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INTRODUCTION

**What is a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)?**

A Metropolitan Planning Organization or MPO is a transportation policy-making agency comprised of representatives from local governments and transportation agencies. The Federal Surface Transportation Act of 1973 required any urbanized area with a population over 50,000 people to have a designated MPO. That requirement has been continued by all federal transportation statutes including the most recent legislation signed into law on December 4, 2015 and titled Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.

For the Pine Bluff-White Hall urbanized area which includes some portion of unincorporated Jefferson County this designation is called the Pine Bluff Area Transportation Study (PBATS) area. The Southeast Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (SEARPC) has been designated the MPO for PBATS. The MPO is comprised of two committees; 1) the Policy Committee which serves as the governing body and provides policy guidance and; 2) the Technical Committee which provides technical support and guidance in the transportation planning process.

Policy guidance and overall direction for the integrated, multi-modal, urban transportation planning process is provided by the PBATS Policy Committee. The Policy Committee includes the Mayor and one Alderman from the Cities of Pine Bluff and White Hall, the County Judge and one Quorum Court member, the ArDOT District 2 Engineer and ArDOT MPO Coordinator, and an ex-officio representative from both the Southeast Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (SEARPC) and the Jefferson County Port Authority. Table 1 identifies current members. The Policy Committee reviews and approves both the UPWP and TIP and is responsible for approving the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Study Area.

The PBATS Technical Committee assists the Policy Committee by reviewing and making recommendations on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, reports, and studies that the Policy Committee must approve. The TAC members are those technical and professional staff members of local governments and ArDOT who are responsible for planning and managing various transportation systems within the Study Area and a non-voting ex-officio representative from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). See below for current members.

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**TABLE 1**

**PBATS MEMBERSHIP**

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|  **POLICY COMMITTEE** |
| **REPRESENTATIVES** | **NAME AND TITLE** |
| Jefferson County | Gerald Robinson, County JudgeMandy Alford, Quorum Court Member |
| Pine Bluff | Shirley Washington, MayorBill Brumett, Alderman |
| White Hall | Noel Foster, MayorScott Ray, Alderman, Vice-Chair |
| Southeast Arkansas Regional Planning Comm.  | Ken Smith, PBATS Chairman |
| ArDOT | Deric Wyatt, District 2 EngineerPaul Simms, MPO Coordinator |
| Economic Development Alliance of Jefferson County | Lou Ann Nisbett, President |
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| **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE** |
| **REPRESENTATIVES** | **NAME AND TITLE** |
| Jefferson County | Rickey Bullard, County Road DepartmentCounty Road Supervisor |
| Pine Bluff | Rickey Rhoden, PB Street ManagerCassandra Shaw, Transit DirectorLt. Derrell Ray, Traffic Division, PBPD |
| White Hall | Noel Foster, Mayor  |
| Southeast Arkansas Regional Planning Commission | Larry Reynolds, Executive Director |
| ArDOT | Bryan Swinney, Construction Engineer Anthony Hunter, ArDOT Planning |
| Pine Bluff Airport Commission | Doug Hale, Airport Manager |
| Pine Bluff – Jefferson County Port Authority | Rhonda Dishner, AllianceVacant, Union Pacific Railroad |
| Federal Highway Administration | Valera McDaniel, Transportation Planning Coordinator |
| Office of Emergency Management | Karen Blevins, Coordinator |
| Area Agency on Aging (SEAT) | Tony Barr, Transportation Director |

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**MPO STUDY AREA**

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**MPO Function**

**Metropolitan Planning Organizations have five essential functions and are responsible for the development and maintenance of three (3) key documents.**

**The essential functions are:**

1. Establish and manage a fair and impartial setting for effective regional transportation decision making in the metropolitan area.
2. Identify and evaluate transportation improvement options.
3. Prepare and maintain the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the area that addresses mobility and access for people and freight; as well as, maintaining efficient system performance, preservation and quality of life.
4. Develop a Transportation Improvement Plan that serves as a short range plan to meet the area’s goals.
5. Involve the public in the transportation planning process.

