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**PLACEHOLDER FOR ADOPTION RESOLUTION**

**ALISBURY/WICOMICO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FY 2026**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

As a result of the 2000 U.S. Census, the Salisbury area was classified as an Urbanized Area (“UA”), and in accordance with the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements a Metropolitan Planning Organization was designated by Maryland Governor Robert L. Ehrlich on February 19, 2004. The initial UA of the Salisbury/Wicomico Metropolitan Planning Organization (“S/WMPO”) included the City of Salisbury, the City of Fruitland, the Towns of Delmar (Md. & De.), and the adjacent unincorporated areas of Wicomico County, Md., and Sussex County, De.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau 2010 Decennial Census, the population of the Urbanized Area was 98,081 with 73,493 persons residing in Maryland (74.9%) and approximately 24,588 persons residing in Delaware (25.1%). This represents an increase of 38,655 persons between the 2000 and 2010 Census, which the majority of the population increase occurred in the expanded portion of the UA in Delaware. In response to the population increase and changes to the delineation criteria of an UA between the 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census, the size of the UA expanded from approximately 43 sq. miles to 73 sq. miles. In addition, a Planning Study Area boundary, which includes the UA, is a larger area encompassing anticipated growth areas of the member jurisdictions over the next 20 years.

The 2010 UA for the S/WMPO region includes the City of Salisbury, City of Fruitland, Town of Delmar, MD, Town of Hebron, and portions of Wicomico and Somerset counties in Maryland. The Delaware portion consists of Town of Delmar, Town of Laurel, Town of Blades, City of Seaford, and part of unincorporated Sussex County, DE. The Metropolitan Planning Area boundary includes the aforementioned jurisdictions, as well as expanded portions of Wicomico County, Maryland, and Sussex County, Delaware.

Following the 2020 Decennial Census, the U.S. Census Bureau modified the Urban Area (“UA”) designation criteria as compared to the methodology used for the 2010 Decennial Census. This resulted in a decrease in size of the former UA, with Somerset County, Town of Hebron, and other areas in Maryland no longer being included; and in Delaware, the towns of Laurel and Blades, the City of Seaford, and lands between the municipalities are also excluded from the UA. The 2020 population of the current UA is approximately 78,075 persons.

Since the 1960’s the federal government has established urban transportation planning requirements in all metropolitan areas, as a prerequisite to the

approval of federal funding (23 CFR Part 450 and 49 CFR Part 613). The regulations require a continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative (“3-C”) planning process in all urbanized areas. In accordance with federal regulations, the S/WMPPO is the planning agency responsible for regional transportation planning activities within the UA.

In 1991, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (“ISTEA”) was passed. This Act revised some of the established regulations and procedures and placed a new emphasis on Metropolitan Planning Organizations. As part of this Act, the MPO planning process has been more specifically defined and new planning requirements have been prescribed.

In 1998, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (“TEA-21”) was passed continuing the initiatives of the 1991 Act and adding several new provisions and programs.

In 2005, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (“SAFETEA-LU”) was passed, building on the foundation established by ISTEA and TEA-21 and representing the largest surface transportation investment in the Nation’s history. SAFETEA-LU expired in 2009 and after a series of Continuing Resolutions, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (“MAP-21”) was signed into law by President Barack Obama in July 2012.

MAP-21 is a two-year bill that seeks to build on and refine many of the highway, transit, bike and pedestrian programs and policies established by ISTEA in 1991. MAP-21 seeks to focus the federal aid program on the following national goals:

1. Safety;
2. Infrastructure;
3. Congestion Reduction;
4. System Reliability;
5. Freight Movement and Economic Vitality;
6. Environmental Sustainability; and
7. Reduced Project Delivery Dates.

On December 4, 2015, President Obama signed into law Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (“FAST Act”). The FAST Act provides funding certainty for infrastructure planning and capital programming over a five-year timeframe extending from FY 2016 through FY 2020. Overall, the FAST Act maintains current program structures and funding shared between highways and transit. Also, the law makes changes and reforms to many Federal transportation programs, including, streamlining the review and approval processes for new transportation projects, providing new safety tools, and establishing new

programs to advance critical freight projects.

