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Sumter Area Transportation Study

Metropolitan Planning Organization

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

**Fiscal Years 2026 - 2027
(July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027)**

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ABSTRACT

Title: **FY 2026 – FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program, Sumter Area Transportation Study, Amendment #1**

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Abstract: The SUATS FY 2026 - 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describes all urban transportation and transportation-related planning activities anticipated for the period from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027. It contains a discussion of the major transportation issues, goals and objectives in the SUATS MPO Study Area.

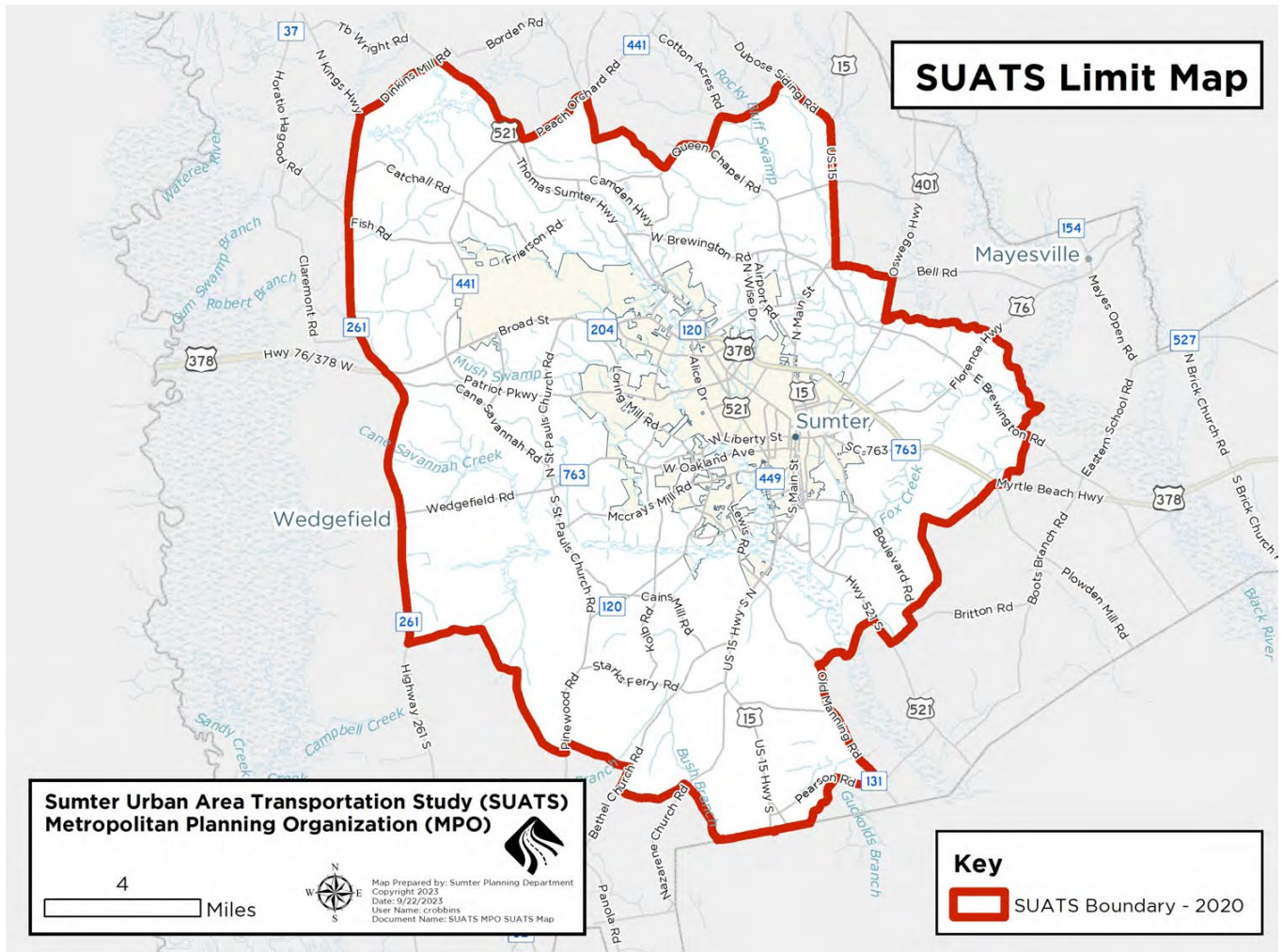
The UPWP consists of the following major tasks:

- Task 1 – Administration and Management
- Task 2 – Long Range Planning
- Task 3 – Short-Range Planning
- Task 4 – Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Task 5 – Project Implementation and Monitoring
- Task 6 – Modal Planning
 - A – Bicycle and Pedestrian
 - B – Transit
 - C – Intermodal Freight
- Task 7 – Transportation Data Collection and Analysis
- Task 8 – Land Use Monitoring and Analysis
- Task 9 – Public Involvement
- Task 10 – MPO Consultant Services

Specific details and activities for each major task are included.

Federal funding resources and budget summaries are included.

Acknowledgments: The Sumter Area Transportation Study (SUATS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), in cooperation with South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), the US Department of Transportation (Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA)) and public transit operator Santee Wateree Regional Transit Authority (SWRTA) developed this UPWP. The opinions, findings and conclusions expressed in this publication are those of the SUATS MPO and do not necessarily reflect the official views or policies of the SCDOT or the USDOT.



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SECTION I: INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The Sumter Area Transportation Study (SUATS) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible for executing transportation planning for the Urbanized Area of Sumter County. The MPO's population is estimated at 92,605 based on the 2020 Census, with approximately half residing in the City of Sumter and the remainder in suburban areas surrounding the City. This Work Program outlines the activities that SUATS will undertake in next 2 fiscal years using federal transportation planning funds, along with local matching dollars.

Transportation is a dominant factor in every person's life. The reason we conduct transportation planning is to ensure that the transportation system will be able to meet the future mobility needs of people and provide for continued and sustainable growth and development.

Federal regulations require that all urban areas of 50,000 or more population develop and maintain a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3-C's) transportation planning process. To accomplish this in Sumter, an agreement was made in 1966 between the City of Sumter, Sumter County and the South Carolina Department of Transportation (then called the South Carolina Department of Highways and Public Transportation) which established the Sumter Area Transportation Study (SUATS). With this agreement, Sumter became the fifth community in South Carolina designated as an MPO.

To properly evaluate economic potential, identify real and potential problems, and determine cost effective methods to achieve community goals, a viable planning program must be continued and strengthened over the future years. In recognition of this fact, Sumter City Council, in 1952, established a City Planning Commission and later, January 1, 1972, formed with the County a City-County Planning Commission under Act 487 of 1967. Part of the mission of this Commission was for the express purpose of preparing and keeping up to date the long range comprehensive and transportation plans for all portions of the City and County. The Sumter City-County Planning Department continues to serve as the support staff of the Sumter Area Transportation Study.

