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## Agenda

### MetroPlan Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

February 23, 2022

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- ☐ Anne Dunno, NAIPTA Capital Program Manager
- ☐ Rick Barrett, City of Flagstaff Engineer
- ☐ Brenden Foley, ADOT North Central District Assistant District Engineer
- ☐ Christopher Tressler, Coconino County Engineer
- ☐ Jay Christelman, Coconino County Community Development Director
- ☐ Jeff Bauman, City of Flagstaff Transportation Manager
- ☐ Ed Stillings, FHWA
- ☐ Michelle McNulty, City of Flagstaff Planning Director
- ☐ VACANT, Northern Arizona University

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- ☐ Jeff “Miles” Meilbeck, Executive Director
- ☐ David Wessel, Planning Manager
- ☐ Rosie Wear, Business Manager
- ☐ Mandia Gonzales, Transportation Planner

**I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. ROLL CALL**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- [Minutes of Regular Meeting: January 26, 2022](#) (Pages 5-10)

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

*(Items on the consent agenda are routine in nature and/or have already been budgeted or discussed by the Technical Advisory Committee.)*

**III. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**A. Election of Vice-chair**

MetroPlan Staff: David Wessel

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board elect a Vice-Chair for the 2022 Technical Advisory Committee.

**B. [Stride Forward \(Regional Transportation Plan\) Update](#)** (Pages 11 - 15)

MetroPlan Staff: David Wessel

Recommendation: Staff recommends the adoption of the 2045 Onward Population and Employment scenario projections.

**C. [Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan](#)** (Pages 16 - 18)

MetroPlan Staff: David Wessel

Recommendation: Staff recommends the adoption of the 2022 MetroPlan-Mountain Line Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan update.

**D. RAISE Grant Opportunity**

(Pages 19 - 22)

MetroPlan Staff: Mandia Gonzales

Recommendation: None. This item is for discussion only.

**E. Executive Board Agenda Review**

MetroPlan Staff: Jeff “Miles” Meilbeck

Recommendation: None. This item is for discussion only.

**F. Items from MetroPlan Staff**

MetroPlan Staff:

1. Transportation Improvement Program Update
2. Federal and State funding update
3. Sun Transport Solutions Corporation (STSC) update

**G. Future Agenda Items**

MetroPlan Staff: David Wessel, Planning Manager

Recommendation: Discuss items for future MetroPlan agendas.

**IV. CLOSING BUSINESS**

**A. ITEMS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

*(Technical Advisory Committee members may make general announcements, raise items of concern or report on current topics of interest to the Committee. Items are not on the agenda, so discussion is limited and action not allowed.)*

**B. NEXT SCHEDULED TAC MEETING**

1. March 23, 2022 at 1:30 pm - Zoom


**C. ADJOURN**

*The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority final program of projects for Sections 5307 and 5339 funding under the Federal Transit Administration, unless amended. Public notice for the TIP also satisfies FTA public notice requirements for the final program of projects.*

**CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF NOTICE**

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Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2022.



Mandia Gonzales, Transportation Planner

## MEETING MINUTES

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- ☐ Jay Christelman, Coconino County Community Development Director
- ☒ Dan Folke, City of Flagstaff Community Development Director
- ☒ Jeff Bauman, City of Flagstaff Transportation Manager
- ☒ Ed Stillings, FHWA – Arrived at 1:47 pm
- ☒ Michelle McNulty, City of Flagstaff Planning Director

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- ☒ Mandia Gonzales, Transportation Planner

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jenny Nieman (City of Flagstaff)

**I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jason James called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

**B. ROLL CALL – See above**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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No public comments received.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Minutes of Regular Meeting: November 17, 2021

Motion: TAC member Dan Folke motion to approve the November 17, 2021 meeting minutes as revised on Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. TAC member Anne Dunno seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. 7-0

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

*(Items on the consent agenda are routine in nature and/or have already been budgeted or discussed by the Technical Advisory Committee.)*

There were no consent items on the agenda.

### **III. GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **A. Downtown Mile FY 2022 Budget Update**

MetroPlan Staff: Jeff “Miles” Meilbeck

Recommendation: No recommendation is being made, but the TAC may provide input on process related to the Downtown Mile planning project.

