Metroplan Board of Directors Meeting
August 26, 2020

AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes of June 24, 2020
2. Approval of Financial Statements for June & July 2020
3. Agency Reports
4. Small Cities Council Update

TRANSPORTATION AGENDA

5. Title VI and LEP Plan
6. Regional Advisory Committees Update
7. 2021 CARTS STBG and HIP Call for Projects
8. CARTS TIP Projects
9. Metroplan Board Announcements
10. Citizen Communications
11. Adjourn
ITEM 1.  MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2020
Minutes of the
Metroplan Board Meeting
June 24, 2020

Attending:

Mayor Bernadette Chamberlain, City of Austin
Mayor Tom Farmer, City of Benton
Mayor Ken Kincaid, City of Cabot
Mayor Bart Castleberry, City of Conway
Mayor Sammy Hartwick, City of Greenbrier
Mayor Sam Higdon, City of Guy
Mayor Bob Johnson, City of Jacksonville
Mayor Trey Reed, City of Lonoke
Mayor Joe Smith, City of North Little Rock
Mayor Virginia Young, City of Sherwood
Mayor Charles Gastineau, City of Ward
Mayor Terry Don Robinson, City of Wooster
Judge Jim Baker, Faulkner County
Judge Doug Erwin, Lonoke County
Judge Barry Hyde, Pulaski County
Judge Jeff Arey, Saline County
Mr. Steve Frisbee, Arkansas Department of Transportation
Mr. Keith Keck, Hot Springs Village
Mr. Bryan Day, Little Rock Port Authority
*Mr. Truett Smith, City of Bryant
*Ms. Jennifer Hill, City of Haskell
*Mr. Ronny Loe, City of Little Rock
*Mr. Danny Bradley, City of North Little Rock

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Metroplan

Tab Townsell
Casey Covington
Allen Skaggs
Iris Woods
Susan Markman
Lakesha Stewart

Guest

James Walden, City of Conway
The Metroplan Board meeting was held as a face-to-face meeting at the North Little Rock Community Center and on Facebook Live.

**Item 1. Approval of Minutes of April 29 and May 27, 2019**

A motion to approve the minutes of the April and May Metroplan Board meetings was made by Mayor Higdon, seconded by Judge Arey, and passed by the Board.

**Item 2. Approval of Financial Statement for April and May 2020**

A motion to approve the financial statements for April and May was made by Judge Baker, seconded by Mayor Holland, and passed by the Board.

**Item 3. Staff Recognition**

Mr. Townsell stated to the Board that on July 10th Ms. Susan Markman of Metroplan staff would be retiring after 28 years of service.

Mr. Townsell noted that in recognition of such service the Board authorizes a resolution of appreciation.

Therefore Mr. Townsell asked that the Board approve Resolution 20-12 to show appreciation of the invaluable time that Ms. Markman has provided to Metroplan, its Board and the Central Arkansas jurisdictions and the region.

A motion to unanimously approve Resolution 20-12 was made by Judge Baker, seconded by Ms. Hill, and passed by the Board.

Mr. Covington noted that he asked staff and previous staff to describe Susan with three words. All were eager to note her efforts and cheerful attitude at Metroplan and all capacities she served in through the community.

Ms. Markman gave a brief thank you to the Board.

**Item 4. Agency Reports**

A. **Metroplan Executive Director’s Report**

Mr. Townsell stated to the Board that during the pandemic staff has been working on a staggered schedule to keep the office staffed and everyone safe.
Mr. Townsell stated to the Board that staff continues to work the member jurisdictions but at a more gradual pace during this time.

Mr. Townsell noted that staff can conduct business via Zoom or through in-person visits if assistance is needed on any transportation issues.

Mr. Townsell further noted that staff has restarted the RAC meetings via Zoom to facilitate moving towards redrafting the new Metropolitan Long-Range Transportation Plan to keep on the set timetable.

Mr. Townsell stated that the committees have now moved past the teaching stage and staff will begin to take comments and allow them to start the process of development. These comments will then be provided to the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors by the chairmen of each committee for action.

Mr. Townsell stated that the RFP for the Regional Trails Initiative had been released and staff has received three consultant applications for review.

Mr. Townsell noted that later in this meeting under Item 6 the Board will review the criteria set for the scoring analysis for the RFP.

Mr. Townsell also stated that staff will begin to move forward with a call for 2021 projects for the Surface Block Grant Program.

B. Arkansas Department of Transportation

Mr. Frisbee stated to the Board that ArDOT is in the Phase I return to work at this time and staff continues to stay busy on various projects and transportation systems.

Contracts were awarded at the May letting for two projects in the CARTS area.

- Job 061583 – Highway 183 (Pulaski County Line - Mill and Inlay), Bryant.
- Job 061596 – North Hills Blvd (Stonehenge Drive - Mill and Inlay), Sherwood.

Jobs that are advertised for June letting in the CARTS area.

