FY 2024 Year End Completion Report

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Transportation Planning Work Program and Budget



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WORK PROGRAM NO. 601.31/41 - Short Range Transportation Planning

601.31 Carryover

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$148,000			\$18,500	\$18,500	\$185,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2024
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$184,961
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

601.31 was carried over for a 6-month period (July 1 – December 31, 2023).

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FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$400,000			\$50,000	\$50,000	\$500,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2024
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$340,384
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	68%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

- 1. Attend ODOT District 4 Safety Review Meetings
- 2. Assistance with major ODOT project studies
- 3. Prioritize AMATS area applications for TRAC (ODOT Major/New Construction Program) (as required)
- 4. Assist agencies in implementing the Coordinated Public Transit / Human Services Transportation Plan (as requested)
- 5. Coordinate with Other Agencies and Local Governments
- 6. Transit Planning and Coordination

- a. Coordinate performance measures with ODOT and public transit providers consistent with the BIL
- b. Adopt or support statewide performance measures as they become available
- 7. Bike and Pedestrian Planning and Coordination (as needed)
- 8. Freight Planning and Coordination, ensuring alignment with Transport Ohio
- 9. Traffic Crashes and Safety Performance (2020-2022) Technical Memorandum
- 10. Assistance with safety studies (as needed)
- 11. Land Use Transportation Coordination (as needed)
- 12. Maintain transportation performance measures data in accordance with federal guidance
- 13. Document metropolitan planning public involvement
- 14. Review and update the Title VI Plan and documentation
- 15. Safe Streets 4 All assistance
- 16. Develop and complete the Roundabout Analysis
- 17. Develop and complete the Road Diet Analysis

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9.	December 2023	January 18, 2024	January 25, 2024	January 2024

- 1. The ODOT Highway Safety Improvement Program has undergone changes recently, creating a new program to encourage systemic or proactive safety investments to prevent specific high-severity crash types. AMATS aims to align our safety program with ODOT's in order to rank and fund locations of concern. Applications for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Formal Safety funding category are now due August 31 each year and are submitted through ODOT District 4. These projects are signed off by the District Safety Review Team, in which AMATS participates. The AMATS staff continues to attend regular meetings of the District 4 Safety Review Team. AMATS Policy Resolution 2023-10 supports the statewide ODOT safety performance targets (approved in September 2023). See additional discussion under 602.41 TIP.
- Improvements to the I-76/77 Central Interchange and nearby areas continue. A significant number of projects are being constructed, with future projects also scheduled in the TIP.
- 3. There were no new Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) awards for 2024. The staff continues to coordinate with ODOT and project sponsors on previous awards.
- 4. The Coordinated Plan identifies current transportation providers and the assets available to the region (public, private, and non-profit); assesses the

transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and low-income individuals; provides recommendations to address the identified gaps between current services and needs; and assigns priorities for implementation. The Coordinated Plan is particularly useful in the selection process of FTA Section 5310 Elderly and Disabled Program projects. A draft Coordinated Plan was presented to a stakeholder committee in August 2023. The Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan was approved in January 2024.

- 5. Coordination was performed as needed.
- 6. AMATS continued to share GIS data and cartographic information with METRO RTA and PARTA, with both transit agencies sharing their GIS data files with AMATS as well. Also, staff continues to attend METRO RTA and PARTA Board meetings and meet regularly with the planning staffs of both agencies, as well as attend ODOT Office of Transit and OPTA Zoom meetings to discuss and coordinate on transit issues. Any additional coordination was performed as needed.
 - a. AMATS is required to establish targets for each performance measure established by USDOT, and to establish these targets in coordination with ODOT and the public transit agencies. The staff assisted METRO RTA and PARTA in organizing and producing a Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan for each transit agency. Asset management has always been a component of the Regional Transportation Plan, and AMATS is moving forward to meet MAP-21/FAST Act standards for maintaining the region's capital assets. An AMATS Policy Committee resolution supporting METRO RTA's and PARTA's TAM planning and State of Good Repair (SGR) targets was approved in September 2018 (Resolution 2018-17). PARTA completed their TAM Plan in August 2018 while METRO RTA completed their TAM Plan in October 2018. Implementation of the Transit Asset Management Plan is on-going with both vehicle replacements and facility investments (see progress under 602.41 TIP).
 - b. AMATS' Policy Committee approved a resolution supporting ODOT's statewide goals for a number of performance measures in September 2018 (Resolution 2018-17). Additionally, performance measures were incorporated in the 2020 Transit Plan, and will be included as part of the 2024 Transit Plan, expected to be approved in September 2024.
- 7. Bike and Pedestrian Planning and Coordination were performed as needed. An update to the 2019 Active Transportation Plan was approved in May 2024. The 2024 Active Transportation Plan is a combination of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan and will provide input into *Transportation Outlook 2050*, AMATS next Regional Transportation Plan. The switching gears website (switching-gears.org) is maintained to promote alternatives to vehicle travel (see progress under 667.42).
- 8. Freight Planning and Coordination were performed as needed. AMATS staff began developing the 2024 Freight Plan, which is expected to be approved in September 2024 by the Policy Committee.

