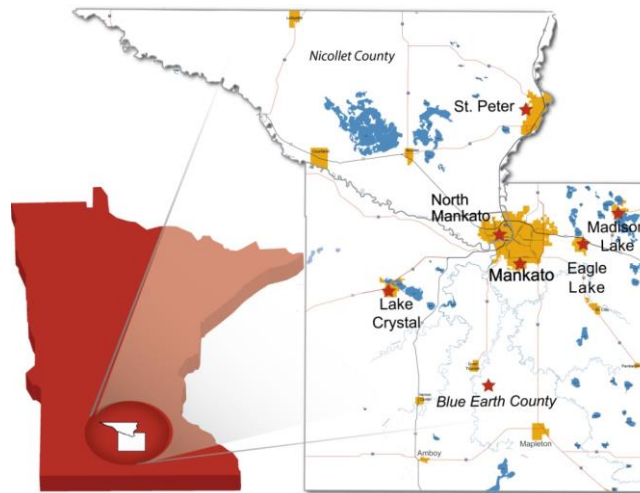


# **Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization (MAPO)**

## **2021 (& 2022 Draft) Unified Planning Work Program**



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## **MAPO Organization Background and Transportation Planning History**

The Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization (MAPO) was established in 2012 in response to the 2010 U.S. Census which designated the Mankato/North Mankato region as an urbanized area requiring the formation of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The purpose of MAPO is to meet and maintain a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3C) metropolitan transportation planning process.

## **MAPO Representation**

MAPO is represented by the following units of government:

### **Counties**

Blue Earth  
Nicollet

### **Cities**

Eagle Lake  
Mankato  
North Mankato  
Skyline

### **Townships**

Belgrade  
Le Ray  
Lime  
Mankato  
South Bend

MAPO is directed by a six (6) member Policy Board comprised of elected officials representing MAPO partner agencies. MAPO is advised by a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) which reviews and formulates recommendations to the Policy Board regarding the Unified Program Work Plan (UPWP), Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and other plans and studies prepared by MAPO.



## Policy Board, Technical Advisory Committee, and Staff

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## **Introduction and Vision Statement**

The 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for MAPO outlines work activities that MAPO will undertake as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Mankato/North Mankato Metropolitan Planning Area. Projects programmed in the UPWP must be informed by and in congruence with MAPO's adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

This document represents the Unified Planning Work Program for MAPO and was developed with input and cooperation of the local municipalities, agencies, and the public through the MAPO Technical Advisory Committee and MAPO Policy Board.

## **MAPO Vision Statement**

Through continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive planning, the Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization will promote a regional transportation system that is safe, increasingly efficient, integrated, and multimodal. This system will support economic development, be designed in a manner that promotes and markets the community, encourages sustainable growth, and improves mobility and access for both area and non-area residents and businesses.

## **Purpose of Unified Planning Work Program Document**

The purpose of this work program is to:

- 1) Provide a description of all transportation-related planning activities anticipated to be conducted by MAPO within the metropolitan planning area during 2021 and illustrative activities for 2022.
- 2) Provide detailed work activities and budget information, including local, state and federal funding shares, to allow the state to document the requirements for planning grants distributed through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

## **Scope of Work Program Planning Process**

The work activities described within are supported by funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and MAPO member organizations. Work activities are informed by the MAPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

## **Metropolitan Planning Factors**

Federal planning statutes identify planning factors that specify the scope of the planning process to be followed by MAPO (23 CFR 450.306). According to statute, the planning process shall provide for consideration and implementation of projects and strategies and services that will address ten (10) identified planning factors. Each factor is listed below. After each factor is



a brief description of how the work activities contained in this UPWP support the metropolitan planning factors:

**1. Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.**

- Promote and use the adopted MTP to ensure that transportation projects and work products are planned in a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive manner.
- Continue to monitor travel forecasting with development to reliably and accurately predict future traffic on the major street and highway system.

**2. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.**

- Continue to program transportation projects in coordination with the adopted MTP and State and Federal safety requirements.

**3. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.**

- MAPO staff will continue to serve as a resource to promote programs and opportunities that encourage non-motorized use and users such as the Transportation Alternatives (TA) program, Minnesota Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) and Safe Routes to School (SRTS).
- Staff will continue to work with local bike and walk advocate groups in advancement of safe non-motorized transportation options.
- MAPO will provide technical assistance to member communities applying for Transportation Alternative (TA) program grant funding. Depending on type of funding requested, MAPO may assist member communities in improving safety for non-motorized users, such as completing trail system links, critical sidewalk networks around schools, and pedestrian crossing upgrades.

**4. Increase the accessibility and mobility of people and for freight.**

- Work with partners to implement the recommendations of local ADA transition plans.
- Continued development and identification of needs through the Long Range Transportation Plan Update and ADA Transition Plan.
- Work with other agencies on cooperative development of a Regional Transportation Coordinating Council (RTCC) to increase accessibility and mobility of persons within and throughout the MAPO planning area.
- Assist MnDOT District 7 and MnDOT Central Office in statewide and regional planning efforts.

