

Georgia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations – **GAMPO** –

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Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Federally required for each urbanized area of 50,000 people or more.

Must carry out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3C) multimodal transportation planning process

Must develop the long-range metropolitan transportation plan and the short-range transportation improvement program (TIP) for the MPO area

Each Georgia MPO's TIP is incorporated into the Statewide TIP (STIP) by reference

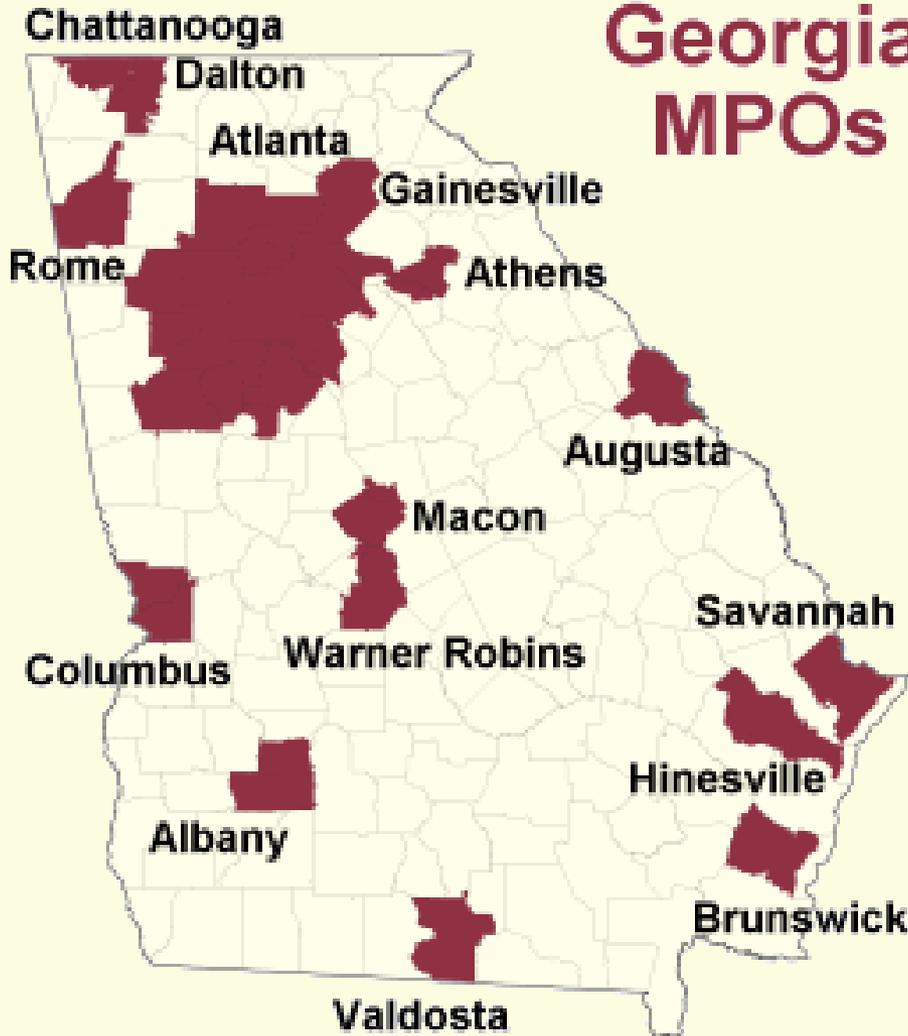
MPO TIP

Must include capital and non-capital surface transportation projects or project phases within the MPO boundary proposed for federal transportation funding (including transportation enhancements; safety projects included in the State's Strategic Highway Safety Plan; trails projects; pedestrian walkways; and bicycle facilities

Must include all regionally significant projects requiring an action by the FHWA or the FTA, regardless of funding source

May include other federally funded transportation safety projects; state planning and research projects funded with NHS, STP and/or Equity Bonus funds; etc.

15 Georgia MPOs



Georgia MPOs represent over 75% of the state's population

<u>MPO</u>	<u>CD</u>
Athens –	10
Atlanta –	3-9, 11-13
Albany –	2
Augusta –	10, 12
Brunswick –	1
Chattanooga –	9
Columbus –	2, 3
Dalton –	9
Gainesville –	9
Hinesville –	1
Macon –	8
Rome –	11
Savannah –	1, 12
Valdosta –	1, 2
Warner Robins –	2, 80

MPO Funding

FHWA planning funds (PL) available to accomplish the federally required transportation planning, provided annually to each MPO through GDOT by contract.

Funds require a 20% match,
historically split between the MPO and GDOT.

Total FHWA planning funds for FY 2010 were **\$7.5 M** -
GDOT match - **\$945 K**; MPO match - **\$945 K**

MPO Budget Challenge

GDOT has notified the Georgia MPOs they will no longer provide the 10% match (~\$945 K per year) effective FY 2011.

Impacts:

- MPO (i.e., member local governments) must double the annual MPO match or decrease the annual MPO work program
- If unsuccessful, potential annual loss statewide of up to 50% (\$3.8M) of available PL funds
- If MPO uses a “soft match”, potential annual loss statewide of up to \$945K for MPO planning

GAMPO Request

*With the recent upturn in motor fuel tax funds
recovery and collection*

*With the anticipated increased MPO workload to
support the proposed transportation sales tax*

**GAMPO respectfully requests
GDOT reinstatement of the 10% PL match
for the Georgia MPOs
effective for the FY 2012 program year**

Questions - Discussion

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