- 9. The Traffic Crashes and Safety Performance Measures (2020-2022) Technical Memorandum was completed and presented to the TAC and Policy Committee in January 2024. This report summarizes the highest crash locations in the area. The report is used to identify high crash roadway segments and intersections in need of safety improvements. The report also focuses on bicycle and pedestrian crashes and their characteristics. In addition, the crash report contains additional data and analysis related to performance measures. In accordance with federal legislation, AMATS used a five-year average to calculate baseline safety statistics. These baseline figures are the benchmarks to which all future calculations will be compared. The staff is continuing to coordinate with ODOT and the other MPOs on safety-related performance measures and supports ODOT's safety targets in calendar year 2024 (approved with a separate Policy Committee Resolution 2023-10 in September 2023).
- 10. The staff provides safety data regularly to AMATS members, consultants, and the public, and provides comment and review on safety-related studies and issues as needed.
- 11. The staff continues to perform Land Use Transportation Coordination as needed. The bulk of the staff's land use coordination activities during the last fiscal year have involved the Connecting Communities Initiative, as well as bicycle and pedestrian planning (see additional progress under other work elements).
- 12. There are seven areas for which AMATS maintains data for tracking performance goals. These areas are:
 - Safety,
 - Infrastructure Condition,
 - Congestion Reduction,
 - System Reliability,
 - Freight Movement and Economic Vitality,
 - Environmental Sustainability, and
 - Reduced Project Delivery Delays

AMATS obtains this data through a number of sources. The AMATS staff maintains a robust traffic counting program in coordination with outside sources of counts, such as ODOT. AMATS tracks pavement and bridge conditions also in coordination with ODOT, the county engineers, and hired consultants. StreetLight Data is used to track congestion, system reliability, traffic counts and freight movements. This data is available from 2016 to the present. Environmental data is maintained in coordination with ODOT and NOACA (the MPO for the Cleveland metropolitan area). Project delivery is managed through the AMATS Technical Advisory Committee and programmed through ODOT. The staff continues to track this data successfully on an on-going basis. A full discussion of performance measures can be found in Appendix H of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2024-2027. See also the AMATS Full Period CMAQ Performance Report (Resolution 2022-14, August 2022).

- 13. AMATS staff conducted six Citizen Involvement Committee meetings. These meetings were held virtually, recorded, and added to AMATS website. AMATS hosted a Bike-N-Brainstorm event in the Middlebury neighborhood in Akron and collected feedback forms as well as online responses from participants. As part of the Living in Lakemore/Spartan Trail Extension Connecting Communities Planning Grant, a community survey and a public meeting were held in the fall of 2023. All responses were included in the final plan, which is available on AMATS website. Additionally, as part of the Active Transportation Plan process, an interactive map was made available to the public, with comments being incorporated into the final plan. Finally, AMATS 3P Public Participation Plan included revisions as a result of the federal certification review process from May 2021. The first revision states that staff will acknowledge receiving any correspondence from the public within seven days, with staff maintaining files documenting all correspondence. The second revision reflected guidance received from ODOT regarding the Title VI complaint process and documentation.
- 14. A draft of the new Title VI Plan was developed and approved by AMATS Policy Committee as part of the Self Certification that AMATS performs every year (Resolution 2024-12, May 2024). The final update to the Title VI Plan will be completed in fall 2024.
- 15. AMATS assisted the cities of Akron and Fairlawn as they prepared applications for Continuing Planning and Implementation grants. Other communities have requested conversations regarding the application process for SS4A funding, as well as the High-Injury Network. Staff has incorporated SS4A recommendations into the process of reviewing project applications for AMATS funding.
- 16. The Areawide Roundabout Study was completed and approved in May 2024. This report the first of its kind from AMATS was written to provide an objective analysis of roundabouts as a potential option for intersection control.
- 17. Although staff has begun work on the Road Diet Analysis, other reports have taken priority as they contribute directly to AMATS next long range plan, *Transportation Outlook 2050*. Although development of the Road Diet Analysis has halted, there are still plans to complete it over the next year.