- Job 061597 – Highway 10 (Reservoir Road - Mississippi Avenue-Mill and Inlay), Little Rock.
- Job 061507 – Highway 365 (Palarm Creek Street-Replace Bridge Structure), Pulaski County.
- Job 061589 – Highway 161 (Highway 67 - Highway 440, Mill and Inlay), Pulaski County.
- Job 061630 – I-430 (Highway 10 - Highway 100, System preservation and ITS improvements), Pulaski County.

Mr. Frisbee noted that ArDOT has the following Virtual Public Meetings scheduled on the noted dates:

- **6-28-2020** – Job 061626- East-West North Pulaski County Corridor Study. The study of potential improvements to connect points within northern Pulaski County and to connect northern Pulaski County to Interstate 40 and Highway 67/167.
- **7-12-2020** – Job 061625 - Highway 107 Study (General Samuels Road - Republican Road)

Mr. Frisbee further noted that the meetings will be posted on Facebook so that the public is able to participate and provide comments.

**C. ROCK REGION METRO**

The representative for Rock Region METRO was not present at the meeting.

**D. LITTLE ROCK PORT AUTHORITY**

Mr. Day stated to the Board that at the last meeting he reported that the Little Rock Port has received some Federal funding.

Since that meeting the Port has submitted applications for various loans:

**RIFF Loan** - The Port of Little Rock has submitted a Railroad Infrastructure Federal loan to build additional rail track infrastructure to serve current and future customers. The $5 million dollar loan will be used to build additional storage track at the Port of Little Rock.

**Port Infrastructure Grant** - The Port of Little Rock has submitted a Port Infrastructure Grant in the amount of $2 million to build additional railroad track infrastructure at the Port.

Mr. Day further noted to the Board of the following processes that staff is working on:
**Road Improvements at the Port** - due to Amazon locating at the Port, the City, County, State and Federal Government have pledged $11 million to make major improvements to the roads located at the Port of Little Rock. Improvements will be made to Fourche Dam Pike, Pratt Remmel Road, Lindsey Drive, and several rail crossings. These improvements will also include smart infrastructure to provide notice to drivers on the Interstate when and if the major railroad crossings are blocked.

**2021 FAST Grant** – The Port of Little Rock is beginning to plan for the submittal of a FAST Grant in 2021 to build additional dock infrastructure on the original Arkansas River Dock. This grant will also include additional warehousing and support structures.

**E. BILL AND HILLARY CLINTON NATIONAL AIRPORT**

The representative for Clinton National Airport was not present at the meeting.

**Item 5. ArDOT Presentation (Issue 1)**

Mr. Townsell introduced to the Board Ms. Lorie Tudor, the new Director of the Arkansas Department of Transportation.

Ms. Tudor gave a brief presentation to the Metroplan Board on ArDOT’s funding and the importance of educating the public on the one-half percent sales tax.

Ms. Tudor stated to the Board that highway funding is necessary to continue the upkeep and expansion of the Arkansas highway system.

Therefore, Ms. Tudor noted that Governor Hutchinson had developed a State Highway Plan through Act 416 and the proposed Constitutional Amendment (Issue #1) that would allow the state to maintain its highway system. The adoption and passing of Issue #1 would cover four revenue sources that would bring in $205 million for highway funding per year statewide.

Ms. Tudor stated that of this total ArDOT would dedicate $95 million toward system preservation.

Ms. Tudor informed the Board that Issue #1 would be on the general election ballot in November and would bring in a ½ cent sales tax that would become permanent after June 2021.
Ms. Tudor further noted that if Issue #1 passes $3 billion in tax and revenue would be contributed to the state over a 10-year period.

In her presentation Ms. Tudor highlighted various projects throughout the state that the funding provided by the Plan would impact.

After the presentation, the Board was asked to adopt a resolution of support for Issue #1.

A motion to adopt Resolution 20-13 to support Issue #1 was made by Judge Baker, seconded by Mayor Higdon, and passed by the Board.

**TRANSPORTATION AGENDA**

**Item 6.  2021 CARTS STBG and HIP Call for Projects**

Mr. Covington stated to the Board that staff had developed a four-page scoring criteria document for the Board’s review and approval.

Mr. Covington stated that staff had updated the document by adding a county tract section after meeting with the county judges and realizing that this would bring some uniqueness to their projects.

Mr. Covington asked the Board to consider adoption of the scoring criteria as submitted so that projects could be awarded by the fall and fully obligated by the end of the year.

A motion to approve the scoring criteria was made by Mayor Holland, seconded by Ms. Hill, and passed by the Board.

**Item 7.  CARTS TIP Projects**

Mr. Covington briefly stated to the Board that staff has been working to move the TIP projects forward for obligation in September.

