



Whitfield County

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April 8, 2019

Office of Intermodal Programs
Georgia Department of Transportation
Attn: Ryan Walker

Dear Mr. Walker:

This letter is to inform you that the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has completed an administrative modification to the FY 2018 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan to reflect the adoption of the 2019 performance measures and targets included in the *GDOT Group Transit Asset management Plan*.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you need additional information, please contact Jacob Bearden at 706-876-2592 (JBearden@WhitfieldCountyGA.com) with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kent Benson".

Kent Benson, Greater Dalton MPO Director

Cc: Olivia Lewis, FHWA
Tom Caiafa, GDOT - Planning

Performance-Based Transit Planning Agreement

On May 27, 2016, the final rule for statewide and metropolitan transportation planning was published, based on 2012's Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Act and 2015's Fixing America's Transportation System (FAST) Act. As part of this final rule, 23 CFR 450.314 (h) requires the metropolitan planning organizations (MPO), State(s), and the providers of public transportation (referred to here as "providers") to jointly agree upon and develop specific written provisions for cooperatively developing and sharing information related to transportation performance data, the selection of performance targets, the reporting of performance targets, and the reporting of performance to be used in tracking progress toward attainment of critical outcomes for the region of the MPO.

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), the MPO, and provider(s) hereby agree to share transit asset management data, targets, and plans as follows:

- Providers will share their Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan, and TAM targets with the MPO and GDOT and report to the National Transit Database.
- Providers will coordinate with the MPO and GDOT during the development of their TAM Plan and targets.
- The MPO will set TAM targets for their planning area in coordination with providers in their planning area and share those targets with providers and GDOT.
- GDOT sponsors a Group TAM Plan for participating Tier 2 transit providers, collects inventory information from these providers, sets targets in coordination with the providers, and shares the TAM Plan with providers and MPOs statewide.
- MPOs will reflect TAM targets in their short range and long range planning documents, and share with GDOT and providers in their planning area.
- GDOT will provide a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Performance Report, reflecting TAM targets set by the GDOT Group Plan, and will share this report with MPOs and transit providers statewide.



MPO Signature

02/21/19

Date

GDOT Signature

Date

Jacob Bearden – Greater Dalton MPO Coordinator

Print Name and Title

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Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization

Organization Name

Georgia Department of Transportation

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Name of Public Transportation Provider 1: Whitfield County Transit Service

Kent Benson 02/22/19
Provider Signature Date

Kent Benson, Transit Director
Print Name and Title

Name of Public Transportation Provider 2: _____

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Name of Public Transportation Provider 3: _____

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GDMPO FY 2018 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program

Group Transit Asset Management Plan FY 2019 Performance Targets

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This TAM plan encompasses a four year span (FY 2019 – FY 2022) with the respective targets being evaluated and updated as needed every fiscal year within the stated time frame. The performance measures within help to drive the regional planning process by helping to incorporate data into the decisions being made. This TAM plan includes:

- Inventory of Capital Assets
- Condition Assessment
- Use of a Decision Support Tool
- Prioritized List of Investments

Transit Asset Management Targets for FY 2019:

Asset Category/Class	Total Number	Useful Life Benchmark (ULB)	Number Exceeding ULB ³ / 3.0 TERM Rating	% Exceeding ULB/ 3.0 TERM Rating	Proposed FY19 Targets
Rolling Stock	775		96	12.4%	
<i>BU-Bus (35' – 40')</i>	82	14 yrs.	8	9.8%	15%
<i>BU-Bus (29' – 30')</i>	54	12 yrs.	21	38.9%	35%
<i>CU-Cutaway bus</i>	593	7 yrs.	52	8.8%	10%
<i>MV-Minivan</i>	1	8 yrs.	1	100.0%	50%
<i>SB-School bus⁴</i>	33	15 yrs.	8	24.2%	50%
<i>VN-Van</i>	12	8 yrs.	6	50.0%	50%
Equipment	55		23	42.6%	
<i>AO - Automobile</i>	18	8 yrs.	11	61.1%	55%
<i>Trucks and other Rubber Tire Vehicles</i>	31	10 yrs.	11	35.5%	55%
<i>Equip. >\$50,000⁵</i>	6	14 yrs.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Facilities	83		7	8.4%	
<i>Administration</i>	62	n/a	2	3.2%	25%
<i>Maintenance</i>	11	n/a	5	45.5%	25%
<i>Passenger / Parking Facilities</i>	10	n/a	0	0%	10%

³ For facilities, number below 3.0 TERM rating is used

⁴ Refers to vehicle type, not type of service operated

⁵ For equipment, FTA requires performance targets to only be set for non-revenue or service vehicles.

Relation of TAM Targets to TIP Projects:

The below table highlights the transit related projects currently identified in the FY 18-21 Transportation Improvement Program and the targets that these projects are expected to impact.

Program Year	Project ID	Description	Measurable Goal
FY 2018	T006219	This Project will fund transit capital and transit operations in FY 2018 for Whitfield County.	Rolling Stock - 15% - Percentage of vehicles met or exceeded Useful Life Benchmark (ULB) Equipment - 50% - Percentage of vehicles met or exceeded ULB Facilities - 40% - Percentage of assets with condition rating below 3.0 on FTA TERM Scale
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GDMPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

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