- 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.**
  - MAPO staff will assist in implementation of Mankato's and North Mankato's Complete Streets Plan to promote non-motorized usage and promotes the health initiatives of the Minnesota Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP).
- 6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight.**
  - Work with other agencies on cooperative development of a Regional Transportation Coordinating Council (RTCC) to promote efficiencies and cooperation, as well as reduce redundancies of public, private, and non-profit transit service within and throughout the MAPO planning area.
- 7. Promote efficient system management and operation.**
  - Coordination with MnDOT Area Transportation Partners (ATP) and MnDOT District 7 in administering the Transportation Alternatives (TA) program in the MAPO area, as well as in the development of the annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
  - Develop the MAPO's area TIP for submission to federal and state entities. MAPO is charged with developing and promoting programs and projects that best meet the needs of the regional transportation network.
- 8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.**
  - MAPO will use the MTP and its performance measures when examining the conditions of the existing transportation system for consideration in the development of the Transportation Improvement Plan.
  - MAPO will be an active participant in the Area Transportation Partnership of MnDOT District 7 to consider projects that will preserve and enhance the existing transportation system in the urbanized area.
- 9. Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation.**
  - Continue to program transportation projects in coordination with the adopted MTP and local, State, and Federal stormwater requirements.
- 10. Enhance travel and tourism.**
  - MAPO staff will assist in implementation of Mankato's and North Mankato's Complete Streets Plans to enhance commuter and recreational opportunities.
  - Continue to consider livability, user comfort, and person-centered design when developing work products.

## Resolution & Agreements

The signed resolution adopting the annual work program is included as Appendix C. The following agreements governing the operation of MAPO are available on the MAPO website at [www.mnmapo.org](http://www.mnmapo.org).

- Joint Powers Agreement between Governmental Units in the Mankato/North Mankato Urbanizing Area.
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Minnesota Department of Transportation, MAPO, and the Public Transportation Operator.

## Document Organization

The Unified Planning Work Program is organized into six chapters:

**Chapter 1** provides a Summary List of 2021 and illustrative 2022 activities.

**Chapters 2-5** detail the work activities that will be undertaken in 2021 with program hours and budget information. These activities are:

- 100 Program Support and Administration
- 200 Long-Range Transportation Planning
- 300 Short-Range Transportation Planning
- 400 Program Development
- 500 Strategic Plan

**Chapter 6** provides the MAPO Strategic Plan.

Appendices A, B, and C provide supporting documentation of activities, details of the budgets and work activities, meeting times, and contact information.

## Chapter 1: Executive Summary of 2021 and 2022 Activities

### 2021 Activities

The primary work activities for 2021 are:

- Development of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- CSAH 16 (Stoltzman Road) and CSAH 60 (Stadium Road) Intersection Control Evaluation
- Highway 14 Pedestrian Bridge Study
- Highway 169 Corridor Study (continued from 2020)
- Lookout Drive – CSAH 13 Corridor Study (split across 2021 and 2022)
- Second Street Corridor Study (split across 2021 and 2022)
- Provide staff administration to the MAPO TAC and Policy Board.
- Continued coordination with Mankato GIS regarding base data and map requests.
- Facilitate StreetLight data requests for MAPO partner jurisdictions
- Upkeep and maintenance of MAPO website.
- Assist MnDOT District 7 and MnDOT Central Office in statewide and regional planning efforts.
- Complete 2022 & 2023 Unified Planning Work Program.
  - o Note: the 2022 UPWP requires approval. The 2023 UPWP is conceptual.
- Continued involvement in the Transportation Alternatives (TA) program, Surface Transportation Program (STP), and Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs by providing assistance to MAPO member jurisdictions, as well as review and ranking as needed.
- Provide technical assistance and resources to Mankato Transit System (MTS) on as-needed basis.
- Work with the Region Nine Development Commission and serve on their Transportation Advisory Committee.
- Coordination with Area Transportation Partnership (ATP-7) and MnDOT in reviewing and recommending projects.

- Continued involvement in the Statewide Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) and serving on their TAC.
- Review and update MAPO administrative documents as needed.
- Project management and coordination with consultants on various studies.

## 2022 Activities

Potential activities for 2022 may include:

- Continued work on Lookout Drive/CSAH 13 Corridor Study
- Continued work on Second Street Corridor Study
- Initiation of Transit-Oriented Development Plan
- Initiation of Minnesota River Trail Master Planning (corridor through MAPO area)
- Initiation of MAPO Transportation Modeling
- Initiation of Active Transportation Plan
- Initiation of Intelligent Transportation Plan

MAPO staff will coordinate with area partners and the MAPO TAC and Policy Board to prioritize future studies.

## Chapter 2: Program Areas and Subtasks

MAPO breaks the Program Areas into individual sub-tasks to be completed in each of the calendar years covered by this UPWP. Each Program Area has identified an objective, a budget and sub-tasks. Each sub-task has an estimated period for completion and identifies the responsible agencies and participants.

### 100 Program Support and Administration

Activity Budget and Funding Source Split for Program Area 100 Estimated based on 80/20 split		
Funding Source	2021	
	Percent	Amount
Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG)	80%	\$80,048.80
Local	20%	\$20,012.20
Total	100%	\$100,061.00

2021 Staff Hours: 1,450      2021 Budget: \$100,061  
2022 Staff Hours: 1,500      2022: Budget: \$108,792

### Objective

Program Support and Administration activities include the coordination of Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Board meetings, staff training and travel, preparing the work program and quarterly accounting, vacation and holiday time, etc. and maintenance of the MAPO website and social media outlets.

### **Program Support (750 staff hours) 51001**

Program support activities keep the Policy Board, Technical Advisory Committee, and subcommittees informed and meeting on a regular basis. Actions include administering meetings, maintaining committee membership lists and bylaws, writing agendas and minutes, and special assignments.