The objectives, methodology, products and anticipated milestones are outlined for each activity, as well as the level of staffing and funding that will be utilized for each category. Milestones may be specified by either year or quarter.

KEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING OBJECTIVES

This work program presents several key objectives facing SUATS MPO in the overarching effort to build and maintain critical infrastructure projects that move people and commerce safely. These objectives are also tied to state and federal objectives and policy priorities, which are noted by reference:

- **Improve the condition and safety of roads and bridges** consistent with asset management plans (including investing in preservation of those assets) [23 U.S.C 119];
- **Promote and improve safety for all road users**, particularly vulnerable users, and supporting major actions and goals consistent with SCDOT’s Vision Zero Plan and USDOT’s National Roadway Safety Strategy for safer people, safer roads, safer vehicles, safer speeds, and enhanced post-crash care [23 U.S.C. 148];
- **Support accelerated project delivery** and efficient environmental review process continuing to coordinate with State and Federal partners to ensure that the benefits of projects are realized as soon as possible [23 USC 139];
- **Ensure sound economic analysis** in the development and implementation of projects [USDOT Order: *Ensuring Reliance Upon Sound Economic Analysis in Department of Transportation Policies, Programs, and Activities*];
- **Make streets and other transportation facilities accessible to all users** and compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act [49 CFR 37];
- **Prioritize resiliency** for infrastructure projects [23 USC 101, 23 USC 119, 23 USC 176, 23 USC 520];
- **Maximize benefit to families and communities**, by improving access to jobs, enabling fuller participation in the economy, and enhancing quality of life. [USDOT Order: *Ensuring Reliance Upon Sound Economic Analysis in Department of Transportation Policies, Programs, and Activities*]
- **Avoid adverse impacts on families and communities**, including noise, water pollution, soil contamination, denial of or reduction in transportation services, and/or destruction or disruption of community cohesion, safety, or economic vitality. [USDOT Order: *Ensuring Reliance Upon Sound Economic Analysis in Department of Transportation Policies, Programs, and Activities*]

MODES OF TRANSPORTATION

AUTOMOBILE

There are nearly 1,000 miles of publicly owned and maintained roadway centerlines within the SUATS MPO of which SCDOT owns 68%, Sumter County owns 22%, and the City of Sumter owns 10%, and

Sumter is approximately 15 miles west of I-95 and 18 miles south of I-20. Established by colonial settlers in the 1740s, the city has grown into the 10th largest metropolitan area in South Carolina. Within the MPO, Shaw Air Force Base, the Central Business District, Black River Industrial Park, Live Oak Industrial Park, and Pocatigo Industrial Park are the largest employment centers and attract numerous peak hour trips each day.

The majority of significant commercial development in the MPO is located along primary transportation corridors such as US-378, US-521, and US-15, along with the Central Business District, which has experienced significant revitalization in the last two decades. In the future, planned developments will result in increased traffic volumes, similar to that currently generated by major employers and commercial developments in the area.

Sumter's transportation system must strike a balance between serving the mobility needs of existing residents, businesses, and visitors and planning for the region's growth and economic wellbeing. As the SUATS area grows, it will face a continued rise in travel demand, placing pressure on the roadway network to accommodate more trips each year. A balanced approach plans for the future through a mix of operational improvements and active transportation projects that improve safety and reliability for all users.

WALK + BIKE

There are currently 157 miles of existing sidewalk in SUATS. Most are in the City of Sumter, specifically in the downtown area. Most streets with sidewalk have it on both sides of the street, which provides pedestrians greater access and fewer potential conflicts with cars. The lack of sidewalk outside the downtown core limits pedestrian access across the study area and induces more motor vehicle trips, even for trips to nearby destinations. There are 4 existing on-street bicycle facilities within the study area, including bike lanes on McCray's Mill Rd. and Alice Dr. and a side path on Loring Mill Rd./Patriot Parkway.

Prioritizing planning, funding, and implementation of walk and bike infrastructure is an important objective for SUATS in achieving greater safety within the transportation context. While pedestrian and bicycle crashes make up less than 1% of the total crashes reported for the Sumter area between 2016 and 2020, these crashes comprise nearly 14% of all serious or fatal injury crashes. This accounts for 33 of 238 crashes that resulted in a fatality or incapacitating injury involving a pedestrian or bicyclist, making it important to place emphasis on improving the pedestrian and bicycle network.

Bicycle and pedestrian facilities provide safe, comfortable spaces for people to walk, roll, and ride. Each facility is only as valuable as the connection it makes to a destination or another facility. Without a connected network, new projects will miss the opportunity to create real transportation options for people walking and biking.

PUBLIC TRANSIT

The Santee-Wateree Regional Transportation Authority, commonly referred to as SWRTA, is the designated public transportation provider for the SUATS area, and provides fixed-route and on-demand public transportation services. SWRTA also serves the four-county Santee-Lynches region, which includes Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee and Sumter Counties. Additionally, SWRTA provides transit services for Calhoun and Orangeburg Counties on a contract basis. SWRTA operates +/- 30 buses (capacity 20-40 persons), to provide public transit and contract services to the Sumter Urban Area.

SWRTA's operations are headquartered in the James E. Clyburn Intermodal Transportation Center, which opened in 2008 at 129 South Harvin Street in the City of Sumter.

As Sumter and the surrounding counties continue to attract economic opportunities to the area, SWRTA will play a vital role to enhance the economic growth in the region by providing alternative accessible public transportation services for employees. Moreover, public transit services in the region provide the general public essential and life enriching services that include medical, education, social, employment and recreation. Subsequently, SWRTA continues to explore ways to remain innovative in order to provide safe, efficient, reliable, coordinated and affordable public transportation services.

FREIGHT (TRUCK)

The movement of goods through and between communities is often overlooked, but these freight activities play a vital role in our economy. A safe and efficient system that accommodates the needs of freight is an important element to consider during Sumter's LRTP planning process.

Freight has been an important part of life in Sumter since the original King's Highway (SC-261) connected the larger cities of Camden and Charleston. Today, freight continues to move through the area by rail, but the expansion of the interstate highway system in the region has shifted much of the dependence from rail to trucks.

Freight movements originating in Sumter travel via the region's US routes and major arterials to interstate highways located outside the MPO. SUATS is located in a triangle formed by three interstates: I-95, I-20, and I-26, though none of these highways actually crosses the MPO boundary. The primary north-south route is US-15, which connects Sumter to I-20 to the north and I-95 and I-26 to the south. Live Oak Industrial Park, the region's largest industrial park, is directly adjacent to US-15 south of the City of Sumter. In addition, Black River Industrial Park, the region's second largest industrial park, is located close to US-15 north of the City of Sumter. US-521 provides an alternate connection to I-20 to the north and I-95 and I-26 to the south. Continental Tire Americas has established a large manufacturing facility adjacent to US-521 south of the City of Sumter within the last 10 years, and Sumter's economic development agency is actively working to establish a third major industrial park for the region, known as Pocotaligo Industrial Park. Movements east and west rely primarily on US-378/76, which connects Sumter to Columbia to the west and I-95 to the east, before continuing to Myrtle Beach to the east. Sumter's oldest industrial zone, located immediately to the east of the Central Business District, is accessible to US-378/76.