*Staff presented an update on the Downtown Mile. No action was taken.*

#### **B. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments**

MetroPlan Staff: Dave Wessel

Recommendation: Staff recommends a TIP amendment be discussed and action possibly taken to amend the TIP.

Motion: TAC member Rick Barrett made a motion to amend the FY 2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include FTA Grant award for Mountain Line. TAC member Jason James seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. 8\*-0

*\*Committee member Ed Stillings arrived after the start of the meeting.*

#### **C. Unified Planning Work Program Amendment**

MetroPlan Staff: Dave Wessel

Recommendation: Staff recommends a Unified Planning Work Program Amendment be discussed and action possibly taken to amend the UPWP.

Motion: Committee supports a conditional approval pending City of Flagstaff confirming required matching local funds. TAC member Rick Barrett made a motion to amend the FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program to include the Downtown Mile and Sustainable Transportation Toolbox. TAC member Jeff Bauman seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously, 8-0. Contingent on approval by MetroPlan Management Committee and Executive Board.

**D. Lone Tree Overpass**

MetroPlan Staff: Jeff “Miles” Meilbeck

Recommendation: No recommendation is being made

Staff presented an update on the Lone Tree Overpass. No action was taken.

**E. Transportation Survey 2022 Report**

MetroPlan Staff: Jeff “Miles” Meilbeck

Recommendation: Staff recommends the TAC adopt the 2022 Transportation Survey final report.

Motion: TAC member Dan Folke made a motion to adopt the 2022 Transportation Survey Final Report as part of the Stride Forward efforts. TAC member Anne Dunno seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. 8-0

**F. Stride Forward Branding and Outreach update**

MetroPlan Staff: David Wessel

Recommendation: No recommendation is being made

*Due to time restrictions, this agenda item has been moved to the February 23, 2022, TAC Meeting. No actions were necessary.*

**G. Sustainable Transportation Toolbox Update**

MetroPlan Staff: Jeff “Miles” Meilbeck and David Wessel

Recommendation: Staff recommends that TAC adopt the Scope of Work for the Sustainable Transportation Toolbox

Motion: TAC member Anne Dunno made a motion to adopt the Sustainable Transportation Toolbox scope of work. TAC member Rick Barrett seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. 8-0



**H. Sun Transport Solutions Corporation (STSC) Update**

MetroPlan Staff: Jeff “Miles” Meilbeck

Recommendation: No recommendation is being made, but the TAC may provide input on process related to STSC.

*Due to time restrictions, this agenda item has been moved to the February 23, 2022, TAC Meeting. No actions were necessary.*

**I. Federal and State Funding Update**

MetroPlan Staff: Jeff “Miles” Meilbeck

Recommendation: This item is for discussion only.

*Due to time restrictions, this agenda item has been moved to the February 23, 2022, TAC Meeting. No actions were necessary.*

**J. Executive Board Agenda Review**

MetroPlan Staff: Jeff “Miles” Meilbeck

Recommendation: None. This item is for discussion only.

*Due to time restrictions, this agenda item has been moved to the February 23, 2022, TAC Meeting. No actions were necessary.*

**K. Items from the Executive Director**

MetroPlan Staff: Jeff “Miles” Meilbeck, Executive Director

**1. Executive Director Review**

*Due to time restrictions, this agenda item has been moved to the February 23, 2022, TAC Meeting. No actions were necessary.*

**L. Future Agenda Items**

MetroPlan Staff: Jeff “Miles” Meilbeck, Executive Director

Recommendation: Discuss items for future MetroPlan agendas.

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#### **IV. CLOSING BUSINESS**

##### **A. ITEMS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

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There were no other items from the committee.

##### **B. NEXT SCHEDULED TAC MEETING**

2. February 23, 2022 at 1:30 pm - Zoom

##### **C. ADJOURN**

Chair James adjourned the meeting at 3:30 pm.