Mr. Townsell noted that staff will host a working session to help any jurisdiction and their staff with getting their projects to obligation on schedule.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
ITEM 2. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE & JULY 2020
ITEM 3. AGENCY REPORTS

A. Metroplan Executive Director's Report

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B. Arkansas Department of Transportation

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C. Rock Region METRO

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D. Little Rock Port Authority

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E. Bill & Hillary Clinton National Airport
ITEM 4.  SMALL CITIES COUNCIL UPDATE

Metroplan has hired Bernadette Rhodes to oversee the Small Cities Council. Bernadette is scheduling meetings with representatives of all small cities. Staff will introduce Bernadette to the Metroplan Board before she provides a brief update on the council's upcoming work.
ITEM 5. TITLE VI AND LEP PLAN

SUMMARY

As a recipient of federal funds, Metroplan is required to prepare and implement a *Title VI Program*. As part of the *Title VI Program*, Metroplan is also required to develop a plan for providing language assistance to people with "Limited English Proficiency (LEP)". The draft document is included for review.

**ACTION NEEDED:** Motion to release for a 45-day public comment
Title VI
Program and LEP Plan

2020

CARTS
Central Arkansas
Regional Transportation Study
About Metroplan

Metroplan is a voluntary association of local governments that has operated by interlocal agreement since 1955. Originally formed as the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission of Pulaski County, Metroplan now has members in five counties of the six-county metro area. Metroplan is the designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) under Title 23 of the United States Code.

Metroplan serves as the regional voice on issues affecting Central Arkansas, develops transportation plans required by federal law, convenes stakeholders to deal with common environmental issues, and provides information and staff resources to our member local governments, the business community and the public.

About CARTS

The Central Arkansas Regional Transportation Study, or CARTS, is the cooperative effort by the participating communities, transportation providers and many other interested parties to develop a long-range transportation plan for the metropolitan area.
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This notice is available from the ADA/504/Title VI Coordinator in large print, or on audiotape.

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RESOLUTION 20-xx
ADOPTING THE METROPLAN TITLE VI PROGRAM AND LEP PLAN

WHEREAS, Metroplan is the officially designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, federal civil rights and transportation legislation require that Metroplan develop and implement a Title VI Program; and

WHEREAS, federal civil rights and transportation legislation also require that Metroplan develop and implement a Plan for assisting persons with limited English proficiency ("LEP Plan"); and

WHEREAS, that Metroplan remains committed to assuring that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, disability or income status, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and subsequent nondiscrimination laws, Executive Order and related authorities, be denied benefits of or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity;

WHEREAS, the Title VI Program and LEP Plan has undergone a 45-day public review and comment period;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metroplan Board of Directors does hereby adopt the Metroplan Title VI Program and LEP Plan.

Duly recorded this 28th day of October 2020.

SIGNED:_____________________________________

Joe Smith, President
Mayor, City of North Little Rock

ATTEST:_____________________________________

Jim Baker, Secretary
Judge, Faulkner County
Title VI Program Policy Statement

Metroplan, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway metropolitan area, assures that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, disability or income status, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and subsequent nondiscrimination laws, Executive Orders, and related authorities, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity. Metroplan further assures that every effort will be made to ensure nondiscrimination in all of its programs and activities, whether or not those programs and activities are federally funded.

The Executive Director is responsible for ensuring implementation of the MPO’s Title VI Plan. The Title VI Coordinator, under supervision of the Executive Director, is responsible for coordinating the overall administration of the Title VI Plan and assurances.

Tab Townsell, Executive Director
Introduction and Purpose

The heart of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964 is found in Title VI: No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied in the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. (42 U.S.C. § 2000d)

This Title VI Plan describes how Metroplan meets Title VI requirements under the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Environmental Justice compliance; details the demographic profile and mobility needs of central Arkansans; and explains procedures for filing a Title VI discrimination complaint.

About Metroplan and CARTS

Metroplan is a council of local governments and the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). The Central Arkansas Regional Planning Study (CARTS) area is the portion of the MSA that is officially recognized by the US Census Bureau as the urbanized area, plus that portion of the area that is expected to urbanize with a 25-year plan period.

The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ArDOT) and Rock Region METRO are partners with Metroplan in the CARTS planning process. Metroplan membership is restricted to municipal and county governments in the MSA, plus ArDOT, Rock Region METRO, the Little Rock Port Authority and Clinton National Airport. MPO decision-making authority resides with the Metroplan Board of Directors.

Current membership of the Metroplan Board of Directors is found in Appendix A.

Organization and Staffing

The Title VI Coordinator is responsible for ensuring that Metroplan complies with Title VI regulations. Specific responsibilities include the following.

- Continuously monitor Metroplan’s program to ensure compliance with Title VI regulations.
- Review and update Metroplan’s Title VI program every three years.
- Provide technical guidance regarding the development of Title VI policies for Metroplan.
- Disseminate information related to the Title VI program.
- Provide training in Title VI program and regulations to Metroplan staff, annually or as needed.
- Investigate and resolve Title VI complaints.
- Assist Metroplan staff in achieving public involvement goals and objectives.

Public Engagement: Adjusting to Changing Conditions

The year of 2020 saw America adjusting to a rapidly changing “new normal” of social distancing. Metroplan remains committed to transparency in all its planning processes and Board deliberations. Thus, any form of in-person meeting or engagement has been moved to proceed in a digital capacity during these unprecedented times. Providing residents with opportunities for participating and commenting remains central to our mission as the metropolitan planning organization for central Arkansas.
Title VI Training of Staff

Staff training in Title VI is conducted annually, most often in December or January, by the Title VI Coordinator or by an approved Title VI Coordinator from ArDOT or FHWA. Training is also given to new employees as part of the orientation process and is coordinated through the Human Resources Director.