An effective transportation network combines all modes of freight movement to achieve a level of efficiency that ensures the marketplace can operate without interruption. The economy of the SUATS MPO area depends on the movement of goods through the MPO.

AVIATION

The Sumter Airport (SMS), which is owned and operated by Sumter County, consists of approximately 650 acres located 3 miles northeast of the City of Sumter. The general aviation operations at Sumter Municipal Airport include charter, corporate, and non-scheduled air taxi service. As of December 2022, 31 aircraft were based at the airport, including 21 single engine and 5 multi-engine aircraft. Additionally, Med Trans, an air medical transport company, has established a base of helicopter operations at the Sumter Airport.

The airport has 2 runways; a 5,500' x 100' paved runway and a 3,200' x 120' turf runway.

The airport serves as an important economic asset to the local business community. Another mission of the airport is to promote a general awareness of aviation and its overall importance to the area.

RAIL

The existing rail network in the SUATS MPO area includes track owned and operated by two major railroad companies (CSX Corporation and Norfolk-Southern Railway Company) as well as the U.S. Military.

According to the CSX Corporation, every rail car trip removes approximately 3 truck trips from the state's highways. Several local companies depend on private rail for importing materials and exporting products. Rail access can be a major selling point to businesses looking to relocate to the area. In addition to strengthening the local economy, the use of rail for moving freight has a significant impact on the area's roadways, particularly given the large ports on the South Carolina coast.

STATUS OF COMMUNITY PLANNING

The City of Sumter and Sumter County both have adopted and maintain land use planning programs and future land use plans in accordance with the *South Carolina Local Government Planning Enabling Act of 1994, as amended*. The Sumter City-County Planning Commission was created by resolution in January 1971 and consists of a nine-member body appointed jointly by the City and County Councils. Land use planning for both local governments is implemented by and through the Sumter City-County Planning Commission. A 10-year Comprehensive Plan was adopted by both City and County Councils in December 2019 and updated in December 2024 and is currently being utilized to inform land use policy.

The City and County’s vision is to guide growth to create a world class image and a strong community character. This vision is accomplished through:

- Downtown Revitalization;
- Improving customer/citizen support through timely actions;
- Increasing citizen input opportunities through surveys, specific topic workshops and public meetings;
- Expansion of GIS & GPS usage throughout local government;
- Improvement to community functionality and appearance;
- Coordination and implementation of the Comprehensive Plan and the Long-Range Transportation Plan;
- Protection of key highway corridors through design and access management strategies;
- Emphasizing development of a truly walkable community through development of interconnected pedestrian infrastructure.

Since adoption of City and County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinances and a Comprehensive Plan adoption, improvements have been achieved through a series of ordinance amendments and updates in response to changing community needs and expectations. As growth and development patterns change with economic conditions and demographics, transportation has remained a focal point in the everyday planning process.

SUATS adopted its current Multimodal Transportation Plan (MTP), titled “2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)” in November 2023 and the City of Sumter has carried out planning studies focused on downtown master planning and the Sumter housing market.

ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

SUATS is comprised of 3 committees. These committees are the Policy Committee, the Technical Committee, and the Citizen Advisory Committee. The SUATS Policy Committee has been designated by the local governments and the Governor of South Carolina as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Sumter Urbanized Area.

The **Policy Committee** is made up of elected and appointed officials from local and state governmental agencies that are concerned with transportation planning in Sumter County. It serves as a forum for cooperative transportation decision-making, and establishes transportation-related policies in support of the area’s overall goals and objectives. It reviews and approves all SUATS programs and studies, ensures that the SUATS transportation plans are current, and prioritizes transportation projects recommended in the planning process.

The **Technical Committee** is made up of key government and stakeholder staff members who are involved in the technical aspects of transportation planning. It reviews and evaluates studies made by the staff and the public and prepares recommendations for the Policy Committee. The Technical Committee is entrusted with providing technical guidance and direction to SUATS.

The **Resident Advisory Committee** functions as a public information and involvement committee and provides a forum to obtain public sentiments on transportation issues and problems, ensures that residents’ concerns are fully considered, and directs issues of general public interest to the attention of the Policy Committee.

The Sumter City-County Planning Commission is a joint planning agency established by the Sumter City and County Councils in January 1971. The Commission is made of 9 members (3 appointed by the City, 3 by the County, and three by both jurisdictions together). The City-County Planning Department implements planning and zoning functions, transportation planning, historic preservation, codes enforcement and project administration.

The Director of the Sumter City-County Planning Department serves as the de-facto SUATS Executive Director and leads the SUATS Technical Coordinating Committee (Study Team). The Sumter City-County Planning Department provides staff for all SUATS functions. The SUATS “study area” includes a +/- 225 square mile portion of Sumter County, South Carolina. This study area represents a 20-year growth projection of the urban area defined by the U.S. Census.

SECTION II: MEMBERSHIP

Policy Committee

Name	Position	Organization	Membership Status
David P. Merchant	Mayor	City of Sumter	Voting Member
James T. McCain, Jr.	Council Chairman	Sumter County	Voting Member
Colin Davis	Councilman	City of Sumter	Voting Member
James Byrd, Jr.	Councilman	Sumter County	Voting Member
Jeffrey E. Zell, II	Senator	SC General Assembly	Voting Member
Hugh M. McLaurin, IV	Chairman	Sumter County Transportation Committee	Voting Member
J. David Weeks	Representative	SC General Assembly	Voting Member
G. Murrell Smith	Representative	SC General Assembly	Voting Member
Jay Schwedler	President & CEO	Sumter Development Board	Voting Member
James Munford	Chair	Sumter City-County Planning Commission	Voting Member
Deron McCormick	City Manager	City of Sumter	Ex Officio (non-voting)
Gary Mixon	County Administrator	Sumter County	Ex Officio (non-voting)
Col. Kevin Hicok	Base Commander	Shaw Air Force Base	Ex Officio (non-voting)
Curtis M. Spencer	5 th District Commissioner	SCDOT	Ex Officio (non-voting)
Linious Martin Saults IV	6 th District Commissioner	SCDOT	Ex Officio (non-voting)
Tanisha Gibbons	Executive Director	Santee-Wateree RTA	Ex Officio (non-voting)

Bold denotes Committee Chair. Chairmanship rotates annually between City of Sumter and Sumter County. For CY 2026, Sumter County Council Chairman holds the chair. The Chairmanship will rotate to the Mayor of Sumter in CY2027.

