# Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization (MAPO)

2026 (& 2027 Draft) Unified Planning Work Program



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### **2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

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#### **MAPO Organization Background**

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 metropolitan transportation planning process.

#### **MAPO** Representation

MAPO is represented by the following units of government:

#### **Counties**

Blue Earth Nicollet

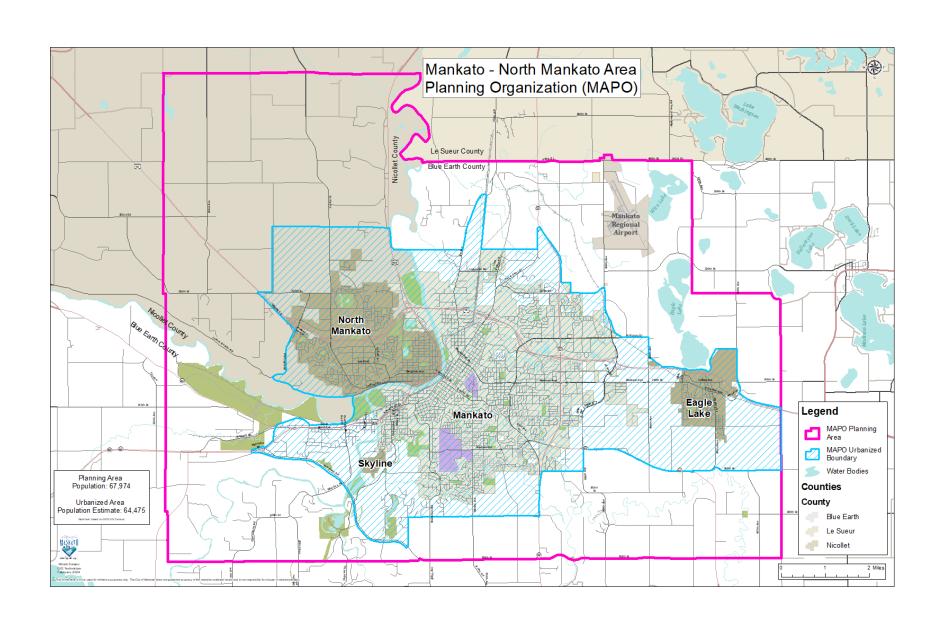
#### Cities

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

#### **Policy Board**

City of Eagle Lake – John Whitington
City of Mankato – Mike Laven
City of North Mankato – James Whitlock
Blue Earth County – Mark Piepho

Nicollet County – Jack Kolars

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MAPO Townships – Dan Rotchadl

#### **Technical Advisory Committee**

Blue Earth County Engineer – Ryan Thilges

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Minnesota State University, Mankato – Paul Corcoran

Region Nine Development Commission – Joel Hanif

#### Staff

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#### **Adopting Resolution**

# RESOLUTION OF THE MANKATO/NORTH MANKATO AREA PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADOPTING THE 2026 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

**WHEREAS**, the Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization (MAPO) was created as the Metropolitan Planning Organization 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 MAPO adopts the 2026 Unified Planning Work Program; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**: that the Chair of the Policy Board and Executive Director are authorized to execute all State and Federal Grant agreements, contracts and any associated amendments relating to the funding and implementation 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 fourth (4th) day of September 2025 as shown by the minutes of said meeting in my possession.

Executive Director

#### Introduction

The 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 UPWP for MAPO and was developed with input and cooperation of the local governments, 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 residents, businesses, and all who visit the region.

#### **Purpose of the 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 2026 and illustrative activities for 2027.
- 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 FHWA, FTA, Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and MAPO member organizations. Work activities are informed by the MAPO 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 United States, the States, metropolitan areas, and nonmetropolitan areas, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.
  - 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 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.
  - Planning for increased safety as a goal of every study.
- 3. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
  - MAPO staff will 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 Partnership (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.
  - Facilitate planning studies that promote security for all users.
- 4. Increase the accessibility and mobility of people and for freight.
  - Work with partners to implement recommendations of local ADA transition plans.
  - Continue development and identification of needs through the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update and ADA Transition Plan.
  - Assist local Transit providers in the review of their development plans and transportation improvement plans.
  - 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 conducting planning studies to inform the implementation of Mankato's and North Mankato's Complete Streets Plans to promote non-motorized usage and promote 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 throughout the State, for people and freight.

- Include multimodal components when developing the Metropolitan Transportation Plan update.
- Include multimodal components as appropriate during transportation studies.

#### 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 conducting planning studies to inform the 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 at the beginning of this document.

The following agreements governing the operation of MAPO are available on the MAPO website.

- Joint Powers Agreement between Governmental Units in the Mankato/North Mankato
   Urbanizing Area
  - https://mnmapo.files.wordpress.com/2018/06/executed-copy-of-joint-powersagreement.pdf
- Host Agency Operating Agreement
  - o https://mnmapo.files.wordpress.com/2020/10/hostagencyagreement.pdf
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Minnesota Department of Transportation,
   MAPO, and the Public Transit Operator
  - https://mnmapo.files.wordpress.com/2018/06/mapo-transit-mndotperformance-planning-mou.pdf

#### **Document Organization**

The Unified Planning Work Program is organized into three chapters:

Chapter 1 provides a summary of 2026 and illustrative 2027 activities.

**Chapter 2** details the work activities that will be undertaken in 2026 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 Other Services & Commodities

**Chapter 3** 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 Activities**

During the 2025 calendar year MAPO provided regional transportation planning coordination for partner agencies, including studies of the Highway 14 corridor, Lee Boulevard Corridor, Balcerzak Drive Corridor, and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan update.