Program Review Procedures

The Title VI Coordinator prepares an annual report that details accomplishments and challenges encountered during the previous fiscal year, evaluates effectiveness of outreach and Program objectives, and sets forth a work program for the next year. The report is submitted to the State Metropolitan Planning Office and is due by the second Friday of October.

In addition to annual reporting, the Title VI Program is formally reviewed every three years and updated in coordination with the long-range regional plan update, and the Program may be reviewed and amended at other times as circumstances warrant.

The Regional Advisory Committees (RAC) is the citizen-based arm of the MPO and is charged with general oversight of the public participation process. The RAC reviews and recommends the Title VI Program, as it pertains to the public participation process.
Title VI Notice

Following is the Title VI/Nondiscrimination notice that Metroplan has adopted for agency-wide use.

Notice of Nondiscrimination

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List of locations where Title VI notice is placed

- Metroplan office locations: Title VI Coordinator’s office; kitchen; supply/copy room; Human Resource Director’s office.
- Metroplan website (metroplan.org).
- All Metroplan publications, printed and online.

Filing a Title VI Discrimination Complaint

Any person who believes that he or she has been aggrieved by any unlawful discriminatory practice under Title VI may file a complaint with Metroplan. Following are the procedures for handling complaints filed with Metroplan. Complaints may be made no more than 180 days after the alleged incident.

- **Complaint form.** A complaint form may be obtained from the Metroplan website (metroplan.org), from Metroplan’s office, or by fax. The complaint form must be filled out completely. Metroplan will not respond to complaints without the complainant’s name and mailing address. The complainant may include additional information or material as an attachment with the submission. The Title VI Coordinator may follow up with additional questions, as necessary. Questions regarding the complaint or completing the form should be addressed to the Title VI Coordinator. Complaints may also be submitted online, in person, by fax, or by post. Follow up investigation may require in-person visit.

- **Acknowledgement.** Within three business days upon receipt of a complaint, a letter or card will be mailed to the complainant with the following information: (1) acknowledgement that the complaint has been received and is pending investigation; and (2) estimated date by which a response will be sent to the complainant.

- **Investigation and resolution of complaint.** The Title VI/ADA Coordinator will investigate the complaint and respond in writing within a reasonable time, not to exceed 30 days from the receipt of the complaint. The response will provide information concerning resolution of the complaint.
A record of all Title VI complaints will be maintained by Metroplan for a minimum of five years. Each record will include the name and address of the complainant, nature of the complaint, problems identified, resolution of the complaint and any resulting modifications made to a Metroplan program, service or its office facility.

Complaints may also be filed directly with the ArDOT Metropolitan Planning Office or the EEO/Title VI Section, or the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). To file a complaint with the FTA, contact: Office of Civil Rights, Attention Title VI Program Coordination, East Building, 5th Floor-TCR, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

**MPO-related Title VI Investigations, Complaints or Lawsuits**

No complaints or lawsuits have been filed against Metroplan from external parties.

The complete Title VI Complaint Form is found in the Appendix.

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**Title VI Complaint**

Complete all of the following. You may attach additional materials that are relevant to your complaint.

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**Accessible Format Requirements?**

- [ ] Large Print
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- [ ] Other

**Are you filing this complaint on your own behalf?**

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

*If you answered “yes” to this question, go to Section III.

**If not, please supply the name and relationship of the person for whom you are complaining:**

Please explain why you have filed on behalf of a third party.

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

**Do you have the permission of the aggrieved party if you are filing on behalf of a third party?**

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

**I believe the discrimination I experienced was based on (check all that apply):**

- [ ] Race
- [ ] Color
- [ ] National Origin

**Date of Alleged Discrimination (Month, Day, Year):**

Explain as clearly as possible what happened and why you believe you were discriminated against. Include all persons who were involved (indicate the same and contact information of the person(s) who discriminated against you if known) as well as sources and contact information of any witnesses. Use an additional sheet of paper if necessary.
Public Participation Plan (3P)

Engaging Minority and LEP Populations, and Summary of Efforts Since Last Title VI Submission

Metroplan’s Public Participation Plan (3P) casts a wide net in its inclusiveness of all people residing in central Arkansas. The detailed summary of public outreach is included as an appendix in the 3P and is also available on the Metroplan website as a stand-alone document.

Beginning with the development of Imagine Central Arkansas public outreach, a targeted approach was designed to engage African Americans, Latinos, and people living with disabilities. The Design Group, a local firm specializing in minority engagement was tasked with developing and implementing a comprehensive, integrated communication plan. The lessons we’ve learned from this significant outreach effort will carry over into future endeavors.