Technical Review Committee (Study Team)

Name	Position	Organization
Kyle Kelly	Senior Planner (Transportation)	Sumter City/County Planning Department
Helen Roodman	Planning Director	Sumter City/County Planning Department
Jeff Derwort	Zoning Administrator	Sumter City/County Planning Department
Michael Geddings	Public Services Director	City of Sumter (Public Services)
Cathryn Poplin	Capital Projects Manager	City of Sumter (Public Services)
Bill Rozier	City Engineer	City of Sumter (Public Services)
Ryan Edwards	Assistant City Engineer	City of Sumter (Public Services)
Howie Owens	Assistant City Manager	City of Sumter
Will Richardson	Safety and Risk Manager	City of Sumter
David Ferrell	Asset Manager & Operation Specialist	City of Sumter
Robert Singleton	Patrol Division Commander	City of Sumter (Police Department)
John McLeod	Public Works Director	Sumter County
Johnathan Bryan	County Attorney	Sumter County
Terrance Colclough	Assistant County Administrator, Capital Projects	Sumter County
Bobby Galloway	Purchasing Director	Sumter County
Robert Dickinson	District 1 Administrator	SCDOT (District 1)
Lori Campbell	District 1 Traffic Engineer	SCDOT (District 1)
Sandra Riley	Resident Maintenance Engineer	SCDOT (Sumter RME)
Wade Warr	Resident Construction Engineer	SCDOT (Sumter RCE)
Jack Blackwell	Project Manager, Pee Dee RPG	SCDOT (Pee Dee RPG)
Ken Martin	Project Manager, Pee Dee RPG	SCDOT (Pee Dee RPG)
Latoya Grate-Adams	Multimodal Planning Manager, Intermodal and Freight Programs	SCDOT (Freight)
Marla Watson	Regional Planning Manager	SCDOT (Planning)
Erin Porter	Chief Asset and Performance Manager	SCDOT (Planning)
Derrick Goodman	Transit Program Manager, Pee Dee Region	SCDOT (Transit)
Tanisha Gibbons	Executive Director	Santee-Wateree Regional Transportation Authority
Ashley Nichols	Community Planner	Shaw Air Force Base
Breanna Hughes	President	Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce
Marlon Dantzier	Chief of Operations	Sumter School District
Mark Pleasant	Community Planner	Federal Highways Administration
Jeff Parkey	Regional Planning Director	Santee-Lynches Council of Governments
Brian Rauschenbach	Economic Development Project Manager	TheLink Economic Development Alliance
Mark Montrose	Community Engagement Specialist (Pee Dee)	SC Department of Public Health
Suzette McLellan	Community Engagement Director (Pee Dee)	SC Department of Public Health

Bold denotes Committee Chair

SECTION III: WORK AREAS

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a work program comprised of tasks to achieve the overall goal of bringing effective transportation improvements to the SUATS planning area. Each task has its own objective and is identified with the source of staffing to carry out the tasks and produce final products.

This work program covers 2 consecutive years (FY 2026 and FY 2027).

SUATS will continue to incorporate the Planning Factors outlined in *23 USC 134(h)* into its transportation planning program:

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 non-motorized users;
3. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized uses;
4. Increase the accessibility and mobility for people and freight;
5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvement and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns;
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 transportation system resiliency and reliability and reduce or mitigate the storm water impacts of the surface transportation system; and
10. Enhance travel and tourism.

Throughout the lifecycle of this UPWP, these factors are associated with the function and coordination of the multimodal transportation planning process.

UPWP	Planning Factors									
Task	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1							*			
2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
6-A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
6-B	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*
6-C	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
7	*				*	*	*	*	*	*
8	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	
9	*			*		*				
10	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Task 1 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

OBJECTIVE: Effectively administer and manage SUATS MPO initiatives, ensure compliance with federal and state requirements, and coordinate MPO activities with those of local and state agencies.

SCOPE/WORK ACTIVITIES: Complete correspondence, memoranda, agreements, agenda, recordkeeping and minutes produced by staff, as well as coordination with the Policy and Technical Committees.

The following specific work activities are expected to be performed:

- Arrange meetings, prepare and distribute meeting notices, agendas, and agenda materials.
- Generate meeting minutes.
- Maintain financial records of revenues and expenditures.
- Prepare certification documentation, agreements, resolutions, and memoranda of understanding on behalf of SUATS.
- Monitor implementation of the current UPWP, amend as necessary to address performance goals and measures as released.
- Advise and inform participating agencies on programmatic details and expenditures.
- Purchase/maintain computer hardware, software, and upgrades.
- Purchase/maintain office equipment and supplies.
- Attend training seminars, conferences and workshops to enhance transportation planning skills and knowledge base;
- Prepare timesheets, annual, and quarterly reports documenting activities.

STAFFING: Sumter City-County Planning Department and Public Services Department staff will be utilized.

Deliverable Product

2. UPWP amendments, as necessary
3. Quarterly and Final Progress Reports
4. MPO Resolutions
5. Grant Applications
6. Annual Audit

Expected Completion Date

- As Required
End of each Quarter
As Required
As Required
June 2026, June 2027

Funding Source	FY2025/26	FY2026/27
FHWA (PL)	\$ 16,000	\$ 24,000
Local	\$ 4,000	\$ 6,000
Total	\$ 20,000	\$ 30,000

Task 2 LONG RANGE PLANNING

OBJECTIVE: Provide comprehensive oversight of the various long-range planning documents and policies within the Sumter community that influence transportation to ensure that such policies are aimed towards meeting coordinated, unified goals and objectives.

SCOPE/WORK ACTIVITIES: All transportation-related documents will be reviewed and analyzed by staff to minimize duplication and potential policy conflict in transportation planning and implementation. SUATS will consider Planning Factors outlined in *23 USC 134(b)* in all planning and project development to ensure the implementation of the 2050 LRTP.

The following specific work activities are expected to be performed:

- Monitor and update 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan as needed
- Implement recommendations of the SUATS LRTP;
- Continue regional cooperation and coordination with partner organizations;
- Include System Performance Report(s) in LRTP to reflect latest progress on TPM targets;
- Identify candidate projects for inclusion in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP);
- Apply for federal transportation grants and other transportation funding programs as necessary;
- Identify alternative funding sources for unfunded SUATS projects in the LRTP, including coordination with County Local Option Sales Tax and County C-Fund Programs.
- Update and/or revise Sumter City and County Land Development Ordinances related to transportation (site development standards, traffic impact study requirements, overlay districts, landscaping).

STAFFING: Sumter City-County Planning Department and Public Services Department staff will be utilized. Consulting services may be obtained if required.

Deliverable Products

Estimated Completion Date

1.	LRTP Amendments	As required
2.	New City of Sumter Unified Land Development Ordinance	June 2026
3.	Updates to Sumter County Zoning & Development Standards Ordinance (Article 7 & 8)	Dec 2026
4.	Update Shaw AFB/Sumter Joint Land Use Plan (JLUS)	June 2027

Funding Source	FY2025/26	FY2026/27
FHWA (PL)	\$ 19,200	\$ 20,000
Local	\$ 4,800	\$ 5,000
Total	\$ 24,000	\$ 25,000

Task 3 SHORT-RANGE PLANNING

OBJECTIVE: To identify short range projects, and provide coordinated transportation planning studies and traffic engineering analyses to maximize the efficiency of the transportation system.