<u>Delays/Problems Encountered/Corrective Action:</u>

The Road Diet Analysis had to be stalled while other, more important AMATS work took place. With limited staff time, this report will wait until after the next long range plan is approved.

WORK PROGRAM NO. 602.41 Transportation Improvement Program

602.41

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$200,000			\$25,000	\$25,000	\$250,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2024
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$178,274
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	71%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

- 1. Maintain the new FY 2024-2027 TIP
 - a. Periodic Amendments (as needed)
 - (i) Public Involvement Meetings (as needed)
 - (ii) Air Quality Conformity Modeling (as needed)
 - b. Annual Listing of Obligated Projects
- 2. Manage STBG and TASA allocations (continuous)
- 3. Attend Project Scoping meetings (as needed)
- 4. Project Status Review Meetings (quarterly at a minimum)
- 5. Assist ODOT with Annual Project Lock-Down Schedule
- 6. Manage FTA Section 5307, 5310 and 5339 apportionments (continuous)
- 7. Participate in the Statewide CMAQ Discretionary Program
- 8. Maintain performance measures as part of the TIP process consistent with current federal guidance

	Scheduled	Approval	Approval	Submitted
Product	Completion	Date	Date	to
Product	Date	TAC	Policy	ODOT/FHWA
1b.	September 2023	N/A	N/A	September 2023

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- 1. The FY 2024-2027 TIP was completed in May 2023, and is maintained, as amended, on the AMATS website, in a searchable format.
 - a. Amendments to the FY 2024-2027 TIP were prepared for the following projects. The AMATS Citizens Involvement Committee meets periodically and reviews most TIP amendments before approval by the Policy Committee. All meetings were advertised inviting public participation. All TIP amendments were evaluated for air quality conformity and environmental justice:
 - i. This amendment to the TIP (amendment #1) removes Valley View Rd/Olde Eight Rd, revises schedule for Old Forge Rd resurfacing, revises funding source and schedule for SR 59 (Kent) project. (August 2023; Resolution #2023-09) ii. This amendment to the TIP (amendment #2) revises funding for Springside Dr in Bath Township and Arlington Rd in Green. This amendment also adds two projects; corridor improvements on I77/SR 8 in Akron and a new group project in the statewide line item table for the urban paving curb ramp program. (September 2023; Resolution #2023-11)
 - iii. This amendment to the TIP (amendment #3) combines two projects and revises the funding for another. PID 105213 is combined with PID 117173 to resurface and reconstruct SR 14/SR 43 intersection and add a new signal while removing a slip ramp on SR 303/SR14/Ranch Rd. A project to improve safety and increase capacity on I76 (Kenmore Leg) added preliminary engineering funds in 2025. (December 2023; Resolution #2023-13)
 - iv. This amendment to the TIP (amendment #4) adds newly awarded funds for METRO RTA and PARTA through the Ohio Transit Partnership Program (OTP2). METRO received \$1,440,313 while PARTA received \$1,158,331. METRO requested to update the TIP to add funds to an existing facility construction project, for the acquisition of bus shelters, portable vehicle lifts, and communications equipment, for the rehabilitation of a gas tank, and for the purchase of signage equipment. PARTA requested the TIP be changed to include two new bus purchase projects, an automatic passenger counters project, a facility paving project, a utility support vehicle, a maintenance equipment project, and a funding revision for preventative maintenance. (December 2023; Resolution #2023-14)
 - v. This amendment to the TIP (amendment #5) revises funding for three projects and adds six new projects. A project on East Avenue moved from a group list to an individual list, the cost increasing to almost \$14 million. A project on I77/SR8 for corridor improvements including ramp and service road reconfigurations was revised to add right-of-way funds in 2025. A project to widen S. Arlington Rd and add new sidewalks and roundabouts added funds from the carbon reduction plan as well as highway safety funds. New projects include resurfacing on Doylestown Rd in Wayne County; a new signal at SR 532 and Albrecht Avenue in Mogadore; improvements to Highland Rd in Macedonia; a roundabout at Killian and Pickle Roads in Springfield Township; pavement reconstruction/resurfacing, signal