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## STAFF REPORT

**REPORT DATE:** February 18, 2022  
**MEETING DATE:** February 23, 2022  
**TO:** Honorable Chair and Technical Advisory Committee Members  
**FROM:** David Wessel, Transportation Planning Manager  
**SUBJECT:** *Stride Forward: 2045 Onward Scenario Projection and Updates*

### 1. Recommendation:

- i** Staff recommends adoption of the 2045 Onward Population and Employment scenario projections

### 2. Related Strategic Workplan Item

- i** Complete MetroPlan's long-range Regional Transportation Plan and have it adopted by the Board by 12-31-2022

### 3. Background

- i** Overall, *Stride Forward* is on schedule, task, and budget. This period's primary work products are Task 4, Future Scenarios, and Task 5, Public Involvement.

Task 2. Literature Review/Trend Analysis: Complete. Literature Review and Socioeconomic papers available at [www.metroplanflg.org/Strideforward](http://www.metroplanflg.org/Strideforward)

Task 3. Regional Model Update: Complete.

Task 4. Scenario Development: The development of the Onward (stay the course) Scenario is underway. Staff is seeking TAC adoption of the following 2045 control totals. Control totals will be factored into dwelling units, households, and non-residential land uses (in square feet and acres) for use in the regional transportation model.



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## *Population:*

- *City of Flagstaff:* 94,845
- *Coconino County:* 24,976
- *Region:* 119,821

*The City control total is an average between the State Demographer mid growth rate projection and a city-derived high growth rate projection. The County control total is an aggregate of numerous subarea populations derived after conversations with County Community Development staff. These apply growth rates generally derived from state projections to historic subarea populations, and capped by lot availability as necessary. Kachina Village, Mountaineer, and the communities on Lake Mary Road are assumed to reach buildout by 2045. Subarea growth rates are set at 0.5% with the exception of Bellemont which is set at 1.5%. A special note about Bellemont: Several large RV parks are being developed and it is assumed that 40% of those lots will be permanently occupied with a smaller person per household figure.*

## *Employment:*

- *Total employment:* 64,768

*Employment is calculated from a population to employment ratio. Historic trends indicate an increasing population to employment ratio. This may be due to an aging/retiring population and recent job losses in the mining sector.*



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- *Employment by sector*

Sector	ACS 2015-19	Projected	Employment
Agriculture/Mining	1%	1%	648
Construction	4%	3%	1,943
Manufacturing	7%	8%	5,181
Wholesale	1%	1%	648
Retail Trade	12%	9%	5,829
Transpo/Utilities	4%	4%	2,591
Information	1%	1%	648
FIRE	4%	4%	2,591
Professional Services	8%	8%	5,181
Education/Health	31%	33%	21,373
Arts/Hospitality	19%	21%	13,601
Other Services	4%	3%	1,943
Public Administration	5%	4%	2,591
Total	101%	100%	64,768

*Trend data from PUMA show shifts in employment toward Education/Health, Arts/Hospitality, and away from retail and public administration. Trends in online shopping seem to support this. A discussion with Planning and Economic Development staff on 1/7/22 affirmed these shifts. That group also supported a small shift to manufacturing based on recent interest and activity and movement at Camp Navajo*

**Task 5. Public Involvement:**

- *Random Sample Survey: Complete*
  - *412 city and 269 county surveys collected*
- *Online Survey: Deadline 2/25/22:*
  - *352 responses as of 2/17/22*
- *Stakeholder Outreach: Round 1 Finish 3/2/22:*
  - *9 groups w/ 90 individuals to date.*
- *Website Activity*
  - *Stride Forward (Home) – 132 visits*
  - *SF Documents - 25 visits*
  - *SF Get Involved - 28 visits*
  - *SF Learn More – 18 visits*



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Task 6. Policy Development: not initiated

Task 7. Equity Analysis: Points of interest (i.e., Pharmacies, Groceries, Jobs, etc.) are under review. The methodology is largely complete.

## 4. TAC and Management Committee Discussion

- i** The TAC and Management Committee are supportive of the approach and work to date.

## 5. Fiscal Impact

- i** The RTP is a major FY2022 work program product and all of the activities described above have either been budgeted or absorbed by staff within existing budgets.

## 6. Alternatives

- i** Accept the population and employment control totals as presented. **Recommended.** Doing so will allow staff and the consulting team to continue working on the geographic distribution and model runs for the Onward scenario.