#### **Activities**

- Prepare agendas and minutes for MAPO meetings.
- Prepare agendas, minutes and meeting notices for TAC meetings and Policy Board Meetings.
- Attend trainings, meetings, and conferences.
- Project task administration and communication between the Policy Board and TAC.
- Review and update administrative Plans as needed.
- Prepare local jurisdictions for billing.
- Attend and present information on the current projects and MAPO updates to the Blue Earth and Nicollet County Board meetings as requested.
- Attend and present MAPO updates to the Region Nine Development Commission Transportation Advisory Committee TAC at their regularly-scheduled meetings.
- Attend and present information on the current projects and other MAPO updates to the City Councils of Mankato, North Mankato, and Eagle Lake as requested.
- Attend and present information on the current projects and other MAPO updates to the Minnesota Statewide Health Improvement Initiative and serve on their Community Leadership Team.

### **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (150 staff hours) 51002**

The UPWP is updated annually in consultation with the MnDOT, Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Mankato Transit System (MTS), the MAPO TAC, and MAPO Policy Board. Quarterly reports and reimbursement forms are prepared and office accounting is maintained. Annual dues are calculated and billed, and the budget is coordinated with the City of Mankato.

- Prepare draft 2022-2023 UPWP.
- Midyear and miscellaneous reviews with MnDOT, FHWA and FTA.

- Prepare budgets and quarterly progress reports for MnDOT and FHWA.
- Review 2021 UPWP with TAC, MnDOT and FHWA for work items to carry forward into 2022-2023 UPWP.
- Receive input from local TAC, MnDOT and FHWA on work items to include in UPWP.

#### **Training and Travel (150 staff hours) 51003**

Travel to MPO Directors meetings, training, and other activities are included. MnDOT requires that \$3,000 of planning funds are used to provide for the MPO's participation in meeting and workshops for the Minnesota MPO Directors and other professional development and training of the MPO staff. (Hard cost of these items are listed as line items in the budget)

- Travel to MPO Directors Meetings.
- Travel/registration for training opportunities (APA, FHWA, MnDOT, NTI).
- Attend conferences.
- Attend various statewide and district functions or workshops relevant to MAPO.

#### **Information Technology (City of Mankato) (100 staff hours) 51004**

- Post meeting packets, minutes, and other materials to MAPO website.
- Continue work with the City of Mankato's Information Technology and Public Information Departments to build and expand the MAPO website.
- Work with Mankato, North Mankato, Blue Earth County and Nicollet County to continuing development of GIS information for MAPO area.
- Explore and implement new technologies and methods to enhance public participation and engagement with MAPO.

#### **Program Expenses (300 staff hours) 51005**

Program expenses are the costs associated with organizational upkeep and administration, including staff vacation, sick and holiday time.

#### **Process and Timeline to Completion:**

- *The 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program will be drafted during 2021 and adopted by September of 2021.*
- *Ongoing maintenance and coordination with City of Mankato Information Technology Department.*
- *The activities in this section will generally be completed in the 2021 Calendar year.*

## 200 Long-Range Transportation Planning

Activity Budget and Funding Source Split for Program Area 200 Estimated based on 80/20 split		
Funding Source	2021	
	Percent	Amount
Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG)	80%	\$3,099.20
Local	20%	\$774.80
Total	100%	\$3,874.00

2021 Staff Hours: 60                      2021 Budget: \$3,874

2022 Staff Hours: 60                      2022 Budget: \$3,952

### Objective

The Long Range Transportation Planning element includes activities related to development of and maintenance of intermodal transportation plans which serve the long range transportation needs of the metropolitan planning area and are in compliance with federal and state requirements. MAPO also ensures fiscal constraint and conformity for all Long Range Transportation Planning activities.

### Long Range Transportation Plan Update 52001

Work on MAPO's Long Range Transportation Plan Update completed in 2020. Staff activities related to the Long Range Transportation Plan Update in 2021 will include as-needed:

- Maintenance
- Communications
- Queries
- Presentations

## 300 Short-Range Transportation Planning

Activity Budget and Funding Source Split for Program Area 300 Estimated based on 80/20 split		
Funding Source	2021	
	Percent	Amount
Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG)	80%	\$249,095.20
Local	20%	\$62,273.80
Total	100%	\$311,369.00

2021 Staff Hours: 1,050                      2021 Budget: \$311,369 (staff hours & consultant costs)

2022 Staff Hours: 1,000                      2022 Budget: \$302,121 (staff hours & consultant costs)

### Objective



The Short-Range Transportation Planning includes activities that provide necessary planning support and implementation for transportation planning in the MAPO planning area. Short-Range transportation planning activities are typically planning for the next five years.

#### **Local Planning Assistance (900 staff hours) 53001**

- Continued work on 169 Corridor Study
- Work on CSAH 16 & CSAH 60 Intersection Control Evaluation
- Work on Highway 14 Pedestrian Bridge Study
- Work on Lookout Drive-CSAH 13 Corridor Study
- Work on Second Street Corridor Study
- Assist local partners with localized transportation planning efforts as needed
- Work with partners on future local planning studies as identified by the TAC and Policy Board
- Provide notification and assistance to MAPO partner agencies on Transportation Alternatives Program (TA), Surface Transportation Program (STP), Safe Routes to School (SRTS) and other opportunities, programs, and solicitations as needed
- Assist Mankato Transit with various projects, plans, and initiatives as needed.
- Assist on general transportation topics that arise
- Continued work with the Blue Earth County and Nicollet County. Includes technical assistance/support, presentations/outreach for MAPO projects and programming
- Continued work with Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP). Includes serving on the SHIP Community Leadership Team

#### **State Planning Assistance (150 staff hours) 53002**

- Assist MnDOT District 7 and MnDOT Central Office in statewide and regional planning efforts, including review and commenting on statewide and district plans or projects. Assist as needed in open houses, outreach or other communication.
- Review requests and present functional classifications changes to TAC and Policy Board.
- Provide reporting and follow up with MnDOT regarding changes or updates to functional classification changes.
- Work with Region Nine Development Commission Transportation Committee and serve on their TAC. Provide technical assistance/support, present information on MAPO projects/programming, serve as liaison between agencies.
- Continued involvement in meetings related to MPO functions for local advocacy groups and transportation partnerships.