Included in this targeted approach are the following components (excerpted from the 3P):

- **Grassroots outreach.** This is foundational to public engagement: If people won’t come to meetings, the meetings will go to the people. Historically underserved (and sometimes ill-served) populations are often understandably reluctant to invest the time and talent in an endeavor in which they can see little advantage for their communities. Through efforts that include Community Conversations, Speaker's Bureaus, Lifestyle Meeting Area canvassing and Hosted Visits, nearly 500 minority individuals were reached. Metroplan staff and consulting teams visited neighborhoods of majority African American and Latino residents. Locations visited include but are not limited to: St. Mark Baptist Church, Southwest Community Center, St. Edward's Catholic Church, Pettaway Community Center, Full Counsel Metro Church, The Lonoke Community Center, Gene Moss Building (Benton), McGee Center (Conway).

In conjunction with the Community Conversations, seven Boys and Girls Clubs within Little Rock and North Little Rock partnered with Metroplan to host Family Nights. The format for these meetings was that both parents and children were engaged with a variety of activities that included games and coloring for children. Youth also illustrated their vision for the future by drawing their ideal community. Parents were asked to respond to questions concerning their respective neighborhoods and were given prompts to complete with sticky notes. Two examples of prompts: “Getting to work would be easier if _______________;” and, “My kids would go to the playground/play more outside if _______________.”

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Arkansas is a member of Imagine Central Arkansas Partners. Metroplan staff held events at many centers and involved parents and students in defining goals for their communities.
• **Media.** A radio advertising campaign was coordinated to promote public awareness of issues and subsequent Community Conversation meetings. Stations were selected on the basis of listenership (African American and Latino) and included listener call-in interviews, public service announcements (PSAs) and paid spots.

• **Print advertising.** Two key Latino-targeted print publications, *Hola! Arkansas* and *El Latino*, have been utilized to inform and engage Spanish-speaking populations. Press releases, op-eds and feature stories were included in this category.

• **Transit advertising.** Panel advertising on buses that travel throughout the Little Rock metro area is both cost-effective and reaches all three niche communities, as ethnic minorities and people with disabilities comprise almost 90 percent of Rock Region METRO’s ridership.

• **Videos and posters.** Because minorities and people living with disabilities are often less represented in public meetings and therefore having their voices heard, materials were created with the aim of attracting these populations. “Faces of Central Arkansas”, a video that highlights the diversity of our region, was produced for the planning effort and can be edited for other uses. Posters were created that targeted each niche group and were designed for both print and online display. Posters and other materials were distributed in more than 450 locations.
Demographic Profile of the CARTS Area

The CARTS area constitutes the majority of the Little Rock-North Little Rock MSA. In 2010, the metro area had a total population of 699,757. Of this total, 659,498, or 94 percent, was within the CARTS area. This includes all of Pulaski, Faulkner and Saline Counties, as well as the urbanizing portion of Lonoke County.

The CARTS area has an ethnic composition fairly typical for urban areas in the American Southeast, with a majority white population, a sizeable African-American minority, and small but growing populations of Hispanics, Asians, and other ethnic groups. The region saw rapid growth in its Asian and Hispanic populations during the 2000–2010 decade. Since then, the pace of change has slowed, although minority groups continue growing. The white population also continues growing, but is slowly diminishing as a share of the total.

Whites make up 66.3 percent, or just over two-thirds of CARTS population, according to the latest available ACS figures. The second largest group is African American, constituting 24.0 percent of the total, or more than one-fifth and just less than one in four. The third largest group is Hispanics, who constitute 5.4 percent of CARTS population. Asians are 1.7 percent, while others (including but not limited to mixed-race populations) accounted for 2.7 percent.

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1In this analysis the racial definitions for white, African American, Asian and other are non-Hispanic. The category Hispanic, by comparison, contains elements of several races.

2To determine CARTS population by race (and other categories) Metroplan had to use the five-year 2010–2014 ACS. The one-year version, which is available for 2014, does not allow the geographic parsing necessary to follow CARTS boundaries.
Identifying and Considering Mobility Needs of Minority Populations

Mobility needs are identified through early and continuing public engagement in the long-range metropolitan planning process. As described elsewhere in this document, a number of community conversations were held throughout the metro area, also targeting African American, Latino and low-income people. The template that emerged from that successful effort is used in current outreach.

Metroplan maintains a database of people who wish to be kept informed of issues that affect their neighborhoods.

Data collection and analysis

Metroplan routinely collects and analyzes data. Much of our work is presented in two yearly Metrotrends publications, a Demographic Review and Outlook, which is published in the spring/summer, and an Economic Review and Outlook, typically published in the fall/winter.

In addition to the wealth of information that was achieved through targeted public engagement, described above and elsewhere in this document, development of Imagine Central Arkansas: Blueprint for a Sustainable Region (central Arkansas’ long-range metropolitan and sustainability plan) entailed compiling much data collection and analysis of demographic trends.
The resulting regional profile is contained in a series of working papers. Working Paper #2 provides data and analysis on the region’s demographic profile.