Amend the population and employment control totals.

Do not accept the population and employment control totals as presented. **Not recommended.** Failure to do so may delay acceptance of the Onward scenario.

**NOTE: IF AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF THE MEETING, STAFF MAY ALSO REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT**

## 7. Attachments

- i** Website: <https://www.metroplanflg.org/strideforward>  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StrideForwardFlg/>



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## STAFF REPORT

**REPORT DATE:** February 14, 2022

**MEETING DATE:** February 23, 2022

**TO:** Honorable Chair and Technical Advisory Committee Members

**FROM:** David Wessel, Transportation Planning Manager

**SUBJECT:** Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan

### 1. Recommendation:

- i** Staff recommends adoption of the 2022 MetroPlan-Mountain Line Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan update

### 2. Related Strategic Workplan Item

- i** FMPO (MetroPlan) leverages resources
- Guiding Principle:*
5. FMPO is fair and equally representative

### 3. Background

- i** Since 2007, all MPO's and COG's in Arizona are required to adopt and annually update a Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan), which includes the following elements:
  - ☐ An inventory of current transportation providers and available transportation services
  - ☐ An assessment of transportation needs for individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with low incomes
  - ☐ A list of strategies and activities to address identified gaps and achieve efficiencies in service delivery
  - ☐ Implementation priorities for strategies and activities based on resources, time, and feasibility.





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*Every year, all COGs and MPOs must adopt an update to their Coordinated Plan that incorporates a series of minor amendments. Every four years, MetroPlan is required to conduct a major revision to the plan.*

*In 2022, Mountain Line and MetroPlan worked to make several minor revisions to the Coordinated Plan, as described below. Discussion regarding the revisions was facilitated through the quarterly meetings of the Coordinated Mobility Council (CMC), which is a regional group convened by Mountain Line and comprised of MetroPlan, Mountain Line, NACOG, and City staff, as well as local transportation providers, local human service agencies, and concerned citizens. The CMC is scheduled to take action on the plan on February 18, 2022. This update represents a minor revision to the plan:*

- ☐ *Regional demographics*
- ☐ *Required information in the plan has been updated, including the list of Section 5310 grant applications for the region for this grant cycle, the regional vehicle inventory, and agendas and minutes from last year's CMC meetings*

#### MetroPlan summary of Section 5310 grant pre-applications for FY2022 - Year 2

Description	Applicants Priority	Regional Priority	Project Type	Federal Grant	Local Match	Total Amount
<b>Civic Service Institute at NAU</b>						
Senior Companion Program	1	1	Operating	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$20,000
<b>Quality Connections</b>						
Vehicle Replacement - Minivan w/lift	1	1	Capital	\$44,870	\$12,339	\$57,209
<b>Mountain Line</b>						
Taxi programs	1	1	Operating	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$150,000
ADA Plus	2	1	Operating	\$115,943	\$115,943	\$231,886
Bus stop mobility program	3	2	Capital	\$80,000	\$20,000	\$100,000
Website Accessibility	4	2	Capital	\$40,000	\$10,000	\$50,000
Mountain Line total				\$310,943	\$220,943	\$531,886
<b>Hozhoni</b>						
Vehicle Replacement - Transit Works	1	1	Capital	\$74,557	\$20,509	\$95,806
<b>MetroPlan total</b>				<b>\$440,370</b>	<b>\$263,791</b>	<b>\$704,901</b>
<b>By project type</b>						
Capital				\$239,427	\$62,848	\$303,015
Operating				\$200,943	\$200,943	\$401,886
<b>MetroPlan total</b>				<b>\$440,370</b>	<b>\$263,791</b>	<b>\$704,161</b>

*The Coordinated Plan will be reviewed by the Mountain Line TAC and Board in March or April.*



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## 4. Fiscal Impact

**i** *There is no fiscal impact at this time.*

## 5. Alternatives

**i** *Adopt the Coordinated Plan as presented. **Recommended.** Doing so makes the pre-application projects eligible for application and funding.*

