



Unified Planning Work Program and Budget for FY 2024

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

04/23/2023 - 05/06/2023

The Unified Planning Work Program and Budget (UPWP) for Fiscal Year 2024 helps NLCOG meet the requirements of the Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act (IIJA). This transportation legislation requires NLCOG to summarize the transportation planning activities of the MPO for Bossier, Caddo, DeSoto, and Webster parishes, as well as its member agencies and other transportation and planning agencies conducting work in Northwest Louisiana.

All interested citizens are encouraged to access the draft UPWP at www.nlcog.org or by requesting a printed copy from the office of NLCOG at (318) 841-5950. Comments may be e-mailed to public_comments@nlcog.org or mailed to:

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All written public comments relative to this draft document should be postmarked no later than 05/06/2023.

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UPWP TASKS

Metropolitan Planning Programs

Guided by the MPO Transportation Policy Committee, the technical coordinating committee, and specially-convened citizen advisory committees, the major planning priorities for the region are reflected in the individual tasks described within the UPWP on pages 21-40.

Regional Data Development / IT

NLCOG and its member agencies entered into agreements for the development and maintenance of a Regional Geographic Information System, as well as to obtain regional aerial photography, develop agency-specific applications, and maintain the regional basemap. These tasks are detailed on pages 41-44.

Operations and Management

Seeking out opportunities to implement various public outreach strategies to reach the public, including those traditionally underserved, along with administration of the MPO activities, are detailed on pages 45-51.





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UPWP TASKS

Regional Safety Planning

To implement the Strategic Highway Safety Plan, a safety coalition was developed to bridge the gaps between the state, local governments, law enforcement, the community, local civic organizations, emergency services and hospitals, schools, and other safety and community partners. This includes the development of Local Road Safety Plans and Safe Streets and Roads For All and various other actions plans. The planned activities are found on pages 53-62.

Special Projects

The Louisiana Watershed Initiative Region 1 includes Northwest Louisiana with the goal of improving floodplain management and reducing flood risks region-wide. Activities are found on pages 65-66.

Budget and Financing

The budget is the financial guide for the operations of the NLCOG during fiscal year 2024. It's found on pages 67-70.



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PLANNING FACTORS

Support the economic vitality

of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency;

Increase the safety

of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;

Increase the security

of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;

Increase the accessibility

and mobility of people and for freight;

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;

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PLANNING FACTORS

Enhance the integration

and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;

Promote efficient system

management and operation;

Emphasize the preservation

of the existing transportation system;

Improve the resiliency

and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation;

Enhance travel and tourism.