On November 15, 2021, President Biden signed into law the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (“IIJA”), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (“BIL”). As the largest long-term investment in the Nation’s history, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides \$550 billion from fiscal years 2022 through 2026 in new Federal investment for infrastructure, including roads, bridges, mass transit, wastewater infrastructure, and broadband.

This Unified Planning Work Program (“UPWP”) is a cooperative planning effort by federal, state, and local transportation agencies serving the Salisbury/Wicomico MPO Area, and functions as the annual work program for the S/WMPO. The purpose of the UPWP is to describe and coordinate all transportation planning activities to be completed with federal, state, and local resources during a fiscal year, and is designed to make the transportation planning process consistent with the appropriate federal regulations. Included in the UPWP is a budget detailing how each fund source will be utilized. The UPWP is reviewed, revised, and adopted annually.

## **II. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (“USDOT”) PLANNING EMPHASIS AREAS**

The FAST Act has continued to focus on transportation planning as was outlined in preceding federal transportation legislation. In accordance with that focus, the Federal Highway Administration (“FHWA”) and the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) released Planning Emphasis Areas (“PEAs”) in December 2021. PEAs are planning topical areas that the Federal agencies wish to place emphasis on as the MPOs develop their planning work programs.

## **III. ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT**

### **A. Metropolitan Planning Organization Council**

The S/WMPO was designated by Maryland Governor Robert L. Ehrlich on February 19, 2004, and is the primary agency responsible for transportation planning within the MPO’s Planning Area.

At the time of this publication, the primary governing body of the S/WMPO is the Council, which consists of 11 voting members. The voting members consist of representatives from the following governments and agencies:

#### ***Maryland***

Maryland Department of Transportation (1 position);

Wicomico County (3 positions);

City of Salisbury (2 positions);

City of Fruitland (1 position);  
Town of Delmar, MD (1 position); and  
Tri-County Council of the Lower Eastern Shore of MD (1 position).

***Delaware***

Delaware Department of Transportation (1 position);  
City of Seaford (1 position)

**B. Technical Advisory Committee (“TAC”)**

The S/WMPO Council has established a 12-voting member Technical Advisory Committee (“TAC”) comprised of technical representatives such as planners and engineers. The TAC provides technical expertise and develops recommendations to assist the Council by reviewing and recommending revisions to the planning process, data collection, forecasts, the Long Range Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program, and the UPWP. The current TAC voting membership includes representation from the various member jurisdictions, as well as from transportation organizations and relevant state agencies. The TAC can include representation from all modes of surface transportation and various levels of government, which provides the opportunity to achieve a unified transportation planning effort.

**C. MPO Staff**

The S/WMPO is staffed by personnel from the Salisbury-Wicomico County Department of Planning, Zoning and Community Development. The S/WMPO Administrator manages the daily operations of the Organization, as well as coordinates regional transportation planning projects and activities. The S/WMPO Executive Director oversees the financial management of the Organization and serves as a liaison to local, state, and federal agencies involved in regional transportation planning activities within the S/WMPO Metropolitan Planning Area.

**D. Organizational Procedures and Bylaws**

The S/WMPO operates under an adopted set of Bylaws. Wicomico County provides support services to the Organization, including, but not limited to legal, financial, and procurement services. Staff performing these services operate under the applicable rules and procedures of the County and the State of Maryland. The S/WMPO’s official records are maintained in the Wicomico County Department of Planning, Zoning, and Community Development’s office in Room 203 of the Government Office Building, 125 N. North Division Street, Salisbury, MD, 21803. The records are available for public inspection during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

**SALISBURY/WICOMICO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FY 2026**

**A. Core Planning**

**1. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Objectives: To develop the Salisbury/Wicomico Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Transportation Improvement Program (“TIP”) for FY 2026 – FY 2029 as specified by the federal urban transportation planning requirements and consistent with state CTPs.