*Amend and adopt the Coordinated Plan. Staff may present amendments introduced by the Coordinated Mobility Council. At this time, none are anticipated.*

*Do not adopt the Coordinated Plan. **Not recommended.***

## 6. Attachments

**i** (LINK) [DRAFT Coordinated Plan](#)



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**MEETING DATE:** February 23, 2022  
**TO:** Honorable Chair and Technical Advisory Committee Members  
**FROM:** Mandia Gonzales, Transportation Planner  
**SUBJECT:** FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program

### 1. Recommendation:

**i** *This item is for discussion only. No recommendation is being made.*

### 2. Related Strategic Workplan Item

**i** *14. Secure \$2 Million in additional resources, including Signal Technology, by 12-31-2022.*

*16. Evaluate how MetroPlan can best support the Milton Railroad underpass through design, funding, environmental work, or other approaches by 12-31-2021. The scope will include consideration of the Downtown Connection Center, Rio De Flag project, and other "Downtown Mile" projects.*

### 3. Background

**i** *On January 28<sup>th</sup>, the USDOT published the NOFO for \$1.5 billion in grants through the RAISE discretionary grant program. This is a 50 percent increase in available funds compared to last year. RAISE grants can be used for a variety of projects such as dedicated bus lanes, road and bridge repairs, rail-to-trail projects, and much more. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis for investments in surface transportation infrastructure that will have significant impacts at the local or regional level.*



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*In FY21, the City of Flagstaff applied for the RAISE Grant to support the Downtown Mile. This application was unsuccessful. However, given the increase in available grant funding and updated criteria, regional projects may have an opportunity to secure funding for local and regionally significant projects.*

## Highlights:

- **Deadline:** The deadline for application materials is April 14, 2022, at 5:00 pm Eastern.
- **Award Amount:** \$5 million minimum for urban projects (over 200,000 population) and \$1 million minimum for rural projects (under 200,000 in population). The maximum for all projects is \$25 million.
  - The MetroPlan region is rural.
- **Cost Share and Matching Funds:** Federal share may be up to 80% of the costs of a project located in Urban areas. The Federal share may be up to 100% of the cost of a project in Rural areas.
- **Eligible Projects:** Highway, bridge, roadway projects, transportation projects, passenger and freight rail, airport projects (new), culvert or stormwater runoff projects as it relates to improving aquatic habitat (new). Planning projects – planning, preparation, and design of eligible surface transportation capital projects.
- **Evaluation Criteria:** RAISE Projects are rigorously reviewed and selected based on merit. Projects will be evaluated on statutory criteria of Safety, Environmental Sustainability, Quality of Life, Economic Competitiveness and Opportunity, State of Good Repair, Partnership, and Innovation. New this year, applications will also be evaluated on mobility and community connectivity.

*The Department is encouraging applicants to consider how their project(s) can address climate change, ensure racial equity, and remove barriers to opportunity.*

*The Department evaluates “cost-effectiveness” through the economic benefit-cost analysis.*



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- **Project Readiness:** *The Department evaluates in three areas: Technical assessment, environmental risk, and financial completeness.*
- **Changes to FY22 Grant Program:**
  - *Eligible projects now include airport projects, and replacement or rehabilitation of a culvert or to prevent stormwater runoff to improve habitat for aquatic species.*
  - *Updated statutory primary selection criteria (see Evaluation Criteria).*
  - *The BIL directs that at least 5 percent of available funding, or \$75 million be awarded for the planning and design of eligible projects.*
  - *Set minimums and maximums for funding (see Award Amounts).*

*Applicants who are planning to re-apply using materials prepared from previous competitions should ensure their application fully addresses the updated criteria and considerations.*

*MetroPlan is inquiring if any member agencies plan on applying to the FY22 RAISE Grant program. If so, we encourage those agencies to share their project ideas at the February TAC meeting. Additionally, MetroPlan is willing to provide support and assistance for any application(s). This process, along with any requests, may be further discussed at the TAC meeting.*