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upgrade, new sidewalks and more on North Mantua St in Kent; and Graham Rd signals in Stow. The new projects will take place in 2027. (March 2024; Resolution 2024-08)

vi. This amendment to the TIP (amendment #6) adds recently awarded funds for both METRO RTA and PARTA. METRO was awarded \$2,049,590 in OTP2 funds, \$328,394 in Ohio Workforce Mobility Partnership (OWMP) funds, and \$2,160,000 in Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant (DERG) funds. These funds were used for IT professional services, data platform and planning software, the replacement of computer server equipment, bus shelters, replacement buses, a bus washing system, laptop computers, HR computer software, and scheduling and dispatching software. PARTA received \$604,654 in OTP2 funds, used for facility equipment, maintenance roof restoration, and a transit enhancement project. (May 2024; Resolution 2024-13)

vii. This amendment to the TIP (amendment #7) adds three new projects to the TIP, revises funding for another, and deletes a project. The High Level Bridge over the Cuyahoga River in Akron is scheduled to begin in FY 2030, and will cost \$5,000,000. The Rubber City Heritage Trail Phase 3 received \$133,600 in TASA funding for FY 2027. A bridge replacement over the Cuyahoga River in Kent received \$200,000 in TASA funding to carry non-vehicular traffic from the Portage Hike & Bike Trail to Franklin Ave in Kent. Funding for the SR 59 Alternative Transportation Improvements project received \$3,212,000 in STBG funds, and PID 117631 was deleted since it was combined with PID 121203 in FY 2028. (May 2024; Resolution 2024-14)

- b. The Annual Listing of Obligated Projects in the current TIP was completed in September 2023 and placed on the AMATS website. Relevant documents were transmitted to ODOT. The annual listing of projects is comprised of funds obligated during the prior fiscal year (in this case, FY 2023). The complete TIP, as amended, is maintained on the AMATS website.
- 2. The staff continued to receive project expenditures from ODOT and track AMATS area usage of funds. The staff works with ODOT and the other MPOs to ensure that funds are spent in a timely manner, including the trading of funds with other MPOs and amendments to the TIP to schedule projects as efficiently as possible. The AMATS TIP Subcommittee reviews this process, with ODOT District 4 participating. The TAC and Policy Committee receive full spreadsheet updates at every meeting tracking the status of AMATS-attributable funds and fund balances.
- 3. The staff attends Project Scoping meetings as needed before construction begins in order to look at field conditions with project sponsors and other stakeholders and discuss the scope of work as well as any anticipated changes to the project. Project Scoping meetings are held at irregular intervals based on the project schedule.
- 4. Project Status Review Meetings were held virtually in August and November of 2023, and February and May of 2024. These meetings are invaluable for AMATS to keep up with the progress of projects and prevent delays. The status of projects funded by AMATS was discussed at these meetings, as well as important milestone dates. The staff

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- met and coordinated with ODOT in an effort to optimize funds. As a result, the TIP was amended on several occasions. (See TIP amendments under item #1a. above).
- 5. The Project Lock-Down Schedule was completed November 13, 2023 as planned, as part of the Project Status Review Meeting process. The Lock-Down Schedule was finalized by ODOT Central Office in January 2024.
- 6. The staff coordinated periodically with the RTA project sponsors to ensure that projects were on schedule and within apportioned funding levels. The staff assisted METRO and PARTA with their FY 2024 Program of Projects. The staff coordinates with FTA on the usage of Akron-urbanized area Section 5307 and 5339 funding. As a result, the TIP was amended on several occasions (See TIP amendments under item #1a. above). The staff coordinates with ODOT Office of Transit on TIP amendments and administrative modifications of existing projects. For the Specialized Transportation Program Section 5310, both METRO and PARTA are no longer recipients and have transferred the rights to ODOT to run the program. AMATS no longer needs to approve of the awards for Section 5310 through a TIP amendment.
- 7. The staff coordinated with the other Ohio MPOs on the statewide CMAQ discretionary program. The AMATS staff is currently overseeing four projects for the state CMAQ committee using \$13.8 million dollars in federal funds. See AMATS Policy Resolution 2023-15 (approved December 2023).
- 8. Appendix H of the AMATS FY 2024-2027 TIP provides a full discussion of transportation performance measures. AMATS had two options to establish safety performance targets: commit to a quantifiable target for each measure within the metropolitan area, or approve of ODOT's statewide targets and agree to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward the accomplishment of these targets. AMATS agreed to support the goals set forth by ODOT for the entire state, rather than develop separate targets for our area. The AMATS Policy Committee approved support for ODOT's statewide 2% annual reduction target for all five safety performance measures: the number of fatalities, the fatality rate, the number of serious injuries, the serious injury rate and the number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. See AMATS Policy Resolution 2023-10, approved in September 2023. Additionally, AMATS Policy Committee approved Resolution 2022-14 in August 2022. This resolution approved the CMAQ Performance Plan Full Period Progress Report, which illustrates AMATS progress over the previous four years since the adoption of the area's CMAQ Plan in 2018. Air quality related targets and progress are monitored on an on-going basis and tracked in relation to CMAQ funded projects.