#### 2026 Activities

The primary work activities are:

- Development of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Coordination of the Carbon Reduction Program in the MAPO adjusted urbanized area
- Highway 14 corridor study from CSAH 12 to Lookout Drive
- CSAH 16 (Stoltzman Road) Study from Riverfront Drive to 1000' south of the Pleasant Street intersection
- Review the complete streets plans for Mankato and North Mankato
- 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 2027 & 2028 Unified Planning Work Program.
  - Note: the 2027 UPWP requires approval. The 2028 UPWP is conceptual.
- Provide technical assistance and resources to Mankato Transit System (MTS) on asneeded basis
- Provide staff technical assistance and coordination with member agencies regarding the Safe Streets and Roads for All program
- Work with the Region Nine Development Commission and serve on R9 Transportation Advisory Committee
- Coordinate with South Central Area Transportation Partnership, MnDOT District 7, and MnDOT in reviewing and recommending projects
- Review and update MAPO administrative documents as needed
- Project management and coordination with consultants on various studies

MAPO staff will coordinate with area partners and the MAPO TAC and Policy Board to prioritize future studies, including staffing adjustments and projects for the 2027 program year.

#### **Chapter 2: Program Areas and Subtasks**

MAPO breaks the UPWP into five Program Areas to be completed in each of the calendar years covered by this UPWP.

- 100 Program Support & Administration
- 200 Long-Range Transportation Planning
- 300 Short-Range Transportation Planning
- 400 Program Development & TIP Development
- 500 Other Services & Commodities

Each Program Area has identified an objective, a budget, and sub-task(s).

#### **100 Program Support and Administration**

Activity Budget and Funding Source Split for Program Area									
100 - Program Support & Administration									
	2026								
Funding Source	Amount								
Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG)	\$76,955.99								
State and Local Funds	\$21,172.32								
	721,112.02								

2026 Staff Hours: 1,374 Budget: \$98,128

#### Objective

Program Support and Administration activities include the coordination of Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) 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 (745 staff hours) 51001

Program support activities keep the Policy Board, TAC, 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:

- Prepare agendas, minutes and notices for MAPO meetings.
- Review and update administrative Plans as needed.
- Invoice local share dues.
- Attend and present information on the current projects and other MAPO updates to partner agency City Council and County Board meetings as requested.
- Attend and present information on the current projects and other MAPO updates to the City Councils of Eagle Lake, Mankato, North Mankato, and Skyline as requested.

#### Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (105 staff hours) 51002

The UPWP is updated annually in consultation with the MnDOT, FTA, 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 2027-2028 UPWP.
- Midyear and other UPWP related reviews with MnDOT, FHWA and FTA.
- Prepare budgets and quarterly progress reports.
- Coordinate with area partners on work items to include in the next UPWP.
- Prepare independent cost estimates and draft requests for proposals for budgeting purposes as part of UPWP development.

#### Training and Travel (130 staff hours) 51003

Travel to MPO Directors' meetings, training, workshops and other professional development activities:

- Staff time to MPO Director Meetings.
- Staff time to attend conferences, trainings, or other professional development activities.
- Staff time to attend statewide and district functions or workshops relevant to MAPO.

#### Information Technology (City of Mankato) (130 staff hours) 51004

MAPO maintains a website that hosts current administrative documentation, Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Board packets, and provides opportunity for public involvement. The MAPO website also archives previous planning documents and meeting packets. Activities in this section maintain and build the MAPO website:

- Post meeting packets, minutes, and other materials to MAPO website.
- Continued work with the City of Mankato's Information Technology and Public Information Departments to build and expand the MAPO website.
- Continued development of GIS database and services for MAPO area.
- Explore and implement new technologies and methods to enhance public participation and engagement with MAPO.
- Geographic Information System (GIS) support services

#### 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 2027-2028 Unified Planning Work Program will be drafted during 2026 and adopted by September of 2026.
- The activities in this section will generally be completed in the 2026 calendar year.

# **200 Long-Range Transportation Planning**

Activity Budget and Funding Source Split for Program Area									
200 - Long Range Planning									
	2026								
Funding Source	Amount								
Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG)	\$1,488.27								
State and Local Funds	\$409.46								
Total	\$1,897.73								

2026 Staff Hours: 27 2026 Budget: \$1,898

#### **Objective**

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

#### Long Range Transportation Planning Expenses (750 staff hours) 52001

Activities include MTP development and updating, analysis, inquiry response, and presentations as needed, and maintaining and using the travel demand model.

#### Process and Timeline to Completion:

- Ongoing efforts to maintain, analyze, report on, and update the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
- Ongoing efforts to maintain and use the Travel Demand Model

#### **300 Short-Range Transportation Planning**

Activity Budget and Funding Source Split for Program								
Area 300 - Short Range Planning								
	2026							
Funding Source								
	Amount							
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Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG)	\$243,955.78							
State and Local Funds	\$68,725.52							

2026 Staff Hours: 970 2026 Budget: \$392,681 (staff hours & consultant costs)

#### Objective

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

#### Short-Range Local Planning Assistance (850 staff hours) 53001

Local Planning Assistance includes initiation and development of plans and studies associated with the local transportation system. Activities include but are not limited to collecting data, coordinating and attending meetings, reviewing documents, processing consultant payments, and public engagement. Local planning assistance activities advance the goals of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

#### **Activities**

- Manage consultant studies.
- Assist local partners with localized transportation planning efforts as needed
- Work with partners on future local planning studies as identified by the MAPO TAC and Policy Board
- Notify MAPO partner agencies of funding program and solicitation opportunities including but not limited to, Transportation Alternatives Program (TA), Surface Transportation Program (STP), Safe Routes to School (SRTS), Carbon Reduction Program (CRP).
- Assist Mankato Transit System with relevant projects, plans, and initiatives.
- Serve on Region Nine Development Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee; provide technical assistance, present information on MAPO projects, and serve as liaison between agencies.
- Assist with relevant general transportation topics
- Collaborate with the Blue Earth County and Nicollet County. Includes technical assistance/support, presentations and outreach for MAPO projects and programming.

