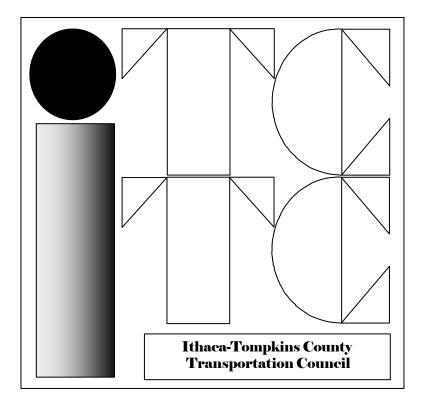
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ITHACA-TOMPKINS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL



2025-2026 SIMPLIFIED STATEMENT OF WORK (Unified Planning Work Program)

February 25, 2025

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SIMPLIFIED STATEMENT OF WORK (Unified Planning Work Program)

ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS

#	RESOLUTION NUMBER	DATE	ACTION
1.	N/A	January 21, 2025	Review of Draft UPWP by Planning Committee
			Passed motion recommending approval to the Policy Committee
2.	2025-01	February 25, 2025	Approval of the 2025-2026 Operating Budget by Policy Committee
3.	2025-02	February 25, 2025	Approval of the 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program by Policy Committee



Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council

RESOLUTION 2025-01

APPROVAL OF THE 2025-2026 ITHACA-TOMPKINS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL OPERATING BUDGET

- **WHEREAS,** the *Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council* was designated by the Governor of the State of New York as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Ithaca-Tompkins County Metropolitan Area; AND
- WHEREAS, as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Ithaca-Tompkins County Metropolitan Area the *Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council* receives certain federal and state grants for the purpose of conducting transportation planning activities in a "comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative" manner; AND
- **WHEREAS,** the *Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council* is provided with administrative services, including budget and financial services, by its Host Agency, Tompkins County; AND
- WHEREAS, the *Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council* has reviewed its proposed SFY 2025-2026 Operating Budget for the period of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026;
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the *Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council* does hereby adopt the 2025-2026 Operating Budget for the period April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026 and directs the Host Agency to implement said budget;
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the *Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council* does hereby authorize its Staff Director to take the necessary administrative actions to implement and administer said budget, as represented in "ATTACHMENT A", which is hereby made an integral part of this resolution;
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the *Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council* does hereby request that the Host Agency take the appropriate actions necessary to cause this adopted budget to be fully implemented without interruption prior to March 31, 2025.

This resolution having been considered and approved on February 25, 2025.

Rod Howe, Chair

David Smith, Secretary

ATTACHMENT A RESOLUTION 2025-01

	2025-2026 ITCTC Operating Budget							
CODE	DESCRIPTION	2025-2026 FHWA	2025-2026 FTA	2025-2026 TOTAL				
REVENU	JES:							
.4959	FEDERAL AID GRANT	\$356,829	\$51,489	\$408,318				
	REPROGRAMMED FUNDS	\$25,279	\$0	\$25,279				
	2.5% P.L. SET ASIDE	\$9,537	\$0	\$9,537				
	TOTAL REVENUES	\$391,645	\$51,489	\$443,134				
EXPENS	ES:							
	COMBINED SALARIES	208,022	26,679	234,702				
.8800	FRINGE	101,931	13,073	115,004				
.2206	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	2,500	1,500	4,000				
.2210	OTHER EQUIPMENT	450	300	750				
.2214	FURNITURE & FIXTURES	500	500	1,000				
.2230	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	200	300	500				
.4303	OFFICE SUPPLIES	0	500	500				
.4330	PRINTING	0	500	500				
.4332	BOOKS/PUBLICATIONS	472	0	472				
.4342	FOOD	200	0	200				
.4400	PROGRAM EXPENSE	67,537	0	67,537				
.4402	LEGAL ADVERTISING	450	300	750				
.4412	TRAVEL/TRAINING	3,000	1,000	4,000				
.4414	LOCAL MILEAGE	650	550	1,200				
.4416	PROFESSIONAL DUES	0	800	800				
.4424	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	1,000	500	1,500				
.4425	SERVICE CONTRACTS	600	600	1,200				
.4432	RENT	500	0	500				
.4442	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE FEES	1,453	547	2,000				
.4452	POSTAGE SERVICES	150	650	800				
.4472	TELEPHONE	220	500	720				
.4618	INTERDEPARTMENTAL CHARGE	1,810	2,690	4,500				
	TOTAL EXPENSES	391,645	51,489	\$443,134				



Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council

RESOLUTION 2025-02

APPROVAL OF THE 2025-2026 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

- WHEREAS, federal transportation legislation requires that Metropolitan Planning Organizations be established in each urbanized area of over 50,000 in population; AND
- WHEREAS, the *Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council* has been designated by the Governor of the State of New York as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Ithaca-Tompkins County Urbanized and approved Metropolitan Planning Areas; AND
- WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Organizations are required to carry out a "*continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive*" urban transportation planning process that addresses all modes of transportation; AND
- WHEREAS, in order to implement a continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in the Ithaca-Tompkins County Metropolitan Area, it is a requirement to develop an annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); AND
- WHEREAS, the Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council, in accordance with the requirements of regulations (23 CFR §450.308(d)), has developed a Simplified Statement of Work for fiscal year 2025-2026 that serves as the Unified Planning Work Program; AND
- WHEREAS, in order to support the elements of the 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program, the *Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council* continues its designation of the New York State Department of Transportation to be the grant applicant on its behalf; AND
- WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation has agreed to apply for necessary regular program funding under the Federal Transit Administration Section 5303 program, under the Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 program, and under the Federal Highway Administration "PL" transportation planning program in amounts consistent with this approved 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program;

- **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the *Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council* hereby approves the 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program and directs the submission thereof to the appropriate Federal and State agencies and directs the filing of the appropriate grant applications to support the program;
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Transportation Policy Committee of the *Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council* hereby authorizes and directs its Staff Director to execute and administer the 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program in cooperation with and with the assistance of the Transportation Planning Committee.

This resolution having been considered and approved on February 25, 2025.

Rod Howe, Chair

David Smith, Secretary

2025-2026 SIMPLIFIED STATEMENT OF WORK UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

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OVERVIEW

FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

Under Section 134 of Title 23, United States Code and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act of 1964, as amended by the *Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA)*, the *Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21)*, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) and the highway provisions of the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)* (Public Law 117-58, also known as the 'Bipartisan Infrastructure Law') signed November 15, 2021, the Congress of the United States has stated that:

"MPOs designated for each urbanized area are to carry out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive performance-based multimodal transportation planning process that encourages and promote the safe and efficient development, management, and operation of surface transportation systems to serve the mobility needs of people and freight (including accessible pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities) and foster economic growth and development, while minimizing transportation-related fuel consumption and air pollution and encourages continued development and improvement of metropolitan transportation planning processes guided by planning factors...."

In accordance with this directive, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are designated for each urbanized area of more than 50,000 population by agreement between the Governor and units of generalpurpose local government. This population threshold was reached in the Ithaca urbanized area after the 1990 Census. On September 30, 1992, the Governor of the State of New York joined with the County of Tompkins, the City of Ithaca, the Town of Ithaca, the Villages of Lansing and Cayuga Heights in executing the <u>Memorandum of Agreement</u> formally designating the *Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council* (*ITCTC*) as the MPO for the Ithaca-Tompkins County Urbanized Area. In December of 1994, the *ITCTC* expanded its Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary to cover all of Tompkins County. In conjunction with this geographic expansion, the membership of the *ITCTC* was expanded to include the remaining eight Towns in the County. In November 1996 the <u>Memorandum of Agreement</u> was amended to include the Town of Dryden as a voting member of the *ITCTC* Policy Committee.