Previous Work: FY 2025 – FY 2028; FY 2024 – FY 2027; FY 2023 – FY 2026; FY 2022 – FY 2025; FY 2021 – FY 2024; FY 2020 – FY 2023; FY 2019 – FY 2022; FY 2018 – FY 2021; FY 2017 – FY 2020; FY 2016 – FY 2019; FY 2014 – FY 2017; FY 2013 – FY 2016; FY 2012 – FY 2015; FY 2011 – FY 2014; FY2010 – FY2013 TIP; FY 2009 – FY 2012 TIP; FY 2008 - FY 2011 TIP; and FY 2007 - FY 2009 TIP.

Methodology: Compile a comprehensive list of federally funded and regionally significant transportation improvements recommended for implementation during the 4-year program period. The document will represent the region’s transportation priorities and include realistic financially constrained cost estimates.

End Product: FY 2026 – FY 2029 Salisbury/Wicomico Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program, as well as amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2025 – FY 2028 TIP.

Staffing: S/WMPO.



Funding: Funding for this task totals \$4,000, as listed below by source and state:

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>MARYLAND</u>
FHWA	\$2,368
FTA	\$832
DOT	\$400
Local	\$400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>

Completion Date: Draft / Adoption – Fall 2025  
Amendments and Administrative Modifications – as needed basis.

**2. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

Objectives: To develop the FY 2027 UPWP, amend FY 2026 UPWP, as well as de-obligate unencumbered carryover funding from the FY 2025 UPWP.

Previous Work: FY 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 UPWPs.

Methodology: This sub-task will be performed by the S/WMPO with assistance from the Technical Advisory Committee, S/WMPO Council, MDOT, MTA, DelDOT, FHWA, or FTA. Specific tasks to be funded will be identified by Staff, TAC, Council and/or transportation planning activities undertaken during previous years, as well as recommendations contained in the adopted LRTP and local comprehensive plans.

End Products: Amend FY 2026 UPWP, if necessary, and develop FY 2027 UPWP.

Staffing: S/WMPO.

Funding: Funding for this task totals \$5,000, as listed below by source and state:

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>MARYLAND</u>
FHWA	\$2,959
FTA	\$1,041
DOT	\$500
Local	\$500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>

Completion Date: Draft / Adoption – Winter / Spring 2026  
Amendments – as needed

**3. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Objective: The S/WMPO adopted their LRTP, Connect 2050, on February 21, 2024, and is required by federal regulations to update the Plan on a four-year cycle. To meet this schedule, the Plan will be reviewed, revised, and adopted during 2027.

Previous Work: Adopted LRTP in FY 2007, FY 2011, FY 2015, FY 2020 and FY 2024.

Methodology: In anticipation of the 2027 update of the Organization’s LRTP, S/WMPO Staff will compile essential background information, conduct research about emerging trends, and analyze transportation and development activity to identify potential impacts to the regional transportation network. Pertinent data to be compiled and analyzed includes: previous and on-going transportation planning studies and reports prepared for the S/WMPO; Capital Improvement Programs and Budgets of member jurisdictions; improvements since the last update; freight analysis data (movements and modes); Census data; waterborne freight commodities data; Shore Transit’s Annual Transportation Plan; State and Federal Surface Transportation Plans; and locally-adopted comprehensive plans.

The S/WMPO Staff will be extensively involved with

other aspects of the update, including, but not limited to the following: organizing public participation and outreach efforts; managing the project team and schedule; identifying and compiling relevant resource data; coordinating Plan review and adoption process with the Technical Advisory Committee, S/WMPO Council, FHWA, FTA, MDOT, MTA, and DeIDOT to ensure the Plan is in conformance with applicable state and federal regulations, as well as consistent with local plans, policies, and programs.

The S/WMPO’s adopted Public Participation Plan will be followed to ensure and encourage public participation.

End Product: 2028 Salisbury/Wicomico Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Long Range Transportation Plan.

Staffing: S/WMPO and consultants.

Funding: Funding for this task totals \$20,000, as listed below by source and state:

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>MARYLAND</u>
FHWA	\$11,838
FTA	\$4,162
DOT	\$2,000
Local	\$2,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>

Completion Date: Draft – August 2028  
Local adoption – Prior to December 2028

**4. TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Objectives: To ensure the Transportation Development Plan (“TDP”) prepared by the Shore Transit is consistent with the S/WMPO LRTP.