#### **Consultant Studies**

CSAH 16 (Stoltzman Road) Corridor Study

In partnership with Blue Earth County, the City of Mankato and Independent School District 77, this study will evaluate CSAH 16 from Riverfront Drive to 1000' south of Pleasant Street, and guide future reconstruction by identifying a recommendation from a range of alternatives to develop a vision for the corridor.

Total project cost: \$75,000.

- Amount claiming complete streets local match waiver: \$30,000

- Local match: \$9,000

- Anticipated completion: December 2026

#### Highway 14 corridor study (Lookout Drive to CSAH 12)

In partnership with MnDOT District 7, Mankato, North Mankato, and Blue Earth County this study is evaluating the Highway 14 corridor from Lookout Drive to CSAH 12, assessing the existing conditions, safety considerations, existing and future traffic volumes, and interchange design. Study will prepare the corridor for future reconstruction by identifying a recommendation from a range of alternatives to develop a vision for the corridor. The total cost of this project exceeds what MAPO can cover with the funds available in 2026 UPWP. MnDOT has agreed to cover the remaining balance. The project will continue in 2027.

- Total project cost: \$800,000
- MAPO project cost: \$350,000 (\$250,000 in 2026 and \$100,000 in 2027)
- Amount claiming complete streets local match waiver \$50,000 in 2026. Amount for 2027 to be identified at a later date.
- Local match: \$63,000 (\$43,000 in 2026 and \$20,000 in 2027)
- Anticipated completion: November 2027

#### State Planning Assistance (120 staff hours) 53002

 State planning assistance includes coordination with agencies whose jurisdiction is outside of the MAPO planning boundary. Activities include meetings, document review, and shared plan and study development with MnDOT or other agencies whose activities impact MAPO's transportation system.

#### **Activities**

- Assist MnDOT District 7 and MnDOT Central Office in statewide and regional planning efforts; reviewing statewide and district plans and projects, attending open houses, supporting outreach and other communication efforts.
- Present functional classifications changes to MAPO TAC and Policy Board.
- Coordinate updates to MAPO's functional classification.
- Attend meetings related to MPO functions for local advocacy groups and transportation partnerships.

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

 The above referenced planning activities are anticipated to occur within the 2026 calendar year.

#### **400 Program Development**

Activity Budget and Funding Source Split for Program							
Area 400 - Program Development							
	2026						
Funding Source	Amount						
Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG)	\$16,572.49						
State and Local Funds	\$4,559.46						

2026 Staff Hours: 305 2026 Budget: \$21,132

#### Objective

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

#### Inter-Agency State 54002 (75 hours)

Inter-Agency State activities include partnership and collaboration with MnDOT to jointly develop the TIP and ATIP and district-wide funding solicitation efforts.

#### **Activities**

- Review of Letters of Intent for Transportation Alternative Program (TA).
- Interview TA program applicants.
- Assist with Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) solicitation.
- Provide staff recommendation and input for submitted projects.
- Review and rank District 7 Surface Transportation Program (STP) project proposals.
- Review and recommend projects for inclusion in the ATIP and STIP.
- Attend ATP meetings.
- Provide updates to the MAPO TAC and Policy Board on STIP projects that fall within the MPO planning boundary.

#### Inter-Agency Local 54003 (230 hours)

Inter-Agency Local includes activities that develop the MAPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is a federally mandated document prepared annually containing transportation projects that are scheduled for federal funding over the next four years in the metropolitan planning area. MAPO promotes programs and projects to meet the needs of the regional transportation network.

#### **Activities**

- Provide public notice of TIP public comment period.
- Solicit and prioritize candidate projects and assist MnDOT Central Office and MnDOT District 7 as a member of ATP subcommittees

- Ensure that federal investments are tied to planning, priorities, and policies as defined in the MAPO's MTP
- Conduct a Community Impact Assessment analysis for TIP projects
- Ensure the TIP document is fiscally constrained
- Develop the TIP document:
  - Complete all federal requirements pertaining to TIP development, including relating TIP projects to the federal planning process
  - Perform TIP public engagement activities per the MAPO Public Participation
     Plan
  - Send approved TIP to federal and state oversight agencies
  - o Amend and/or modify the TIP as necessary per the Public Participation Plan
- Coordinate with the Mankato Transit System on transit projects, complete streets activities, and performance measures
- Collaborate with MnDOT for consistency between the TIP and the STIP
- Coordinate with District 7 ATP

#### 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.

# **500 Other Services and Commodities**

Activity Budget and Funding Source Split for Other Services &							
Commodities							
	2026						
Funding Source	Amount						
Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG)	\$13,488.90						
6							
State and Local Funds	\$3,711.10						

2026 Staff Hours: 0 2026 Budget: \$17,200

#### **Objective**

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

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

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

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

## **Chapter 3: Strategic Plan**

What follows is a summary of MAPO overall Strategic Planning as it relates to advancing and maintaining the MTP for the years 2026-2027. Prospective future studies will be solicited from partner members and approved by the Policy Board and are included below for illustrative purposes.

Major Program Activities	2026	2027
CSAH 16 Corridor Study	Х	
Highway 14 corridor study – Lookout Dr to CSAH 12	Χ	X
Update Complete Streets Plan – Mankato/North	Х	X
Mankato		
Assist with Transit Development Plan	Χ	X
Assist with Functional Classification Update	Χ	
Update Public Participation Plan	Х	
Title VI Plan update		X