**The Fair Housing Equity Assessment (FHEA)** was developed as part of the long-range planning process and as one of the deliverables that satisfied a Sustainable Communities grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The FHEA identifies how land use, zoning, market forces and other factors shape access to housing and other opportunities for the region’s racial and ethnic minorities. This document is frequently consulted by Metroplan staff and member jurisdictions. The FHEA will be reviewed and updated as part of the five-year long-range metropolitan planning process.

**The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** includes a section on Environmental Justice. Projects in the TIP—roadway, bus, bike and pedestrian—are mapped with an overlay showing where concentrations of minority and low-income populations are located.
The region is comparatively prosperous overall, with a median household income close to the national average in a state where living costs—especially housing—run well below the national average. The table at right compares these statistics. As you can see, the state's income runs barely over three-quarters of the U.S. average. CARTS area income also lags the U.S. average, although not by as much: about 88 percent. Growth in regional income has run below the U.S. average for several years, however—it was 93 percent of the U.S. average in 2014. The CARTS area has slightly more poverty than the U.S. average, a reversal from previous (2014) figures that ran below the U.S. average. The state of Arkansas proportionally has nearly about one-quarter more of its population in poverty than the U.S. average.

In disabilities, both CARTS and the state of Arkansas run above the U.S. average, with 15.6 percent of CARTS population reporting a disability, according to ACS sample data, compared with 17.2 percent for the state of Arkansas and a somewhat lower 12.6 percent for the U.S. average.
Limited English Proficiency Plan: Providing Language Assistance to LEP Persons

Individuals who do not speak English as their primary language and who have limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand English are considered “Limited English Proficiency”, or LEP. LEP populations are entitled to language assistance under the provisions of Executive Order 13166.

Background

On August 11, 2000, President William J. Clinton signed Executive Order 13166, “Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency”, to clarify Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Its purpose is to ensure accessibility to programs and services to otherwise eligible persons who are not proficient in the English language. The Executive Order states that individuals who do not speak English well and who have a limited ability to read, write, or understand English are entitled to language assistance under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act 1964, with respect to a particular type of service, benefit, or encounter.

*Each Federal agency shall prepare a plan to improve access to its federally conducted programs and activities by eligible LEP persons. Each plan shall be consistent with the standards set forth in the LEP Guidance, and shall include the steps the agency will take to ensure that eligible LEP persons can meaningfully access the agency’s programs and activities.*

—Executive Order 13166

Not only do all federal agencies have to develop LEP plans as a condition of receiving federal financial assistance, but recipients of federal funds must comply with Title VI and LEP guidelines of the federal agency from which funds are provided. Federal financial assistance include grants, training, use of equipment, donations of surplus property, and other forms of financial contributions from federal sources.


*The guidance applies to all DOT funding recipients, which includes state departments of transportation, state motor vehicle administrations, airport operators, metropolitan planning organizations, and regional, state, and local transit operators, among many others. Coverage extends to a recipient’s entire program or activity, i.e., to all parts of a recipient’s operations. This is true even if only one part of the recipient receives the Federal assistance. For example, if DOT provides assistance to a state department of transportation to rehabilitate a particular highway on the National Highway System, all of the operations of the entire state department of transportation—not just the particular highway program or project - are covered by the DOT guidance.*—U.S. Policy Guidance Concerning Recipients’ Responsibilities to Limited English Proficient Persons

The method proscribed for this assessment is a “Four Factor Analysis”, which determines: (1) the number of LEPs eligible or likely to be encountered by programs; (2) the frequency that LEPs come into contact with agency programs, policies or plans; (3) the nature and importance of these programs and plans to LEPs; and (4) the resources available and costs to the program.
Safe Harbor and LEP Thresholds

The US Department of Transportation (DOT) has adopted the Department of Justice’s (DOJ) Safe Harbor Provision, which outlines circumstances that can provide a “safe harbor” for recipients regarding translation of written materials for LEP populations. The Safe Harbor Provision stipulates that, if a recipient provides written translation of key documents for each eligible LEP language that constitutes five percent or 1,000 persons, whichever is less, of the total population eligible to be served or likely to be affected, then such action will be considered strong evidence of compliance with the recipient’s written translation obligations.

These provisions apply to the written translation of documents only. They do not affect the requirement to provide meaningful access to LEP persons through competent oral interpreters where such services are needed and reasonable.

LEP populations in Central Arkansas: Four Factor Analysis

Factor 1 - Number of LEP Persons

About 1.5 percent of households in the central Arkansas region has limited English speaking ability.1 This runs lower than the U.S. average (about 4.4 percent) but still represents approximately 4,100 households in the area. The largest single group among these households are Spanish-speaking.

The American Community Survey (ACS) provides data about languages spoken in households. In the Little Rock region, the vast majority of households speak English only (about 93.5 percent). In about five percent of regional households, other languages are spoken but household members are proficient in English. Finally, a small number of households (about 4,362, or 1.5 percent) have only limited English proficiency or no English at all.