#### **Process and Timeline to Completion:**

- The above referenced planning efforts and activities are anticipated to occur within over the 2021 calendar year.

#### **Consultant Studies**

Consultant studies are coded to cost category 53001.

### **Highway 169 Corridor Study**

Highway 169 Corridor Study includes coordination with partner jurisdictions (Mankato, North Mankato, Blue Earth County, and Nicollet County) in funding partnership with MnDOT. In the District 7 Capital Highway Improvement Plan (CHIP), several pavement and bridge projects are contemplated along the corridor within the next 10 years. In addition, land use transitions abutting the corridor are also likely. Since a study has not been conducted for the corridor within the last 20 years, MAPO partners believe a coordinated examination of the corridor is warranted considering possible land use transitions, future MnDOT improvements, and ongoing concerns regarding access, safety, and the context of the corridor through the urbanized area. The need for this study is referenced in the LRTP on numerous pages including 6-21 and 9-21, which identifies that “further study [is] warranted” along the corridor.

- Total 2021 project cost (est.): \$122,971
- **Administrative Modification 1: increase in contract amount by \$5,000, the source being MnDOT funds, to account for COVID-19 related traffic analytics**
- Anticipated Completion: December 2021

### **Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) of CSAH 16 (Stoltzman Road) and CSAH 60 (Stadium Road)**

This project comprises a multimodal Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) study of CSAH 16 and CSAH 60 in Mankato. The purpose of the ICE study is to examine a range of alternatives through review of existing traffic counts and movements and contributing factors. Alternatives will be examined with consideration to safety, future planning, nearby land impacts, multimodalism, and local context. The ICE will develop recommendations for potential future improvements.

- Total Project Cost (est.): \$10,000
- Anticipated Completion: December 2021

### **Highway 14 Pedestrian Bridge Study**

The Highway 14 Pedestrian Bridge Study project consists of planning for a pedestrian bridge over Highway 14 between Lookout Drive and Lor Ray Drive in North Mankato. The potential bridge is envisioned to connect Commerce Drive to an existing trail system adjacent to Caswell Park Softball Complex, Dakota Meadows Middle School, and connecting to an existing trail system within Benson Park. The study will include factors contributing to the feasibility of a pedestrian bridge over Highway 14, including safety, connectivity, forecasted growth, land use, local context, and present and future multimodal needs.

- Total Project Cost (est.): \$15,000
- Anticipated Completion: December 2021

### **Lookout Drive – CSAH 13 Corridor Study**

The Lookout Drive – CSAH 13 Corridor Study is a partnership between MAPO, North Mankato, and Nicollet County. The proposed project consists of a corridor study to identify a long-term

shared vision for multimodal improvements on Lookout Drive (CSAH 13) from Lee Boulevard in North Mankato to Somerset Road (512<sup>th</sup> Street) in Nicollet County. In addition to a review of the corridor, the project is expected to review multiple intersections along the corridor including the northern section of the corridor which is undeveloped at this time.

The study objectives include: understanding the needs and opportunities in the corridor, developing and evaluating potential transportation improvement alternatives, gathering public and business input on corridor needs and improvement alternatives, and developing an implementation plan that prioritizes projects for completion over time. The project will identify a long-term shared vision for multimodal improvements among multiple jurisdictions.

- Total Project Cost (est.): \$125,000 (\$70,000 in 2021, \$55,000 in 2022)
- Anticipated Completion: December 2022

### **Second Street Corridor Study**

The Second Street Corridor Study will determine the extent of intersection control needed along the Second Street Corridor in Mankato and the location and what type of pedestrian crossing improvements can be made. The project is envisioned to complement ongoing work on Riverfront Drive.

- Total Project Cost (est.): \$65,000 (\$30,000 in 2021, \$35,000 in 2022)
- Anticipated Completion: December 2022

### **400 Program Development & TIP Development**

Activity Budget and Funding Source Split for Program Area 400 Estimated based on 80/20 split		
Funding Source	2021	
	Percent	Amount
Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG)	80%	\$23,457.60
Local	20%	\$5,864.40
Total	100%	\$29,322.00

2021 Staff Hours: 470                      2021 Budget: \$29,322

2022 Staff Hours: 470                      2022 Budget: \$27,513

#### Objective

The Program Development element includes activities related to MAPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Area Transportation Partnership, Area Transportation Improvement Program (ATIP), and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

#### Objective

**Inter-Agency State 54002 (70 hours)**

- Initial Review of Letters of Intent for Transportation Alternative Program (TA).
- Coordinate and interview applicants for submitted TA projects in MAPO planning area.
- Provide staff recommendation and input for submitted projects.
- Participate in regional reviewing and ranking of District 7 Surface Transportation Program (STP) projects.
- Coordinate with ATP and MnDOT in reviewing and recommending projects, including transit, for inclusion in the Area Transportation Improvement Program (ATIP) and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
- Attend and participate in ATP meetings and review of projects and other supporting documents that relate to the development of the STIP.
- Provide updates to the MAPO TAC and Policy Board on STIP projects that fall within the MPO planning boundary.