AMATS continues its long-standing use of performance measures in project selection as described more fully in the AMATS Funding Policy Guidelines, which were updated and approved in September 2023.

None.

WORK PROGRAM NO. 605.31/41 Transportation System Update

605.31 Carryover

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$105,600			\$13,200	\$13,200	\$132,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2024
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$130,903
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	99%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

605.31 was carried over for a 6-month period (July 1 – December 31, 2023).

605.41

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$240,000			\$30,000	\$30,000	\$300,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2024
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$285,374
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	95%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

- 1. Maintain data files including: land use and zoning, population, employment, dwelling unit, and other Census data, motor vehicle registrations, transit ridership, traffic counts, intersection geometrics, signalization, road and street information, pavement and bridge condition ratings, FFC, etc. (on-going)
 - a. Report performance measures consistent with the BIL
- 2. Mechanical and manual traffic counts (seasonal)
 - a. Update traffic counts on the AMATS website (as available)
 - b. Count traffic on area highways and intersections
- 3. Mechanical and manual bicycle and pedestrian counts (seasonal)
 - a. Update bicycle and pedestrian counts on the AMATS website (as available)

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- b. Count bicycle and pedestrian movement
- 4. Continue the Pavement Condition Data Collection and Analysis Program
- 5. Begin work on the Regional Signal Inventory Analysis

Progress:

- The staff is continuing to maintain all data files, including insertion of data into the Geographic Information System (GIS) database. The staff is incorporating AMATS performance measures in line with the adoption of ODOT performance measures. The staff is supporting ODOT targets and tracking progress toward meeting the region's goals.
- 2. AMATS staff completed all planned traffic counts for the 2024 counting season.
 - a. Current traffic counts are being maintained on the AMATS website in an interactive map that was developed in 2021.
 - b. The number of traffic counts completed by the staff since the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1 (through June 30): 453.
- 3. Since its implementation in July 2017, bicycle and pedestrian counts can now be performed by the Mio-Vision Camera. Tracking bicycle and pedestrian counts and movements with the Mio-Vision allows for improved documentation and more efficient data collection by storing the videos for reference and access at any time. Moving forward, bicycle and pedestrian counts will take place when requested.
 - a. There were no updates to the bicycle or pedestrian counts on the website
 - b. There were no bicycle or pedestrian counts requested in FY 2024.
- 4. AMATS entered into a contract with Pavement Management Group (PMG) in July 2019 to collect and analyze an estimated 860 centerline miles of pavement in the AMATS service area over two years. In January 2022, AMATS entered into another contract with PMG. PMG completed the 2024 portion of the contract and delivered it to AMATS in May 2024. The Pavement Condition Data Collection and Analysis Program is extremely helpful to the AMATS communities, identifying locations where pavement conditions need repair, and aiding in the submission of applications for funding.
- 5. GPD was chosen to complete the Regional Signal Inventory Analysis, and a contract was signed in January 2024. GPD began their analysis in March and the project is anticipated to be completed sometime in FY 2025.

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AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

FISCAL YEAR 2024 PROGRESS REPORT

WORK PROGRAM NO. 610.31/41 Transportation Plan Update

610.31 Carryover

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$88,000			\$11,000	\$11,000	\$110,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2024
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$104,293
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	95%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

610.31 was carried over for a 6-month period (July 1-December 31, 2023).

610.41

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$360,000			\$45,000	\$45,000	\$450,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2024
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$197,402
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	44%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

- 1. Maintain the current Regional Transportation Plan: *Transportation Outlook 2045*, ensuring it aligns with *AccessOhio 2045*, Ohio's new Statewide Transportation Plan, and *Transport Ohio*
 - a. Periodic amendments (as needed)
- 2. Work on the upcoming 2050 Regional Transportation Plan
 - a. Develop the Freight Plan
 - b. Develop the Transit Plan
 - c. Develop the Active Transportation Plan
 - d. Develop the Preservation Needs Report
- 3. Maintain the travel demand model (as needed)

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- 4. Maintain the Congestion Management Process (CMP)
 - a. Annual CMP Status Report
- 5. Integrate performance measures as part of the Regional Transportation Plan update process consistent with federal legislation and guidance
- 6. Integrate elements of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) into the transportation planning process including, but not limited to: consulting with officials responsible for housing, developing a housing coordination plan, utilizing web-based tools for public involvement, clarifying the requirements when multiple MPOs cover the same urbanized area or when designating MPO officials or representatives