The latest final Metropolitan Planning Rule (23 CFR Part 450 and 49 CFR Part 613, Federal Register Volume 81, No.103, Friday May 27, 2016) requires that each MPO develop a <u>Unified Planning Work Program</u> (UPWP) (23 CFR §450.308(b)). The rule regarding UPWP development includes a section - 23 CFR §450.308(d) - that allows MPOs not designated as *Transportation Management Areas* (non-TMA MPOs have urbanized areas with population less than 200,000 persons), to "*prepare a simplified statement of work*... *in lieu of an UPWP*." The *ITCTC*, in developing this Simplified Statement of Work, is exercising this regulatory mechanism. The Simplified Statement of Work describes "the major activities to be performed the next one-year period, who will perform the work, the resulting work products, and a summary of total amounts and sources of Federal and matching funds". For purposes of continuity and to reduce confusion, the term UPWP will continue to be used in the text below when referring to the Simplified Statement of Work/UPWP.

The intent of this work plan is to coordinate all federally funded transportation and related planning activities within the metropolitan area. The UPWP provides details of the transportation-related planning activities that the MPO intends to accomplish during the program year utilizing federal, state and local resources. It delineates activities to be implemented to carry out the cooperative transportation planning process. Included in the UPWP are operating and auditable budgets, which detail how each fund source will be utilized. This permits the UPWP to act as a grant application for federal funds and as a management tool for directing staff activities.



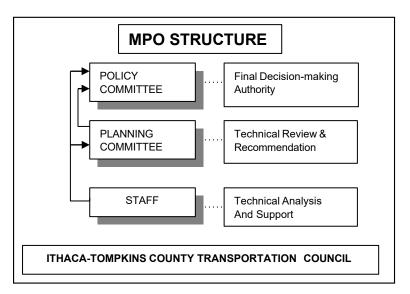
MPO STRUCTURE

As the designated MPO for the Ithaca metropolitan area, the *ITCTC* is responsible for conducting a transportation planning process that is *"continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive"*. To achieve this objective, the *ITCTC* is structured at three levels.

The **Transportation Policy Committee** is the final MPO decision-making authority and is composed of the primary elected official from each urbanized area member government (City and Town of Ithaca, Town of Dryden, Villages of Lansing, and Cayuga Heights), a representative from Tompkins County government, and a representative of the New York State Department of Transportation (which represents the Governor). Cornell University, Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit (TCAT), the Towns of Caroline, Danby, Enfield, Groton, Lansing, Newfield, and Ulysses, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are also represented as non-voting members. The voting members of the Policy Committee have agreed to act by "consensus". ["*Consensus means no negative vote is cast by an affected voting member present at the meeting. An abstention is not counted as a negative vote.*." Section II.A.3 of the <u>Unified Operations Plan.</u>]

The **Transportation Planning Committee** is responsible for coordinating and managing the area's transportation planning activities and providing technical advice to the Policy Committee. The Planning Committee is composed primarily of lead technical staff members from the member entities and local transit operators.

The **Central Staff** is responsible for performing the administrative and technical services necessary to operate the MPO. The efforts of the Central Staff are supplemented by the "in-kind services" of various participants in the MPO process.



The operations and procedures of the *ITCTC* are guided by the <u>Unified Operations Plan</u>, initially adopted by formal resolution in August of 1992 and last updated June 2023. This document specifies that the Transportation Planning Committee has the principal responsibility for the preparation and administration of the <u>Unified Planning Work Program</u> (Section II.B.7.a of the <u>Unified Operations Plan</u>), subject to final Policy Committee approval.



FEDERAL PLANNING EMPHASIS AREAS and METROPOLITAN PLANNING FACTORS

Planning Emphasis Areas

On December 30, 2021 the FHWA announced the Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs) to be used by MPOs to develop tasks for UPWPs. The PEAs that apply in the ITCTC planning area are as follows:

- Tackling the Climate Crisis-Transition to a Clean Energy, Resilient Future to ensure that our transportation plans and infrastructure investments help achieve the national greenhouse gas reduction goals of 50-52 percent below 2005 levels by 2030, and net-zero emissions by 2050, and increase resilience to extreme weather events and other disasters resulting from the increasing effects of climate change.
- Equity and Justice 40 in Transportation Planning to advance racial equity and support for underserved and disadvantaged communities.
- **Complete Streets -** plan, develop, and operate streets and networks that prioritize safety, comfort, and access to destinations for people who use the street network, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, micro-mobility users, freight delivery services, and motorists. The goal is to provide an equitable and safe transportation network for travelers of all ages and abilities, including those from marginalized communities facing historic disinvestment.
- **Public Involvement** engage in early, effective, and continuous public involvement to bring diverse viewpoints into the decision-making process.
- **Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL)** a collaborative and integrated approach to transportation decision-making that considers environmental, community, and economic goals early in the transportation planning process, and uses the information, analysis, and products developed during planning to inform the environmental review process.
- **Data in Transportation Planning** incorporating data sharing and management in transportation planning.

Two additional PEAs relating to support of the Strategic Highway Network and coordination with the Federal Land Management Agency don't apply to the ITCTC since none of those facilities or resources are present in Tompkins County.

The ITCTC's 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan - <u>https://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/All-Departments/Ithaca-Tompkins-County-Transportation-Council/2045-Long-Range-Transportation-Plan</u> - helps guide the tasks included in this UPWP. The plan's goals and objectives as well as the UPWP tasks presented below are fully supportive of the federal PEAs. The LRTP was updated in December 2024.



Metropolitan Planning Factors

Federal transportation legislation and its implementing regulations specify that the Metropolitan Planning Process must provide consideration and implementation of projects, strategies and services that will address the ten planning factors listed below. The work of the ITCTC as defined in this UPWP, the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan and the current Transportation Improvement Program, include components that advance the planning factors. The various tasks/activities listed in the following sections of the UPWP help implement the planning factors. Appropriate work tasks are labeled with the corresponding planning factor number(s) as PF-# they address.

Planning Factors (23 CFR 450.306(b)):

- (1) Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, 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 accessibility and mobility of people and freight.
- (5) Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns.
- (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.
- (8) Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.
- (9) Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation; and
- (10) Enhance travel and tourism.



EMPHASIS AREAS FOR THE 2025-2026 UPWP

The April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 program year is the thirty-third year for which federal planning funds are available to the Ithaca area under the metropolitan planning program. This UPWP will continue to focus on the general goal of preserving and sustaining the core MPO activities and requirements while supporting community transportation programs and projects that advance the goals and objectives found in the 2045 Long- Range Transportation Plan. The 2045 LRTP *Action Plan for Sustainable Accessibility* includes three key implementation areas that, when taken together, will best and most realistically implement the Sustainable Accessibility goals of the plan (Chapter 1):

- 1. Maintain Existing Critical Transportation Infrastructure and Systems
- 2. Expand and Promote Multimodal Mobility Options and Integration
- 3. Success through collaboration

Outlook for 2025-2026

Local transportation providers and programs faced serious challenges in 2024. TCAT and Gadabout had to work assertively to overcome staffing and vehicle challenges created by post pandemic labor and equipment supply issues. The Center for Community Transportation, home of Ithaca Carshare, Bike Walk Tompkins, and Ithaca Bikeshare, fought hard to have legislation passed to facilitate access to insurance for its programs. Ithaca Carshare's closure for most of a year created significant financial hardship, but the programs have been reestablished and are being used at a high level. GoIthaca, the local transportation demand management program, also faced unexpected fiscal and operational challenges.

The ITCTC has worked to support these programs and others in the transportation sector that are critical to providing adequate services in our community. The ITCTC will continue this role. The ITCTC will also continue to work with NYSDOT and project sponsors to ensure that programmed projects are implemented without delay.