**Primary Documents Produced by the MPO**

1. The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP serves as the activity and budget document for the MPO staff and identifies transportation actions to be performed on an annual basis.
2. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The MTP is the long range strategic transportation planning document that identifies future investments to be made in the area’s transportation system. This plan is updated every five years.
3. The Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). The TIP is a four-year funding program that implements the transportation projects and policies identified in the MTP. It is must be updated at least once every four years but may be updated more frequently.

**Planning Process**

As the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Pine Bluff-White Hall urbanized area, the Southeast Arkansas Regional Planning Commission is responsible under Section 134 of Title 23, United States Code for carrying out a cooperative, comprehensive, and continuous (3-C) process designed to promote involvement by all users of the transportation system, such as the business community, community groups, environmental organizations, freight operators, and the general public, through a proactive public participation process.

SEARPC conducts the planning process for the Pine Bluff Area Transportation Study (PBATS) in cooperation with the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ArDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Cities of Pine Bluff and White Hall, and Jefferson County.

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Section 134 of Title 23, U.S.C states:

1. *Policy – It is in the national interest –*

*(1) To encourage and promote the safe and efficient management, operation, and development of*

 *surface transportation systems that will serve the mobility needs of people and freight and*

 *foster economic growth and development within and between states and urbanized areas,*

 *while minimizing transportation related fuel consumption and air pollution through*

 *metropolitan and statewide planning processes identified in this chapter; and*

*(2) To encourage the continued improvement and evolution of the metropolitan and statewide*

 *transportation planning process by metropolitan planning organizations, State departments of*

 *transportation, and public transit operators as guided by the planning factors identified in*

 *subsection (h) and section 135(d)*

**Planning Factors** (as identified in Section 134 of Title 23, U.S.C. subsection h)

1. Support the economic vitality of the United States, the States and Metropolitan Areas, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity and efficiency;
2. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
3. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
4. Increase the accessibility and mobility options available to people and for freight;
5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, and improve quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns;
6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;
7. Promote efficient system management and operation; and
8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.

The FAST Act included two additional factors:

1. Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate storm water impacts on surface transportation; and
2. Enhance travel and tourism.

The Planning Factors, which apply to each Element of the Unified Planning Work Program, are listed in Table 2 below:

**TABLE 2**

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| **FAST ACT PLANNING FACTORS** | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J |
| **44:21 Program Support and Administration** |   |   |   |   | X |   |   | X |   |   |
| **44:22 General Development and Comprehensive Planning** | X |   |   | X | X | X | X | X |   |   |
| **44:23 Long Range Planning** | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| **44:24 Short Range Planning** | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| **44:25 Transportation Improvement Program** | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X  |

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**UPWP Purpose**

The UPWP describes the planning activities that the metropolitan transportation planning organization and other agencies propose to undertake during the FY 2020 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020) to address local and regional transportation issues. The Unified Planning Work Program also provides budgeting and proposed expenditures of local, state and federal funds used to support the various planning activities while providing a management tool for the MPO and the funding agencies in scheduling transportation planning activities, products and milestones.

Pursuant to these functions, the PBATS FY2020 UPWP is the document identifying all USDOT funded transportation planning activities that will be undertaken within the Pine Bluff-White Hall Metropolitan Area by the Southeast Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (SEARPC) during the FY 2020 project year. The UPWP has been developed as a cooperative venture between SEARPC (which provides administrative staff for the PBATS MPO), ArDOT, FHWA, FTA, City of Pine Bluff, City of White Hall, and Jefferson County.

**WORK ELEMENTS**

Five work categories or tasks have been developed relative to the planning process that address the factors of the FAST ACT listed previously. These are as follows:

Task 1: 44.21 Program Support and Administration

Task 2: 44.22 General Development and Comprehensive Planning

Task 3: 44.23 Long Range Transportation Planning

Task 4: 44.24 Short Range Transportation Planning

Task 5: 44.25 Transportation Improvement Program.