- AMATS continues to maintain the current Regional Transportation Plan (approved in May 2021), making no amendments to *Transportation Outlook 2045*, during the course of FY 2024.
 - a. There were no plan amendments during the last fiscal year.
- 2. AMATS staff has been busy developing several reports that will contribute to the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan.
 - a. Work began on the Freight Plan in FY 2024. A draft of the plan was presented to the Policy Committee in August 2024, with final approval expected in September 2024.
 - b. A Draft Transit Plan was presented to AMATS Policy Committee in August, with final approval expected at the September 2024 Policy Committee meeting.
 - c. In November 2023, AMATS members were invited to update AMATS Current Bike Network. In February 2024, in coordination with member communities, staff developed a list of recommendations for future trails. In March 2024, the public was invited to comment on the Current Bike Network as well as the list of future recommendations through an interactive map. Also in March, the Goals and Strategies as well as the Shared Use Path Recommendations were approved by the Policy Committee. The final Active Transportation Plan was approved by AMATS Policy Committee in May 2024.
 - d. The Highway Preservation Needs Report was developed in FY 2024, with Policy Committee approval at the August 2024 meeting. The purpose of this report is to identify and evaluate the preservation needs of the existing highway system.
- The AMATS staff continues to maintain its travel demand model in coordination with ODOT Statewide Planning & Research.
- 4. Development of the Congestion Management Process (CMP) Report began in June 2024 with an analysis of the region's roadway system and identification of congested arterial roadways and freeways. A listing of draft strategies and recommendations was presented to the Policy Committee in August 2024. A draft CMP will be available in September, and final approval is expected in December 2024. The recommendations from the CMP will be considered for inclusion in *Transportation Outlook 2050*, the Regional Transportation Plan. The staff continues to maintain the Congestion

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Management Process (CMP), updating the travel demand model with new roadway configurations and traffic data. The staff continues to cooperate with ODOT Office of Statewide Planning & Research. This work will continue in FY 2025.

- a. The first Annual Congestion Report was completed and approved in May 2022. The FY 2023 and FY 2024 Annual Congestion Report was delayed due to the late release of Streetlight data. In lieu of the Annual CMP Status Report, the Congestion Management Process (CMP) Report is being completed, with approval expected in December 2024.
- AMATS has integrated performance measures as part of the Regional Transportation Plan update process consistent with MAP-21 and the FAST Act. ODOT calculated a 2 percent annual reduction target across the five performance measures for safety: number of fatalities, fatality rate, number of serious injuries, serious injury rate, and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. AMATS had two options: commit to a quantifiable target for each measure within the metropolitan area, or approve of ODOT's statewide targets and agree to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward the accomplishment of these targets. AMATS decided to support the goals set forth by ODOT for the entire state. The other areas for which AMATS determined performance measures for our area are: Infrastructure Condition, Congestion Reduction, System Reliability, Freight Movement and Economic Vitality, Environmental Sustainability, and Reduced Project Delivery Delays. The AMATS Policy Committee approved support of ODOT's performance targets and CMAQ traffic congestion performance targets in August 2022 (Resolution 2022-14). See the section on p.46 of Transportation Outlook 2045, titled "Transportation Performance Measures", for additional information.
- 6. AMATS regularly collaborates with municipal officials in the planning process, especially during the Connecting Communities Planning Grant Program (see 625.31/41). Housing was discussed during the Bus Rapid Transit meetings with METRO RTA as well as during the Coordinated Plan work that was completed in coordination with METRO and PARTA. AMATS coordinated with NOACA regarding Air Quality issues and other MPOs through participation in OARC Committees and the statewide CMAQ committee. Finally, AMATS utilizes both Zoom and Microsoft Teams as well as online surveys, comment pages on the AMATS website, and social media to encourage public involvement.

<u>Delays/Problems Encountered/Corrective Action:</u>

4a. The Annual CMP Status Report that has been delayed due to the late release of Streetlight Data will be replaced by the CMP Report. AMATS will revisit the Annual CMP Status Report in the future.

AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

FISCAL YEAR 2024 PROGRESS REPORT

WORK PROGRAM NO. 625.31/41 Service

625.31 – Carryover

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$132,000			\$16,500	\$16,500	\$165,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2024
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$147,150
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	89%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

625.31 was carried over for a 6-month period (July 1 – December 31, 2023).