Previous Work: Shore Transit has prepared and adopted previous versions of the TDP. The S/WMPO has an adopted LRTP containing a multi-modal Transportation element, which includes a narrative about

transportation services provided by Shore Transit.

Methodology: The S/WMPO annually reviews the TDP to ensure consistency with the LRTP. This will include, when necessary, discussions amongst S/WMPO staff, MTA, and Shore Transit.

End Products: Consistency between the S/WMPO's LRTP and Shore Transit's TDP.

Staffing: S/WMPO.

Funding: Funding for this task totals \$600, as listed below by source and state:

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>MARYLAND</u>
FHWA	\$355
FTA	\$125
DOT	\$60
Local	\$60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$600</b>

Completion Date: Ongoing

## **B. MPO Administration**

Objectives: Significant organizational and regional transportation planning activities have been completed since the establishment of the S/WMPO in 2004. These activities include the establishment of a Council and Technical Advisory Committee, and the development and adoption of governing documents, including, but not limited to the following: Memorandum of Understanding and Master Agreement; Prospectus and Bylaws; and establishing the S/WMPO Metropolitan Planning Area boundary. Also, this task includes administrative responsibilities associated with the daily operations of staffing the S/WMPO and its regional planning activities and functions.

In addition to these daily operations, during FY 2026 the following on-going activities are anticipated:

- Staff training – Wicomico County Department of

Planning, Zoning, and Community Development staff will continue to receive training on the federally prescribed Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process. This item is timely given the enactment of Performance Measures associated with the passage of the MAP-21 and the FAST Act. This continuous training will include opportunities offered through membership, participation, and attendance of conferences and training activities of the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (“AMPO”).

- Air Quality Conformity Coordination – S/WMPO Staff will coordinate air quality conformity determination activities with the Delaware Department of Transportation to monitor the conformity status of Sussex County, Delaware. DelDOT is responsible for compliance with federal air quality conformity planning requirements for a defined Maintenance Area of the UA within Sussex County, De.
- Review and, if necessary, revise Governing and Planning Documents – S/WMPO Staff will conduct an annual review and, if necessary, recommend revisions of existing organizational documents, including, but not limited to the Bylaws and Prospectus, Public Participation Plan, Title VI Plan, etc.
- Data Collection – S/WMPO Staff will coordinate the collection and storage of traffic studies prepared by developers during the submission and review of various development projects proposed within the S/WMPO Metropolitan Planning Area (“MPA”) boundary. Also, when applicable, the S/WMPO will maintain data pertaining to traffic counts on roadways within the MPA that have been compiled by the various member jurisdictions.
- Manage the S/WMPO, which includes the daily activities needing to be performed to keep the S/WMPO operational. These activities, include, but are not limited to the following:

- Manage the daily operations and activities of the S/WMPO;
- Contract administration between the S/WMPO and other entities and vendors;
- S/WMPO accounting and financial requirements;
- Continued maintenance of the S/WMPO invoice tracking database;
- Prepare quarterly reimbursement requests and progress reports;
- Staff and support of the S/WMPO Technical Advisory Committee and the Council;
- Represent the S/WMPO at transportation related meetings, presentations, team planning initiatives, and conferences; and
- Attend training, conferences, and seminars to ensure the S/WMPO staff are knowledgeable about applicable federal and state regulations and performance measures consistent with MAP 21 and the FAST Act.

Methodology:

These sub-tasks will be performed by the S/WMPO, MDOT, and DeIDOT. The developmental work will be consistent with federal Metropolitan Planning Organization Guidelines.

End Products:

- Training of S/WMPO Staff.
- Input of S/WMPO Staff and coordination with DeIDOT about the air quality conformity issues associated with being designated as a Maintenance Area.
- Current adopted documents, to include the Prospectus and Bylaws, Public Participation Plan, Title VI Plan, etc.
- A tabulation of relevant traffic studies and data within the S/WMPO MPA.
- S/WMPO Invoice tracking database to streamline internal review and processing of invoices and prepare reimbursements.

Staffing: S/WMPO.