**Inter-Agency Local 54003 (400 hours)**

This category includes development of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is a federally-mandated, annually-prepared document that contains pedestrian, highway, transit, streets, highway, and other transportation projects that are recommended for federal funding during the next four years in the metropolitan area. This task includes development of the MAPO's area TIP for submission to federal and state oversight agencies. MAPO is charged with developing and promoting programs and projects that best meet the needs of the regional transportation network.

- Ensure that federal investments are tied to planning, priorities, and policies as defined in the MAPO's LRTP.
- Solicit and prioritize candidate project and assist MnDOT Central Office and MnDOT District 7 as a member of ATP subcommittees as needed.
- Conduct consultation with the Mankato Transit System.
- Ensure the TIP document is fiscally constrained.
- Complete all federal requirements pertaining to TIP development, including relating TIP projects to the federal planning process.
- Perform TIP public engagement activities as outlined in the MAPO Public Participation Plan.
- Send approved TIP to federal and state oversight agencies.
- Amend and/or modify the TIP as necessary in response to changes in project schedules and/or scopes.

**Process and Timeline to Completion:**

- The above referenced items are yearly planning activities that coincide with District 7 ATP's dates and timelines within the calendar year.

## Other Services and Commodities

Activity Budget and Funding Source Split for Other Services & Commodities Estimated based on 80/20 split		
Funding Source	2021	
	Percent	Amount
Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG)	80%	\$14,528.00
Local	20%	\$3,632.00
Total	100%	\$18,160.00

2021 Staff Hours: 0                      2021 Budget: \$18,160

2022 Staff Hours: 0                      2022 Budget: \$14,009

### Objective

The Other Services and Commodities element includes activities related to administration, upkeep, overhead, and communications. This includes costs related to:

- Legal, Publication, & Advertising
- Telephone & Postage
- Training, Travel & Conferences
- Printing & Publishing
- Office Supplies (including software)
- Subscriptions & Memberships

### Process and Timeline to Completion:

- The above referenced items are costs paid on an as-needed basis over a given year.

## Chapter 6: Strategic Plan

### Introduction

What follows is a summary of MAPO overall Strategic Planning as it relates to maintenance of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the years 2020-2022.

Major Program Activities	2020	2021	2022
Warren Street Corridor Study	X		
Long Range Transportation Plan Update	X		
Regional Transportation Coordinating Council (RTCC)	X		
Intersection Control Evaluation: Lor Ray Dr and James Dr	X		
Highway 169 Corridor Study	X	X	
Intersection Control Evaluation: CSAH 16 and CSAH 60		X	
Highway 14 Pedestrian Bridge Study		X	
Lookout Drive – CSAH 13 Corridor Study		X	X
Second Street Corridor Study		X	X
Prospective: Transit-Oriented Development Plan			X

Prospective: Active Transportation Plan			X
Prospective: MAPO Transportation Modeling			X
Prospective: Intelligent Transportation Plan			X

MAPO staff, TAC, and Policy Board will annually review the MAPO Strategic Plan and reevaluate planning studies for inclusion in future work programs.

## \*Appendix A: 2021 Program Activity Details & Budget Tables

\*Note: totals in appendices may be off by \$1 due to rounding

	100 Program Support and Administration	Budget	Staff Hours
Program Support 51001	1. Prepare agendas and minutes for MAPO Meetings		
	2. Attending MnDOT and local agency meetings		
	3. Prepare and agendas and minutes for TAC meetings		
	4. Attend training, meetings, and conferences		
	5. Review and update MAPO administrative documents as needed		
	6. Prepare billing for local jurisdiction assessment		
	<b>Total Expense - Program Support</b>	<b>\$48,428</b>	<b>750</b>
Planning Work Program 51002	1. Prepare draft 2022-2023 UPWP and budget		
	2. Review with MnDOT and FHWA		
	3. Reporting to MnDOT & FHWA		
	<b>Total Expense - Planning Work Program</b>	<b>\$8,585</b>	<b>150</b>
Training and Travel 51003	1. Travel to MPO Directors meetings MN MPO workshop		
	2. Travel to workshops		
	3. Attend other meeting related to transportation		
	<b>Total Expense - Training &amp; Travel</b>	<b>\$9,686</b>	<b>150</b>
Information Tech, GIS, & Website 51004	1. Maintenance of Website - Post minutes, agendas, meeting materials, information, create revolving content		
	2. Geographic Information System Support (7208)	\$10,000	
	Total Staff Expenses	\$4,872	100
	<b>Total Expense - Information Tech &amp; Website</b>	<b>\$14,872</b>	
Program Expenses 51005	1. Vacation, Sick and Holidays		
	<b>Total Expense - Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$18,491</b>	<b>300</b>
<b>Total Expenses - Program Support and Administration</b>		<b>\$100,061</b>	<b>1,450</b>
	200 Long-Range Planning	Budget	Staff Hours
Long Range Planning 52001	Total Staff costs - Long Range Planning	\$3,874	60
	<b>Total Expenses - Long Range Planning</b>	<b>\$3,874</b>	
<b>Total Expenses - Long Range Planning</b>		<b>\$3,874</b>	<b>60</b>
	300 Short-Range Planning	Budget	Staff Hours
Short Range Planning - Local	Consultant cost - CSAH 16 & CSAH 60 Intersection Control Evaluation	\$10,000	
	Consultant cost - Highway 14 Pedestrian Bridge Study	\$15,000	
	Consultant cost - Highway 169 Corridor Study (year 2 of 2)	\$122,971.00	
	Consultant cost - Lookout Drive-CSAH 13 Corridor Study (project split across 2021-2022. \$125,000 total)	\$70,000	
	Consultant cost - Second Street Corridor Study (project split across 2021-2022. \$65,000 total)	\$30,000	
	Assist MAPO partners with local transportation planning efforts as needed		
	Coordination and working with local Statewide Health Improvement Program/Active Transportation		
	Distribute and share relevant transportation materials & information/LRTP Outreach (52002 staff coding)		
	Staff Expenses	\$53,712	900
	<b>Total Expenses - Short Range Planning - Local</b>	<b>\$301,683</b>	
State Planning Efforts	1. Participation in Statewide and District Planning Efforts		
	2. Coordination with MnDOT and local partners for transportation related activities		
53002	Total Staffing Costs - Short Term Planning - Interagency	\$9,686	150
	<b>Total Expenses - Short Range Planning - Interagency</b>	<b>\$9,686</b>	
	Staff Expenses - Short Range Planning	\$63,398	
<b>Total Expenses - Short-Range Planning</b>		<b>\$311,369</b>	<b>1,050</b>