Transportation modes that provide alternatives to private automobile use remain as important as ever, if not more so, for those who depend on these services for their mobility needs. The ITCTC will continue to offer support to multimodal mobility programs and initiatives. Transit, shared mobility, transportation demand management (TDM) and educational initiatives have been impacted in different ways by economic and regulatory factors. Managing this volatility has been challenging for non-profit transportation service providers. Unfortunately, private non-profits providers have limited access to Federal and State transportation funds. The ITCTC will continue to champion increased access to funds and resources for community-based non-profits working to expand transportation options, particularly those working with disadvantaged communities. The ITCTC will also help monitor grant opportunities, and work with local partners seeking to take advantage of these programs.

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is scheduled to be updated with an approval date of June 2025. The new 2026-2030 TIP will take effect October 1, 2025. The TIP update process will absorb a significant amount of staff capacity during the first half of calendar year 2025.



In summary, agency efforts will focus on the 2025-2026 emphasis areas listed below. More details are included in the Work Tasks section. In parenthesis are the Planning Factors (described above) related to each emphasis area bullet:

- Maintain the current 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and provide appropriate updates to the State TIP in coordination with local, state, and federal partners. Coordinate with NYSDOT and local project sponsors regarding TIP maintenance activities, review of project amendments and administrative modifications, public participation and other activities as required. (PF-4,6,7,8)
- Work with NYSDOT and local partners in updating the TIP. The final TIP update approval is expected in June 2025. This will be a significant emphasis area for staff. (PF-4,6,7,8)
- Complete the self-certification process in coordination with NYSDOT main office and federal partners.
- Work collaboratively with Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit (TCAT), Gadabout and the CCT to ensure transit, paratransit, car sharing and bike sharing services are available to the community at a high level of service. (PF-4,5,6,7,8)
- Participate in efforts of the Tompkins County Transportation Equity Coalition including work implementing action items identified during the Transportation Equity Needs Assessment.
- Continue to monitor federal infrastructure/transportation funding opportunities and assist Tompkins County entities interested in applying for funds and implementing awarded grants. This includes:
 - the Safe Streets and Roads for All program grant awarded February 2023,
 - the Active Transportation Network project from the City of Ithaca funded with Congestion 0 Reduction Program funds,
 - Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment program Town of Caroline applied for a grant, 0 in coordination with Towns of Dryden, Danby and Ithaca, for design of the Coddington Valley Trail; a second grant application was presented by the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for design of the Black Diamond Trail section between Buttermilk Falls State Park and Robert Treman SP.
 - Proposed (August 2025) wildlife crossings application by Town of Caroline. 0
- Monitor the publication of Census and American Community Survey data and prepare/update required maps and reports.
- Continue to monitor development and implementation of federal regulations and guidelines as they apply to MPO operations, the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the Transportation Improvement Program and the performance-based planning process.
- Support and actively participate in development and implementation of transportation planning efforts in Tompkins County. (PF-10)
- Contribute to and support the transportation planning efforts of participating entities in the MPO process for the following initiatives:
 - Coordination between Tompkins County, as designated recipient of FTA grants, and grant subrecipients in Tompkins County. (PF-7)
 - Continued implementation of the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. (PF-4,6,7)

- Implementation of transportation demand management (TDM) strategies and programs in cooperation with GoIthaca, CCT, TCAT, the City of Ithaca and other community partners. (PF-1,4,5,6,7)
- Participate in efforts to address equity and "community livability" through transportation. In particular:
 - Cooperate and work with the Tompkins County Department of Planning and Sustainability in implementation of action items from the Tompkins County Countywide Comprehensive Plan. (PF-5,9)
 - Support local municipalities and community groups in development of transportation plans and other efforts that support the goals and objectives in the LRTP. (PF-5)
 - Support community programs/initiatives that encourage increased use of active transportation (walking, bicycling, transit, shared transport), such as Bike Walk Tompkins (www.bikewalktompkins.org/), Ithaca Carshare (www.ithacacarshare.org), Ithaca Bikeshare (www.ithacabikeshare.org/) and the Tompkins County Parks and Trail Network. (PF- 2,4,5,6)
 - Provide continued emphasis and support for the development of transportation modes and programs that provide alternatives to the private automobile as a primary mode of transportation including (PF-1-10):

-transportation safety -multiuse trail development -bicycling initiatives -car sharing -TDM

-public transportation-pedestrian initiatives-ride sharing/carpooling-emergency/back-up ride home

2025-2026 WORK TASKS

ITCTC staff will be primarily responsible for implementation of the work tasks described in this UPWP. The work tasks are divided into four sub-areas as described and defined in the following sections. The work will be performed in coordination and with support from ITCTC Committee members, the staff of member agencies, and interested community partners and organizations. At times ITCTC staff will pay for specialized services, i.e., printing, graphic design, data analysis, map production, surveys, meeting facilitation, etc., in support of its responsibilities. Any project where implementation is primarily consultant based will be clearly identified.

1.0 PROGRAM COORDINATION

- Purpose: Facilitate the administrative and financing tasks associated with the general operation of the MPO. Most of these tasks are ongoing in nature unless specified otherwise. (PF-7)
- Activities: Perform basic grant administration functions, including contract management and reimbursement requests.
 - Facilitate day-to-day administrative operations (e.g., purchasing, bookkeeping, and budgeting).
 - Provide support for the timely renewal and implementation of the host agency agreement between Tompkins County and NYSDOT. Current agreement was signed on March 2022 and runs through the end of March 2032.



- Assist and cooperate with Tompkins County, as host agency for the ITCTC, in fulfilling the requirement of its Hosting Agreement with NYSDOT. This includes assisting with implementation of the annual single audit performed by Tompkins County.
- Provide clerical and administrative support to the ITCTC Committees and Sub-committees.
- Develop and administer the Unified Planning Work Program (2025-2026 and 2026-2027).
- Administer and manage the Unified Operations Plan as necessary.
- Monitor evolving federal transportation legislation, rules and guidelines and ensure the ITCTC meets all federal requirements of the metropolitan planning process.
- Review and respond as needed to regulations, guidance, and correspondence from Federal, State, and Local agencies and organizations. Prepare semi-annual FTA and FHWA Reports as required.
- Participate in various professional organizations for the benefit of the ITCTC, including the New York State Association of MPOs (NYSAMPO) and the national Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) [Note: The ITCTC acknowledges that it has contributed \$609 for AMPO membership dues through a revision in the FHWA PL allocation that allows the Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study MPO to pay the dues on behalf of all MPOs in New York State including the ITCTC.]
- Attend meetings, workshops, webinars, and conferences associated with implementing the MPO planning process and other related transportation planning and management topics.
- Conduct training and orientation for MPO staff and participants, as necessary.