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

# **Appendix A: 2026 Program Activity Details & Budget Tables**

Note: totals in appendices may be off by \$1.00 due to rounding

	100 Program Support and Administration	Budget	Staff Hours
	Prepare agendas and minutes for MAPO Meetings     Attending MnDOT and local agency meetings, including MAPO TAC and Policy Boards.		
	Prepare and distribute agendas and minutes for TAC and Policy Board meetings		
Program Support 51001	A. Attend training, meetings, and conferences     Review and update MAPO administrative documents as needed	-	
	6. Prepare billing for local jurisdiction assessment		
	Total Expense - Program Support	\$52,931	745
	Prepare next UPWP and budget, including Independent Cost Estimates and Draft RFP's		
Planning Work	2. Review with MnDOT, FHWA, local partners, and other agencies		
Program 51002	3. Reporting to MnDOT & FHWA Total Expense - Planning Work Program	\$7,210	105
	Travel to meetings including MPO Directors meetings MN MPO workshop     Travel to workshops	-	
Training and Travel 51003	2. Attend of the meeting related to transportation		
11avet 31003	Total Expense - Training & Travel	\$9,086	130
	Maintenance of Website - Post minutes, agendas, meeting materials, information, create revolving content		
Information Tech. GIS. &	2. Geographic Information System Support (7208)	\$2,500	
Website 51004	Total Staff Expenses Total Expense - Information Tech & Website	\$9,086 \$11,586	130
	locat expense - information rech & website	\$11,366	
	1. Vacation, Sick and Holidays		
Program Expenses 51005	Total Expense - Program Expenses	\$ <del>20,687</del>	300
Experises 02000	Total Expense - Program Expenses	\$17,315	264
Total Expenses	Program Support and Administration	\$98,128	1,374
	200 Long-Range Planning*	Budget	Staff Hours
	1. Collection of additional data in coordination with consultant		
	Coordination of TAC review of work & submittal of comments to consultant     Review Range of Alternatives Report		
Plan	4. Review Recommended Future Networks and Implementation Report		
Development	5. Review compliance with MAP-21		
200.2	Draft and finalize performance measurement targets - coordinate with MnDOT, FHWA     Work with consultant on preliminary draft document for plan adoption		
	7. You will constant on permitting your document of part adoption. Total Staff Costs - Long Range Plan Development		
	Total Expenses - Plan Development		
	1. Public Input Meetings for Long Range Transportation Plan (2)		
Public	2. Organize and attend advocacy meetings with modal stakeholders		
	Website Posting of LRTP Draft Information and Social Media Management     Prepare document that summarizes comments received during public comment periods		
200.3	Total Staff Cost - Public Participation		
	Total Expenses - Public Participation		
Long Range Planning 52001	Total Staff costs - Long Range Planning - MTP Update, maintenance, analysis, inquiry response, Transportation Demand Model use and maintenance.	\$1.898	27
	Total Expenses - Long Range Planning	\$1,898	
Total Evnenses	Long Range Planning	\$1,898	27
. Jun Exheuses			Staff Hours
	300 Short-Range Planning	Budget	Starr Hours
	Consultant cost - Highway 14 Corridor - CSAH 12 to Lookout Drive (2 year project 2026 and 2027) Total MAPO Cost \$???  Highway 14 Corridor Study complete streets activities (claiming local waiver)	\$200,000 \$50,000	
	Consultant cost - Stoltzman Road Corridor Study	\$45,000	
	CSAH 16 Corridor Study complete streets activities (claiming local waiver)	\$30,000	
	Assist MAPO partners with local transportation planning efforts as needed	-	
	Distribute and share relevant transportation materials & information/outreach		
	Staff Expenses Table Construction Control Cont	\$59,529	850
	Total Expenses - Short Range Planning - Local	\$384,529	i
	1. Participation in Statewide and District Planning Efforts (various planning & work groups e.g. MnSHIP, District 7 Freight Plan, State Rail Plan, State Pedestrian Plan, etc.)		
State Planning Efforts	2. Coordination with MnDOT and local partners for transportation related activities	-	
53002	Staffing Expenses - Short Term Planning - Interagency	\$8,152	120
	Total Expenses - Short Range Planning - Interagency	\$8,152	
	Total Staff Expenses - Short Range Planning	\$67,681	

# 2026 Program Activity Details & Budget Continued

	400 Program Development	Budget	Staff Hours
	1. TAP LOI Review		
Inter Agency -	2. Coordination and review with MnDOT and Transit for STIP		ļ
State 54002	Total Staffing Costs - Program Development		ļ
	Total Expenses - Program Development - Interagency	\$5,762	75
	1. Public notice of Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) preparation		
	2. Solicit projects from local partners		
	3. TIP Community Impact Analysis		
	4. Consultation with Mankato Transit System, including assistance with Transit Development Plan (TDP)		
Inter Agency	5. TIP development		
Local 54003	6. Coordination with District 7 ATP		
LUCAI 34003	7. Work with Region Nine RDC & serve on R9 Transportation Advisory Committee		
	8. Coordinate to make MAPO operations accessible e.g. language translation, hearing-impaired, etc.		
	9. Staff work on Safe Streets and Routes for All activities		
	Total Staffing Costs - Inter Agency Local	\$15,370	230
	Total Expenses - Program Development - Interagency	\$15,370	
Total Expenses	- Program Development	\$21,132	305
	Other Services & Commodities	Budget	Staff Hours
	3040 Legal, Publication, & Advertising	\$600	
	3210 Telephone & Postage	\$500	
	3300 Training, Travel & Conferences (costs associated with travel expenses less staff time)	\$4,000	
	3410 Printing	\$2,000	
	2010 Office Supplies	\$2,100	
	4330 Subscriptions & Memberships (including \$1000 AMPO membership and \$6,751 StreetLight license (FFY2026-2027) fee paid Oct. 2026)	\$8,000	
Total Other Ser	vices & Commodities	\$17,200	
Total Expenses	and Staffing Hours for 2026	\$531,039	2,676

<sup>\*</sup>As noted within the 200 and 300 categories, Complete Streets activities are in support of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Metropolitan Planning (PL) 2.5% Increasing Safe and Accessible Transportation Operations expenditure requirements. The amount based on the 2026 budget is \$80,000.