## 2021 Program Activity Details & Budget Continued

	400 Program Development	Budget	Staff Hours
Inter-Agency - State 54002	1. TAP LOI Review		
	2. Coordination and review with MnDOT and Transit for STIP		
	Total Staffing Costs - Program Development	\$10,620	
	<b>Total Expenses - Program Development - Interagency</b>	<b>\$4,813</b>	<b>70</b>
Inter-Agency Local 54003	1. Public notice of Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) preparation		
	2. Solicit projects from local partners		
	3. Begin TIP environmental justice analysis		
	4. Conduct consultation with the Greater Mankato Transit		
	5. TIP Development & Documentation		
	6. Coordination with District 7 ATP		
	7. Work with Region 9 RDC & serve on their Transportation Advisory Committee		
	8. Provide technical analysis / assistance to partner agencies as needed		
	9. Facilitate interjurisdictional discussion		
	Total Staffing Costs - Inter Agency Local	\$24,508	400
	<b>Total Expenses - Program Development - Interagency</b>	<b>\$24,508</b>	
	<b>Total Expenses - Program Development</b>	<b>\$29,322</b>	<b>470</b>
	Other Services & Commodities	Budget	Staff Hours
	3040 Legal, Publication, & Advertising	\$2,480	
	3210 Telephone & Postage	\$1,500	
	3300 Training, Travel & Conferences	\$3,000	
	3410 Printing & Publishing	\$4,000	
	2010 Office Supplies (including software and \$5,000 StreetLight license fee to be paid October 2021)	\$6,000	
	4330 Subscriptions & Memberships	\$1,180	
	<b>Total Commodities &amp; Other Services</b>	<b>\$18,160</b>	
	<b>Total Expenses and Staffing Hours for 2021</b>	<b>\$462,786</b>	<b>3,030</b>
	<b>Administrative Modification 1: increase 169 Corridor Study contract amount by \$5,000. Source: MnDOT funds</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	
	<b>Updated Total Expenses and Staffing Hours for 2021</b>	<b>\$467,786</b>	<b>3,030</b>



## 2021 Program Budget and Detail

2021 UPWP Program Budget and Detail						
Funding Source	Funds	Allocation of Funds				
		100	200	300	400	Other Services & Commodities
		Program Support	Long Range Planning	Short Range Planning	Program Development	
MAPO Revenue						
Minnesota Federal Funds	\$ 335,703	\$ 72,584	\$ 2,810	\$ 225,865	\$ 21,270	\$ 13,173
	72.54%					
Local Match - Minnesota Federal Funds (local partner dues)	\$ 33,630	\$ 7,271	\$ 282	\$ 22,627	\$ 2,131	\$ 1,320
	7.27%					
Minnesota State Funds	\$ 32,698	\$ 7,976	\$ 309	\$ 24,820	\$ 2,337	\$ 1,448
	7.97%					
Local Match - Minnesota State Funds (local partner dues)	\$ 8,175	\$ 1,768	\$ 68	\$ 5,500	\$ 518	\$ 321
	1.77%					
Total Revenue (before MnDOT reimbursement)	\$ 410,206	\$100,061	\$3,874	\$311,369	\$29,322	\$18,160
Reimbursement from MnDOT D7 for 169 study	\$52,580			\$ 52,580		
Revenue including MnDOT D7 reimbursement	\$ 462,786			\$363,949		
Total Expenses	\$462,786					
Admin Mod 1: Additional MnDOT contribution to 169 Study	\$5,000					
Total Expenses	\$467,786					
MAPO Staff Expenses						
Program Support & Administration	\$ 100,061	\$ 100,061				
Long Range Planning	\$ 3,874		\$ 3,874			
Short Range Planning	\$ 63,398			\$ 63,398		
Program Development	\$ 29,322				\$ 29,322	
Total Staff Salaries & Benefits	\$ 196,655					
Commodities & Other Services						
Legal, Publication, & Advertising	\$2,480					\$2,480
Telephone & Postage	\$1,500					\$1,500
Training, Travel & Conferences	\$3,000					\$3,000
Printing & Publishing	\$4,000					\$4,000
Office Supplies (including software)	\$6,000					\$6,000
Subscriptions & Memberships	\$1,180					\$1,180
Consultant Services	\$ 247,971		\$0	\$ 247,971		
Total Expenses	\$ 462,786	\$ 100,061	\$ 3,874	\$ 311,369	\$ 29,322	\$ 18,160
Admin Mod 1: Additional Expense of 169 Study	\$ 5,000					
Total Expenses	\$ 467,786					
% of Total Program	100%	21.6%	0.8%	67.3%	6.3%	3.9%