2.0 DATA MANAGEMENT

- Purpose: To implement data collection, analysis, and maintenance activities. Most of these tasks are ongoing in nature unless specified otherwise.
- Activities: Collect and/or assemble, maintain, and analyze socio-economic, land use, and travel pattern data. Ongoing effort based on data releases from the US Census, NYSDOT and other data sources.
 - Participate in local GIS planning projects. Help create and maintain necessary geographic-based data sets. Performed in coordination with the Tompkins County Dept. of Information Technology Services.
 - Compile, maintain, and analyze traffic crash data. Ongoing, based on data releases from local governments and NYSDOT. (PF-2)
 - Continue collaborative work with transit providers and NYSDOT to develop, adopt and update performance targets. (PF-7)
 - Compile, maintain and/or analyze traffic data and facility condition information in coordination with municipal, state, and private sources. (PF-7, 8)
 - Assist Tompkins County in the maintenance of a computerized highway inventory.
 - Gather and maintain data needed to update the bicycling suitability map for Tompkins County. This map is updated every two years. The next map update is scheduled for the spring/summer of 2026. (<u>https://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/All-Departments/Ithaca-Tompkins-County-Transportation-Council/Completed-Projects-Studies-and-Maps</u>). (PF-2, 6)
 - Participate in data collection, mapping and analysis training activities conducted by NYSDOT, USDOT, Cornell Local Roads Program, NYSAMPO and/or other organizations.
 - Continue to address Title VI requirements in the management of ITCTC operations, outreach and website content, such as access to translatable materials, active public outreach, etc.
 - Under the Title VI and Environmental Justice (EJ) initiatives, use Census data to identify geographic areas and populations that may be impacted by transportation projects. Perform outreach to ensure the inclusion of Title VI and EJ constituencies in the transportation planning decision-making process. The Tompkins County Transportation Equity Coalition performed a transportation equity needs assessment from 2022 to 2024 that provides important information in this area (https://ccetompkins.org/community/way2go/transportation-equity-needs-assessment).
 - Work with the US Census bureau, NYSDOT and other appropriate agencies and local partners to identify and manage 2020 Census and American Community Survey data associated with Tompkins County.
 - Work with NYSDOT, FHWA, US Census Bureau and local partners to maintain the Highway Federal Functional Classification System in Tompkins County.



3.0 PLAN APPRAISAL

- Purpose: To implement activities that support the monitoring, revision, implementation, and update of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and its goals and objectives, and other recommended actions. Most of these tasks are ongoing in nature unless specified otherwise.
- Activities: Prepare and process amendments to the 2045 LRTP in accordance with federal regulations and the policies and procedures of the ITCTC. <u>https://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/All-Departments/Ithaca-Tompkins-County-Transportation-Council/2045-Long-Range-Transportation-Plan</u>
 - Monitor changes in federal transportation legislation and regulations. As appropriate, amend the LRTP and other ITCTC operating documents to meet new federal requirements.
 - Continue work with local, regional, and State partners, and other NY MPOs, to develop and maintain performance measures and targets that meet all federal requirements. Amend LRTP and TIP as required to meet performance-based planning process requirements.
 - Facilitate and promote local efforts to develop and implement bicycle/pedestrian and multi-use trail plans and activities that promote increased active transportation mobility. Local efforts include educational activities and training in collaboration with Bike Walk Tompkins, community events, plan development efforts such as updating the Priority Trails Network, etc.
 - Where possible, assist community and participating entities implementing projects and activities that support LRTP goals and objectives. Currently there are local initiatives in the following areas: trail development, transit improvements, enhanced transportation safety, use of information technologies in support of improved mobility, TDM implementation, scenic byways program, mobility management and expanding shared transportation services. (PF- 4, 5, 6, 7, 10)
 - Assist and facilitate the efforts of community and participating entities to undertake projects and activities that support the goals stated in federal guidance (e.g., land use/housing/transportation planning, transit accessibility, equity, safety, resiliency, tourism, etc.). Support efforts to assess the transportation impacts of land use and community development efforts. (PF-1-10)
 - Work cooperatively with Tompkins County, TCAT, Gadabout and other parties involved in the implementation of the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan and the Tompkins County mobility management program. (PF-4,6)



4.0 IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING

- Purpose: To provide technical support to specific transportation planning and capital projects. A number of these tasks are ongoing in nature unless specified otherwise.
- Activities: Participate in transportation planning efforts conducted by ITCTC partners, as appropriate.
 - Work cooperatively with local agencies to address the needs of transportation-disadvantaged populations, specifically the elderly, youth, disabled and those with low income. Continue active participation in Tompkins County Transportation Equity Coalition. Support the groups' efforts to better understand and address transportation equity issues in the community, including analysis of data generated from the recently completed transportation equity needs assessment. The Transportation Equity Coalition (the Coalition) is made up of representatives from TCAT, Gadabout, the Center for Community Transportation (including Carshare and Bike Walk Tompkins), GO ITHACA, Tompkins County Department of Social Services, and the ITCTC. The Coalition was formed in November of 2020 with a mission to identify, advocate, and promote equitable policies and practices, through inclusive cross-sector partnerships, while addressing the systemic inequities that affect access to safe and efficient transportation. <u>https://ccetompkins.org/community/way2go/transportation-equity-coalition (PF-4)</u>
 - Support the City of Ithaca as lead agency, and other involved municipalities, in the consultant led development of a Safety Action Plan funded through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program. This project is ongoing and will be completed in 2025. (PF-2,3)
 - Support the City of Ithaca in its implementation of the Active Transportation Network design project, Move Ithaca, funded with Carbon Reduction Program funds <u>www.moveithaca.com</u>. This project is ongoing. (PF-2,3)
 - Work with the Town of Caroline and citizen volunteers in support of preparing a Wildlife Crossings Program application to install a salamander crossing on Thomas Rd. (PF-5)
 - Work cooperatively with TCAT and its partners to advance service and operational improvements to the public transportation system. Attend regular meetings of the Transit Service Committee. (PF-6,7)
 - Assist TCAT and other interested agencies in conducting technical analyses associated with transit system planning activities. Support TCAT in its efforts to implement their Transit Development Plan (TDP). The TDP was last updated in 2021 - <u>https://tcatbus.com/tdp-2020/2021</u>. (PF-2,3,5,6,7)
 - Assist NYSDOT and participating entities in ongoing management of the ITCTC 2023-2027 TIP and the State TIP. TIP amendments and administrative modifications are addressed in meetings of the ITCTC Planning and Policy Committees (meeting schedule at: <u>https://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/All-Departments/Ithaca-Tompkins-County-Transportation-Council/Meeting-Schedule</u>.
 - Work with NYSDOT and local partners in updating the TIP. The update cycle for the 2026-2030 TIP is expected to be completed in June 2025. This will be a significant emphasis area for staff.
 - Provide technical assistance to ITCTC partners and the public.
 - Cooperate with the Tompkins County Department of Planning and Sustainability (TCDPS) efforts to implement actions items found in the Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan <u>https://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/All-Departments/Planning-and-</u>



Sustainability/Comprehensive-Plan (PF-1, 5, 6, 9, 10)

Specific action items include:

- Implementation and updating of the priority trails strategy.
- Facilitate participation of Tompkins County employees in a Transportation Demand Management program.
- Addressing transportation components of the Tompkins County Hazards Mitigation Plan.
- Work with the TCDPS to advance the mobility management program that implements the Tompkins County 2024-2027 <u>Mobility Vision</u>. The goal of the Mobility Management program is to assist Tompkins County residents, with special focus on seniors, people with disabilities, low-income and underserved communities with breaking down transportation barriers through development and implementation of programs and services. The newly completed Tompkins County Strategic Operations Plan includes an objective as follows: *Develop and implement a detailed Mobility Management Strategy*. (PF-4, 5)
- Participate actively in New York State Association of MPOs (NYSAMPO) regular meetings, programs and initiatives, including active participation in Working Groups.
- Participate in the development and implementation of Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway (CLSB) and the Blue Way Trail initiatives and programs. (PF-1, 10)
- Continue coordination with, and assistance to local governments and community groups (i.e., the Tompkins County Parks and Trails Network, Bike Walk Tompkins, Dryden Rail Trail Task Force and others) in trail development efforts as indicated in the ITCTC Transportation Trail/Corridor Study, the Tompkins Priority Trails Strategy and the LRTP. (PF-2, 4, 5, 6, 10). Current trail development efforts include the Coddington Valley Trail design, the Dryden Rail Trail bridge over SR-13, the Black Diamond Trail extension to the Gateway Trail.
- Continue to work cooperatively with local partners (civic and municipal) to increase the active and shared transportation (walking, bicycling, transit, shared transportation services) modal shares. (PF-4, 5, 6)
- Support continuing implementation of the GoIthaca transportation demand management program for the Ithaca Urbanized Area (<u>www.goithaca.org</u>). GoIthaca is a grant funded local non-profit. Ongoing work involves continued coordination between transportation providers; enhanced outreach to downtown employers, employees, and residents; and formalizing a Transportation Management Association (TMA). (PF-1,4,5,6)
- Continue to work cooperatively with the Center for Community Transportation (CCT) and other local interested parties in strengthening the Ithaca Carshare program after a state imposed pause in operations; and continuing support of the CCT's BikeWalkTompkins and Ithaca Bikeshare programs. (https://www.the-cct.org/) (PF-4,5,6,7)
- Continue to work with local and regional interested parties and NY 511 to provide a coordinated rideshare/carpooling program serving Tompkins County and neighboring counties. (<u>https://511nyrideshare.org/web/finger-lakes-rideshare</u>) (PF-4,5,7)
- Actively support and assist the implementation of a transportation planning effort for the City of Ithaca. The City's comprehensive plan, <u>Plan Ithaca</u>, calls for completion of a City Transportation Plan (Sect. 6.2, p.100). The ITCTC's role in the project has not been specified but will likely consist of participation in the project's advisory committee and providing data as requested. (PF-7, 8)



STATEWIDE SHARED COST INITIATIVES AND SPR PROJECTS

SUMMARY

Each year, the 14 MPOs in New York State, working as the NY State Association of MPOs (NYSAMPO), collectively reserve a limited amount of federal transportation planning funds to fund a series of statewide shared cost initiatives (SCIs) and to pay annual dues to the national Association of MPOs (AMPO). As available, NYSDOT has made FHWA Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) funds available to NYSAMPO to supplement SCIs funded with FHWA PL and FTA MPP funds. The SCI program has been in operation since FY 1999-2000.

Over the years different MPOs in New York State have hosted SCI projects. The host MPO provides the financial infrastructure to manage projects funds. Project funds are included in each host's operating budget. Host MPOs manage each project's budget line, receiving invoices and making payments in coordination with the project's client committee. Host MPOs are reimbursed for administrative costs and other incidental expenses (i.e. photocopying, room rentals, etc.) with up to 15% of budgeted project funds.

<u>SCI</u>

Listed below are ongoing SCI activities. The statewide set-aside of federal funds for the SCI is \$200,000 in FHWA funds. No FTA MPP funds are being set aside this year. The ITCTC contribution to the SCI in 2025-2026 totals approximately \$2,990 of the PL funds.

NYSAMPO Staff Support and Conference

<u>Objective</u>: Provide administrative and technical support for NYSAMPO efforts, including working groups. <u>Cost</u>: \$300,000 total (\$200,000 FHWA PL / \$40,000 toll credits; \$80,000 FHWA SPR / \$20,000 State match) <u>Lead Agency</u>: Capital Region Transportation Council

NYSAMPO Staff Training

<u>Objective</u>: Provide relevant training and professional development opportunities for the staffs and member agencies of MPOs.

<u>Cost</u>: \$209,776 total (\$156,953 FHWA PL / \$31,391 toll credits; \$52,823 FTA MPP / \$13,206 NYSDOT IKS) <u>Lead Agency</u>: Genesee Transportation Council

AMPO Dues

<u>Objective</u>: Ensure that MPOs are aware of and considered in the development of national transportation policy. <u>Cost</u>: \$56,069 total (\$56,069 FHWA PL / \$11,214 toll credits) Lead Agency: Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study



<u>SPR</u>

FHWA Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) program funds States' statewide planning and research activities. The funds are used to establish a cooperative, continuous, and comprehensive framework for making transportation investment decisions and to carry out transportation research activities throughout the State. Funding is provided for SPR by a set-aside from each State's apportionments of four programs: the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP); the Surface Transportation Program (STP); the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP); and the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) Program.

Below is a table listing SPR funded projects that are relevant to, or could otherwise benefit, the ITCTC.

SPR #	Project Title	SPR Funding	Description
All MPOs			
C-17-53	Pavement Condition Data Collection Services	\$20,500,000	Collect pavement condition data as necessary to comply w/annual state & federal requirements & NYSDOT pavement management practices & develop & maintain a system to track location, dimension & condition of other highway related assets.
C-17-56	Statewide Coordination of Metropolitan Planning Programs	\$600,000	Support & maintain the ongoing coordination of metropolitan planning programs in NYS for statewide benefit; ongoing collaboration of the 14 MPOs; & on-going coordination of metropolitan & statewide planning programs.
C-17-59	Traffic Data System	\$3,890,100	Implement an automated traffic data management system application.
C-18-55	NYS Transportation Master Plan	\$2,000,000	Produce an updated, statewide long-range transportation plan to coordinate federal & state transportation planning activities.
SP-19-03	Temporary Service Contracts - Traffic Data Processing	\$1,375,000	The goal of this project is to provide for the processing of traffic data that is obtained from counts taken in NYSDOT's 11 Regions, including Interstates and Expressways.
SP-20-02	NPTS, CTPP, Intercity Travel (ATS) and Travel Patterns for NYS	\$3,580,616	Establish a research & analysis capability with Oak Ridge National Labs (ORNL), Center for Transportation Analysis, to assist NYS in analyzing national data.
SP-20-03	Research, Development & Support of an Integrated Planning & Performance Data & Analytics Framework (PPDAF)	\$2,600,000	Leverage the current analysis tools to research & further integrate travel time datasets & available open- source analytics tools w/other transportation, economic & demographic data to support efficient & consistent planning & analysis.

SPR PROJECTS RELEVANT TO THE ITCTC



SPR #	Project Title	SPR Funding	Description
SP-21-02	Program & Project Management System Support Services	\$1,588,328	Provide support services for post-implementation of a department-wide enhanced & improved enterprise level program & project management system to facilitate improvements to capital program delivery.
SP-21-04	Highway Oversize/Overweight Credentialing System (HOOCS) Phase 2	\$1,950,000	Implement a Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) HOOCS software solution & obtain accompanying integration services necessary to fulfill NYSDOT's Central Permitting Bureau's business requirements. Phase 2 will advance functionality of HOOCS.
SP-21-06	Accelerating the Use of Integrated Incident Management System (IIMS) for Traffic Incident Data Collection and Management	\$295,000	Demonstrate the ability of an enhanced IIMS to provide improved sharing of incident reporting between First/Secondary Response teams & operations centers to: improve situational awareness, enhance coordinated response to incidents & safety of incident scenes, reduce incident duration & impact (lane closures, delay, & occurrence of secondary incidents) using analytical tools that correlate IIMS w/vehicle sensor & other data sources.
SP-21-09	Continuous Count Traffic Count Program, Zone 2	\$10,634,500	This initiative is the continuous count (CC) traffic count program for Zone 2 with full performance-based maintenance and upgrade services in Zone 2 to provide better coverage, distribution, and differentiation by functional classification of roadway, geographic area, and seasonality of traffic patterns. Zone 2 includes the western half of the state (Region 3, 4, 5, 6).
SP-22-03	Statewide Mobility Services Program	\$7,882,320	To continue and expand on NYSDOT's agency-wide efforts to support and encourage the use of sustainable and efficient modal options for travel, while addressing the goals of the NYS Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) to reduce GHGs 85% and achieve economy-wide carbon neutrality by 2050. It will build on the efforts of the existing Statewide Active Transportation Demand Management (ATDM) and will include additional technical assistance program elements, policy research, pilot initiatives and partnerships with employers, large institutions, destination, neighborhood and community organizations, local governments, and mobility providers. Work products are expected to result in products that specifically integrate mobility into existing NYSDOT policies, programs, projects, and protocols. This will include but is not limited to: regional and statewide project development, prioritization, and programming; corridor plans; integrated multimodal systems management and transportation management center (TMS) operations; and freight analysis.