625.41

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$400,000			\$50,000	\$50,000	\$500,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2024
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$203,775
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	41%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

- 1. Plan implementation assistance (as required)
- 2. Assist ODOT in Reviewing Design Traffic Analyses
- 3. Provide data for use by others (ODOT District 4 will be copied on all responses to requests)
- 4. Review transportation impacts of zoning changes, subdivision proposals and development plans (as requested)
- 5. Assist NOACA and ARAQMD with Ozone Action Day and Particulate Matter (FP3) Alerts
- 6. Air Quality Coordination (as needed)
- 7. Assist Ohio EPA by reviewing EPA Permits to Install

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- 8. Redesign the AMATS website and continue to maintain it (on-going)
- 9. AMATS Connecting Communities Planning Grant: Corridor Study in Prospective Community
 - a. Assist current grant recipients
- 10. Continue to develop transportation related podcasts for AMATS members and members of the public
- 11. Assist local communities with applications to secure grants through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

- The AMATS director met, or conferred with, Policy Committee members, including METRO and PARTA, to discuss area projects and Regional Transportation Plan recommendations as needed.
- 2. Although ODOT Office of Statewide Planning & Research did not request assistance from AMATS in reviewing Design Traffic Analyses in FY 2024, AMATS staff is committed to assisting at any time.
- 3. AMATS provided traffic count and demographic data to the general public and local agencies. AMATS maintains data and traffic counts on the agency website.
- 4. There were no requests for a subdivision proposal or development plan. AMATS staff will review any of these plans for transportation/access issues, conflicts, etc.
- 5. The staff continues to coordinate with NOACA, Ohio EPA and the Akron Regional Air Quality Management District (ARAQMD) with Particulate Matter (FP3) Alerts and Ozone Action Days. The staff is notified of Ozone Action Days and Particulate Matter (FP3) Alerts, and NOACA communicates the alerts to the public. There were 10 Air Quality Advisories during FY 2024.
- 6. AMATS continues to coordinate with ODOT and adjacent MPOs, particularly NOACA, on air quality issues. AMATS and NOACA are both part of the eight-county Cleveland-Akron-Lorain Combined Statistical Area (CSA). Based on air quality readings, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) designated this area as a non-attainment area for ozone and maintenance area for particulate matter (PM2.5). Consequently, AMATS, NOACA and ODOT coordinate in the analysis of mobile emissions as part of the planning process.
- 7. AMATS staff received no requests to review EPA permits to install in FY 2024.
- 8. The AMATS website remains a key channel of communication with the public and our members. Current information is maintained on the AMATS website, including the posting of traffic counts, special studies, Policy Committee mail out packets, and upcoming AMATS events. The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2024-2027 and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan, *Transportation Outlook*, are posted on the AMATS website, including amendments and documents pertaining to the development of the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan. The website contains multiple modes of access for commenting or asking questions. Multiple languages are

WORK PROGRAM NO. 625.31/41 Service – continued

- available for viewing web-related documentation. Title VI documentation, as well as comment and complaint forms are also clearly presented on the AMATS website. A new website was developed during FY 2024, and officially launched on June 5, 2024.
- 9. The Living in Lakemore/Spartan Trail Extension study was underway in the fall of 2023 with a community survey and public meeting. Draft recommendations were presented to Lakemore Village Council in November, with the final report completed in February 2024. The study identified pedestrian and bicycle improvements for the students in the community, as well as better connections between the trails and community amenities. AMATS staff made applications available for the seventh round of funding for the Planning Grant Program in January 2024. In March, AMATS Policy Committee awarded two \$40,000 grants; New Franklin's SR 619 Corridor Development Planning Study and Akron's Summit Lake Pedestrian Safety Master Plan. Kickoff meetings with each community took place in May, and the consultant selection process was underway in June.
- 10. AMATS has seen a reduction in the number of employees on staff during FY 2024, causing the remaining employees to assume additional responsibilities. Due to this and the passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), staff was busy in other areas. AMATS has decided to pause on creating transportation related podcasts.
- 11. As mentioned in 601.31/41, AMATS staff assisted both Akron and Fairlawn in the preparation of Safe Streets for All (SS4A) implementation grant applications.

<u>Delays/Problems Encountered/Corrective Action:</u>

10. With staff turnover and a reduced staff, AMATS has decided to focus on priority reports, in order to complete the input documents to *Transportation Outlook 2050*, as well as *Transportation Outlook 2050* itself. The agency will revisit transportation related podcasts and their potential impact sometime in the future.

WORK PROGRAM NO. 665.41 Supplemental Funding

665.41 (PID #115698)

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2024
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$0
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

Promised Products:

1. Planning Data Forecast

Progress:

1. The Planning Data Forecast was developed during FY 2024. The final Planning Data Forecast is expected to be approved by AMATS Policy Committee in September 2024.