# 2026 Program Budget and Detail

		2026	UPW	/P Program Bu	ıdg	et and Detail						
			Allocation of Funds									
			100 200 300 400									
Funding Source		Funds*		100	Long Range		Short Range			Program		Other Services &
			<b>Program Support</b>		Planning		Planning		Development		Commodities	
MAPO Revenue										- veropinient		Commodities
Minnesota Federal Funds*	\$	352,461	\$	76,955.99	\$	1,488.27	\$	243,955.78	\$	16,572.49	\$	13,488.90
		80.00%										
Minnesota Federal Funds Claiming Local	\$	80,000.00	\$	_	\$	_	\$	80,000.00	\$	_	\$	_
Match Waiver***	_	00,000.00			_		_				_	
Local Match - Minnesota Federal Funds (local	Ś	46,265	\$	10.101.52	\$	195.36	\$	32,022.51	\$	2,175,36	\$	1,770.60
partner dues)*	,	40,203	٧	10,101.32	ب	155.50	ڔ	32,022.31	٧	2,173.30	ب	1,770.00
partner duesy		10.50%										
Minnesota State Funds*	\$	41,850	\$	9,137.48	\$	176.71	\$	28,966.43	\$	1,967.76	\$	1,601.62
Willinesota State Fullus		9.50%										
Local Match - Minnesota State Funds (local	Ś	10,463	Ś	1.933.32	Ś	37.39	\$	7.736.58	Ś	416.34	Ś	338.87
partner dues)**	_	20,100	Ť	2,500.02	Ť	57105	Ť	,,,,,,,,,,,	,	120101	,	555.67
·		1.97%										
Federal, State, & Local Match w/o Local Match							١.					
MN State funds and Federal Waiver	\$	440,577	\$	96,195	\$	1,860	\$	304,945	\$	20,716	\$	16,861
Total Revenue	\$	531,039		\$98,128		\$1,898		\$392,681		\$21,132		\$17,200
MAPO Staff Expenses												
Program Support & Administration	\$	98,128	\$	98,128								
Long Range Planning	\$	1,898			\$	1,898						
Short Range Planning	\$	67,681					\$	67,681				
Program Development	\$	21,132							\$	21,132		
Total Staff Salaries & Benefits	\$	188,839										
Commodities & Other Services												
Legal, Publication, & Advertising	\$	600									\$	600
Telephone & Postage	\$	500									\$	500
Training, Travel & Conferences	\$	4,000									\$	4,000
Printing & Publishing	\$	2,000									\$	2,000
Office Supplies (including software)	\$	2,100									\$	2,100
Subscriptions & Memberships	\$	8,000									\$	8,000
Consultant Services	\$	325,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	325,000	\$	-	\$	-
Total Expenses	\$	531,039	\$	98,128		\$1,898	\$	392,681	\$	21,132	\$	17,200
% of Total Program		100%		18.5%		0.4%		73.9%		4.0%		3.2%

<sup>\*</sup> Percentages are of the Total Federal, State & Local match without local match for Minnesota State Planning Funds.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Local match to Minnesota State Planning Funds. These are not part of the Federal Planning Fund match and do not contribute to the percentage match.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Eligible complete streets activities applying for a waiver from the 20% local match.

# **Federal Funds and Local Match**

	MAPO FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program Budget - Federal Funds and Local Match										
UPWP Category	Project Title	Federal Funding Amount		Funding		A	Local Funding Amount (State and Local)	Complete Streets Waiver		Total Funding Amount	
100	Program Support	Ś	76,956	Ś	21,172	Ś	_	Ś	98,128		
	Long Range Planning	Ś	1,488	\$	409	\$		\$	1,898		
	Short Range Planning	\$	243,956	\$	68,726	\$	80,000	\$	392,681		
400	Program Development	\$	16,572	\$	4,559	\$	-	\$	21,132		
500	Other Service & Commodities	\$	13,489	\$	3,711	\$	-	\$	17,200		
	Funding Totals	\$	352,461	\$	98,578	\$	80,000	\$	531,039		
Source of											
Local	Minnesota State Funds			\$	41,850						
Funds:	Local Funds partner dues			\$	56,728						
	Funding Totals			\$	98,578						

# 2026 Local Share Amount (may vary by \$1.00 due to rounding)

2026 LOCAL SHARE AMOUNT								
TOTAL 2026 Local Share	\$	56,728						
UNIT OF GOVERNMENT	LO	CAL SHARE						
Blue Earth County	\$	15,857						
City of Mankato	\$	15,439						
Nicollet County	\$	5,007						
City of North Mankato	\$	5,425						
District 7 MnDOT	\$	15,000						
TOTAL 2026 Local Payments	\$	56,728						

# **Local Share Amount by Year (may vary by \$1.00 due to rounding)**

Local Share Amount by Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Blue Earth County	\$ 16,021	\$ 16,455	\$ 15,886	\$ 24,371	\$ 22,014	\$16,658	\$16,133	\$ 15,857
City of Mankato	\$ 15,599	\$ 16,022	\$ 15,468	\$ 23,730	\$ 21,435	\$16,219	\$15,708	\$ 15,439
Nicollet County	\$ 5,059	\$ 5,196	\$ 5,017	\$ 7,696	\$ 6,952	\$ 5,260	\$ 5,094	\$ 5,007
City of North Mankato	\$ 5,481	\$ 5,629	\$ 5,435	\$ 8,337	\$ 7,531	\$ 5,699	\$ 5,519	\$ 5,425
MnDOT D7 contribution (169 and 14	-	\$ 15,000	\$ 57,580	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$30,000	\$15,000
Total	\$ 42,160	\$ 58,302	\$ 99,386	\$ 64,134	\$ 57,932	\$ 58,836	\$72,455	\$56,728