SCOPE/WORK ACTIVITIES: Small area studies will be undertaken identify deficient operating characteristics and recommend appropriate improvement options. In addition, staff will review and evaluate system performance data provided by SCDOT (including reliability, safety, pavement, bridges, and freight).

The following specific work activities are expected to be performed:

- Site plan reviews (transportation impacts/encroachments); complete streets review
- Corridor Studies.
- Identification of potential traffic calming in neighborhoods.
- Development of a Safe Streets and Roads for All Transportation Safety Action Plan.
- Develop and maintain a low cost, high impact project matrix for projects that can be implemented quickly

STAFFING: Sumter City-County Planning Department and Public Services Department staff will be utilized. Consulting services may be obtained if required.

Deliverable Products

1. Corridor Studies (specific studies to be added via amendments)
2. Low Cost, High Impact Project Matrix
2. SS4A Safety Action Plan
3. Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plans

Estimated Completion Date

As required
December 2025
June 2026
As required

Funding Source	FY2025/26	FY2026/27
FHWA (PL)	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Local	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Total	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000

Task 4 TIP DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

OBJECTIVE: Develop and maintain a transportation capital improvements plan (also known as the Transportation Improvement Plan or TIP) that accurately reflects transportation needs and priorities established by the SUATS Policy Committee.

SCOPE/WORK ACTIVITIES: The TIP will be updated on a regular basis, as new project information is collected and milestones reached. Staff will work with SCDOT to ensure that the SUATS TIP remains consistent with the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The following specific work activities are expected to be performed:

- Coordinate with SCDOT for guidance on process, and requirements of FHWA/FTA for inclusion of TIP projects in the STIP.
- Obtain project cost estimates, as well as information on the status of approved TIP projects, including funding obligations, from SCDOT staff.
- Analyze proposed amendments and administrative corrections to the current TIP for policy implications, financial impact, and alignment with performance measures.
- Coordinate with SCDOT staff to obtain information and analysis from affected departments and divisions of SCDOT,
- Make draft TIP amendments available for public comment in accordance with the Public Participation Plan.
- Track status of project implementation and update projects listed as needed to maintain a historical record of projects within the current TIP.

STAFFING: Sumter City-County Planning Department and Public Services Department staff will be utilized. Consulting services may be obtained if required.

Deliverable Products

1. TIP amendments
2. Distribute Annual List of Obligated Projects (ALoOP)

Estimated Completion Date

As required
January 2026, January 2027

Funding Source	FY2025/26	FY2026/27
FHWA (PL)	\$ 12,800	\$ 12,000
Local	\$ 3,200	\$ 3,000
Total	\$ 16,000	\$ 15,000

Task 5 PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

OBJECTIVE: To implement previously approved and funded transportation projects that will address the planning factors of current surface transportation authorizing laws.

SCOPE/WORK ACTIVITIES: This task will address the MPO's required role in the implementation of transportation projects that staff either implements annually, or that will be implemented during the period of this UPWP. Projects that will be implemented include:

The following specific work activities are expected to be performed:

- Monitor progress and provide support for transportation projects funded by 2014 Sumter Penny for Progress Local Options Sales Tax Program;
- Monitor progress and provide support for transportation projects funded by SUATS Guideshare Funds;
- Monitor progress and provide support for transportation projects funded by 2024 Sumter Penny for Progress Local Options Sales Tax Program
- Manage Sumter County Transportation Committee (CTC) projects
- Provide regular project status reports to City and County Councils, SUATS Policy Committee, and SUATS Resident Advisory Committee.
- Implement safety demonstration projects funded under SS4A Grant

STAFFING: Sumter City-County Planning Department and Public Services Department staff will be utilized. Consulting services may be obtained if required.

Deliverable Products

1. Quarterly Project Status and Timeliness Report
2. SS4A Demonstration Projects

Estimated Completion Date

Each Quarter
June 2027

Funding Source	FY2025/26	FY2026/27
FHWA (PL)	\$ 56,000	\$ 48,000
Local	\$ 14,000	\$ 12,000
Total	\$ 70,000	\$ 60,000

Task 6A BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLANNING

OBJECTIVE: Coordinate efforts to implement transportation improvements for active transportation (walk+bike) modes of transportation, and assess needs based on existing use, census patterns, and areas of projected development.

SCOPE/WORK ACTIVITIES: Expected products will include feasibility studies for specific walk and bike improvements, staff reports which incorporate comments from the technical review committee and/or planning staff and review of new development proposals to ensure compatibility with complete streets policies. This Task represents an increased emphasis on active transportation modes in order to sustain our transportation infrastructure and community.

The following specific work activities are expected to be performed:

- Monitor and update regional Walk+Bike Master Plan to ensure facilities are designated and constructed as part of an integrated network;
- Develop project applications for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding consideration;
- Encourage developers to place bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in new developments, as appropriate;
- Implement 2024 Sumter Penny for Progress sidewalk and greenway/sidepath projects;
- Ensure that transportation projects conform to state and local Complete Streets policies;
- Advocate to local, regional, and state officials and members of the public on the needs and advantages of livability initiatives and active transportation facilities, including greenways, trails, and bicycle facilities;
- Work with statewide, and local agencies to obtain guidance, policy direction, and assistance to help improve accessible transportation offerings.
- Evaluate pedestrian and bicycle facilities proposed in residential subdivision and commercial site plan developments.

STAFFING: Sumter City-County Planning Department and Public Services Department staff will be utilized. Consulting services may be obtained if required.

Deliverable Products

1. Annual update to sidewalk and bicycle lane inventory
2. Complete Streets Policy

Estimated Completion Date

June 2026, June 2027
June 2027

Funding Source	FY2025/26	FY2026/27
FHWA (PL)	\$ 25,000	\$ 30,000
Local	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 25,000	\$ 30,000

Task 6B PUBLIC TRANSIT PLANNING

OBJECTIVE: Coordinate, expand, and enhance transit service in the SUATS study area and increase integration of transit in the transportation system's infrastructure.

SCOPE/WORK ACTIVITIES: Coordinate efforts to meet the need for public transportation and assist in monitoring public transportation routes to assess needs based on existing ridership, census patterns, and on areas of projected growth and development.

The following specific work activities are expected to be performed:

- Work with SWRTA to procure consultant services to develop a new visual identity and associated vision and marketing for the Sumter urban area transit network.
- Provide project support for implementation of the Santee-Lynches Regional Transit Framework Plan.
- Collect, maintain, and update socio-economic and land use data for transit planning activities, and provide assistance with collection and/or analysis of usage data to support operational and service studies.
- Assist SWRTA to improve ridership by offering advice and identification of location needs for infrastructure such as installing bus stops and shelters or transit routes restructuring.
- Coordinate with SWRTA concerning recommendations and revisions to ridership and routing.
- Coordinate with local providers and assist in avoiding overlapping and duplicative services.
- Work with developers to investigate transit-oriented housing.
- Work with SWRTA to procure a 3rd party consultant to develop ADA Transition Plan for fixed route service stops.