PLAN FOR REPROGRAMMING OF CARRY-OVER FUNDS

FHWA P.L. FUNDS

Over the years the ITCTC, like other MPOs statewide, has accumulated a backlog of unprogrammed FHWA P.L. funds. These carry-over funds may be reprogrammed on an as-needed basis, following review and approval of the Transportation Planning and Policy Committees, to fulfill the implementation of the UPWP and further the goals and objectives of the Long-Range Transportation Plan. As of January 2025, the carry-over funds available for reprogramming total approximately **\$106,525**.

Use of carry-over funds in planned as follows:

- **\$2,500** To cover expenses related to Executive Director staff transition.
- **\$12,779** Reprogrammed funds to supplement 2025-2026 P.L. allocation, primarily to cover salary and fringe costs.
- **\$10,000** Planning and feasibility analysis for a wildlife crossing project on Thomas Rd., Town of Caroline.

\$25,279 Total

Carry-over funds available for reprogramming, after deducting the total of \$25,279 for the above listed planned use, equal **81,246**. It is prudent that the available carry-over balance be kept in reserve to provide for unanticipated transportation planning projects/initiatives, and to address possible budget shortfalls from unexpected fiscal fluctuations, such as rescissions, fringe rate increases, etc.

FTA FUNDS

Unlike FHWA P.L. funds, which need to be reprogrammed into the operating budget before being used, carryover FTA grant funds remain available for use for up to four years without the need for reprogramming. The FTA carry-over funds are generally used to supplement the agency's operating budget in support of transit related work tasks in the UPWP. For the 2025-2026 fiscal year the FTA carry-over funds will be used primarily to supplement the office equipment purchases and services, as well as other budget areas in support of implementation of UPWP work tasks. FTA carry-over is shown as part of **TABLE 2**: 2025-2026 Available Funding for ITCTC Operations under the column heading FTA Carry-Over Funds; and the carry-over budgets in **TABLES 5** through 7.



FUNDING SUMMARY

FEDERAL AID

Federal funding for MPO operations is based on the current federal fiscal year apportionments to NY State. Once the State's total Federal-aid apportionment is calculated, an amount is set aside for the State's Metropolitan Planning. Federal funds, which are administered on a statewide basis by NYSDOT, require a 20% non-federal match. As described in a previous section, NYSDOT also sets aside pre-distribution funds for the Shared Cost Initiative program. NYSDOT stated in its UPWP guidance that "…funding estimates are subject to change based on the final federal budget for FFY 2024. The allocation estimates…will be updated as appropriate based on future federal action on metropolitan planning funding allocations…". MPOs should be prepared to adapt UPWP's as applicable. The Unified Planning Work Program currently addresses planning funds administered by U.S. Department of Transportation agencies under the following programs:

Federal Highway Administration Metropolitan Planning (PL) program - FHWA PL :

For the period April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026, a total of **\$366,975** in PL funds have been allocated to the Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council; however, the ITCTC acknowledges and concurs with a **\$609** takedown for the purposes of paying one year of membership dues to the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO). This revision in the FHWA PL allocation allows the Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study (BMTS), the MPO for the Binghamton, NY area, to pay the dues on behalf of all the NYS MPOs. This adjustment results in a total of **\$366,366**.

An additional adjustment comes from the required 2.5% Set Aside for Safe and Accessible Transportation Options. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Section 11206) includes a requirement for not less than 2.5% of P.L. funds to be set aside for activities that increase safe and accessible transportation options for multiple travel modes for people of all ages and abilities. These activities may include:

- (1) adoption of Complete Streets standards or policies.
- (2) development of a Complete Streets prioritization plan that identifies a specific list of Complete Streets projects to improve the safety, mobility, or accessibility of a street.
- (3) Development of transportation plans—
 - (A) to create a network of active transportation facilities, including sidewalks, bikeways, or pedestrian and bicycle trails, to connect neighborhoods with destinations such as workplaces, schools, residences, businesses, recreation areas, healthcare and childcare services, or other community activity centers.
 - (B) to integrate active transportation facilities with public transportation service or improve access to public transportation.
 - (C) to create multiuse active transportation infrastructure facilities, including bikeways or pedestrian and bicycle trails, that make connections within or between communities.
 - (D) to increase public transportation ridership.
 - (E) to improve the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians.

The 2.5% set aside for FFY 2024 totals **\$9,537**. These funds are covered 100% with federal funds and will be included in the UPWP Operating Budget (**Table 2**) under the *Programs Expense* line.

Carry-Over Funds

A total of **\$25,279** in FHWA funds are being reprogrammed as described in the Plan for the Use of Carry-Over Funds section above. These funds are added to the allocated P.L. total and are programmed under the *Program Expense* line in the Operating Budget. After these adjustments, the resulting FHWA PL allocation to the 2023-2024 ITCTC Operating Budget is **\$382,108** (see **TABLES 1 and 2**).

FHWA P.L. Funds distribution for projects/initiatives

2.5% Set Aside for Safe and Accessible Transportation - After making a call for projects and evaluating responses, the ITCTC is assigning set aside funds for safe and accessible transportation options to the following activity:

\$9,537 Town of Dryden - The project includes a feasibility study for phase 3 of the Town of Dryden Rail Trail. The Town of Dryden will study the feasibility of constructing a trail on 3.4 miles between Pickney and Johnson Roads. Work on this project shall include a feasibility study of trail alternatives and an analysis of each alternative.

Other PL Funded Projects/Initiatives -

The following projects will be funded with FHWA PL funds and will be included in the UPWP Operating Budget (Table 2) under the indicated budget line:

- \$6,000 *Program Expense* for data and mapping analysis, and other tasks per contractor agreement.
- \$6,000 *Program Expense* for financial and bookkeeping support tasks per contractor agreement.
- **\$9,000** *Program Expense* Town of Ithaca for planning and implementation of transit enhancements that will improve safety and service in the East Hill area by the Town of Ithaca, in coordination with TCAT.
- 15,000 *Program Expense* Center for Community Transportation for bicycling safety education and training, including acquisition of bicycle safety equipment, and skill education at targeted communities across Tompkins County by Bike Walk Tompkins, a program of the Center for Community Transportation. Events will include distribution of bike safety equipment, free bike repair and multimodal transportation mentoring for individuals and families. Targeted communities include those in rural locations and those whose members are disproportionately affected by financial barriers to reliable transportation.
- **\$9,500** *Program Expense* Town of Lansing for feasibility study for an initial phase of the Lansing Greenway. The Town Center Greenway will connect two parks, a library, community center and town hall to nature trails, housing developments, restaurants, and shops. The primary purpose of this study is to develop a detailed cost estimate. The land required for this trail is either Town owned or on existing easements. This study will prepare the project for construction funding applications.

In summary, after the indicated adjustments, the total FHWA funding included in the 2025-2026 ITCTC Operating Budget (P.L. plus 2.5% Set Aside) is **\$391,645** (see **TABLES 1 and 2**).