1American Community Survey (ACS) 2014, table S 1602: Limited English Speaking Households. Note that the figures in this table represent the population age 14 and over within households.
2These figures represent individuals over the age of 5, from table B 16001: Language spoken at home by ability to speak English.
Spanish is spoken in the majority of the region’s households with limited English proficiency. There are about 2,995 Spanish-speaking / limited English households, comprising about 68.7 percent of the region’s limited-English households. Of the region’s remaining limited-English households, the next most common language is Korean (426 households and about 9.8 percent of limited English households), followed by Chinese languages (421 households and 9.7 percent). The remaining households, with a variety of languages including Vietnamese, Germanic non-English, Slavic and other languages, account for the remaining 11.9 percent of limited-English households).

In the Little Rock region the foreign-born population is a smaller share of the population than the U.S. average. In 2018, foreign-born population accounted for about 4.2 percent of total regional population.

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Spanish Shr 68.7%
Korean Shr 9.8%
Chinese Shr 9.7%

Source: ACS 2018 (five-year).

* Chinese includes Mandarin, Cantonese and related Chinese languages.

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The ACS uses only the term “Chinese” and does not differentiate between Mandarin and other Chinese languages.

*The region’s foreign-born share of population in 2014 was 4.2 percent, down from 4.6 percent in 2010 (both figures from ACS Social Characteristics profiles). The ACS is a sample product, subject to margins of error.

1The figures should nonetheless be viewed with care since the figures are extrapolations from sample forms.
By comparison, U.S. foreign-born population amounted to 13.1 percent in 2018. Local foreign-born population has, however, grown at a faster pace, 12.3 percent from 2013 to 2018 compared with 8.2 percent growth for the U.S.

**Factor 2 - LEP Persons’ Frequency of Contact**

Metroplan conducts regional transportation planning and technical assistance to member jurisdictions. Although Metroplan is not itself an implementing agency, the plans, policies, and goals that are developed have region-wide implications for affecting all residents—including, of course, LEP populations.

**Factor 3. Nature and Importance of Services**

Metroplan is a regional planning agency, with membership that includes 27 cities, 5 counties, Rock Region METRO, and the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ArDOT). As the region’s Metropolitan Planning Organization, Metroplan is responsible for development of the regional Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (LRMTP).

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6For nationality background: Gujarati and Hindi are spoken mainly in India, Urdu in Pakistan and India, Tagalog in the Philippines, and Persian in Iran.
The long-range plan is adopted by the Metroplan Board of Directors, comprised of member government mayors and county judges, ArDOT, Rock Region METRO, the Little Rock Port Authority and the Clinton National Airport.

4. Resources Available for LEP Outreach and Costs

Money budgeted for consultant services in long-range planning includes public engagement, and specifies engaging minority and LEP populations.

Website development also includes an LEP component.

Plan for Providing Language Assistance to LEP Persons

The following plan is targeted to LEP individuals whose first language is Spanish. It is important to note, however, that populations that do not meet the Safe Harbor threshold are still entitled to the MPO’s services under Title VI.

Meetings and Dissemination of Information

Public meetings are held in locations and formats conducive to attracting Latinos interested in learning and contributing to transportation planning and projects in their region. As described elsewhere in this document, Metroplan’s philosophy is to “go where the people are” rather than expect people to leave their own neighborhoods to attend a function that may seem disconnected from their daily lives. Interpreter services are available at these meetings, and written material is provided in Spanish.

Legal notices are published in a Spanish newspaper with a central Arkansas circulation of 30,000 or more Latinos. Information is also disseminated by way of Spanish-language radio PSAs and talk show interviews, as well as in flyers, posters and other print media.

Providing Access through Website

The Metroplan website is a helpful source for documents, data, and other information. LEP considerations are included in posts and updates to the site. Google Translator is available to all material posted on the website.

Metroplan conducts all planning in accordance with 49 U.S.C. Section 5303.
Key Documents

Ideally, all Metroplan documents would be available in Spanish. Information that is already available in Spanish include the following:

✓ Notice of Nondiscrimination
✓ Title VI complaint form
✓ List of Constrained Projects in the Long-Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (LRMTP)
✓ Project List in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
✓ Explanatory information on the LRMTP and the TIP, derived from legal notices published in Spanish and posted to the website along with the translated project lists

Given current and anticipated budget constraints, Metroplan has opted for an incremental approach to providing written translation of key documents. Following is the list of those documents considered vital to the understanding and operation of the agency:

• Imagine Central Arkansas
• Transportation Improvement Program
• Annual List of Obligated Projects (ALOP)
• Public Participation Plan (3P)
• Unified Planning Work Program
• Title VI Program
• Self Evaluation and Transition Plan

Upon request, the above information can also be made available to persons who do not speak either English or Spanish.
A timeframe for providing written translation (in addition to the availability Google Translator) has been developed.

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**Conclusion**

Latinos are not the only ethnic group to find central Arkansas a desirable place. As noted in the Four Factor Analysis, growing populations in the region also include Chinese, Indians and Middle Easterners. Although these groups do not currently meet the Safe Harbor threshold that will trigger LEP assistance, Metroplan nevertheless seeks to be inclusive in its engagement of the general public.