STAFFING: Sumter City-County Planning Department and Public Services Department staff will be utilized. Consulting services may be obtained if required.

Deliverable Products

1. Identity and Brand for Sumter Area Transit Network
2. ADA Transition Plan for Fixed Route Bus Stops

Estimated Completion Date

December 2025
June 2027

Funding Source	FY2025/26	FY2026/27
FTA (5303)	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000
Local	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000

Task 6C INTERMODAL FREIGHT PLANNING

OBJECTIVE: Identify and assess impact of concentrated areas of industrial and commercial development on the existing transportation system, and assess freight facilities and major freight routes within the SUATS area.

SCOPE/WORK ACTIVITIES: As part of all planning activities, SUATS will continue to coordinate with aviation, freight, and rail representatives to foster creation of efficient intermodal linkages identified as core elements in the Long Range Transportation Plan such as, but not limited to, the following

The following specific work activities are expected to be performed:

- Attend training and conferences to increase staff capacity in multimodal planning.
- Review and comment on SCDOT freight planning projects.
- Incorporate regional commodity flows and exchanges in freight logistics supply chains within the intermodal planning process;
- Study key freight access and transfer nodes, including interstate exits, truck freight corridors, and rail spurs
- Continued data monitoring and new industrial development surveillance;
- Identify freight routes through a joint freight planning initiative with Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments and regional businesses;

STAFFING: Sumter City-County Planning Department and Public Services Department staff will be utilized. Consulting services may be obtained if required.

Deliverable Products

1. Industrial development locations map and database
2. SUATS Priority Freight Network

Estimated Completion Date

ongoing
June 2027

Funding Source	FY2025/26	FY2026/27
FHWA (PL)	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,400
Local	\$ 700	\$ 600
Total	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,000

Task 7 DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

OBJECTIVE: Manage the data and software necessary for SUATS to support MPO planning activities (transportation, GIS layers, modeling, mapping, etc.), and monitor the SUATS roadway system using data tools.

SCOPE/WORK ACTIVITIES: The SUATS GIS department routinely utilizes GIS technology for transportation planning and analysis. These efforts include but are not limited to: GIS coordination with member governments; spatial database inventorying, management and administration; vehicle traffic count analysis; environmental screening; demographics and research; Title VI compliance; and travel demand modeling.

Expected activities include on-going maintenance of land use database accessible through the Geographic Information System (GIS) and census information completed with population and employment estimates.

The following specific work activities are expected to be performed:

- Continued updates and QA/QC of data layers generated in-house (e.g., population and employment forecasts, traffic counts, project lists, sidewalk inventory, etc.);
- Continue to refine and maintain the Sumter City and County web-based mapping tools for public use.
- Continued coordination with member agencies to ensure that the most recent data is being used;
- Continue to monitor regional growth trends by compiling data on population, employment, land use, environment, construction, economic indicators, transportation systems by appropriate units of geography.
- Cartography/graphic support for visualization, public involvement, and scenario planning.
- Maintain and update GIS hardware and software components and associated IT infrastructure and support as needed.
- Maintain demographic and economic profiles of the region and subareas to support current programs and LRTP projects;
- Develop appropriate transportation data maps and other forms of infographics for use by jurisdictions and the public.

STAFFING: Sumter City-County Planning Department and Public Services Department staff will be utilized. Consulting services may be obtained if required.

Deliverable Products

1. Up-to-date Transportation GIS Data
2. Traffic Count and Speed Data by Corridor

Estimated Completion Date

Ongoing
December 2025, December 2026

Funding Source	FY2025/26	FY2026/27
FHWA (PL)	\$ 36,000	\$ 32,000
Local	\$ 9,000	\$ 8,000
Total	\$ 45,000	\$ 40,000

Task 8 LAND USE MONITORING AND ANALYSIS

OBJECTIVE: Monitor the Sumter Metro area’s land use and development status, particularly high traffic producers such as new residential subdivisions, and commercial facilities such as shopping centers, in order to ensure coordination and compatibility with local transportation network plans.

SCOPE/WORK ACTIVITIES: Expected activities include maintenance of a land use database and various analytical and policy products that will assist the Sumter area in regulating land use in the context of transportation needs.

The following specific work activities are expected to be performed:

- Review Traffic Impact Studies for accuracy.
- Work with SCDOT to regulate access management and connectivity for developments proposed by private sector.
- Compile and update databases for rezoning, conditional uses, subdivisions, site plans, and planned developments.
- Track growth and development throughout the study area using building permit submission data.
- Collect socioeconomic data, population, and employment to study growth trends and development.
- Complete annual report detailing location and type of developments.
- Invest in databases, equipment, and software as necessary to monitor travel demand trends.
- Complete revisions/updates to City and/or County development ordinances as needed
- Develop Unified Development Ordinance for the City of Sumter.

STAFFING: Sumter City-County Planning Department and Public Services Department staff will be utilized. Consulting services may be obtained if required.

Deliverable Products

1. Year End Planning Commission Report

Estimated Completion Date

March 2026, March 2027

Funding Source	FY2025/26	FY2026/27
FHWA (PL)	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
Local	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Total	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000

Task 9 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

OBJECTIVE: Actively seek citizen participation and involvement in SUATS updates and federally funded projects.

SCOPE/WORK ACTIVITIES:

The following specific work activities are expected to be performed:

- Update SUATS public information documents.
- Manage the public participation process for transportation projects, as required.
- Publicly advertise all meetings and planned projects in a timely manner.
- Seek public comments on all core transportation-related documents, in accordance with the Public Participation Plan.
- Prepare survey questionnaire forms and solicit public opinions on transportation related issues.
- Devise strategies to reach and involve underserved populations in SUATS area.
- Hold public meetings to discuss the Transportation Planning Process, explain the public's role and solicit input.
- Increase use of visualization including maps, illustrations, and conceptual drawings.
- Implement measures outlined in Public Participation Plan.
- Post public notices, rent meeting space, and other associated expenses.
- Collect and report on Title VI nondiscrimination practices.
- Maintain website and social medial accounts.

STAFFING: Sumter City-County Planning Department and Public Services Department staff will be utilized. Consulting services may be obtained if required.

Deliverable Products

1. Resident Advisory Committee Membership Appointed
2. Quarterly Title VI Report to SCDOT
3. Community Event Tabling

Estimated Completion Date

December 2025
Quarterly
Ongoing

Funding Source	FY2025/26	FY2026/27
FHWA (PL)	\$ 12,000	\$ 8,000
Local	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000
Total	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,000

Task 10 MPO CONSULTANT SERVICES

OBJECTIVE: To allow staff to utilize procured consultant services for specific engineering, planning, or other necessary services eligible for funding under the UPWP as needed in support of the various annual planning activities at SUATS.