## 4. TAC and Management Committee Discussion

**i** Pending.

## 5. Fiscal Impact

**i** None at this time.



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## 6. Alternatives

**i** None provided.

## 7. Attachments

**i** (LINK): [RAISE Grants Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)

## FMPO Funding Sources & Eligible Applicants Matrix

Prepared February 2020

Annual Funding									
Source	Program	Abbreviation	Range / Amount	Eligible Applicants					
				MetroPlan	City of Flagstaff	Coconino County	Mountain Line	ADOT	NAU
Federal Highway Administration	Metropolitan Planning	PL	\$122,000	✓					
FHWA-ADOT	State Planning & Research	SPR	\$125,000	✓					
FHWA	Surface Transportation Block Grant	STBG	\$466,000	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Federal Transit Administration	Metropolitan & Statewide Planning	5305d	\$38,000	✓					

In-State Competitive Grants									
Source	Program	Abbreviation	Range / Amount	Eligible Applicants					
				MetroPlan	City of Flagstaff	Coconino County	Mountain Line	ADOT	NAU
FHWA	Highway Safety Improvement Program	HSIP	\$5,000,000	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
FHWA	Transportation Alternative Program	TAP	\$1,000,000		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
FTA-ADOT	Metropolitan & Statewide Planning	5305e	\$300,000	✓			✓		✓
FHWA	Railway Highway Crossings Program				✓	✓		✓	
FHWA	Federal Lands Access Program	FLAP	\$250,000 - \$30,000,000		✓	✓		✓	
State of Arizona	Special Appropriation		\$3,000,000 - \$20,000,000	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓














In-State Partnership Opportunity									
Source	Program	Abbreviation	Range / Amount	Eligible Applicants					
				MetroPlan	City of Flagstaff	Coconino County	Mountain Line	ADOT	NAU
FHWA	Surface Transportation Block Grant	STBG, etc.	Varies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓









National Competitive Grants									
Source	Program	Abbreviation	Range / Amount	Eligible Applicants					
				MetroPlan	City of Flagstaff	Coconino County	Mountain Line	ADOT	NAU
USDOT	Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development	BUILD	\$5,000,000-\$200,000,000	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
FHWA	Infrastructure for Rebuilding America	INFRA	\$5,000,000 - \$100,000,000		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
FHWA	Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment	ATCMTD	\$60,000,000 nationwide		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
FRA	Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements	CRISI	\$250,000,000 nationwide		✓	✓		✓	
U.S. Congress	Special Appropriation		varies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓


## FMPO Funding Sources & Eligible Uses Matrix










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Confidence or Probability Level  High  Medium  Low

Annual Funding									
				Eligible Uses					
Source	Program	Abbreviation	Amount	Staff	Overhead	Planning / Data	Construction	Match	Non-eligible Activity
Federal Highway Administration	Metropolitan Planning	PL	\$122,000						
FHWA-ADOT	State Planning & Research	SPR	\$125,000						
FHWA	Surface Transportation Block Grant	STBG	\$466,000						
Federal Transit Administration	Metropolitan & Statewide Planning	5305	\$38,000						

In-State Competitive Grants									
				Eligible Uses					
Source	Program	Abbreviation	Range Amount	Staff	Overhead	Planning	Construction	Match	Non-eligible Activity
FHWA	Highway Safety Improvement Program	HSIP	\$5,000,000						
FHWA	Transportation Alternative Program	TAP	\$1,000,000						
FTA-ADOT	Metropolitan & Statewide Planning	5305	\$300,000						
FHWA	Railway Highway Crossings Program								
FHWA	Federal Lands Access Program	FLAP	\$250,000 - \$30,000,000						
State of Arizona	Special Appropriation		\$3,000,000 - \$20,000,000						

In-State Partnership Opportunity									
				Eligible Uses					
Source	Program	Abbreviation	Range Amount	Staff	Overhead	Planning	Construction	Match	Non-eligible Activity
FHWA	Surface Transportation Block Grant	STBG, etc.	Varies						

National Competitive Grants									
				Eligible Uses					
Source	Program	Abbreviation	Range Amount	Staff	Overhead	Planning	Construction	Match	Non-eligible Activity
USDOT	Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development	BUILD	\$5,000,000-\$200,000,000						
FHWA	Infrastructure for Rebuilding America	INFRA	\$5,000,000 - \$100,000,000						
FHWA	Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment	ACTMTD	\$60,000,000 nationwide						
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U.S. Congress	Special Appropriation		varies						



## **Strategic Workplan**

**June 30, 2021 to December 31, 2022**

### **Vision:**

To create the finest transportation system in the country.