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**44.21 PROGRAM SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION**

**DESCRIPTION**

The purpose of this task is to ensure that the transportation planning process conducted in the Study Area is **continuous, cooperative and comprehensive**, and that it has resulted in plans and programs consistent with the comprehensive planned development of the urbanized area. The task consists of the daily administrative and management work elements that are necessary to maintain the transportation planning and public participation process for the Pine Bluff-White Hall Urbanized Area for both the FHWA and FTA portions of the program. This task reflects all those activities associated in ensuring community involvement in the planning process, monitoring of on-going planning activities, and ensuring that all modes of transportation are considered in the planning process in terms of addressing the planning factors as stated in federal transportation legislation.

**WORK TASK**

**44.21.01 – Work Program Development and Administration**

***A. Financial Management***: Provide administrative, budgeting, bookkeeping and

 clerical duties required to perform work tasks and comply with ArDOT, FTA and FHWA

 requirements. Progress reports, payment requests, budget monitoring and related

 documentation will be prepared.

***B. Administration***: MPO staff will prepare reports and agendas for the SEARPC Technical

 Committee and Policy Board meetings and respond to committee and/or Policy Board requests

 and maintain program management and coordination. An on-going review of MPO by-laws

 and policies will be conducted. Evaluation and upgrading of equipment and SEARPC’s

 website will continue.

***C. Record Maintenance***: These activities will include all correspondence from ArDOT and local

 questions and decisions regarding transportation actions within the MPO area. Committee

 memberships, agency agreements, financial documentation and meeting minutes and

 attendance rosters will be maintained.

***D. Document Preparation***: Staff will prepare the 2020 UPWP which identifies the transportation

 planning and programming activities to be undertaken in the SARPC area as well as an

 Annual List of Projects (ALOP).

***E. Staff Training***: MPO staff will participate in various training relative to transportation

 requirements including performance measure development and adoption, professional

 development and other Planning related topics.

***F. Community / Member training***: Staff will look for ways to provide training to member

 agencies, citizens and the media to emphasize the importance of the MPO and community

 support through transportation process and to improve understanding of their roles and

 responsibilities.

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**44.21 PROGRAM SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION (cont.)**

**44.21.02 – Public Information and Citizen Participation**

***A. Public Participation Plan***: MPO staff will ensure compliance with its current public

 Involvement procedures and will annually review and update, when needed, the agency’s

 Public Participation Plan.

***B. Planning assistance:*** MPO staff will assist SEARPC member organizations in utilizing

 transportation resources by relaying information regarding transportation programs (TAP,

 etc.). Staff will assist in updating the Master Street plans for each entity and continue

 involvement in all local planning issues.

***C. Intergovernmental review:*** Review area Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) and

 Federal Highway Administration funding applications.

**END PRODUCT**

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|   | **END PRODUCTS** | **Completion Dates** |
| 1 | Record keeping, correspondence, public involvement | On-going |
| 2 | Audit Report | June 2020 |
| 3 | Financial and Performance Reports. | Quarterly |
| 4 | FY2020 UPWP. | May 2019 |
| 5 |  Office/equipment upgrades. | On-going |
| 6 | Website Maintenance | On-going |
| 7 | Documentation of PPP compliance maintained on file | On-going |
| 8 | Compliance Documentation and Training | On-going |
| 9 | Community / Member training | On-going |
| 10 | Planning Assistance and Program Funding Review | As needed |

Cooperating Agencies: SEARPC, ArDOT, FHWA, FTA, Pine Bluff Transit, SEAT, City of Pine Bluff, City of White Hall

and Jefferson County.