Metroplan is committed to complying with both the letter and spirit of Executive Order 13166 and Title VI provisions. Central Arkansas is experiencing the challenges—and benefits—that come with a diverse ethnic population. Like many others, Latinos continue to find central Arkansas a good place to live, work and play. Metroplan welcomes diversity and makes every effort to extend opportunity for engaging in the planning process.
Appendices
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Title VI Complaint

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**Accessible Format Requirements?**
- Large Print
- Audio Tape
- TDD
- Other

*If you answered “yes” to this question, go to Section III.

**Section III:**

I believe the discrimination I experienced was based on (check all that apply):
- [ ] Race
- [ ] Color
- [ ] National Origin

Date of Alleged Discrimination (Month, Day, Year): ________________________________

Explain as clearly as possible what happened and why you believe you were discriminated against. Describe all persons who were involved. Include the name and contact information of the person(s) who discriminated against you (if known) as well as names and contact information of any witnesses. Use an additional sheet of paper if necessary.
Section IV:
Have you previously filed a Title VI complaint with the agency?  Yes  No

Section V:
Have you filed this complaint with any other Federal, State or local agency, or with any Federal or State court?
[  ] Yes  [  ] No
If yes, check all that apply:
[  ] Federal Agency: ____________________________
[  ] Federal Court: ____________________________  [  ] State Agency: ____________________________
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Please provide information about a contact person at the agency/court where the complaint was filed.
Name:
Title:
Agency:
Address:
Telephone:  E-mail Address:

Section VI:
Name of Agency complaint is against: Metroplan
Contact Person: Susan Sierra Dollar
Title: Title VI Coordinator
Telephone number: 501-372-3300

Signature and date required below.

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Please submit this form in person at the address below, or mail this form to:

Metroplan Title VI Coordinator
501 West Markham St., Suite B
Little Rock, AR 72201
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Por favor envíe esta forma en persona o por correo a la siguiente dirección:
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Little Rock, AR 72201
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ITEM 6. Regional Advisory Committee Update

SUMMARY

The RAC committees have met via Zoom for the past several months with the goal of determining overarching themes for the Long-Range Plan. Staff is coordinating with committee chairs, vice-chairs and each other to derive goals from these discussions. RAC chairman will introduce themselves and give brief updates on committee progress.

ACTION NEEDED: None
ITEM 7. 2021 CARTS STBG and HIP CALL FOR PROJECTS

SUMMARY

Metroplan received letters of interest from 14 jurisdictions for 20 projects for the 2021 Call for Projects. Staff will contact each jurisdiction to review their projects. The following projects are recommended for a modified scoring or the alternative tract.

1. River Street/South West Trail (new Complete Streets Tract or Ped/Bike Tract)
2. Bryant Parkway (adjusted Municipal Street Tract)
3. Hwy 89/Main Street Streetscape (new Complete Streets Tract)
4. Salem Road (adjusted Municipal Street/Ped and Bike Tracts)
5. Southwest Trail ROW – Saline County (Adjusted Ped and Bike Tract)
6. Loyd Street – Vilonia (Adjusted Municipal Street Tract)

Metroplan staff will recommended adjusted criteria for the board’s consideration at the meeting.

**Action Needed:** Motion to approve the adjusted scoring criteria
ITEM 8. CARTS TIP PROJECTS

SUMMARY

Metroplan staff continues to monitor projects that are expected to obligate in Federal Fiscal Year 2020 (September 2020). Metroplan expects to meet its obligations requirements for the year. Following are projects that Metroplan is monitoring:
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### Projects: 2020 Obligation (TAP and STP>200K)

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<td>McCain Rail Grade Separation</td>
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<td>Approved for Obligation 12/9/2019</td>
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<td>Mayflower Rail Grade Separation</td>
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<td>Environmental Approved 10/7/2019; 50% Plan submitted to ArDOT 7/8 - 90% by 8/30; No ROW</td>
<td>2016-2020 TIP - 080457, Res 18-04</td>
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<td>University and Asher Intersection Improvements</td>
<td>ArDOT/Little Rock</td>
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<td>ArDOT Overseeing with Letting Scheduled late 2020, City sent comments on Plans on 7/10</td>
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<td>Pine Avenue Pedestrian Improvements</td>
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<td>Hwy 310 and Hwy 367 Intersection</td>
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<td>ArDOT Overseeing Project and reviewing timeline, Letting tentative for 9/2020</td>
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<td>Southeast Trail</td>
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<td>Markham Street Jump Start Phase II</td>
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<td>Bryant Parkway</td>
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<td>Church Street (Vilonia)</td>
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<td>Regional Multi-Use Trail Plan</td>
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<td>Project Agreement signed 6/17; Qualifications reviewed; RFP to be sent to ArDOT by 8/25 for review</td>
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| Total                                              |               | -$16,336,882        |                   |       |                                                                      |                          |
| Ending Programming Authority (2019-2022)            |               | $88,850             |                   |       |                                                                      |                          |
| Ending Balance Obligation Limitation               |               | -$109,977           |                   |       |                                                                      |                          |

*Status Report as of 8/21/2019 (Casey Covington)