### **Mission:**

Leverage cooperation to maximize financial and political resources for a premier transportation system.

### **Guiding Principles**

- MetroPlan is focused:
  - Adopts clearly delineated objectives
  - Provides ambitious and credible solutions
  - Strategically plans for political and financial realities and possibilities
- MetroPlan leads regional partners:
  - Provides targeted, effective and prolific communication to “speak with one voice”
  - Advocates for implementation, coordination and commitment
  - Provides collaborative leadership among and through its partners
  - Accountable for leveraging plans that lead to successful construction and services
- MetroPlan leverages resources:
  - Strategically leverages project champions and other plans
  - Writes and secures competitive grants
- MetroPlan plans for resiliency:
  - Invests time and resources to expand mode choice
- MetroPlan is fair and equally representative
- MetroPlan builds trust and credibility
  - Exhibits integrity in its work products
  - Exercises openness and transparency
  - Delivers on its promises

### **5 Year Horizon:**

- Convenes local, state and federal policy discussions to influence policy makers for transportation funding purposes.
- Facilitates communication and planning between member agencies to identify shared priorities, align goals and advance projects with one consolidated regional voice.
- Creates a climate of synergy and collaboration and maximizes resources by leading planning efforts on multijurisdictional projects that are shared member agency priorities or that member agencies and community partners cannot complete on their own.
- Informs outside and surrounding regional communities of what resources Metro Plan offers.
- Shares innovative practices that enhance member agencies ability to deliver transportation improvements.

## **Measurable Objectives**

### **Technical**

1. Complete MetroPlan's long range Regional Transportation Plan and have it adopted by the Board by 12-31-2022
2. Initiate the West Route 66 planning process by 12/31/2021
3. Develop a plan to support electrification of public and private vehicle fleets by 12/31/2022
4. Develop a regional approach to maintaining vehicle miles at 2019 levels by 12/31/2022
5. Define what it means to be "the finest transportation system in the Country".
6. Investigate opportunities to promote multimodal transportation offerings and routes via mobile app by December 31, 2022.
7. Update the project prioritization matrix by June 2021, run all projects through the matrix by October 2021 including the possibility of three (3) I-40 pedestrian underpass locations.

### **Relational**

8. Develop a feedback loop to keep the Board, TAC and Management Committee apprised of changes to priorities and the reasons for those changes and have adopted by 10-31-2021.
9. Develop a structured, transparent process to bring issues to the table in a timely way to enhance communication and understanding between member agencies by June 30, 2021

### **Financial and Funding**

10. Continue mini grant program and award a project that has multi-agency benefit by 12-31-21.
11. Explore traditional and creative funding mechanisms and provide a report on how to establish a diverse and stable funding strategy for transportation construction and maintenance by 6-30-2022.
12. Educate State Leadership about the value of indexing the gas tax for inflation with goal of State action by June 30, 2022.
13. Identify and scope projects for federal and state earmarks by 12-31-2021
14. Secure \$2 Million in additional resources, including Signal Technology, by 12-31-2022.
15. Evaluate and determine need for additional staff to achieve strategic goals by 10-31-2021.
16. Evaluate how MetroPlan can best support the Milton Railroad underpass through design, funding, environmental work or other approaches by 12-31-2021. Scope will include consideration of the Downtown Connection Center, Rio De Flag project and other "Downtown Mile" projects.
17. Participate in, review, and take formal action in support of -- or recommending adjustments to -- ADOT's Milton/Hwy 180 plan by 12-31-2021.
18. Support member agency broadband efforts by writing letters of support and including broadband funding in grant requests and planning documents by 12-31-2022.
19. Participate in City-led outreach and design efforts on the Lone Tree Corridor (JWP to Butler) and Lone Tree Railroad Overpass through 12-31-2022
20. Consider pursuing an additional \$300,000 for the Lone Tree TI design by 12-31-2022