Funding: Funding for this task totals \$45,000, as listed below by source and state:

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>MARYLAND</u>
FHWA	\$26,635
FTA	\$9,365
DOT	\$4,500
Local	\$4,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>

Completion Date: Ongoing

### C. Public Participation Process

Objective: Activities will be undertaken to increase public participation in the S/WMPO's transportation planning process.

Previous Work: A new dedicated Website for the S/WMPO was completed in FY 2021 and is maintained to include all organizational documents, including, but not limited to LRTP, TIP, UPWP, Request for Proposals, TAC and Council meeting agenda and minutes, traffic studies and reports, and links to supporting organizations and agencies.

The Organization adopted a Public Participation Plan in FY 2008, and amended in FY 2012 and FY 2020.

Methodology: Implementation efforts will continue to maintain and, when necessary, update the Public Participation Plan and the Organization's website through regular review and comparison with those developed for other MPO's, as well as modifications to any officially adopted document(s).

End Product: A current and updated Public Participation Plan; continue to maintain the existing S/WMPO website, which contains links to member jurisdictions and organizations; advertise upcoming TAC and MPO Council meeting dates, agendas, and materials;

Staffing: advertise Request for Proposals; and provide a public portal to review existing plans, publications, and work program items (TIP, UPWP, and the LRTP). S/WMPO, website consultant, and advertising vendors.

Funding: Funding for this task totals \$2,500, as listed below by source and state:

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>MARYLAND</u>
FHWA	\$1,480
FTA	\$520
DOT	\$250
Local	\$250
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>

Completion Date: Ongoing

**D. Special Studies**

**1. U.S. ROUTE 50 AND BYPASS INTERCHANGES ASSESSMENT**

Objective: To conduct planning-level needs assessment for two (2) at-grade intersections at U.S. Route 50 and the Salisbury Bypass (located between Hobbs Road and Autumn Grove Road).

Previous Work: This will be the first needs assessment conducted by the S/WMPO.

Methodology: Project selection and scope of work will be developed by the S/WMPO Staff. Professional consulting services will be obtained to conduct and present the findings.

End Product: Contingent upon available funding the anticipated deliverables, include, but are not limited to a Final Report, which may contain the following: turning movement and traffic counts at various intersections, analysis of three (3) year crash data, existing conditions, geometric review of existing at-grade approaches, and counter measures with planning-level cost estimates.



Staffing: S/WMPO and selected consultant(s).

Funding: Funding for this task totals \$65,000, as listed below by source and state:

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>MARYLAND</u>
FHWA	\$38,473
FTA	\$13,527
DOT	\$6,500
Local	\$6,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>

Completion Date: FY 2026

## **2. MD 675 AND CONNELLY MILL ROAD INTERSECTION ANALYSES STUDY**

Objective: To conduct a planning-level study at the Bi-State Boulevard (MD 675) and Connelly Mill Road intersection to evaluate the feasibility of installing a traffic signal or roundabout at the existing three (3) - legged stop sign controlled intersection.

Previous Work: Eastern Shore Drive and East Carroll Street intersection study prepared in 2021.

Methodology: The scope of work will be developed by the S/WMPO Staff and consultant. Consultant will be responsible for meeting MDOT evaluation requirements for a traffic signal warrant and roundabout analyses. Professional consulting services will be obtained to conduct and present the findings of project(s).

End Product: Contingent upon available funding, the anticipated deliverables for this project, include, but are not limited to a Final Report, which may contain the following: current and future traffic conditions at identified intersections (counts and movements); recommendation on feasibility for replacing the stop-controlled intersection with signalization or roundabout; planning-level cost estimate(s) for proposed recommendation(s); and rendering(s) of proposed recommendation(s).

Staffing: S/WMPO and selected consultant(s).

Funding: Funding for this task totals \$52,500, as listed below by source and state:

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>MARYLAND</u>
FHWA	\$31,074
FTA	\$10,925
DOT	\$5,250
Local	\$5,250
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$52,500</b>

Completion Date: FY 2026

### **3. GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS – ONGOING ENHANCEMENTS**

Objective: The County Planning Department has previously initiated work on the development of a Geographic Information System, which is an ongoing coordinated effort between the S/WMPO, MDOT, and DelDOT. This task will support this effort and develop and utilize data for transportation and land use planning.