SCOPE/WORK ACTIVITIES: This task provides access to expert professional services when required by staff in support of the various annual planning activities. Specifically, it allows SUATS to retain the services of procured consultants to assist with specific technical activities associated with a given project where current staff expertise and/or capacity may not be sufficient.

The following specific work activity examples include, but are not limited to:

- Annual Roadway and Transit Network Update
- Travel Demand Modeling
- Small Area Studies / Planning Analysis
- Freight Corridor Analysis
- Scenario Planning Applications
- Annual Socio-Economic & Land Use Update
- Implement Transportation Planning Activities as prescribed by law.
- Other skills that may be necessary to support the UPWP but may be currently absent at the staff level.

ACTIVE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY PROJECTS (see project sheets on following pages):

Project Name	Total UPWP Funding	Source
Fixed Route Transit Network Identity and Brand Update	\$52,960	UPWP
Transit Stop ADA Transition Plan	\$25,000	UPWP
TBD	\$50,000	UPWP

SUATS will utilize SCDOT's established Local Public Agency (LPA) process to ensure full review and approval of projects via the 3-step process prior to contract awards and notices to proceed are issued for any project involving consultant services.

STAFFING: Consultant work activities will be authorized and coordinated by SUATS Staff. Technical and Policy Committee members will be kept apprised of the consultant's work activities.

Deliverable Products

1. Final Study Documents and Associated Appendices

Estimated Completion Date

Based on schedule for each project

Funding Source	FY2026	FY2027
FHWA (PL)	\$ 52,960	\$ 65,000
Local	\$ 0	\$ 10,000
Total	\$ 52,960	\$ 75,000

LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA)-ADMINISTERED TRANSPORTATION STUDY PROJECT

Project Name: Sumter Fixed-Route Transit Network Identity and Brand Update	Project ID: P044505
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Public transportation in the South has historically been disregarded and underfunded and, in turn, has missed out on decades of infrastructure investment. As such, Santee-Wateree RTA, rightly or wrongly, has been perceived as underperforming by the general public. The transit provider, which provides fixed-route transit services for the Sumter Urban Area, needs a more accessible and recognizable brand that is unique to Sumter, carries name recognition tied to transit services, and reintroduces the organization's mission as relevant and necessary.

SUATS, in support of Santee-Wateree RTA, intends to retain a consultant to meet the following goals:

- Position Transit as a vital public service component for the Sumter community and region with a social mission and impactful services and programs; one of the essential foundational pieces for our functioning area.
- Reintroduce organization's mission as deeply relevant and necessary.
- Centers people and community, prioritizing diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Creates a fresh, accessible, and strong brand that cuts through the noise to appeal to next generation riders, government partners and other supporters.

Project Scope

1. Analysis of Existing Transit Services in the Sumter Area
2. Physical Feature Data Collection and Analysis
3. Development of Alternative Conceptual Designs
4. Final Summary Plan Report

Project Deliverable:

Creation of new organizational identity and brand for the Sumter Urban Area Transit Services offered by Santee-Wateree RTA, including name(s), logo(s), brand standards, bus wrap designs, bus stop signage, and other associated transit system branding elements.

Expected Project Timeline:

6 months from execution of consultant contract.

Anticipated Project Budget:

Funding Source (UPWP FY23)	
FHWA (PL)	\$52,960
Local Match*	\$0,000
Total	\$52,960

**100% Local Match Waiver applied based on USDOT Complete Streets Match Waiver*

LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA)-ADMINISTERED TRANSPORTATION STUDY PROJECT

Project Name: Sumter Transit Stop ADA Transition Plan	Project ID: TBD
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The Plan is intended to achieve the following: (1) identify physical obstacles that limit the accessibility of facilities to individuals with disabilities, (2) describe the methods to be used to make the facilities accessible, (3) provide a schedule for making the access modifications, and (4) identify the public officials responsible for implementation of the Transition Plan.

Project Scope

1. Analysis of Existing Transit Facilities
2. Physical Feature Data Collection and Analysis
3. Development of Alternative Conceptual Design Plans
4. Development of Estimates of Probable Cost
5. Final Summary Plan Report

Project Deliverable:

Creation of conceptual designs and cost estimates for transit facilities that incorporates all project components detailed above.

Expected Project Timeline:

9 months from execution of consultant contract.

Anticipated Project Budget:

Funding Source (UPWP FY23)	
FHWA (PL)	\$25,000
Local Match*	\$0,000
Total	\$25,000

**100% Local Match Waiver applied based on USDOT Complete Streets Match Waiver*

Table 1
FY2025/26 Category Allocation Budget and Funding Sources

Task Name	Funding Sources			Percentage of Total
	Federal	Local	Total	
Task 1 – General Administration	\$16,000	\$4,000	\$20,000	6%
Task 2 – Long Range Planning	\$19,200	\$4,800	\$24,000	7%
Task 3 – Short-Range Planning	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$25,000	8%
Task 4 – TIP Development and Maintenance	\$12,800	\$3,200	\$16,000	5%
Task 5 – Project Implementation and Monitoring	\$56,000	\$14,000	\$70,000	22%
Task 6 – Modal Planning				
Subtask A – Bicycle and Pedestrian	\$25,000	\$-	\$25,000	8%
Subtask B – Public Transit	\$10,000	\$-	\$10,000	3%
Subtask C – Intermodal Freight	\$2,800	\$700	\$3,500	1%
Task 7 –Data Collection and Analysis	\$36,000	\$9,000	\$45,000	14%
Task 8 – Land Use Monitoring and Analysis	\$12,000	\$3,000	\$15,000	5%
Task 9 – Public Involvement	\$12,000	\$3,000	\$15,000	5%
Task 10 – MPO Consultant Services (80% match)	\$-	\$-	\$-	0%
Task 10 – MPO Consultant Services (100% match)	\$52,760	\$-	\$52,760	16%
Total	\$274,760	\$46,700	\$321,460	100%

Federal Funding*

FHWA PL Allocation*	\$243,884.74
Projected Carry Over from FY2024	\$26,587.38

**Consolidated federal planning grant that combines the FHWA PL funds and FTA 5303 Mass Transit Planning funds.*

Total FY2026 Funding

Federal	\$270,472.12
Local	\$46,700.00
Total	\$317,172.12
<i>Carry Over to FY2026</i>	<i>(\$4,287.88)</i>