**44.21 Funding Data**

**Local $ 5,061**

**Federal $ 20,245**

**Total $ 25,307**

**UPWP Percent 13 %**

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***44.22*  GENERAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING**

**DESCRIPTION**

The maintenance of socio-economic data, land use, and transportation system characteristics on a current basis is necessary to compare and evaluate existing conditions in relation to assumptions and forecasts made in developing transportation plans. The determination of the magnitude and location of changing demographics and statistics is essential in updating the overall transportation plan and in the scheduling of priority projects in the Transportation Improvement Program.

The purpose of this task is to collect various data and information that is used in the transportation planning process. The data and information collected is used for the purpose of identifying trends and gaps in connectivity that may result in a lack of transportation related access across various population sectors.

**WORK TASK**

**44.22.01 – Technical Assistance to Local Governments**

***A. Map Review***: SEARPC staff will assist local jurisdictions in map review and amend the

 functional classification maps within the study area as needed.

**44.22.02 – Geographic Information, Graphics and Mapping**

***A. GIS Development***: SEARPC will work to upgrade PBATS area maps to ArcMap and ArcGIS

 format.

**44.22.03 – Land Use / Socioeconomic Data Development**

***A. Demographics and Projection:*** MPO staff will collect and compile demographic data related

 to population, housing and employment in order to provide transportation related projections

 to assist in prioritizing local projects. Data will be collected from local jurisdictions, ArDOT,

 the Census bureau, and American Community Survey (ACS).

***B. Land Use / Transportation Coordination:*** SEARPC will assist local jurisdictions in

 coordination land use decisions with consideration toward transportation alternatives.

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**44.22 GENERAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING (cont.)**

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| 1 | Map Review | On-going |
| 2 | Traffic count database | On-going |
| 3 | GIS mapping program | On-going |
| 4 | Demographic and development database | On-going |
| 5 | Land use / Transportation Coordination | On-going |

Cooperating Agencies: SEARPC, ArDOT, FHWA, FTA, Pine Bluff Transit, SEAT, City of Pine Bluff, City of White Hall

and Jefferson County.

**44.22 Funding Data**

**Local $ 4,672**

**Federal $ 18,688**

**Total $ 23,360**

**UPWP Percent 12 %**

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**44.23 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**

**DESCRIPTION**

The 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) process will take place during FY 2020 and overlap into FY 2021 with adoption schedules no later than September 2020. PBATS’ 2040 MTP plan which was last adopted in 2015 will be continuously reviewed to determine what parts of the plan need to be changed to better reflect the Urban Area’s current and future transportation needs. To this end, this task will also involve evaluating the work conducted under the other tasks of the UPWP to determine if the Plan is meeting the immediate needs of the Study Area. Review of local government’s policies and practices that have a bearing on the implementation of the Transportation Plan will also be undertaken as part of this task.

During the development of the 2045 MTP staff will assist with the plan development while monitoring and updating the 2040 MTP and amending it as may be necessary to reflect urgent needs. This will include but is not limited to reviewing the transportation system and policies, identifying a financially constrained list of transportation projects and involving the public in the development of the MTP.

**WORK TASK**

**44.23.01 – Metropolitan Transportation Plan**

***A. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan:*** The development of the 2045 MTP will be the

 primary focus of this element of the UPWP. SEARPC has drafted a Letter of Interest and a

 draft Scope of Work to outsource the plan’s development. .

***B. Plan Development***: Staff will continue to work with local governments on regional

 transportation plans and / or updates:

 a. Review with local governmental units the Arkansas Bicycle and Pedestrian

 Transportation Plan

 b. Encourage coordination of local Regional Bike and Pedestrian Plans with the

 State Plan

***C. 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan:*** Though development of the 2045 MTP will have

 started, staff will be tasked with monitoring and amending the 2040 MTP as needed.

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**44.23 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING (cont.)**

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|   | **END PRODUCTS** | **Completion Dates** |
| 1 | 2045 MTP Development implementation | September 2020 |
| 2 | 2040 MTP Monitoring and amending as needed | On-going |
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Cooperating Agencies: SEARPC, ArDOT, FHWA, FTA, Pine Bluff Transit, SEAT, City of Pine Bluff, City of White Hall

and Jefferson County.