Previous Work: Work on an Enterprise GIS system has been initiated and was utilized extensively during the preparation of a majority of special studies completed to date. Computer hardware and software have been obtained and data collection and network coding have been accomplished, with data updates ongoing. Major accomplishments of the GIS Enhancement efforts of the County include: development of a vector-based parcel layer; creation of geodatabases; and the acquisition of orthophotography.

Methodology: Work is continuing on the development and enhancement of comprehensive multi-jurisdictional GIS. The GIS is used to produce mapping and data for many purposes including: transportation/transit planning; macro-level demand and growth forecasting/modeling; Emergency 911 planning; project impact analysis; comprehensive road inventory and mapping; and ongoing update of land

use files and development capacity analysis.

End Product: The GIS database developed from this task will support ongoing transportation planning functions related to mapping and inventory of roadway network infrastructure, and will also assist in the development and completion of the LRTP, and to support Corridor and Traffic Management Studies (both motorized and non-motorized).

Staffing: S/WMPO and consultants.

Funding: Funding for this task totals \$5,000, as listed below by source and state:

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>MARYLAND</u>
FHWA	\$2,959
FTA	\$1,041
DOT	\$500
Local	\$500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>

Completion Date: Ongoing

#### **4. TRANSIT PLANNING**

Objective: Funding is allocated to assist Shore Transit with planning activities designed to reduce gaps in access to essential services including housing, employment, health care, academic institutions, recreation, and other major activity generators. Funding during this fiscal year may be used to retain professional planning services.

Previous Work: Since FY 2010, the S/WMPO conducted several transportation and transit studies to assist Shore Transit with their operations. In FY 2011, the Shore Transit Traffic Impact Study was completed. The purpose of this Study was to assist in determining the potential impact(s) to ridership and bus routes based on the relocation of Shore Transit's operations and primary point of transfer to a facility at the intersection of U.S. Route 50 Westbound and Walston Switch Road. Moreover, the S/WMPO

funded a Routing Analysis for Shore Transit routes based on the relocation. In 2012, the Organization funded the Shore Transit Ridership Study to assist Shore Transit with collecting and reporting ridership data to the National Transit Database (“NTD”). In 2017, the S/WMPO funded an Origin to Destination Study for Shore Transit. Also, in 2021, the S/WMPO funded Shore Transit Choice Ridership Study was completed.

- Methodology: To be determined.
- End Product: To be determined.
- Staffing: S/WMPO, Shore Transit Staff and selected consultant(s).
- Funding: Funding for this task totals \$31,247, as listed below by source and state:

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>MARYLAND</u>
FHWA	\$18,495
FTA	\$6,503
DOT	\$3,125
Local	\$3,125
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$31,247</b>

Completion Date: To be determined

**5. FREIGHT PLANNING**

Objective: Continue to conduct freight planning activities with state, and local agencies; and stakeholders to ensure the safe and efficient movement of goods and services on the regional transportation network. Moreover, maintain and establish partnerships with freight related organizations and private entities. Also, funding will be used for annual membership dues.

Previous Work: The S/WMPO has partnered with MDOT, DelDOT, and VDOT to prepare the Delmarva Freight Plan. Also, a localized freight plan was prepared for the S/WMPO area in 2012. In 2020, the S/WMPO

partnered with the City of Salisbury on a Port Study for the Wicomico River.

Methodology: The scope of work will be developed by the S/WMPO Staff and MDOT. Professional consulting services will be obtained to conduct and present the findings of project(s).

End Product: Creation of a GIS parcel-based layer containing the zoning designation of parcels adjacent to the Norfolk Southern rail extending through Wicomico County.

Staffing: S/WMPO, MDOT Staff and selected consultant(s).

Funding: Funding for this task totals \$6,000, as listed below by source:

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>MARYLAND</u>
FHWA	\$3,551
FTA	\$1,249
DOT	\$600
Local	\$600
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>

Completion Date: Ongoing

## 6. **WALKWICOMICO PLANNING INITIATIVES**

Objective: To collect and develop pedestrian related data and increase planned walking activities within the MPA.

Previous Work: As part of several corridor studies, non-motorized counts and recommendations to improve safety and connectivity of pedestrian networks have been developed, as well as the 2012 *S/WMPO Functional Master Plan of Hiking and Biking Trails*. Moreover, the S/WMPO funded the development of GIS data identifying the existing sidewalk network and gaps.

Methodology: The S/WMPO will continue partnering with Wicomico County Health Department's Walk Wicomico Committee to explore outreach and educational opportunities, as well as organizing

community walks to promote the importance of walking. Annual activities will be presented to the S/WMPO TAC and Council.

End Product: To be determined.

Staffing: S/WMPO and the WalkWicomico Committee.

Funding: Funding for this task totals \$2,000, as listed below by source:

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>MARYLAND</u>
FHWA	\$1,184
FTA	\$416
DOT	\$200
Local	\$200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>

Completion Date: Ongoing

#### **7. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Objective: To obtain professional consulting services to assist member jurisdictions and entities with preparing grant applications in support of transportation-related activities.

Previous Work: In 2023, the S/WMPO provided funding for a SS4A grant application to be prepared for the City of Seaford.

Methodology: The scope of work will be developed by the S/WMPO, member jurisdictions and entities. Applications may be reviewed by the TAC to recommend award(s). Professional consulting services will be obtained to prepare and present grant applications in FY 2026.

End Product: Contingent upon available funding the anticipated deliverable is final grant application(s) for submitting to grantors.

Staffing: S/WMPO, member jurisdictions and entities, and selected consultant(s).

Funding:

Funding for this task totals \$12,500, as listed below by source and state:

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>MARYLAND</u>
FHWA	\$7,399
FTA	\$2,601
DOT	\$1,250
Local	\$1,250
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>

Completion Date:

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**SALISBURY/WICOMICO METROPOLITAN PLANNING  
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FY 2026  
UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

<b>A. CORE PLANNING</b>	<b>FHWA</b>	<b>FTA</b>	<b>MDOT</b>	<b>LOCAL*</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
1. TIP	\$2,368	\$832	\$400	\$400	\$4,000
2. UPWP	\$2,959	\$1,041	\$500	\$500	\$5,000
3. Salisbury/Wicomico Area Long-Range Transportation Plan	\$11,838	\$4,162	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$20,000
4. Transportation Devel. Prog.	\$355	\$125	\$60	\$60	\$600
Subtotal Section A	<b>\$17,520</b>	<b>\$6,160</b>	<b>\$2,960</b>	<b>\$2,960</b>	<b>\$29,600</b>
<b>B. MPO ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$26,635</b>	<b>\$9,365</b>	<b>\$4,500</b>	<b>\$4,500</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>
<b>C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS</b>	<b>\$1,480</b>	<b>\$520</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>D. SPECIAL STUDIES</b>					
1. US 50 and Bypass Interchange Alternatives Study	\$38,473	\$13,527	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$65,000
2. MD 675 and Connelly Mill Road TSWA / Roundabout Feasibility Study	\$31,074	\$10,925	\$5,250	\$5,250	\$52,500
3. GIS Enhancements	\$2,959	\$1,041	\$500	\$500	\$5,000
4. Transit Planning	\$18,495	\$6,503	\$3,125	\$3,125	\$31,247
5. Freight Planning	\$3,551	\$1,249	\$600	\$600	\$6,000
6. WalkWicomico Planning Initiatives	\$1,184	\$416	\$200	\$200	\$2,000
7. Technical Assistance - Grant applications	\$7,399	\$2,601	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$12,500
<b>Subtotal Section E</b>	<b>\$103,136</b>	<b>\$36,261</b>	<b>\$17,425</b>	<b>\$17,425</b>	<b>\$174,247</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$148,771</b>	<b>\$52,306</b>	<b>\$25,135</b>	<b>\$25,135</b>	<b>\$251,347</b>

\* Wicomico County 10% services as local match

**NOTES:**

Maryland – FY 26 Base Allocation = \$251,347.00 (FHWA = \$148,771.00; FTA = \$52,306.00; MDOT = \$25,135.00; and Local = \$25,135.00);