Table 2
FY2026/27 Category Allocation Budget and Funding Sources

Task Name	Funding Sources			Percentage of Total
	Federal	Local	Total	
Task 1 – General Administration	\$24,000	\$6,000	\$35,000	9%
Task 2 – Long Range Planning	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$20,000	7%
Task 3 – Short-Range Planning	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$25,000	7%
Task 4 – TIP Development and Maintenance	\$12,000	\$3,000	\$15,000	4%
Task 5 – Project Implementation and Monitoring	\$48,000	\$12,000	\$60,000	17%
Task 6 – Modal Planning				
Subtask A – Bicycle and Pedestrian	\$30,000	\$ -	\$30,000	9%
Subtask B – Public Transit	\$15,000	\$ -	\$15,000	4%
Subtask C – Intermodal Freight	\$2,400	\$600	\$3,000	1%
Task 7 –Data Collection and Analysis	\$32,000	\$8,000	\$40,000	12%
Task 8 – Land Use Monitoring and Analysis	\$12,000	\$3,000	\$15,000	4%
Task 9 – Public Involvement	\$8,000	\$2,000	\$10,000	3%
Task 10 – MPO Consultant Services (80% match)	\$40,000	\$10,000	\$50,000	15%
Task 10 – MPO Consultant Services (100% match)	\$25,000	\$ -	\$25,000	7%
Total	\$288,400	\$52,600	\$343,000	100%

Expected Federal Funding*

FHWA PL Allocation*	\$246,899.67
Projected Carry Over from prior years	\$245,409.23

**Consolidated federal planning grant that combines the FHWA PL funds and FTA 5303 Mass Transit Planning funds.*

Total FY2027 Funding

Federal	\$492,308.90
Local	\$54,600.00
Total	\$546,908.90
<i>Projected Carryover to FY2028</i>	<i>\$203,908.90</i>

Table 3**Other SUATS Transportation Study Projects Administered via LPA Agreement and Funded via Separate Source(s)**

Project Name	Funding Sources			Total
	Federal	State	Local	
Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Plan and Demonstration Projects Grant	\$400,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$500,000
Palmetto Park Greenway Connector Feasibility Study*	\$160,000	\$40,000	\$0	\$200,000
Total	\$560,000	\$40,000	\$100,000	\$700,000

* See FY2024-2033 SUATS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Figure 7.1: SUATS Guideshare Financial Summary

Complete Streets Planning Activities

In January 2023, USDOT offered a waiver on the non-Federal match for State Planning and Research (SPR) and Metropolitan Planning (PL) Funds in support of Complete Streets Planning Activities. Under the waiver, MPOs may use federal funding for 100% of the expenses associated with such planning and research activities. MPOs are required to use not less than 2.5% of SPR and PL funds, respectively, on Complete Streets planning activities.

Table 4			
FY2025/26 Summary of Complete Streets Eligible Projects for 100% Match Waiver			
Task	Task Category	Milestone/Deliverable	<i>Budget (100% Federal)</i>
6A	Bicycle and Pedestrian Modal Planning	ref. page 18	\$25,000.00
6B	Transit Modal Planning	ref. page 19	\$10,000.00
10	MPO Consultant Services	Sumter Fixed-Route Transit Network Identity & Brand Update	\$52,960.00
Total			\$87,960.00
Total Programmed UPWP Budget			\$321,460.00
% of Total Budget Complete Streets Eligible			27%

Table 5			
FY2026/27 Summary of Complete Streets Eligible Projects for 100% Match Waiver			
Task	Task Category	Milestone/Deliverable	<i>Budget (100% Federal)</i>
6A	Bicycle and Pedestrian Modal Planning	ref. pg. 18	\$30,000.00
6B	Transit Modal Planning	ref. pg. 19	\$15,000.00
10	MPO Consultant Services	Sumter Transit Stop ADA Transition Plan	\$25,000.00
Total			\$70,000.00
Total Programmed UPWP Budget			\$292,348.00
% of Total Budget Complete Streets Eligible			24%



RESOLUTION OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

CERTIFICATION OF THE SUATS PLANNING PROCESS AND ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT #1 TO THE UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR FY2026 AND FY2027

WHEREAS, the SUATS Policy Committee has found that the SUATS Metropolitan Planning Organization is conducting transportation planning in a continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive manner in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 1607, as amended;

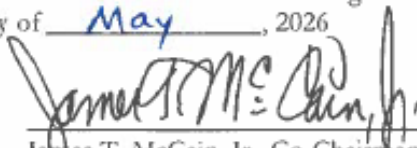
WHEREAS, the SUATS Policy Committee has found the Transportation Planning Process to be in full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Title VI Assurance executed by each State under 23 U.S.C. 324 and 29 U.S.C. 794;

WHEREAS, the SUATS Policy Committee has considered how Transportation Planning Processes will affect the involvement of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise in the FHWA and the FTA funded planning projects (Section 10(f), Pub. L. 97-424, 96 Stat. 2100, 49 CFR Part 23);

WHEREAS, the SUATS Policy Committee has considered how the Transportation Planning Process will affect the elderly and the disabled population. The Policy Committee agrees to comply with the provision of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-336, 104 Stat. 327, as amended) and the USDOT implementing regulations;

WHEREAS, the SUATS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a subset of the SUATS 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), which has a horizon year of 2050 and meets all requirements for an adequate Transportation Plan;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the SUATS Policy Committee observed the required 21-day public comment period and adopts Amendment #1 to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for FY 2026-2027 effective the 13th day of May, 2026



 James T. McCain, Jr., Co-Chairman

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of SUATS Resolution #2026-01 as adopted by vote in an open meeting of the SUATS Policy Committee.



 SUATS Policy Committee Secretary



 Date

**LOCAL PROJECT AGREEMENT (LPA)
COORDINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PROCUREMENT OF CONSULTING
SERVICES**

The following process is intended to comply with LPA requirements by ensuring eligibility of planning activities utilizing Federal-Aid funds. Planning activities by definition do not include findings required by National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the acquisition of real property, or the management/oversight of construction projects. Federal funds may include PL, SPR, STP, NHS, CMAQ, or any other Federal-Aid Program funds. In the event that the MPO, COG, or sub-recipient intends to procure consulting services utilizing federal funds to complete tasks outlined in the approved Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) or Rural Planning Work Program (RPWP), the following steps must be adhered to in sequence in order to ensure federal participation in the project:

STEP 1

- Ensure that the project is included in the UPWP or RPWP.
- Submit a draft scope of work in sufficient detail to determine that all work elements are eligible under *Title 23 USC*.
- Submit a draft advertisement that will be used in South Carolina Business Opportunities (SCBO).
- Submit an internal estimate of the project cost.
- Receive a notice to proceed from SCOOT to advertise the request for proposal.

STEP 2

- Include the SCDOT and FHWA as non-voting members of the selection committee
- Submit a recommendation to SCOOT for approval of the selected firm(s) with documentation of the evaluation process
- Submit a copy of the negotiation process
- Receive notice to proceed from SCOOT

STEP 3

- Submit a copy of the draft agreement.
- Receive final notice from SCOOT to execute agreement and initiate project.

I hereby acknowledge that all procurement activities will follow the above-described steps. Any deviation from this process will jeopardize federal reimbursement for the project.

5/22/2025
DATE


MPO/COG PLANNING AGENCY DIRECTOR

If Applicable:

DATE

SUB-RECIPIENT