## Federal Funds and Local Match

MAPO FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program Budget - Federal Funds and Local Match				
UPWP Category	Project Title	Federal Funding Amount	Local Funding Amount (State and Local)	Total Funding Amount
100	Program Support	\$ 72,584	\$ 27,477	\$ 100,061
200	Long Range Planning	\$ 2,810	\$ 1,064	\$ 3,874
300	Short Range Planning	\$ 225,865	\$ 85,503	\$ 311,369
400	Program Development	\$ 21,270	\$ 8,052	\$ 29,322
	Other Service & Commodities	\$ 13,173	\$ 4,987	\$ 18,160
	<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>\$ 335,703</b>	<b>\$ 127,083</b>	<b>\$ 462,786</b>
Source of Local Funds:				
	Minnesota State Funds		\$ 32,698	
	Local Funds partner dues		\$ 41,805	
	MnDOT D7 reimbursement: 169 study		\$52,580	
	<b>Admin Mod 1: Additional MnDOT D7 funds toward 169 Study</b>		<b>\$5,000</b>	
	<b>Total MnDOT D7 contribution to 169 Study</b>		<b>\$57,580</b>	
	<b>Funding Totals</b>		<b>\$ 127,083</b>	

## 2021 Local Share Amount

2021 LOCAL SHARE AMOUNT	
UNIT OF GOVERNMENT	LOCAL SHARE
<b>TOTAL 2021 Local Payments</b>	<b>\$ 41,805</b>
Blue Earth County	\$ 15,886
City of Mankato	\$ 15,468
Nicollet County	\$ 5,017
City of North Mankato	\$ 5,435
<b>TOTAL 2021 Local Payments</b>	<b>\$ 41,805</b>

## Local Share Amount by Year

Local Share Amount by Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Blue Earth County	\$ 8,443	\$ 11,983	\$ 11,496	\$ 15,436	\$ 16,021	\$ 16,455	\$ 15,886
City of Mankato	\$ 8,207	\$ 11,668	\$ 10,901	\$ 15,030	\$ 15,599	\$ 16,022	\$ 15,468
Nicollet County	\$ 2,545	\$ 3,783	\$ 3,535	\$ 4,875	\$ 5,059	\$ 5,196	\$ 5,017
City of North Mankato	\$ 2,787	\$ 4,098	\$ 3,830	\$ 5,281	\$ 5,481	\$ 5,629	\$ 5,435
MnDOT D7 contribution (169 study)					\$ 20,000		<b>\$ 57,580</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 21,982</b>	<b>\$ 31,532</b>	<b>\$ 29,762</b>	<b>\$ 40,622</b>	<b>\$ 42,160</b>	<b>\$ 63,302</b>	<b>\$ 99,385</b>

## Draft 2022 Program Activity Details & Budget (illustrative)

	100 Program Support and Administration	Budget	Staff Hours
Program Support 51001	1. Prepare agendas and minutes for MAPO Meetings		
	2. Attending MnDOT and local agency meetings		
	3. Prepare and agendas and minutes for TAC meetings		
	4. Attend training, meetings, and conferences		
	5. Review and update MAPO administrative documents as needed		
	6. Prepare billing for local jurisdiction assessment		
	<b>Total Expense - Program Support</b>	<b>\$54,185</b>	<b>800</b>
Planning Work Program 51002	1. Prepare draft 2021-2022 UPWP and budget		
	2. Review with MnDOT and FHWA		
	3. Reporting to MnDOT & FHWA		
	<b>Total Expense - Planning Work Program</b>	<b>\$9,879</b>	<b>150</b>
Training and Travel 51003	1. Travel to MPO Directors meetings MN MPO workshop		
	2. Travel to workshops		
	3. Attend other meeting related to transportation		
	<b>Total Expense - Training &amp; Travel</b>	<b>\$9,879</b>	<b>150</b>
Information Tech, GIS, & Website 51004	1. Maintenance of Website - Post minutes, agendas, meeting materials, information, create revolving content		
	2. Geographic Information System Support (7208)	\$10,000	
	Total Staff Expenses	\$5,988	100
	<b>Total Expense - Information Tech &amp; Website</b>	<b>\$15,988</b>	
Program Expenses 51005	1. Vacation, Sick and Holidays		
	<b>Total Expense - Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$18,861</b>	<b>300</b>
<b>Total Expenses - Program Support and Administration</b>		<b>\$108,792</b>	<b>1,500</b>
	200 Long-Range Planning	Budget	Staff Hours
Long Range Planning 52001	Total Staff costs - Long Range Planning	\$3,952	60
	Total Expenses - Long Range Planning	<b>\$3,952</b>	
<b>Total Expenses - Long Range Planning</b>		<b>\$3,952</b>	<b>60</b>
	300 Short-Range Planning	Budget	Staff Hours
Short Range Planning - Local 52002	Consultant cost - partner-solicited projects	\$150,000	
	Consultant cost - Second Street Corridor Study (project split across two years. \$65,000 total)	\$35,000	
	Consultant cost - Lookout Drive-CSAH 13 Corridor Study (project split across two years. \$125,000 total)	\$55,000	
	Assist MAPO partners with local transportation planning efforts as needed		
	Coordination and working with local Statewide Health Improvement Program/Active Transportation		
	Distribute and share relevant transportation materials & information/outreach (52002 staff coding)		
	Coordination with agency partners on Regional Transit Coordinating Council		
	Staff Expenses	\$52,241	850
	<b>Total Expenses - Short Range Planning - Local</b>	<b>\$292,241</b>	
State Planning Efforts 53002	1. Participation in Statewide and District Planning Efforts		
	2. Coordination with MnDOT and local partners for transportation related activities		
	Total Staffing Costs - Short Term Planning - Interagency	\$9,879	150
	<b>Total Expenses - Short Range Planning - Interagency</b>	<b>\$9,879</b>	
	Staff Expenses - Short Range Planning	\$62,121	
<b>Total Expenses - Short-Range Planning</b>		<b>\$302,121</b>	<b>1,000</b>