# **Complete Streets Budget Table**

UPDATE

# **Draft 2027 Program Activity Details & Budget (illustrative)**

	100 Program Support and Administration	Budget	Staff Hours
Program	Prepare agendas and minutes for MAPO Meetings     Attending MnDOT and local agency meetings     Prepare and distribute agendas and minutes for TAC meetings		
Support 51001	Attend training, meetings, and conferences     Review and update MAPO administrative documents as needed     Prepare billing for local jurisdiction assessment		
	Total Expense - Program Support	\$52,931	745
Planning Work	Prepare next UPWP and budget     Review with MNDOT, FHWA, local partners, and other agencies		
Program 51002	3. Reporting to MnDOT & FHWA Total Expense - Planning Work Program	\$9,078	125
Training and	Travel to meetings including MPO Directors meetings MN MPO workshop     Travel to workshops		
Travel 51003	3. Attend other meeting related to transportation Total Expense - Training & Travel	\$13,105	130
	Maintenance of Website - Post minutes, agendas, meeting materials, information, create revolving content		
Information Tech, GIS, &	Online Engagement for Variety of Transportation Projects and Topics - Every Voice		
Website 51004	2. Geographic Information System Support (7208)	\$8,000	
	Total Staff Expenses Total Expense - Information Tech & Website	\$9,086 <b>\$17,086</b>	130
Program	1. Vacation, Sick and Holidays	400.50	
Expenses 51005	Total Expense - Program Expenses	\$20,687	300
Total Expenses -	Program Support and Administration	\$112,887	1,430
	200 Long-Range Planning	Budget	Staff Hours
Long Range	Total Staff costs - Long Range Planning - MTP Update, maintenance, analysis, inquiry response, participation in transit development plan, Transportation Demand Model use and maintenance.	\$1,995	28
Planning 52001	Total Expenses - Long Range Planning	\$1,995 \$1,995	20
	Team Expenses Early Hally Co. Annually	72/333	
Total Expenses -	Long Range Planning	\$1,995	28
	300 Short-Range Planning	Budget	Staff Hours
	Consultant cost - Highway 14 Corridor - CSAH 12 to Lookout Drive (2 year project 2026 and 2027) Total MAPO Cost \$500,000  Update Complete Streets Plans - Mankato and North Mankato - internal work	\$250,000	
Short Range	Expand Complete Streets Plan to Township/County within Planning Area		
Planning - Local	Assist MAPO partners with local transportation planning data requests and support  Distribute and share relevant transportation materials & information/outreach (52002 staff coding)		
		\$61,771	874
53001	Staff Expenses		
	Total Expenses - Short Range Planning - Local	\$311,771	
53001	Total Expenses - Short Range Planning - Local  1. Participation in Statewide and District Planning Efforts (various planning & work groups e.g. District 7 Freight Plan, State Rail Plan, State Pedestrian Plan, etc.)		
53001 State Planning	Total Expenses - Short Range Planning - Local  1. Participation in Statewide and District Planning Efforts (various planning & work groups e.g. District 7 Freight Plan, State Rail Plan,		
53001 State Planning Efforts	Total Expenses - Short Range Planning - Local  1. Participation in Statewide and District Planning Efforts (various planning & work groups e.g. District 7 Freight Plan, State Rail Plan, State Pedestrian Plan, etc.)  2. Coordination with MnDOT and local partners for transportation related activities	\$311,771	150
53001 State Planning	Total Expenses - Short Range Planning - Local  1. Participation in Statewide and District Planning Efforts (various planning & work groups e.g. District 7 Freight Plan, State Rail Plan, State Pedestrian Plan, etc.)  2. Coordination with MnDOT and local partners for transportation related activities  Total Staffing Costs - Short Term Planning - Interagency	\$311,771 \$10,955	150
53001 State Planning Efforts	Total Expenses - Short Range Planning - Local  1. Participation in Statewide and District Planning Efforts (various planning & work groups e.g. District 7 Freight Plan, State Rail Plan, State Pedestrian Plan, etc.)  2. Coordination with MnDOT and local partners for transportation related activities	\$311,771	150
53001 State Planning Efforts	Total Expenses - Short Range Planning - Local  1. Participation in Statewide and District Planning Efforts (various planning & work groups e.g. District 7 Freight Plan, State Rail Plan, State Pedestrian Plan, etc.)  2. Coordination with MnDOT and local partners for transportation related activities  Total Staffing Costs - Short Term Planning - Interagency	\$311,771 \$10,955	150

# Draft 2027 Program Activity Details & Budget (illustrative) continued

	400 Program Development	Budget	Staff Hours
	1. TAP LOI Review		
Inter Agency -	2. Coordination and review with MnDOT and Transit for STIP		
State 54002	Total Staffing Costs - Program Development		
State 54002	Total Expenses - Program Development - Interagency	\$5,316	70
	Public notice of Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) preparation		
	2. Solicit projects from local partners		
	3. TIP Community Impact Analysis		
	4. Consultation with Mankato Transit System, including assistance with Transit Development Plan (TDP)		
Inter Agency	5. TIP development		
Local 54003	6. Public Engagement for TIP including local project inclusion		
LUCAI 34003	7. Coordination with District 7 ATP		
	8. Work with Region Nine RDC & serve on R9 Transportation Advisory Committee		
	9. Coordinate to make MAPO operations accessible e.g. language translation, hearing-impaired, etc.		
	Total Staffing Costs - Inter Agency Local	\$16,305	240
	Total Expenses - Program Development - Interagency	\$16,305	
Total Expenses	Program Development	\$21,621	310
	Other Services & Commodities	Budget	Staff Hours
	3040 Legal, Publication, & Advertising	\$600	
	3210 Telephone & Postage	\$500	
	3300 Training, Travel & Conferences (costs assocaited with travel expenses less staff time)	\$4,000	
	3410 Printing & Publishing	\$2,000	
	2010 Office Supplies	\$2,000	
	4330 Subscriptions & Memberships (including \$1000 AMPO membership and \$7,000 StreetLight license fee paid Oct.)	\$8,000	
Total Other Serv	ices & Commodities	\$17,100	
Total Expenses	nd Staffing Hours for 2026	\$476,329	2,792

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

### **Policy Board meetings**

MAPO Policy Board meetings are typically held every other month on the first Thursday unless otherwise notified. Policy Board meetings are held in the Mankato Room (Mankato City Council Chamber), 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 third Thursday unless otherwise notified. TAC meetings are held in the Minnesota River Room, 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Intergovernmental Center (IGC) at 1:30 p.m., 10 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN 56001.