**44.23 Funding Data**

**Local $ 17,520**

**Federal $ 70,080**

**Total $ 87,601**

**UPWP Percent 45 %**

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**44.24 SHORT RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**

**DESCRIPTION**

The staff will continue to provide technical assistance to local governments in their planning process as it relates to the MPO 3-C transportation planning process. We will assist local governments in preparing and administering “Transportation Alternative” program grants (Enhancement, Trail, Safe Routes to Schools, etc.) and other transportation grants as requested or as may come available. The staff will participate in various community and regional committees directly related to transportation. Staff will work with local governmental bodies to assist in the understanding of MPO Transportation Planning.

**WORK TASK**

**44.24.01 – Traffic Monitoring and Analysis of Existing Conditions**

***A. Traffic Counts:*** Utilize state and local traffic counts to monitor area of congestion or safety

 issues.

***B. Project Priority List***: Staff will work with the TAC to maintain a continuous project priority

 list.

**44.24.02- Traffic Congestion and Safety Planning**

**A. *Crash data analysis and eCrash***: Staff will review and monitor traffic accidents and crash

 data to identify patterns and use the data to meet FAST Act performance measures when

 adopted. MPO will continue working with local governments and law enforcement to

 emphasize the importance of utilizing e-Crash accident / incident management system for

 transportation planning and assist with any transition

***B. Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act compliance / Dashboard and***

 ***Graphs***: Inclusion of performance measures are required by the FAST ACT. To this end, staff

 will continue to work with ArDOT staff and other MPO’s to include performance measures

 that will be used to guide future transportation projects.

C. ***Highway Safety Improvement Program*** – MPO will participate in on-going involvement with

 the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).

***D. Hazel Street / University Corridor Preliminary Study:*** MPO will conduct an analysis of

 creating a connection between Hazel Street and University Avenue to determine feasibility

 and identify other issues including Hospital access and flooding.

***E. Intersection Analysis:*** Staff will review specific intersections (Main & Olive, Dollarway

 Road & Robin Street to determine feasibility of improvements to traffic flow in these areas.

 Included in this will be a review of possible areas that may be improved by newer traffic

 control designs (roundabouts, etc.)

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**44.24 SHORT RANGE PLANNING (cont.)**

***F. Streetscape extension project:*** MPO will assist the City of Pine Bluff, Downtown

 Development and ArDOT regarding extending the adopted streetscape project on Main

 Street beyond 5th Avenue.

**44.24.03 – Public Transportation, Goods Movement and Intermodal Planning:**

***A. Transit Performance Measures:*** Staff will work with Pine Bluff Transit and Southeast

 Arkansas Transit by providing technical assistance in the implementation of performance

 measures once adopted.

***B. Statewide Public Transportation Coordination Plan:*** SEARPC staff will assist public transit

 operators and local human service providers in coordinating the delivery of transit services.

 Staff will monitor and work with ArDOT in the coordination of the Statewide Plan.

***C. Complete Streets:*** Continue work with local governments to develop and get implemented a

 “Complete Streets” policy for the Cities in the MPO area.

***D. Comprehensive Plan Development***: Staff will coordinate the City of Pine Bluff’s

 Comprehensive Plan Development as the leas agency working with Crafton Tull.

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|   | **END PRODUCTS** | **Completion Dates** |
| 1 | Traffic Monitoring | On-going |
| 2 | Project Priority List | On-going |
| 3 | Complete Street planning and coordination | On-going |
| 4 | Hazel Street Corridor Analysis | 6-30-2020 |
| 5 | Comprehensive Plan | April 30, 2020 |
| 6 | Intersection analysis | On-going |
| 7 | Transit performance measures | On-going |
| 8 | Statewide Public Transportation Plan | On-going |
| 9 | Highway Safety Improvement Program Targets | As Determined by ArDOT |

Cooperating Agencies: SEARPC, ArDOT, FHWA, FTA, Pine Bluff Transit, SEAT, City of Pine Bluff, City of White Hall

and Jefferson County.

**44.24 Funding Data**

**Local $ 7,787**

**Federal $ 31,147**

**Total $ 38,934**

**UPWP Percent 20 %**

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**44.25 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**DESCRIPTION**

The objective of this task is to further the goals and objectives of the Transportation Improvement Program planning process through review and analysis by MPO staff or consultants in support of existing or developing Transportation Improvement Plans.

**WORK TASK**

**44.25.01 – TIP Development, Project Selection and Monitoring**

***A. Transportation Improvement Program***: MPO will adopt, monitor and amend the 2019-2022

 Transportation Improvement Program as needed.

***B. Annual Listing of Projects (ALOP):*** Listing and publication of Annual List of Projects

 (ALOP) in which Federal Highway and Federal Transit funds have been obligated.

***C. Monitor Project Progress***: Monitor progress on TIP projects and keep local government up to

 date.

***D. 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Plan:*** Staff will coordinate with ArDOT on the

 development of the 2020-2023 TIP.

**END PRODUCT**

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|   | **END PRODUCTS** | **Completion Dates** |
| 1 | 2019-2022 TIP updates and amendments | On-going |
| 2 | Annual Listing of Projects (ALOP) | December 2019 |
| 3 | Monitor TIP Projects | On-going |
| 4 | 2020-2023 TIP Development | TBD |

Cooperating Agencies: SEARPC, ArDOT, FHWA, FTA, Pine Bluff Transit, SEAT, City of Pine Bluff, City of White Hall

and Jefferson County.

**44.25 Funding Data**

**Local $ 3,893**

**Federal $ 15,573**

**Total $ 19,467**

**UPWP Percent 10 %**

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**2020 UPWP FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

It is anticipated that in order to complete the work tasks as described in the UPWP, $155,734 in PL and FTA funds will be required. This amount includes FY2020 Allocated funds of

$ 105,463, carryover Planning funds of $ 30,271 and FY2019 unused funds of $ 20,000. The following table indicates the estimated cost by work task in order to complete each task.

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| **TASKS** | **PL & FTA****FEDERAL** | **LOCAL** | **TOTAL** |
| 44:21 Program Support and Administration | $ 20,245 | $ 5,061 | $ 25,307 |
| 44:22 General Development and Comprehensive Planning  |  $ 18,688  | $ 4,672 | $ 23,360 |
| 44.23 Long Range Planning   | $ 70,080 | $17,520 | $87,601 |
| 44.24 Short Range Planning | $31,147 | $ 7,787 | $ 38,934 |
| 44:25 Transportation Improvement Program | $ 15,573 | $ 3,893 | $ 19,467 |
| **TOTALS** | **$ 155,734** | **$ 38,934** | **$ 194,668** |

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF DRAFT FY2020 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

The Southeast Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (SEARPC - MPO) is requesting the public to review and provide comments on the draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the Pine Bluff Area Transportation Study (PBATS) area. This document describes what transportation planning activities will be conducted within the Pine Bluff Urbanized Area between July1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. In accordance with the U. S. Department of Transportation rules and regulations the anticipated expenditures are outlined for those activities.

The UPWP can be viewed at [www.searpc.com](http://www.searpc.com) and is on file and available for public inspection at the Southeast Arkansas Regional Planning Commission office, located at 1300 Ohio Street, Suite B, Pine Bluff, Arkansas from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, White Hall City Hall 101 Parkway Drive, White Hall, AR, Pine Bluff City Hall , 200 E. 8th Avenue, Pine Bluff, AR and Jefferson County Courthouse , 101 West Barraque, Pine Bluff, AR...

Comments concerning the proposed UPWP will be received beginning Thursday, April 15th, 2019 until 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 1, 2019. Comments should be submitted to the Southeast Arkansas Regional Planning Commission, 1300 Ohio, Suite B, Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601. Should you have any questions, please contact the SARPC office at 534-4247.

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