with the conversion to vehicle-actuated signals.

Products and Schedule:

Product	Start	Complete	Staff Contact*	Estimated Hours
Electronic Summary of ozone readings	1 st Quarter	4 th Quarter	TP	20
Public Awareness	1 st Quarter	4 th Quarter	SP/TP	280
Try Transit Week Promotion	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter	SP/TP	75
Actuated Signals	1 st Quarter	4 th Quarter	PD/SP/TP	20

*PD – Planning Director; SP – Senior Planner; TP – Transportation Planner

Table 8: CMAQ Funding

FUNDING SOURCE	FUNDING AMOUNT
CMAQ Funds**	\$70,000
City Match	\$17,500
TOTAL	\$87,500

Source: LMPO

**Does not include projects in TIP

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ELEMENT 7 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

OBJECTIVE: To provide opportunities to engage the public in the transportation planning process.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Identify and enhance techniques to enable proactive public participation by the community in the LMATS planning process.

The following products or activities will be the responsibility of the LMPO staff.

Tasks:

- 1) Meetings: schedule meetings, make presentations, attend meetings, and prepare supporting documents and distribute (i.e., agenda item commentary, agenda, etc.)
- 2) Update mailing lists every six months and provide updated information as requested.
- 3) Website: Update and maintain LMPO’s website to include new information as it becomes available.
- 4) Public Participation Process: Update the Public Participation Process.

Products and Schedule:

Product	Start	Complete	Staff Contact*	Estimated Hours
Updated PPP	1 st Quarter	4 th Quarter	SP/TP	30
Updated PPP mailing list	1 st Quarter	4 th Quarter	TP	5
Updated LMPO website	1 st Quarter	4 th Quarter	CP/TP	75
Public meetings on transportation-related issues – preparation and attendance	1 st Quarter	4 th Quarter	SP/TP	405

*PD – Planning Director; SP – Senior Planner; TP – Transportation Planner

Table 9: Public Participation Funding

FUNDING SOURCE	FUNDING AMOUNT
PL Funds	\$ 17,019
FTA Section 5303 Grant Funds	\$ 693
City Match	\$ 4,426
TOTAL	\$ 22,140

Source: LMPO

APPENDIX B: LMPO Membership

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Voting:

City of Lawton, Director of Planning
City of Lawton, City Engineer
City of Lawton, Director of Public Works/Engineering
Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Strategic Asset and Performance Management Division
Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Division VII Engineer
Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Transit Programs Division Manager
Fort Sill, Director of Public Works
Association of South Central Oklahoma Governments, Executive Director
Lawton Area Transit System, General Manager
Lawton - Fort Sill Regional Airport, Airport Manager
Lawton Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Executive Director

Non-Voting:

Comanche Tribe, Transportation Director
Apache Tribe, Transportation Director
Kiowa Tribe, Transportation Director
Federal Highway Administration Oklahoma Division Administrator
Federal Transit Administration, Region VI

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Voting:

City of Lawton, Mayor
City of Lawton, Council (2 members)
City of Lawton Transit Trust member
Lawton - Fort Sill Regional Airport Authority, Chairman
Comanche County Commissioner, Central District
City Planning Commission, Chairman
Oklahoma Transportation Commission, District Transportation Commissioner
Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Division VII Engineer

Non-Voting:

Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Strategic Asset and Performance Management Division
Federal Highway Administration Oklahoma Division Administrator
State Senator, as determined by the State Senators representing Lawton
Member, Oklahoma House of Representative, as determined by those members representing the LMA
Federal Transit Administration Region VI
Fort Sill, Commanding General, U.S. Army Field Artillery Center and Fort Sill

List of Acronyms

3C	Continuing, Comprehensive, and Cooperative planning process
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
CPC	City Planning Commission
FAST Act	Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act
FFY	Federal Fiscal Year
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FY	Fiscal Year
LATS	Lawton Area Transit System
LMA	Lawton Metropolitan Area
LMATS	Lawton Metropolitan Area Transportation Study
LMPO	Lawton Metropolitan Planning Organization
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 st Century Act
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MTP	Metropolitan Transportation Plan
NHS	National Highway System
PL	Transportation Planning
PPP	Public Participation Process
ODEQ	Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality
ODOT	Oklahoma Department of Transportation
SAFETEA-LU	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users
SPR	State Planning and Research
TAZ	Transportation Analysis Zone
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
TPB	Transportation Policy Board
TTC	Transportation Technical Committee
UPWP	Unified Planning Work Program