## Draft 2022 Program Activity Details & Budget (illustrative) Continued

	400 Program Development	Budget	Staff Hours
Inter Agency - State 54002	1. TAP LOI Review		
	2. Coordination and review with MnDOT and Transit for STIP		
	Total Staffing Costs - Program Development	\$10,620	
	<b>Total Expenses - Program Development - Interagency</b>	<b>\$4,910</b>	<b>70</b>
Inter Agency Local 54003	1. Public notice of Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) preparation		
	2. Solicit projects from local partners		
	3. Begin TIP environmental justice analysis		
	4. Conduct consultation with the Greater Mankato Transit		
	5. TIP Development & Documentation		
	6. Coordination with District 7 ATP		
	7. Work with Region 9 RDC & serve on their Transportation Advisory Committee		
	8. Staff costs - coordinate Regional Transportation Coordinating Council - Phase 1 Planning	\$0	
	Total Staffing Costs - Inter Agency Local	\$22,604	400
	<b>Total Expenses - Program Development - Interagency</b>	<b>\$22,604</b>	
<b>Total Expenses - Program Development</b>		<b>\$27,513</b>	<b>470</b>
	Other Services & Commodities	Budget	Staff Hours
	3040 Legal, Publication, & Advertising	\$1,200	
	3210 Telephone & Postage	\$499	
	3300 Training, Travel & Conferences	\$3,000	
	3410 Printing & Publishing	\$3,000	
	2010 Office Supplies (including software and \$5,000 StreetLight license fee to be paid October 2021)	\$5,760	
	4330 Subscriptions & Memberships	\$550	
<b>Total Commodities &amp; Other Services</b>		<b>\$14,009</b>	
<b>Total Expenses and Staffing Hours for 2021 (est.)</b>		<b>\$456,387</b>	<b>3,030</b>

## Appendix B: MAPO Meeting Locations, Times & Contact Information

### Policy Board meetings

MAPO Policy Board meetings are typically held every other month on the 1st Thursday of the month unless otherwise notified. Following guidance from state health officials to protect the health of Minnesotans and prevent further spread of COVID-19, MAPO Policy Board meetings are typically held via Zoom virtual meeting service. When held in person, Policy Board meetings are typically in the Minnesota River Room, 1st floor of the Intergovernmental Center (IGC) at 6:00pm, 10 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN 56001.

### Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings

MAPO Technical Advisory Committee meetings are typically held every other month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month unless otherwise notified. Following guidance from state health officials to protect the health of Minnesotans and prevent further spread of COVID-19, MAPO TAC meetings are typically held via Zoom virtual meeting service. When held in person, TAC meetings are typically held in the Minnesota River Room, 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Intergovernmental Center (IGC) at 6:00pm, 10 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN 56001.

<b>2021 MAPO meeting schedule. Note meetings may be cancelled if there are no immediate action items.</b>	
Policy Board meetings	TAC meetings
January 7	January 21
February 4	February 18
March 4	March 18
April 1	April 15
May 6	May 20
June 3	June 17
July 1	July 15
August 19	August 19
September 2	September 16
October 7	October 21
November 4	November 18
December 2	December 16

## **MAPO Contact information**

### **Mailing Address**

Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization  
10 Civic Center Plaza  
Mankato, MN 56001

### **Website**

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### **Executive Director**

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[pvogel@mankatomn.gov](mailto:pvogel@mankatomn.gov)

### **Twitter**

[@MinnesotaMAPO](https://twitter.com/MinnesotaMAPO)

### **Comment Dropbox**

Those without access to telephone or email may submit paper comments to the dropbox located in front of the Intergovernmental Center at 10 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN 56001. Please address paper comments to the Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization.

### **Fax**

(507) 388-7530

## Appendix C: Adopting Resolution

### **Resolution Adopting 2021-2022 Unified Planning Work Program for the Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization**

WHEREAS, the Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization (MAPO) was created as the MPO for the Mankato/North Mankato urbanized area through a Joint Powers Agreement between all local units of government located within the urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, MAPO is the metropolitan planning body responsible for performing transportation planning in conformance with State and Federal regulation for Metropolitan Planning Organizations; and

WHEREAS, MAPO is recognized by the Governor of Minnesota as the transportation planning policy body for the Mankato/North Mankato urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, MAPO commits to providing the twenty (20) percent local match for the federal and state funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Policy Board of the MAPO adopts the 2021 Unified Planning Work Program with potential minor amendments or amendments pending MnDOT and FHWA comments; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Chairperson of the Policy Board and Executive Director are authorized to execute all State and Federal Grant agreements, contracts and amendments relating to the funding of the Unified Planning Work Program.

#### CERTIFICATION

State of Minnesota

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution presented to and adopted by the Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization at a duly authorized meeting thereof, held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2020, as shown by the minutes of said meeting in my possession.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date