Tentative 2026 MAPO meeting schedule. Meetings may be cancelled if there are no immediate action items.					
TAC meetings	Policy Board meetings				
January 15	February 5				
February 19	March 5				
March 19	April 2				
April 16	May 7				
May 21	June 4				
June 18	July 2				
July 16	August 6				
August 20	September 3				
September 17	October 1				
October 15	November 5				
November 19	December 3				

#### **MAPO Contact information**

#### **Mailing Address**

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

#### Website

www.mnmapo.org

#### **Executive Director**

Mark Konz (507) 381-8613 mkonz@mankatomn.gov

#### **Twitter**

@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: Revisions to the UPWP**

MAPO will follow the guidance from MnDOT on revisions to the UPWP as follows. There are instances when an MPO may need to amend or modify its UPWP. UPWP revisions may be in the form of administrative modifications or formal amendments. Prior to initiating any changes, the MPO should consult with MnDOT's OTSM liaison and FHWA or FTA, as applicable, to determine if an amendment or modification is required and to discuss any other concerns or issues regarding the proposed change. The MPO, OTSM and FHWA or FTA will determine whether an administrative modification or formal amendment is required. MnDOT and FHWA or FTA will identify the information that needs to be included in the documentation.

An MPO cannot act (e.g., vote or pass a resolution) to amend its UPWP prior to federal approval of the UPWP.

#### **FORMAL AMENDMENT**

A formal UPWP amendment request is required for any of the following changes, in alignment with 2 CFR 200.308:

#### Budget Changes

- Any change that results in the addition of federal funds to the existing approved UPWP planning grant
- Cumulative transfers over 10% of the total federal funds of the UPWP budget among separately budgeted work categories (e.g., if the UPWP budget is \$500,000 of which \$400,000 is federal funds, the 10% threshold is \$40,000. Therefore \$10,000 could move from category A to category B and \$29,999 could move from category C to category D prior to a formal amendment needing to occur.)
- Reduction in work that will equal or exceed 25% of the total project budget per task identified in the UPWP budget for the MPO (e.g., if the total UPWP budget is \$500,000, but Task A's budget is \$50,000, then if Task A reduces its budget by 25% or \$12,500, then a formal amendment is needed.)

#### Task Changes

- Adding new work items not previously listed in the approved UPWP that are requested to use CPG funds. This may include the next calendar year's procurement related tasks.
- Significant change in the scope of work for separately budgeted work categories, projects, elements or activities
- o Change in the scope or the objective of the programmed task or project
- Changes to Who Performs the Activities and Tasks
  - Addition or removal or change of consultant activities if these actions were not identified in the approved UPWP.
  - Change from consultant to perform activities to internal MPO staff specified to complete the task or project.

#### **FORMAL AMENDMENT REQUEST**

The following actions, in order, are required prior to any work being done or funds expended when a formal UPWP amendment is required.

- 1. Approval from the MPO policy board prior to submitting the request to MnDOT for approval
- 2. Approval from MnDOT OTSM
- 3. Approval from FHWA or FTA

A formal UPWP amendment request must include:

- Completed UPWP Amendment form
  - Use the most current version provided by MnDOT
- Redline version of updated UPWP with updated funding tables and work activity descriptions, as needed reflecting the changes
- Clean version of updated UPWP with updated funding tables and work activity descriptions, as needed reflecting the changes
- Resolution approving the amendment
- Memo detailing the changes and requesting approval

The formal UPWP amendment request and associated documentation must be submitted to MnDOT's OTSM requesting MnDOT's approval of the amendment and that MnDOT transmits the amendment with a recommendation to FHWA and/or FTA for final approval.

It is recommended that the MPO submit a draft of the proposed amendment to MnDOT's OTSM liaison and FHWA or FTA for review and comment prior to MPO Policy Board approval. MnDOT will review the request in consultation with FHWA and/or FTA. MnDOT and FHWA or FTA may request additional documentation. If approved, MnDOT will transmit its UPWP amendment approval to FHWA and/or FTA for federal approval. For new activities, added tasks or added budget, no work may begin on the activity until FHWA and/or FTA approval is received.

All formal amendments that include a request to amend the MPO's CPG to add or reduce federal funds must be submitted to MnDOT no later than August 31st of the effected calendar year. MnDOT cannot guarantee CPG amendments will be processed for requests received after August 31st. MnDOT must have available obligation authority to add funds to a grant.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS**

Administrative modifications to the are required for any of the following changes:

- Technical or editorial corrections are made to an approved UPWP
- Changes to the approved UPWP do not meet the thresholds for a formal UPWP amendment, but documentation is needed.
- Transfers under 10% of the total federal funds of the UPWP budget among separately budgeted work categories (e.g., if the UPWP budget is \$500,000 of which \$400,000 is federal funds, the 10% threshold is \$40,000. Therefore \$10,000 could move from category A to category B and \$29,999 could move from category C to category D with an administrative amendment.)

• Reduction in work of the overall task is greater than \$5,000 or the reduction in work of the overall task is greater than 10% but is less than 25% of the total project budget per task identified in the UPWP budget for the MPO (e.g., if the total UPWP budget is \$500,000, but Task A's budget is \$50,000, then if Task A reduces its budget by 25% or \$12,500, then there would need to be a formal amendment.)

#### **Administrative Modification Request**

When an administrative modification is anticipated, MAPO will coordinate with MnDOT's OTSM liaison to confirm the modification is required. MAPO staff will provide a memo detailing the changes, and the reasons for the changes to the MnDOT OTSM liaison and the Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Board of modifications during their next meetings.