Federal Transit Administration Section 5303 Metropolitan Planning Program - FTA MPP:

Funds are apportioned to states by a formula that includes each state's urbanized area population in proportion to the total urbanized area population for the nation, as well as other factors. States can receive no less than .5 percent of the amount apportioned. These funds, in turn, are sub-allocated by states to MPOs by a formula that considers each MPO's urbanized area population, their individual planning needs, and a minimum distribution. These funds, which are administered on a statewide basis by NYSDOT, require a 20% non-federal match. For the period April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026, a total of **\$51,489** in Section 5303 funds were allocated to the Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council. In addition, as described in the *Plan for Reprogramming of Carry-Over Funds* section above, prior year funds are available until expended (see **TABLES 2** and 4; and carry-over budgets in **TABLES 5-7**).

Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 program:

The Federal Transit Act provides for an annual distribution of General Funds for the operation, planning, and capital acquisition/rehabilitation of public transportation services in urbanized areas (Title 49 USC, Section 5307). Section 5307 appropriations for small urban areas are published by FTA. NYSDOT, on behalf of the Governor, serves as the Designated Recipient. Tompkins County is the Direct Recipient in the Ithaca Urban Area. As such, Tompkins County is the applicants for the funding. The use of Section 5307 funds for planning activities requires a 20% non-federal match. For the period April 1, 2025–March 31, 2026, Tompkins County and its subrecipient local public transportation operators have not programmed any funds from Section 5307 for short-term transit planning activities.

MATCH FUNDS

The Federal Aid described above needs to be matched with a 20% share of non-federal funds. The 20% non-federal share is reached through a combination of state and local contributions as described below. An exception is the 2.5% Set Aside for Safe and Accessible transportation. These funds are 100% federal and don't need a non-federal share.

New York State Department of Transportation: NYSDOT provides a share of the non-federal match funds for the "P.L." and "Section 5303" programs. NYSDOT's contribution amounts to an approximately 15% match to federal funds (or 75% of the non-federal 20% share). The 2.5% Set Aside funds for Safe and Accessible Transportation are 100% federally funded. FTA Section 5303 funds are matched in the form of "in-kind services". FHWA "P.L" funds are matched through the use of Toll Credits. 'Toll Credits' is a funding mechanism based on revenues generated by the toll authority (i.e., toll receipts, concession sales, right-of-way leases or interest), including borrowed funds (i.e., bonds or loans) supported by this revenue stream. Credits earned may be applied toward the non-Federal matching share of programs authorized by title 23, U.S.C. The amounts allocated for ITCTC programs are **\$60,333** for the FHWA "P.L." program and **\$9,654** for the FTA "Section 5303" program, making the total State contribution for the 2025-2026 UPWP **\$69,987** (see **TABLE 1**).

Local Participants: The local government participants, particularly the "Host" agency (Tompkins County), also provide a share of the non-federal match funds for the "P.L." and "Section 5303" programs. The Local Participants provide an approximately 5% match (or 25% of the non-federal 20% share), in the form of "in-kind" goods and services. These amounts are **\$20,111** for the "P.L." program and **\$3,218** for the "Section 5303" program. Therefore, the total local support for the 2025-2026 UPWP is **\$23,329** (see **TABLE 1**).



PROGRAM BUDGET SUMMARY

The total value of the 2025-2026 <u>Unified Planning Work Program</u> is **\$536,450**. Of this amount, **\$443,134** comes from the various Federal programs; **\$69,987** comes from the New York State Department of Transportation; and Local Participants provide **\$23,329**. **TABLE 1** presents the overall resources for the 2025-2026 UPWP by funding program including State and Local match contributions.

OPERATING BUDGET

The staff and operations of the *ITCTC* are administratively "hosted" by Tompkins County. Under a formal agreement with the State of New York, Tompkins County provides "first instance" funding to the *ITCTC*, which is reimbursed by NYSDOT on an invoice basis. As such, the "Operating Budgets" of the *ITCTC* are incorporated as a single "budgeting unit" in the County's budget. Only federal dollars are represented in the operating budgets. The UPWP includes the *ITCTC*'s 2025-2026 Operating Budget in **TABLE 2**: 2025-2026 Available Funding for ITCTC Operations. All costs identified in the budget are direct costs. MPO approval of the Operating Budget is implicit in the adoption of this UPWP document.

2025-2026 PROGRAMMATIC FUNDING SUMMARY

FEDERAL TOTAL PROGRAM STATE LOCAL FHWA "P.L." \$382,108 \$60,333 \$20,111 \$462,552 2.5% P.L. Set Aside \$9,537 \$0 \$0 \$9,537 FHWA "P.L." Subtotal \$391,645 \$60,333 \$20,111 \$472,089 FTA 5303 MPP \$51,489 \$9,654 \$3,218 \$64,361 ITCTC Subtotal \$443,134 \$69,987 \$23,329 \$536,450 FTA 5307 (TCAT) \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$443,134 \$69,987 \$23,329 TOTAL \$536,450

2025-2026 AVAILABLE FUNDING FOR ITCTC OPERATION

TABLE 2

2025-2026 ITCTC Operating Budget				FTA Carry-Over Funds			FTA Carry-Over Funds Opera		
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FHWA	FTA	TOTAL		2023-2024 FTA	2024-2025 FTA	FTA Sub- TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL
REVEN	IUES:				REVENUES:				
.4959	FEDERAL AID GRANT	\$356,829	\$51,489	\$408,318		\$5,000	\$10,343	\$15,343	\$423,661
	REPROGRAMMED FUNDS	\$25,279	\$0	\$25,279		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,279
	2.5% P.L. SET ASIDE	\$9,537	\$0	\$9,537					\$9,537
	TOTAL REVENUES	\$391,645	\$51,489	\$443,134		\$5,000	\$10,343	\$15,343	\$458,477
EXPEN	SES:				E	XPENSES:			
	COMBINED SALARIES	208,022	26,679	234,702		0	0	0	234,702
.8800		101,931	13,073	115,004	-	0	0	0	115,004
.2206	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	2,500	1,500	4,000		0	1,500	1,500	5,500
.2210		450	300	750	-	0	0	0	750
.2214	FURNITURE & FIXTURES	500	500	1,000		0	400	400	1,400
.2230	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	200	300	500		0	500	500	1,000
.4303	OFFICE SUPPLIES	0	500	500		300	400	700	1,200
.4330	PRINTING	0	500	500		0	0	0	500
.4332	BOOKS/PUBLICATIONS	472	0	472		0	0	0	472
.4342	FOOD	200	0	200		0	0	0	200
.4400	PROGRAM EXPENSE	67,537	0	67,537		0	0	0	67,537
.4402	LEGAL ADVERTISING	450	300	750		400	800	1,200	1,950
.4412	TRAVEL/TRAINING	3,000	1,000	4,000		2,800	753	3,553	7,553
.4414	LOCAL MILEAGE	650	550	1,200		100	700	800	2,000
.4416	PROFESSIONAL DUES	0	800	800			0	0	800
.4424	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	1,000	500	1,500		400	900	1,300	2,800
.4425	SERVICE CONTRACTS	600	600	1,200		400	0	400	1,600
.4432	RENT	500	0	500		0	500	500	1,000
.4442	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE FEES	1,453	547	2,000		0	0	0	2,000
.4452	POSTAGE SERVICES	150	650	800		100	700	800	1,600
.4472	TELEPHONE	220	500	720		500	500	1,000	1,720
.4618	INTERDEPARTMENTAL CHARGE	1,810	2,690	4,500		0	2,690	2,690	7,190
	TOTAL EXPENSES	391,645	51,489	\$443,134		\$5,000	\$10,343	\$15,343	\$458,477



