

2026 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM



Rome-Floyd Metropolitan Planning Organization

Adopted: December 10, 2025

The public is the primary beneficiary of the nation's intermodal transportation system built to serve the public mobility and productivity. Transportation decisions is a comprehensive planning process that includes the public that considers land use, development, safety and security. Planners examine past, present and prospective trends and issues associated with the demand for the movement of people, freight and information at the local, rural, tribal, metro, statewide, regional and national levels.

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Introduction

The CY2026 Unified Planning Work Program for the Rome-Floyd Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) describes the transportation planning activities that support the development and update of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) to be performed from January 1, 2026-December 31, 2026. Primary funding for these activities is granted by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Association (FTA).

CY2026 UPWP Funding Sources	Federal	Local/State	Total
PL Funding	\$139,297.61	\$34,824.40	\$174,122.01
5303	\$61,868.00	\$7734.00/\$7733.00	\$77,335.00
Y410	\$3571.73		\$3571.73
2055 MTP Update	\$160,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$200,000.00
TOTAL			\$455,028.74

All plans and programs, including this Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), are prepared pursuant to the following: IIJA, FAST Act, Public Law No. 114-94, December 4, 2015, The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), Public Law No. 112-141, July 6, 2012, as amended by the Surface Transportation and Veterans Health Care Choice Improvement Act of 2015, Public Law No. 114-41, July 31, 2015, and other authorizing legislation to be enacted, FTA’s authorizing legislation in effect in FY 2012 or a previous fiscal year, except as superseded by the FAST Act cross-cutting requirements that apply, and Appropriations Acts or Continuing Resolutions funding the U.S. Department of Transportation.

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Attention:

Title VI Program Coordinator,
East Building, 5th Floor-TCR,
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE,
Washington, DC 20590

For more information on RTD's civil rights program, and the procedures to file a complaint, contact 706-236-5026; email jbsmith@romea.us; or visit the office at 607 Broad Street, Rome, Georgia 30161. For more information, visit www.romea.us

If information is needed in another language, contact 706-236-4523.

For more information or to obtain a Discrimination Complaint Form, please call (706)-236-5026 or email jbsmith@romea.us

MPO Staff

The Rome-Floyd County Planning Department is the Metropolitan Planning Organization staff. Staff consist of a Transportation and Trails Planner and Planning Director. The Director of the Rome Transit Department (RTD) shares responsibility for the transportation planning process along with the Planning Director and the Transportation and Trails Planner. Other participants include the Rome/Floyd Chamber, and the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission. Along with direction from state and federal level agencies including Georgia Department of Transportation, Environmental Protection Agency, and Federal Highway Administration.

Transportation Committees

The transportation planning process utilizes two committees, the Technical Coordinating Committee and the Transportation Policy Committee, to develop and carry out a comprehensive transportation planning process and to ensure that programs, improvements, and expenditures are consistent with regional and state goals, policies, and plans and to assess public opinion relative to the transportation study's activities with recommendations to the TPC and TCC, and to the Transit Committee of the Rome City Commission.

Technical Coordinating Committee

The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) provides the necessary technical support for the planning process. It is a committee of engineers, public works, and city and county staff whose role is to vet and coordinate the technical activities in the transportation planning process. The TCC provides progress reports to TPC.

The **TCC** is responsible for:

- Reviewing the production of the UPWP, the MTP, and TIP as delegated by the TPC.
- Advising the TPC of any proposed changes or adoptions in transportation planning concepts as well as in the MTP or TIP.

TCC Voting Members
Quorum: 8
Rome Transit Department Director
Rome Transit Department Assistant Director
Floyd County Public Works Director
City of Rome Public Works Director
Floyd County Engineer
City of Rome Engineer
Floyd County Assistant Manager (can serve as proxy for County Manager)
City of Rome Assistant Manager (can serve as proxy for City Manager)
GDOT Office of Planning
NWGRC Representative
TCC Non-Voting Members
Rome-Floyd Transportation and Trails Planner
FHWA GA Division Administrator
Rome-Floyd Chamber of Commerce Representative

Transportation Policy Committee

The Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) provides policy guidance. It consists of elected and appointed officials and senior management staff from the Cit of Rome and Floyd County.

The **TPC** is responsible for:

- Receive and approve all major policy goals and objectives for the transportation planning process relevant to the Rome-Floyd County Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA).
- Review, adopt, and amend as necessary transportation documents, including the MTP, the TIP, the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), the Public Participation Plan, and the Title VI Plan for FTA.
- Review the progress toward implementation of the TIP and the MTP and recommend any changes.
- Approve the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) each year.

TPC Voting Members
Quorum: 6
Floyd County Commissioner(s)
City of Rome Commissioner(s)
Rome-Floyd Planning Commission Chair
Floyd County Manager
City of Rome Manager
GDOT Office of Planning
TPC Non-Voting Members
City of Rome Assistant Manager
City of Rome Engineer
Floyd County Engineer
City of Rome Public Works Director
Floyd County Public Works Director
Rome-Floyd Transportation and Trails Planner
FHWA GA Division Administrator

2026 Transportation Committees

Technical Coordinating Committee -**Carnegie Training Room, Wednesday, 10am**

January 21

March 18

May 20

July 15

September 16

November 18

Transportation Policy Committee -**Carnegie Training Room, Wednesday, 10am**

January 21

March 18

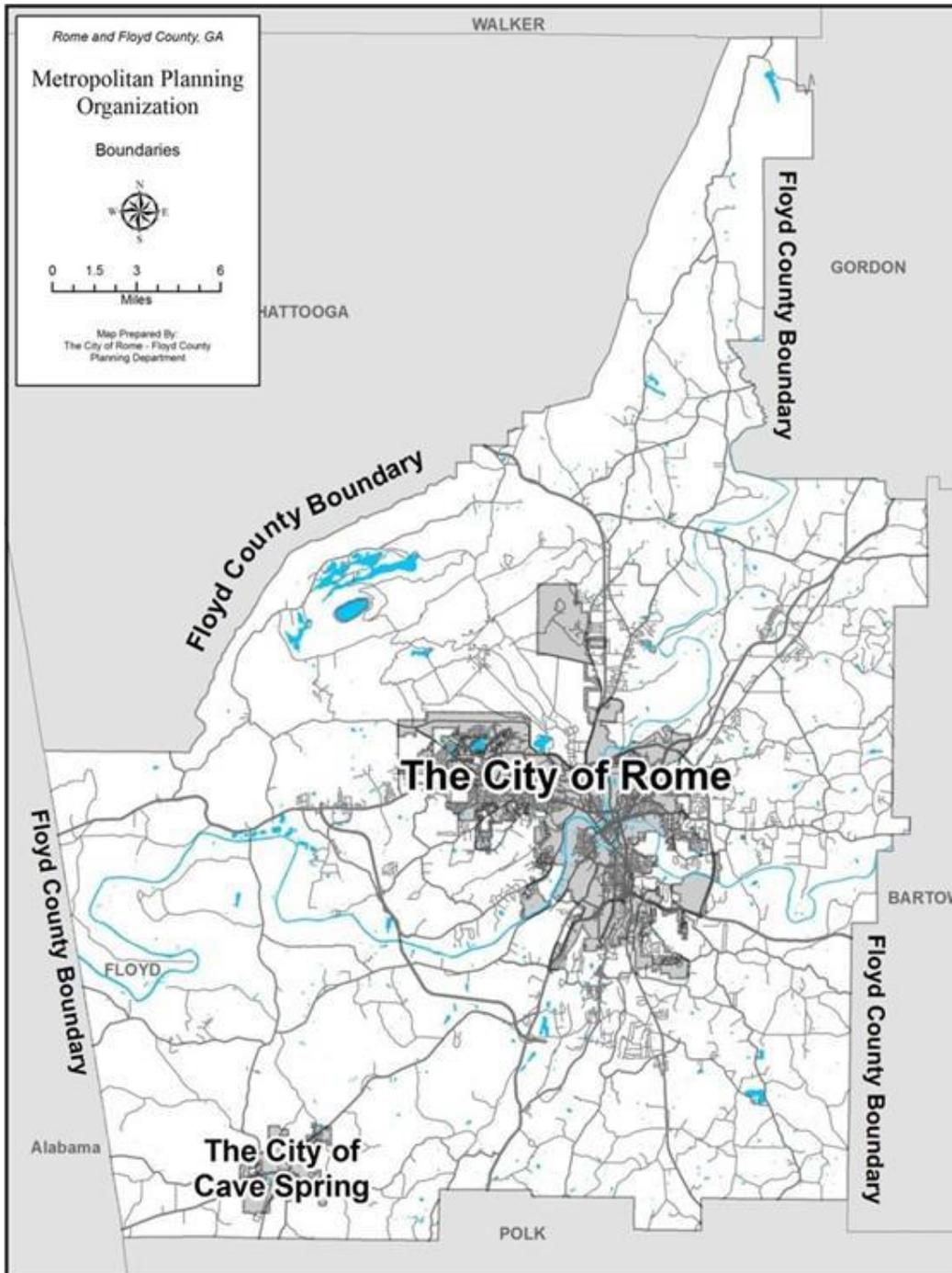
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November 18

MPO Boundaries



Study Area

The Rome/Floyd County area was designated in 1983 as an “Urbanized Area” by the United States Bureau of the Census. At that time the area came under the provisions of the Federal-Aid Highway Act and the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, which require a “continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative (3-C)” planning process in all urban areas with more than 50,000 in population. The Rome-Floyd County Planning Commission was designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the area.

In response to the United States Census in 2000, the boundaries of the Rome-Floyd County MPA were extended in 2003 to include all of Floyd County, including the cities of Rome and Cave Spring. The boundaries of the MPA are shown on the map (page 8), as they have existed since 2003.

Purpose and Process

Federal Regulation CFR 450.308 requires that all MPOs in cooperation with operators of publicly owned transit develop an annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that includes a discussion of the MPO planning priorities.

The purpose of the UPWP is to identify work proposed for the next year by major activities and tasks (including activities that address the planning factors) in detail to indicate who will perform the work, the schedule for completing the work, the resulting products, the proposed funding by activity/task, and a summary of the total amounts and sources of local, state and federal matching funds. The Rome-Floyd County MPO’s UPWP provides an overview of the transportation planning process and a layout of all transportation, transit, and transportation- related air quality planning activities for the year along with the sources of funding and identities responsible parties. The UPWP provides a description of each of the four work elements to be completed: Administration, Public Involvement, Data Collection, and System Planning.

The MPO administers the comprehensive, cooperative, and continuous transportation planning process in a timely, efficient manner with the participation of government staff, elected officials, public and private sector agencies, and citizens.

The Rome-Floyd County MPO will use the Core Metropolitan Planning Organization Functions as a framework for the transportation planning process:

- 1.) Establish a setting for effective decision-making: manage a fair and impartial setting for effective

local and regional transportation decision-making issues in a manner that is consistent with the Metropolitan Planning and Programming requirements outlined in 23 CFR 450 and the Administration of Federal Highway Administration Planning and Research Funds requirements outlined in 23 CFR 420.

2.) Identify and evaluate alternative transportation improvement options: The MPO uses data and planning methods to generate and evaluate alternatives in a manner that is consistent with the Metropolitan Planning and Programming requirements outlined in 23 CFR 450 and the Administration of Federal Highway Administration Planning and Research Fund requirements outlined in 23 CFR 420. Planning studies and evaluations are to be included in the UPWP, (IE, MTP): Consistent with the Metropolitan Planning and Programming requirements outlined in 23 CFR 450 and the Administration of Federal Highway Administration Planning and Research Funds requirements outlined in 23 CFR 420, the MPO develops and updates a long-range transportation plan for the metropolitan area that fosters (1) mobility and access for people and goods, (2) efficient system performance and preservation, and (3) good quality of life;

3.) Develop a TIP: The MPO develops a short-range (four-year) program of transportation improvements based on the long-range transportation plan in a manner that is consistent with the Metropolitan Planning and Programming requirements outlined in 23 CFR 450 and the Administration of Federal Highway Administration Planning and Research Funds requirements outlined in 23 CFR 420; and

4.) Involve the public: The MPO involves the public and other affected constituencies in the four essential functions listed above in a manner that is consistent with the Metropolitan Planning and Programming requirements outlined in 23 CFR 450 and the Administration of Federal Highway Administration Planning and Research Funds requirements outlined in 23 CFR

Planning Factors

The transportation planning process must explicitly address the eleven planning factors included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and previously outlined in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), 23 CFR 450 Subpart C, 23 CFR 420 Subpart A, and 49 CFR Subtitle A, listed below:

No. 01 — Support Economic Vitality

Support the economic vitality of the MPO, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.

No. 02 — Increase Safety

Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized vehicles.

No. 03 — Increase Security

Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users. Transportation covers all modes including connections to air, rail, and water transportation.

No. 04 — Increase Accessibility

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

No. 05 — Protect & Enhance the Environment

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.

No. 06 — Enhance Integration & Connectivity

Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight.

No. 07 – Promote System Efficiency

Promote efficient system management and operation.

No. 08 – Promote System Preservation

Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system

No. 09 – Resiliency and Reliability

Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate storm water impacts of surface transportation.

No. 10 – Reduce Storm Water Impacts

Reduce (or mitigate) the storm water impacts of the surface transportation

No. 11 – Enhance Travel & Tourism.

Performance Planning and National Goals

The FAST Act goals provide structure and guidance to the USDOT, State and provincial DOTs and the nation's 400+ MPOs to strive towards in their transportation planning efforts. These are simply the transportation promises made by the legislative and executive branches to the citizens of the United States. The IIJA reaffirmed the FAST Act goals which state the following:

Highway National Goals (Highways 23 U.S.C. 150(b))

It is in the interest of the United States to focus the Federal-aid highway program on the following national goals:

- 1.) Safety: To achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.
- 2.) Infrastructure condition: To maintain the highway infrastructure asset system in a state of good repair.
- 3.) Congestion reduction: To achieve a significant reduction in congestion on the National Highway System.
- 4.) System reliability: To improve the efficiency of the surface transportation system.
- 5.) Freight movement and economic vitality. To improve the National Highway Freight Network, strengthen the ability of rural communities to access national and international trade markets, and support regional economic development.
- 6.) Environmental sustainability. To enhance the performance of the transportation system while protecting and enhancing the natural environment.
- 7.) Reduced project delivery delays. To reduce project costs, promote jobs and the economy, and expedite the movement of people and goods by accelerating project completion through eliminating delays in the project development and delivery process, including reducing regulatory burdens and improving agencies' work practices.

Goals and Objectives

The 2026 UPWP provides a guiding framework to attain the transportation goals of the MPO. The following MPO goals are listed in the 2016 MTP for 2026. The MPO will focus on them in 2026:

- Multi-modal: Continue to support public transit within the City of Rome and continue to evaluate expansion of service to unincorporated areas with the micro-transit study. Evaluate transit routes and stops to maximize service, especially along major corridors.
- Connect the Jackson Hill Trail Network to the AdventHealth Redmond ECO Greenway at the Ridge Ferry Park Trailhead.
- Apply for GAMPO funding to partially fund an updated bike/ped/trail plan in fall 2026.
- Encourage the construction and maintenance of sidewalks within and between residential, recreational, educational, and commercial developments.
- Pursue funding for the planned 2017 SPLOST project, the Lindale Trail to connect to downtown Rome.
- Integrate transportation planning with comprehensive land-use planning so transportation needs can be met proactively, rather than reactively.
- Continue to plan for and develop a multi-modal transportation network that addresses congestion management, safety, and air quality.
- Complete the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan update for completion and adoption by May 2026.

The UPWP strives to achieve these goals through activities that support the transportation planning process:

- Providing opportunities to the community for participation in the planning process
- Prioritizing transportation needs and opportunities.
- Allocating available funding
- Assigning responsibilities for activities and products
- Setting an annual schedule to ensure completion of activities.

MPO Priorities

The Rome-Floyd County MPA is largely rural, unincorporated land except for two incorporated areas, the City of Rome and Cave Spring. The issues to be addressed revolve geographically around the urban areas and include safety, congestion, freight movement through pedestrian-centered downtown areas, urban sprawl particularly around the City of Rome, and dependence on personal automobiles as a nearly exclusive means of movement.

Congestion Management: Congestion is limited generally to the morning peak hours when people are going to work, and children are being delivered to school and occur mostly within the City of Rome and on arterial roadways that provide access to the City of Rome. The MPO staff works with the GDOT staff and consultants to identify areas with the highest traffic – based on employment, schools, and population within Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ) boundaries - for inclusion in Travel Demand Modelling. This information is used to determine areas where transportation system improvements are necessary for traffic to move more efficiently.

Air Quality: On December 17, 2004, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designated Floyd County as nonattainment under the fine particulate (PM_{2.5}) air quality standard. The effective date of designation was April 5, 2005. On May 14, 2014, the EPA re- designated Floyd County to attain the fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) air quality standard and approved the associated maintenance plan and motor vehicle emission budgets (MVEBs) for NO_x and PM_{2.5} for the year 2025. The effective date of this redesignation was June 13, 2014.

The Rome-Floyd County MPO completed a conformity analysis under the PM_{2.5} standards for their new 2016 MTP for 2040 and April 2016 Amended 2014-2017 TIP.

Effective 24 October 2016, the 1997 annual PM_{2.5} national ambient air quality standard was revoked for the Rome-Floyd County PM_{2.5} maintenance area. Therefore, there is no longer a requirement to demonstrate transportation conformity (hot spots included) for the PM_{2.5} standards. The MPO will continue to be in attainment/maintenance status and will continue to review air quality monitoring data to ensure that there is no relapse into nonattainment.

Public Transportation: The City of Rome is the smallest city in Georgia that operates a urban transit system. Challenges include providing service to residential areas with a concentration of environmental justice populations; accommodating the mobility needs of the elderly and disabled; providing transportation to employment, schools, shopping, and service locations; and

maintaining a useful level of service within a very tight budget. The MPO will continue to provide administrative support to the RTD in 2025 in the form of achieving the goals set forth in the micro-transit feasibility fixed route transit service plan and transportation planning document maintenance, committee meetings, “Ride Forward” a non-profit arm of RTD dedicated to providing free transit passes to low income groups and persons, public outreach and Title VI compliance and program planning.

Land Use: The MPO uses zoning maps, future land use maps, aerial photography, and TAZ analysis to monitor land-use changes as documented in zoning map amendments and issued building permits. The information is used to analyze the impacts of development on existing transportation infrastructure including roadways, sidewalks, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities, and transit routes; and to determine areas of development where new or improved infrastructure may be needed. The MPO considers sustainability and best land-use practices when making land use recommendations.

The MPO staff monitors accident statistics and locations to determine where improvements should be made to improve the safety of transportation infrastructure users. The MPO staff also addresses the presence and condition of infrastructures such as sidewalks, crosswalks, railroad crossings, ADA ramps, and traffic signals, and provides input into the prioritization of repairs and improvements. The MPO staff works with other local government departments to identify and prioritize projects that will protect drivers, pedestrians, transit riders, and cyclists.

Work Elements

Sub Element 1.1: MPO Programs Operations and Administration

Planning Factor: The administrative function manages the contracts and outputs of the Rome-Floyd MPO planning process as well as addressing reporting and training needs of the MPO. Staff attendance and activities are reported bi-monthly to the Technical Coordinating Committee and the Transportation Policy Committee, Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). This sub-element supports the completion of the required state and federal activities in a framework that includes public participation and coordination with local, state, and federal transportation planning agencies. Staff undergo regular training to keep up with operating requirements and the use of federal funding in transportation planning.

MPO staff serve as the community contact for transportation information.

Element 1.1: MPO Administration Objective:

Completed in 2025:

- Conduct bi-monthly TCC and TPC meetings
- Attend spring and fall GAMPO meetings
- Attend and speak at the annual GARC meeting
- Monitor and update the Rome-Floyd MPO website
- Conduct monthly phone calls with GDOT planning staff
- Coordinate with GDOT Office of Planning in meeting federal MPO requirements
- Address public concerns regarding transportation projects and processes
- Provide quarterly reimbursement updates for PL, Y410 and 5303

Anticipated 2026:

- Continue to conduct bi-monthly TCC and TPC meetings (agenda and minutes)
- Attend spring and fall GAMPO meetings
- Serve as GAMPO secretary
- Monitor and update the Rome-Floyd MPO website
- Update the Rome-Floyd 2024-2027 TIP and complete the 2027-2030 TIP
- Continue coordination with GDOT Office of Planning on performance measures and meeting federal MPO requirements

Lead Agency: Rome-Floyd County MPO

Projected Start and End Dates: January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

FEDERAL	FTA	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL
		MATCH	MATCH	
\$ 24,000.00			\$ 6,000.00	\$ 30,000.00

Sub-Element 1.2: Training and Employee Education

Planning Factor: This sub-element provides Rome-Floyd MPO staff with the necessary training and professional competence to monitor and update transportation developments and policies for the benefit of citizens and local governments within the Rome-Floyd MPO service area. This factor supports all 10 Planning Factors because staff training and education supports consideration of air quality, safety, federal legislation, economic development, tourism, congestion, mobility of persons and freight, and other environmental and social factors in the transportation planning process.

Completed in 2025:

- Staff attended spring and fall GAMPO conferences
- VRU webinars
- Attended Safe Routes to Schools Workshop
- Attended GA MPO FWA workshop via TEAMS

Anticipated 2026:

- Rome-Floyd MPO proposes to attend the following transportation-related conferences, seminars and courses, GAMPO spring and fall meetings and the GARC conference

Lead Agency: Rome-Floyd County MPO

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FEDERAL	FTA	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL
		MATCH	MATCH	
\$ 3,200.00			\$ 800.00	\$ 4,000.00

Sub-Element 1.3: Unified Planning Work Program

Planning Factor: The purpose of this sub-element is to produce and maintain an adoptable, acceptable annual UPWP to ensure that funding is available to carry out all required elements and sub-elements and any other studies or activities with GDOT and FHA approval. The UPWP will review transportation planning issues and opportunities within the MPA, review and follow federal law in the planning process, prepare work element and sub-element descriptions that address issues and goals of the MPO, prepare a budget allocating funds to elements and sub-elements, identify program responsibilities, schedule, and financial needs for each work sub-element, coordinate document preparation with state and federal agencies and submit new UPWP for review and adoption by the TCC/TPC with GDOT and FHA approval.

Completed in 2025:

- Staff completed and TCC/TPC approved and adopted the 2025 UPWP

Anticipated 2026:

- Develop draft and final UPWP for CY2026 and amend as needed

Lead Agency: Rome-Floyd County MPO

Start and End Dates: January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

FEDERAL	FTA	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL
		MATCH	MATCH	
\$ 2,000.00			\$ 500.00	\$ 2,500.00

Sub-Element 2.1: Community Outreach and Education

Planning Factor: Public involvement is how transportation policies and plans are formed, communicated and implemented. It is an essential and required element of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and all MPO projects to have public transparency. The Rome-Floyd MPO strives to provide open lines of communication with all facets of the community that use the transportation and trails network. The goal is that all Rome-Floyd MPO activities are conducted in an open environment as required by MAP 21 and the FAST Act and IIJA.

This sub-element supports planning factor 4. Community outreach encourages accessibility to transportation opportunities.

The MPO is committed to: Publish notices to inform the public of transportation meetings, workshops, and events, publish notices concerning the locations and time periods when documents are available for public review, organize and hold public input events to share transportation and transit information and to gather comments from the public and to ensure that policy and procedure documents outlining public participation requirements are current and adequate.

Completed in 2025:

- All meetings were publicly posted in compliance with the policies and procedures of the Rome-Floyd MPO Public Participation Plan
- Conducted bi-monthly public meetings of the Technical Coordinating Committee and the Transportation Policy Committee
- Means were offered for those seeking language interpretation

Anticipated in 2026:

- Public meetings will continue to occur bi-monthly and will be notified in legal advertisements in the Rome News-Tribune
- Public input will be sought for the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan update
- Staff will continually strive to identify strategies and services to meet the transportation needs of the elderly and handicapped by working in conjunction with the Rome Transit Department

Lead Agency: Rome/Floyd County MPO

Start and End Dates: January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

FEDERAL	FTA	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL
		MATCH	MATCH	
\$ 10,000.00			\$ 2,500.00	\$ 12,500.00

Sub-Element 2.2: Title VI

Planning Factor: This sub-element supports all-inclusive public involvement in the transportation planning process, as required by the Limited English Proficiency Plan, the Public Participation Plan and the 2024 Title VI Plan. It also ensures that transportation planning considers the impact of transportation projects on areas of persistent poverty and underserved communities. This sub-element supports all planning factors by identifying minority and areas of persistent poverty and underserved communities and ensuring the inclusion of all citizens in the planning process. It also provides a background for the evaluation of transportation project prioritization, and for the provision of multi-modal transportation services.

The MPO is committed to: ensuring that areas of persistent poverty and underserved communities are identified and concentrations are mapped according to the latest United States Census data, ensuring that participation in the transportation planning process is available to all citizens via public notice, ensuring that the use of transportation facilities is available to all citizens and transportation projects do not put an undue burden on any group of citizens, accommodations will be made for participation by disabled citizens, and citizens with limited English proficiency, and transportation to and from events is provided by RTD.

Completed in 2025:

- MPO staff ensured that current planning documents (PPP, TIP, and MTP) adhere to Title VI regulations.

Anticipated in 2026:

- MPO staff will ensure that current planning documents are up to date and adhere to Title VI regulations.

Lead Agency: Rome/Floyd County MPO

Start and End Dates: January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

FEDERAL	FTA	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL
		MATCH	MATCH	
\$ 3,000.00			\$ 750.00	\$ 3,750.00

Sub-Element 3.1: Socio-Economic Data

Planning Factor: The sub-element goal is to maintain an up-to-date socio-economic profile for the MPA. Characteristics such as population, employment by sector, school enrollment, and households are allocated by TAZ and used for travel demand modeling. The Rome-Floyd GIS collects annual enrollment from Rome City Schools and Floyd County Schools, obtains employment data from the GA Department of Labor, allocates socio-economic indicators by TAZ to generate a basis for travel demand modeling, and downloaded the US Census data for households living in poverty. The goal is to create accurate, up to date socio-economic data and to evaluate the transportation planning process.

Completed in 2025:

- Staff compiled income and demographic data to update low-Income census tracts as identified by HUD. This information is used to determine if an applicant is eligible for various social programs and grants.

Anticipated in 2026:

- Staff compiled income and demographic data to update low-Income census tracts as identified by HUD. This information is used to determine if an applicant is eligible for various social programs and grants.

Lead Agency: Rome/Floyd County MPO

Start and End Dates: January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

FEDERAL	FTA	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL
		MATCH	MATCH	
\$ 2,400.00			\$ 600.00	\$ 3,000.00

Sub-Element 3.2 Air Quality Management

Planning Factor: This sub-element's purpose is to monitor air quality data.

Completed in 2025:

- MPO staff will continue to consider the potential air quality impacts of the transportation decisions and projects.

Anticipated in 2026:

- MPO staff will continue to consider the potential air quality impacts of the transportation decisions and projects.

Lead Agency: Rome/Floyd County MPO

Start and End Dates: January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

FEDERAL	FTA	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL
		MATCH	MATCH	
\$ 100.00			\$ 25.00	\$ 125.00

Sub-Element 3.3: Planning Data and Information Management

Planning Factors: Under this sub-element, the MPO will maintain, update, and improve the land-use database (GIS-based). The database is used in travel demand modeling, monitoring land-use changes, and socio-economic trends. Projects include updating the county-wide mapping system to show zoning, land use and development as reflected in zoning map amendments, ensuring that the evaluation of new development considers transportation infrastructure impact, evaluate projects with knowledge of the natural environment, determine if new development is adequately served by transportation infrastructure and share information with regional, state and local officials to make solid decisions.

Completed in 2025:

- Build TAD map for North Rome area
- Evaluated new Rome-Floyd Fire Department station location
- Built a survey and web app for Keep Rome Floyd Beautiful litter index
- Uploaded trail videos to Google Street Maps

Anticipated in 2026:

- Parcel data maintenance will be outsourced to a TBD vendor

Lead Agency: Rome/Floyd County MPO

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FEDERAL	FTA	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL
		MATCH	MATCH	
\$ 40,000.00			\$10,000.00	\$ 50,000.00

Sub-Element 4.1: Bike, Pedestrian and Trail Planning

Planning Factors: This sub-element supports the coordination of community activities related to the planning of bicycle, pedestrian and trail (active transportation) infrastructure, development, and improvement in Rome and Floyd County. This sub-element addresses planning factors 4 and 5 because it promotes multi-modal transportation alternatives. It addresses planning factor 10 because it promotes the expansion of the bicycle and pedestrian network, the AdventHealth Redmond ECO Greenway, a community asset that generates tourism and supports economic development.

The Transportation and Trails planner will work with TRED (non-profit trail advocacy group) public works, city and county management and engineering to determine where new bicycle and pedestrian facilities need to be located, based on locations/connectivity of population and destinations.

Completed in 2025:

- Staff continued to work with local non-profit trail advocacy group TRED Rome Floyd
- and committees dedicated to alternative modes of transportation.
- Staff also brought attention to the needed pedestrian, trail and cycling improvements in the MPO.
- Staff co-hosted the 1st Annual NW Georgia Outdoor Recreation Summit in Downtown Rome, featuring over 25 experts in outdoor recreation and economic development.
- Staff attended the Rails to Trails Summit in Cleveland OH, focusing on rail trail acquisition, funding and construction.
- Staff spoke at GARC (Georgia Association of Regional Commissions) on the power of trail building partnerships.

Anticipated 2026:

- Apply for fall GAMPO funding for a rewrite of the Rome-Floyd Bike/Ped/Trail plan
- Continue to encourage public works and city/county engineers for trail and bike improvements and connectivity to Berry College.
- Educate the public on the benefits of trails using TRED's social media platform and communication channels
- Educate the public on the planned Pump Track at Ridge Ferry Park and encourage use
- Facilitate Tuesday night Roamin' Rome rides promoting active transportation.
- Ensure that bicycle and pedestrian facilities are accessible and usable for all citizens. Attend regional bike and pedestrian meetings.

- Meet with local bicycle advocacy groups to promote cooperation in identifying and prioritizing projects.
- Seek sources of funding to construct the Lindale Trail and the Berry College Spires connection.
- Identify additional locations for the use of sharrows

Lead Agency: Rome/Floyd County MPO

Start and End Dates: January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

FEDERAL	FTA	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL
		MATCH	MATCH	
\$ 21,597.61			\$ 5,399.40	\$ 26,997.01

Sub-Element 4.2: 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Planning Factors: The Rome-Floyd MTP is a comprehensive, long-range strategy designed to guide transportation investment and policy over the next 30 years. The 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan has been adopted and follows federal standards, reviewed by the community, acceptable to state and federal agencies. This sub-element supports the development and refinement of the transportation planning process and results in the production of an MTP update every five years, and minor updates in between. The 2055 MTP is a key tool in establishing and maintaining the Rome-Floyd regional transportation system. The 2055 MTP is meant to evaluate needs, set priorities, and coordinate transportation improvements at the local and regional level and will address multiple modes of transportation: vehicle, freight, bicycle, pedestrian, rail, air, and transit.

Completed in 2025:

- Staff worked with High Street Consultants and sub-contractors to continue implementing projects and recommendations from the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Anticipated in 2026:

- The Rome-Floyd MPO has contracted with High Street Consulting to complete the 2055 MTP and the project will end with the document adoption in May 2026.

Lead Agency: Rome/Floyd County MPO

Start and End Dates: January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

FEDERAL	FTA	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL
		MATCH	MATCH	
\$ 18,000.00			\$ 4,500.00	\$ 22,500.00

Sub-Element 4.3: Transportation Improvement Plan

Planning Factors: Development and refinement of the TIP reflect the prioritization and scheduling of new projects and projects listed in the MTP. This element addresses short- and long-term planning efforts within the Rome-Floyd MPO. Existing plans are maintained and updated, and new efforts are undertaken to address pressing transportation issues within the community. The TIP addresses all Planning Factors because the TIP is a public process that addresses all modes of transportation in the short-term planning process

The current 2024-2027 TIP complies with federal standards and is reviewed by the community and followed by the Rome-Floyd MPO is acceptable to state and federal agencies and adopted by the local governments.

Completed in 2025:

- Staff continued project implementation and adopted needed amendments to the 2024-2027 TIP.
- Complete a full update of the MTP and TIP in accordance with procedures outlined by GDOT and by the Rome-Floyd MPO public participation plan.

Anticipated in 2026:

- A new 2027-2030 TIP

Lead Agency: Rome/Floyd County MPO

Start and End Dates: January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

FEDERAL	FTA	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL
		MATCH	MATCH	
\$ 15,000.00			\$ 3,750.00	\$ 18,750.00

Sub-Element 4.4: Complete Streets/y410

Planning Factors: In 2022 the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act added a new Metro Planning set aside for Increasing Safe and Accessible Transportation Options (Y410). The Act requires MPO’s to use at least 2.5% of its PL funds on specified planning activities to increase safe and accessible options for active transportation and multiple travel modes for people of all ages and abilities. The 2.5% set aside is covered by the Y410 funding.

To fulfill this requirement, the term “Complete Streets” standards mean policies that ensure the safe and adequate accommodation of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, cyclists, public transportation users, children, older individuals, individuals with disabilities, motorists and freight vehicles.

Completed in 2025:

- Work with Rome-Floyd MPO to establish Complete Streets measure within the development standards.
- Identify and develop a complete streets prioritization list.
- Provide Complete Streets updates to the MPO committees throughout the process and identify ways to increase safe & accessible transportation options within the MPO region.

Anticipated in 2026:

- Work with Rome-Floyd MPO to establish Complete Streets measure within the development standards.
- Identify and develop a complete streets prioritization list.
- Provide Complete Streets updates to the MPO committees throughout the process and identify ways to increase safe & accessible transportation options within the MPO region.

Lead Agency: Rome/Floyd County MPO

Start and End Dates: January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

FEDERAL	FTA	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL
		MATCH	MATCH	
\$ 3,571.73				\$ 3,571.73

Sub-Element 5.1: Transit Program and Administration (44.21.00)

Planning Factors: This sub-element supports all administrative tasks necessary for MPO staff to complete all transit-related transportation planning documents (Public Participation Plan, Limited English Proficiency Plan, and Title VI Plan). This sub-element addresses all Planning Factors because it facilitates open meetings, provides staffing and budget for the planning process, and coordinates the planning process with local, state, and federal partners. This sub-element also supports identifying minority and other environmental justice populations and ensuring the inclusion of all citizens in the planning process. It provides a background for evaluation of transportation project prioritization, and for the provision of multi-modal transportation services. The sub-element oversees administration of the 5303 programs, including keeping records of time spent by staff to complete the elements and sub-elements of the program and submitting quarterly reports and annual reports to the GDOT Office of Intermodal for the 5303 Program. Rome-Floyd MPO and Rome Transit Department Staff share responsibility for the activities carried out under this sub-element.

Completed Work in 2025 and Anticipated in 2026:

- Completed all administrative duties including monthly and quarterly Transit Reports. Administered all transit and para-transit operations.
- Staff hosted and attended meetings, workshops, training, and classes related to safety
- MPO staff will assist transit in the implementation of the route study and a micro- transit study.

Projected Start and End Dates: January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

FEDERAL	FTA	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL
		MATCH	MATCH	
	\$ 30,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 37,500.00

Sub-Element 5.2: Metropolitan Transportation Plan (44.23.01)

Planning Factors: The Rome-Floyd MPO and Rome Transit Department Staff are responsible

for this sub-element that supports the development and refinement of the comprehensive planning process factors and results in the production of the MTP every 5 years and minor update in between. The focus is on transit-related projects and programs and provides the MPO and RTD with the most current information concerning the needs of the community as it pertains to public transportation.

The 2055 MTP will evaluate needs, set priorities and coordinate transportation improvements at the local and regional level, addressing all modes of transportation: vehicle, freight, bicycle, pedestrian, rail, air and transit.

Completed in 2025:

- Staff worked with High Street Consultants on the 2055 MTP.

Anticipated in 2026:

- The Rome-Floyd MPO has contracted with High Street Consulting to complete the 2055 MTP and the project will end with the document adoption in May 2026

Lead Agency: Rome/Floyd MPO and Rome Transit Department

Projected Start and End Dates: January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

FEDERAL	FTA	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL
		MATCH	MATCH	
	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 12,500.00

Sub-Element 5.3: Transportation Improvement Plan (44.25.00)

Planning Factors: This sub-element reflects the development and refinement of the TIP which reflects the prioritization and scheduling of new projects and projects listed in the MTP. This element addresses short- and long-term planning efforts within the Rome-Floyd MPO. Existing plans are maintained and updated, and new efforts are undertaken to address pressing transportation issues within the community. MPO staff work closely with RTD to update section 5307, RTD operating expenses, section 5307 capital expenses, and transit asset management, for the current TIP period.

Completed in 2025:

- Staff continued project implementation and adopted needed amendments to the 2024-2027 TIP.
- Complete a full update of the MTP and TIP in accordance with procedures outlined by GDOT and by the Rome-Floyd MPO public participation plan.

Anticipated in 2026:

- Rewrite the 2027-2030 TIP and include RTD 5307 budget and TAM updates.

Lead Agency: Rome/Floyd MPO and Rome Transit Department

Projected Start and End Dates: January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

FEDERAL	FTA	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL
		MATCH	MATCH	
	\$ 21,868.00	\$2,733.00	\$ 2,734.00	\$27,335.00

Sub-Element 6.1: Special Studies, 2055 MTP

Planning Factors: The Rome-Floyd MTP is a comprehensive, long-range strategy designed to guide transportation investment and policy over the next 30 years. The 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan has been adopted and follows federal standards, reviewed by the community, acceptable to state and federal agencies. This sub-element supports the development and refinement of the transportation planning process and results in the production of an MTP update every five years, and minor updates in between. The 2055 MTP is a key tool in establishing and maintaining the Rome-Floyd regional transportation system. The 2055 MTP is meant to evaluate needs, set priorities, and coordinate transportation improvements at the local and regional level and will address multiple modes of transportation: vehicle, freight, bicycle, pedestrian, rail, air, and transit.

Completed in 2025:

- Staff worked with High Street Consultants and sub-contractors to continue implementing projects and recommendations from the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Anticipated in 2026:

- The Rome-Floyd MPO has contracted with High Street Consulting to complete the 2055 MTP and the project will end with the document adoption in May 2026.

Lead Agency: Rome/Floyd County MPO

Start and End Dates: January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

FEDERAL	FTA	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL
		MATCH	MATCH	
\$ 160,000.00			\$40,000.00	\$200,000.00

Budget Worksheet

FUNDING SOURCES	WORK ELEMENT	FEDERAL	FTA	STATE MATCH	LOCAL MATCH	TOTAL
FHWA	1.1 MPO Program & Admin	\$ 24,000.00			\$ 6,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
FHWA	1.2 Training & Employee Education	\$ 3,200.00			\$ 800.00	\$ 4,000.00
FHWA	1.3 UPWP	\$ 2,000.00			\$ 500.00	\$ 2,500.00
FHWA	2.1 Outreach & Education	\$ 10,000.00			\$ 2,500.00	\$ 12,500.00
FHWA	Title VI	\$ 3,000.00			\$ 750.00	\$ 3,750.00
FHWA	3.1 Socio-Econ Data	\$ 2,400.00			\$ 600.00	\$ 3,000.00
FHWA	3.2 Air Quality Mgt	\$ 100.00			\$ 25.00	\$ 125.00
FHWA	3.2 Planning Data	\$ 40,000.00			\$ 10,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
FHWA	4.1 Bike/Ped/Trail Plannir	\$ 21,597.61			\$ 5,399.40	\$ 26,997.01
FHWA	4.2 MTP	\$ 18,000.00			\$ 4,500.00	\$ 22,500.00
FHWA	4.3 TIP	\$ 15,000.00			\$ 3,750.00	\$ 18,750.00
SUBTOTAL						\$ 174,122.01
FHWA	Y410/Complete Streets	\$ 3,571.73				
SUBTOTAL						\$ 3,571.73
FTA	5.1 Transit Admin 44.21.00		\$ 30,000.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 37,500.00
FTA	5.2 MTP 44.23.01		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 12,500.00
FTA	5.3 TIP		\$ 21,868.00	\$ 2,733.00	\$ 2,734.00	\$ 27,335.00
SUBTOTAL						\$ 77,335.00
FHWA	6.1 Special Studies	\$ 160,000.00			\$ 40,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
TOTAL						\$ 455,028.74

Unfunded Projects:

1. Lindale Trail
2. Trail to the Spires and Berry College
3. 2016 Update to the Rome-Floyd Bike/Ped/Trail Plan

Planning Factors

1. Support economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency; and
2. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users; and
3. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users; and 4. Increase the accessibility and mobility options available to people and for freight; and
5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns; and
6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight; and
7. Promote efficient system management and operation; and
8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.
9. Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate storm water impacts of surface transportation; and
10. Enhance travel and tourism

Project Schedule

- 1.1 Program and Administration:** January-December
- 1.2 Training and Education:** March, April, August, September
- 1.3 UPWP:** June, July, August, September, October, November adoption
- 2.1 Community Outreach and Education:** January-December
- 2.2 Environmental Justice/Title VI:** January-December
- 3.1 Socioeconomic Data and Environmental Justice:** January-December
- 3.2 Air Quality:** January-December
- 3.3 Planning Data and Information:** January-December
- 4.1 Bike Pedestrian Planning:** January-December
- 4.2 Metropolitan Transportation Plan:** January-December
- 4.3 Transportation Improvement Plan:** January-December
- 4.4 Y410/Complete Streets:** January-December
- 5.1/44.22.00 Program and Administration:** January-December
- 5.2/44.23.01 Metropolitan Transportation Plan:** January-December
- 5.3/44.25.00 Transportation Improvement Program:** January-August
- 6.1 Special Studies, 2055 MTP Update:** January 1-May 6, 2026



**A RESOLUTION OF THE ROME-FLOYD COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADOPTING THE
2026 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy of Users (SAFETEA-LU) sections 1107 and 6001, regarding metropolitan transportation planning and establishing the continuing guidelines for the development, content, and processing of a cooperatively developed annual Unified Planning Work Program in urbanized areas was extended by the 2012 Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP21) and more recently, by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST); and

WHEREAS, the regulations mandate that a comprehensive, continuing and cooperative transportation planning process is to be carried out by the Rome-Floyd Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, the regulations stipulate that federal sources can fund no transportation planning activities until they have been included in the Unified Planning Work Program; and

WHEREAS, the various state and local agencies concerned with transportation planning for the Rome-Floyd County MPO have cooperatively developed an appropriate Unified Planning Work Program; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Coordinating Committee and the Transportation Policy Committee reviewed the draft UPWP and recommended it for adoption; and

WHEREAS, The City of Rome and Floyd County confirm that a local match is available and committed to the transportation and transit planning program;

NOW, let it be resolved that the Rome-Floyd County Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Policy Committee hereby finds the requirements of the regulations regarding urban transportation planning have been satisfied and authorizes the Chair to execute a joint certification of this fact with the appropriate federal and state transportation agencies.

 _____, Date 12-10-25

Chair, Transportation Policy Committee