# **Minnesota MPO Unified Planning Work Program Checklist**

MPO: Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization UPWP website: MNMAPO.org

MPO Contact name: Mark Konz Phone: 507-387-8613 Email: mkonz@mankatomn.com

UPWP time period: <u>1/1/2026</u> to <u>12/31/2026</u>

The table below identifies information that should be covered by the MPO's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). UPWPs are regulated under 23 CFR 450.308, 23 CFR 420, and FTA Circular C8100.1D. Complete the requested information as applicable.

Regulatory Citation (23 CFR, except when noted otherwise)	Key Item	Review Guidance / Description	Included in UPWP?	If yes, which page(s)?	Comments
420.111	Cover Page	Include MPO name	Yes/No	Cover	
		Include calendar years covered by the UPWP	Yes/ No	Cover	
450.308(c)	Title Page	Include MPO name	Yes/ No	Title page	
		Include calendar years covered by the UPWP	Yes/No	Title page	
		Identify MPO contact person, including name, phone number and email address	Yes/ No	Title page	
		Identify the agencies providing funds for the UPWP; Option to include agency logos for easier identification	Yes/No	Title page	
		Include a USDOT disclaimer noting that the document was prepared with federal funds but does not reflect the views or policies of the United States Department of Transportation	Yes/ No	Title page	
Best practice	Introduction	Include a table of contents	Yes/ No	Table of Contents	

Regulatory Citation (23 CFR, except when noted otherwise)	Key Item	Review Guidance / Description	Included in UPWP?	If yes, which page(s)?	Comments
		Include a fully executed MPO resolution approving the UPWP	Yes/ No	4	Resolution not signed yet
		Include a fully executed federal self-certification document	Yes/ No	5-7	
Best practice	Мар	Include a map showing MPO urbanized boundary and the Planning Area boundary	Yes/ No	2	
Best practice	Staff	List primary MPO staff by name and title	Yes/No	3	
Best practice	MPO membership	List of all policy board members, including names and affiliations	Yes/No	3	
		List of all technical advisory members, including names and affiliations	Yes/No	3	
		List of all technical committee(s) members, including names and affiliations (i.e., bicycle and pedestrian or harbor committees)	Yes/ No	3	
450.308(b)	Previous year's accomplishments	Summarize the MPO's previous year's accomplishments. This may include major studies completed, number of TIP/MTP amendments, Title VI and Community Impact Assessment related activities etc.	Yes/ No	9	
Best practice	Meetings	List all proposed policy board meeting dates	Yes/ No	25	
		List all proposed technical advisory committee and all technical committee meeting dates	Yes/ No	25	
		Include a note that meeting dates are subject to change	Yes/ No	25	
450.308(c)	Federal Planning Factors	Discuss the planning priorities for the MPO and the ten federal planning factors	Yes/ No	5-7	

Regulatory Citation (23 CFR, except when noted otherwise)	Key Item	Review Guida	nce / Description	Included in UPWP?	If yes, which page(s)?	Comments
450.308(c); 420.111(b)(1)	Funding	which identified agencies with	mary budget table es participating respective funding by task with line and	Yes No	21	
		which lists cur	ing source table rent funding by e for each task with	Yes/ No	19-20	
		that shows: feed of fund, match fund, state and	ing summary table leral share by type ing rate by type of /or local matching er state and local	Yes/ No	21	
420.113	420.113 Eligible Expenses		allocation plan or cost allocation plan	Yes/No	10-17	
			s are eligible under an Planning funds	Yes/ No	10-17	
450.308(c); 450.308(c); 420.111(b)(1)	Work Plan Elements  Best practice examples:  Portland, OR - Oregon Metro 2022 UPWP  Omaha, NE - MAPA FY2021 UPWP  Southeastern Wisconsin MPO - SEWRPC 2022 Overall Work Program	Task Identification	Include task number and title	Yes/ No	10-17	
420.111(b)(1)		Purpose	Discuss the purpose of the work element and/or individual work item/activity with at least two objectives	Yes/ No	10-17	
		Description	Include a brief description of each individual work item/activity in sufficient detail to indicate who (e.g., MPO, State, public transportation operator, local government, or consultant) will perform the work	Yes/ No	10-17	
		Final product(s)	Identify in sufficient detail the resulting products	Yes/ No	10-17	

Regulatory Citation (23 CFR, except when noted otherwise)	Key Item	Review Guida	Included in UPWP?	If yes, which page(s)?	Comments	
		Hours	Estimate the number of hours for work activities	Yes/ No	10-17	
		Schedule	Include insufficient detail the schedule for completing the work (i.e., estimated milestone or benchmark dates as well as end dates)	Yes/ No	10-17	
		Funding	<ul> <li>In sufficient detail estimate the proposed funding by major activity and task</li> <li>In sufficient detail to indicate a summary of the total amounts and sources of Federal and matching funds</li> <li>A description of work to be accomplished and cost estimates by activity or task</li> </ul>	Yes/ No	10-17	
		Completion date	Identify the anticipated completion date or note if ongoing activity; identify previous work if task is a continuing item	Yes/ No	10-17	
450.316	Public Participation	Ensure work program follows MPO's public participation plan		Yes// No	16	
		include public	at are compliant	Yes/ No	16	

Regulatory Citation (23 CFR, except when noted otherwise)	Key Item	Review Guidance / Description	Included in UPWP?	If yes, which page(s)?	Comments
		Ensure document is publicly accessible	Yes/ No	Title page	Document hosted on MAPO website and available in alternative formats by contacting staff
Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.	Title VI	Ensure work program includes Title VI requirements	Yes No		Plan adopted September 7, 2024 and is available on mnmapo.org
Executive Order 13166	Language Access Plan	Ensure document complies with Limited English Proficiency requirements	Yes' No	Cover page	
Americans with Disabilities Act Title II	ADA compliance	Ensure document is accessible	Yes/ No	Cover page	
IIJA – new ruling	2.5% Safe & Accessible Fund set-aside	Identify Safe & Accessible Transportation Option set-aside activities are	Yes/ No	20	
		This needs to account for a minimum of 2.5% of the MPO federal funds			

MPO comments: