



Lincoln MPO Technical Committee Agenda Summary

AGENDA ITEM NO.	5
MEETING DATE	April 10, 2024
REQUEST	VOTE: Proposed FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program
ASSOCIATED MEETINGS	Lincoln MPO staff requested input from staff towards the development of the FY 2025 UPWP on January 29, 2024. A draft version of the UPWP was sent to the MPO Administration Committee, FHWA, and FTA for comment on March 11, 2024.
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RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE THE FY 2025 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

BACKGROUND

The Draft FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) incorporates in one document all federal assisted state, regional, and local transportation planning activities proposed to be undertaken in the region during the State/MPO Fiscal Year from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The UPWP provides a mechanism for the coordination of transportation planning activities in the metropolitan planning area and is required as a basis and condition for all federal funding assistance for transportation planning by the joint planning regulations of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

This work program describes all transportation planning activities utilizing federal funding during the coming fiscal year. It is funded primarily with the Metropolitan Planning Funds (PL funds) grant provided to the MPO. However, an MPO may use other eligible funds provided that the guidelines for use of those funds are met. Other funds that contribute towards transportation planning activities include FTA funds, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Planning funds, and state and local funds. State and local funds are used to provide the match for federal planning programs.

NOTE: The new indirect overhead cost rate has not yet been updated pending approval by FHWA. The Draft UPWP uses the current rate of 22.58%. The new rate will be added when it is known.

The Draft FY 2025 UPWP is available at:

<https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/Planning-Department/MPO/Key-Planning-Documents/UPWP>

Enclosed is a summary of the work program activities in the FY 2025 UPWP.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

The Draft FY 2025 UPWP has been developed based on funding levels resulting from the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and is based on the 2020 Census counts for urbanized area populations in Nebraska.



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To: MPO Technical Committee
From: Rachel Christopher, Transportation Planner
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Subject: Proposed FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program

The MPO Technical Committee will review the draft FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) at their meeting on April 10, 2024 and make a recommendation to the MPO Officials Committee.

The UPWP is funded primarily with Metropolitan Planning Funds (PL funds). Metropolitan Planning Funds authorized under 23 U.S.C. 104(f)(3) are apportioned to States and are to be made available to the metropolitan planning organizations responsible for carrying out the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134. The estimated distribution of new PL Funds for FY 2025 is based upon the current State distribution formula that uses Census 2020 Urban Area population. The Lincoln MPO estimated PL funds for FY 2025 is \$931,204.33 (this number includes carryover funds from the FY 2022 and 2023 UPWPs).

A summary of the work program activities in the draft FY 2025 UPWP is provided below.

Administration and Management Activities:

These activities include General Program Administration and Coordination, Certification of the Transportation Planning Process, development of the UPWP, PL Fund Grant Administration, and Professional Development, Education and Training.

<u>Total Funding</u>	<u>PL Funds</u>	<u>Local Share</u>
\$90,169	\$72,135	\$18,034

Interagency and Public Outreach Activities:

These activities include Transportation Planning-Related Committees, Public Participation Program, Environmental Justice Strategies and Implementing Title VI Requirements, Transportation Reports and Newsletters, and Website Management and Enhancement. For FY 2025, funds have been included for implementation of the updated MPO Public Participation Plan.

<u>Total Funding</u>	<u>PL Funds</u>	<u>Local Share</u>
\$45,733	\$36,586	\$9,147

Data Development, Monitoring and Evaluation Variables:

These activities include Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Demographic Database Update, Land Use Database Update and Maintenance, Community Value Factors and Surveys, Census Planning Activities (CTPP), and Transportation System Data Monitoring and Collecting.

<u>Total Funding</u>	<u>PL Funds</u>	<u>Local Share</u>
\$182,120	\$145,696	\$36,424

Short Range Planning and Programming Activities:

These activities include development of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Financial Resources Development and Program Phasing, Enhanced Mobility FTA Grant Programs, and Transportation Facilities and Site Plan Review.

<u>Total Funding</u>	<u>PL Funds</u>	<u>Local Share</u>
\$86,962	\$69,570	\$17,392

Metropolitan Transportation Planning:

These activities include Long Range Transportation Plan Review, Evaluation and Coordination with Comprehensive Planning Activities, Subarea Planning and Corridor Studies, Multi-modal Planning, Goods and Freight Movement Planning, and Policy Studies and Regulation Review. For FY 2025, funds have been included for staff time contributing to the Safe Streets Lincoln Vision Zero Action Plan and initial work on the update of the Long Range Transportation Plan and Lincoln Mobility Plan.

<u>Total Funding</u>	<u>PL Funds</u>	<u>Local Share</u>
\$684,021	\$547,217	\$136,804

Transportation System Planning:

These activities include Transportation Model Development and Maintenance, Congestion Management Process, Intelligent Transportation System (ITS), and System Management, Operations and Coordination. Funds in this activity continue to be included for on-call consultant work to update the Lincoln MPO Transportation Model on an as-needed basis.

<u>Total Funding</u>	<u>PL Funds</u>	<u>Local Share</u>
\$75,000	\$60,000	\$15,000

Transit Planning Work Program:

These activities include Program Support and Administration, General Development/Comprehensive Planning, Long Range Transportation Planning, Short-Range Transportation Planning, Transportation Improvement Program, Planning Emphasis Areas, and Other Activities. The Transit Planning Program receives funds through FTA including FTA Sections 5303 and 5307 funds. The full year of FY 2025 transit funds are not known at the time of publication of this UPWP due to FTA partial year apportionments but will be added by amendment once they are published, likely in June 2024.

Environmental Studies, Programs and Coordination:

These activities include Environmental Planning, Urban Air Quality Planning, and Flood Plain Management Program Coordination. These programs typically receive funds from State (including Federal pass-through grant funds) or local sources.

Lincoln Municipal Airport Planning:

The Lincoln Airport Authority has been undertaking an Airport Master Planning effort that could continue into FY 2025, with the primary objective of developing a long term program that will yield a safe, efficient, economical, and environmentally acceptable air transportation facility. The study will provide an analysis of airport needs, a definition of the airport's role within the regional airport system and evaluate alternatives with the purpose of providing direction for the future development of the facility. The Airport Master Plan is funded with federal funds through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).