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	TASK BUDGET				
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FEDERAL (\$)	STATE (\$)	LOCAL (\$)	TOTAL (\$)
44.21.00	PROGRAM SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION	76,422	27,753	20,111	124,286
44.22.00	GENERAL DEVELOPMENT/COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING	76,422			76,422
44.23.01	LONG RANGE PLANNING – SYSTEM LEVEL	76,422	8,447		84,869
44.23.02	LONG RANGE PLANNING – PROJECT LEVEL	76,422			76,422
44.24.00	SHORT RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING	7,642			7,642
44.25.00	TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	49,674	24,133		73,807
44.27.00	OTHER ACTIVITIES	19,104			19,104
	TOTAL	382,108	60,333	20,111	462,552
	AUDITABLE BUDGI	ET			
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FEDERAL (\$)	STATE (\$)	LOCAL (\$)	TOTAL (\$)
44.20.01	PERSONNEL	208,022		12,066	220,088
44.20.02	FRINGE/LEAVE	101,931		5,028	106,959
44.20.03	TRAVEL	3,650			3,650
44.20.04	EQUIPMENT	3,650			3,650
44.20.05	SUPPLIES/REPRODUCTION	0			0
44.20.06	CONTRACTUAL	58,000			58,000
44.20.07	OTHER	6,855		3,017	9,872
44.20.08	INDIRECTCHARGES	0			0
XX.XX.XX	Toll Credits	0	60,333		60,333
	TOTAL	382,108	60,333	20,111	462,552



2025-2026 FHWA AUDITABLE BUDGET

Safe & Accessible Transportation Options Metropolitan Planning Set- Aside Funds PIN # PS26.15.881

	TASK BUDGET				
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FEDERAL (\$)	STATE (\$)	LOCAL (\$)	TOTAL (\$)
44.21.00	PROGRAM SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION	0	0	0	0
44.22.00	GENERAL DEVELOPMENT/COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING	0			0
44.23.01	LONG RANGE PLANNING – SYSTEM LEVEL	0	0		0
44.23.02	LONG RANGE PLANNING – PROJECT LEVEL	0			0
44.24.00	SHORT RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING	0			0
44.25.00	TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	0	0		0
44.27.00	OTHER ACTIVITIES	9,537			9,537
	TOTAL	9,537	0	0	9,537
	AUDITABLE BUDG	ET			
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FEDERAL (\$)	STATE (\$)	LOCAL (\$)	TOTAL (\$)
44.20.01	PERSONNEL	0		0	0
44.20.02	FRINGE/LEAVE	0		0	0
44.20.03	TRAVEL	0			0
44.20.04	EQUIPMENT	0			0
44.20.05	SUPPLIES/REPRODUCTION	0			0
44.20.06	CONTRACTUAL	9,537			9,537
44.20.07	OTHER	0		0	0
44.20.08	INDIRECTCHARGES	0			0
XX.XX.XX	Toll Credits	0	0		0
	TOTAL	9,537	08	0	9,537

This table is for the \$9,537 of Safe & Accessible Transportation Options Metropolitan Planning Set-Aside funds. Because FHWA issued a match waiver for these set-aside funds, the funds will be 100% Federal share under PIN PS26.15.881.



2025-2026 FTA Section 5303 AUDITABLE BUDGET 5 GRANT #NY-80-0035 / PIN # PT26-15-80A

	TASK BUDGET				
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FEDERAL (\$)	STATE (\$)	LOCAL (\$)	TOTAL (\$)
44.21.00	PROGRAM SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION	10,298	1,931	644	12,873
44.22.00	GENERAL DEVELOPMENT/COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING	10,298	1,931	644	12,873
44.23.01	LONG RANGE PLANNING - SYSTEM LEVEL	10,298	1,931	644	12,873
44.23.02	LONG RANGE PLANNING – PROJECT LEVEL	10,298	1,931	644	12,873
44.24.00	SHORT RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING	1,029	192	64	1,285
44.25.00	TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	6,694	1,255	418	8,367
44.27.00	OTHER ACTIVITIES	2,574	483	160	3,217
	TOTAL	51,489	9,654	3,218	64,361
	AUDITABLE BUDGI	ET			
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FEDERAL (\$)	STATE (\$)	LOCAL (\$)	TOTAL (\$)
44.20.01	PERSONNEL	26,679	4,923	1,641	33,243
44.20.02	FRINGE/LEAVE	13,073	2,607	869	16,549
44.20.03	TRAVEL	1,550	386	129	2,065
44.20.04	EQUIPMENT	2,600	386	129	3,115
44.20.05	SUPPLIES/REPRODUCTION	1,000	97	32	1,129
44.20.06	CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	0
44.20.07	OTHER	6,587	1,255	418	8,260
44.20.08	INDIRECTCHARGES				
XXXXXX	Toll Credits				
	TOTAL	51,489	9,654	3,218	64,361



TABLE 6

2024-2025 FTA Section 5303 AUDITABLE BUDGET GRANT #NY-80-0034 / PIN # PT25-15-80A As of March 31, 2025 (estimated & unaudited)

	TASK BUDGET				
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FEDERAL (\$)	STATE (\$)	LOCAL (\$)	TOTAL (\$)
44.21.00	PROGRAM SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION	2,069	388	129	2,580
44.22.00	GENERAL DEVELOPMENT/COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING	2,069	388	129	2,580
44.23.01	LONG RANGE PLANNING – SYSTEM LEVEL	2,069	388	129	2,580
44.23.02	LONG RANGE PLANNING – PROJECT LEVEL	2,069	388	129	2,580
44.24.00	SHORT RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING	207	39	13	259
44.25.00	TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	1,345	252	84	1,68
44.27.00	OTHER ACTIVITIES	515	96	33	644
	TOTAL	10,343	1,939	646	12,92
	AUDITABLE BUDG	ET			
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FEDERAL (\$)	STATE (\$)	LOCAL (\$)	TOTAL (\$)
44.20.01	PERSONNEL				
44.20.02	FRINGE/LEAVE				
44.20.03	TRAVEL	1,453	271	90	1,814
44.20.04	EQUIPMENT	2,400	446	149	2,99
44.20.05	SUPPLIES/REPRODUCTION	400	78	26	504
44.20.06	CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	(
44.20.07	OTHER	6,090	1,144	381	7,61
44.20.08	INDIRECTCHARGES				
XXXXXX	Toll Credits				
	TOTAL	10,343	1,939	646	12,92



2023-2024 FTA Section 5303 AUDITABLE BUDGETTABLE 7GRANT #NY-80-0033 / PIN # PT24-15-80AAs of March 31, 2025 (estimated & unaudited)

	TASK BUDGET				
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FEDERAL (\$)	STATE (\$)	LOCAL (\$)	TOTAL (\$)
44.21.00	PROGRAM SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION	1,000	188		1,188
44.22.00	GENERAL DEVELOPMENT/COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING	1,000	188		1,188
44.23.01	LONG RANGE PLANNING – SYSTEM LEVEL	1,000	188		1,188
44.23.02	LONG RANGE PLANNING – PROJECT LEVEL	1,000	188		1,188
44.24.00	SHORT RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING	100	19		119
44.25.00	TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	650	120		770
44.27.00	OTHER ACTIVITIES	250	47		297
	TOTAL	5,000	938	0	5,938
	AUDITABLE BUDGI	ET			
CODE	DESCRIPTION	FEDERAL (\$)	STATE (\$)	LOCAL (\$)	TOTAL (\$)
44.20.01	PERSONNEL				
44.20.02	FRINGE/LEAVE				
44.20.03	TRAVEL	2,900	544		3,444
44.20.04	EQUIPMENT				
44.20.05	SUPPLIES/REPRODUCTION	300	56		356
44.20.06	CONTRACTUAL				
44.20.07	OTHER	1,800	338		2,138
44.20.08	INDIRECTCHARGES				
XXXX . XX	Toll Credits				
	TOTAL	5,000	938	0	5,938



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