<u>Delays/Problems Encountered/Corrective Action</u>:

None

WORK PROGRAM NO. 667.41 Gohio Commute Program

667.41 (PID #111433)

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA/CMAQ	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:		\$80,000				\$80,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2024
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$25,764
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	32%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

Promised Products:

- 1. Anticipate adding 150 new participants to the database
- 2. Print and distribute Gohio Commute calendar
- Maintain Gohio Commute website (ongoing)
- 4. Market Gohio Commute website (as needed) through advertising
- 5. Assist Gohio Commute participants with web entry (as needed)
- 6. Provide carpool services for Wayne, Stark and Tuscarawas Counties (as required)

- 1. There are currently 2,767 members registered in the AMATS database of Gohio Commute, the statewide website that replaced OhioRideshare in May 2017.
- 2. Received and distributed the 2024 Gohio Commute calendars in November 2023.
- 3. Continued the maintenance of the Gohio Commute website. The staff continued to communicate with the consultant to ensure that the website is operating smoothly.
- 4. The staff once again advertised the Gohio Commute Program in the Greater Akron Chamber's Relocation Guide and through links on other websites. Additionally, the agency participated in the statewide Commuter Challenge in September, promoting the website and alternative modes of transportation in the process.

WORK PROGRAM NO. 667.41 Gohio Commute Program - continued

- 5. The staff is continuing to assist Gohio Commute participants with website entry as needed.
- 6. The staff continues to provide carpool services for Wayne, Stark and Tuscarawas Counties.

None

WORK PROGRAM NO. 667.42 Air Quality Advocacy Program

667.42 (PID #111429)

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA/CMAQ	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:		\$100,000				\$100,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2024
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$37,437
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	37%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

Promised Products:

- 1. Produce communications materials and hold outreach events advocating alternative modes of transportation
- 2. Maintain the switching-gears.org website: Bicycle Advocacy Website
 - a. Promote bicycling and the switching-gears.org website
- 3. Commuter Alternatives Bicycle and Pedestrian Advocacy in alignment with *Walk.Bike.Ohio*, Ohio's first statewide bicycle and pedestrian plan
- 4. Coordinate Bike & Brainstorm Events

- The AMATS-produced Bike Maps continued to be requested and distributed to promote exploring and biking in the Greater Akron area. AMATS hired OHM Advisors to update the Bike Map beginning in April 2024. The maps were completed, printed, and distributed beginning in August.
- 2. The switching gears website (switching-gears.org) was developed to promote bicycling as an alternate mode of transportation. The staff continues to maintain this website.
 - a. Additionally, this website contains a listing of bike events. AMATS also promotes the Bike-N-Brainstorm events held in communities each year. The Facebook page and Twitter account were utilized for more promotion of biking and walking events.

WORK PROGRAM NO. 667.42 Air Quality Advocacy Program - continued

- 3. The staff continues to advocate for the use of alternatives to single-occupancy vehicles by promoting Gohio Commute and the Switching-Gears website, and by coordinating with bicycle user groups and other advocates of pedestrian facilities. In October 2023, Staff participated in Copley's Halloween in the Park event, distributing bike bells and lights to over 100 children. Finally, staff participated in the Annual Copley Bike Rodeo in June. This event encourages safe bike riding skills to elementary-aged children.
- 4. The staff continues to coordinate Bike-N-Brainstorm events, incorporating bicycle planning into the local planning process. Several years ago, AMATS began organizing Bike-N-Brainstorm rides as an alternative way to receive feedback regarding on-road bike improvements in the Akron area. A Bike-N-Brainstorm event consists of a bike ride along a key corridor or area to experience what it is like to bike there, followed by a brainstorming session to discuss needs and potential improvements to encourage biking and improve safety. Akron partnered with AMATS to hold a Bike-N-Brainstorm event in the Middlebury neighborhood of Akron in September. A Hudson Bike-N-Brainstorm took place in May 2024. Both events were well attended and provided valuable feedback to their respective communities.

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None.

AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

FISCAL YEAR 2024 PROGRESS REPORT

PREPARED BY METRO RTA

WORK PROGRAM NO. 674.41 METRO RTA Operational Planning

674.41

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	METRO RTA	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:					\$825,000	\$825,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2024
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$825,000
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

Promised Products:

- 1. Monthly Performance Report for fixed route and demand response services
- 2. PTMS Data Submission
- 3. METRO's Annual Program of Projects Submission
- 4. Continue implementation of Reimagine METRO Transit Service Plan
- 5. Transit-Oriented Development Project Development
- Complete BRT Feasibility Study and enter into FTA CIG Project Development
- 7. National Transit Database Report
- 8. Assist in the development and implementation of the Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan
- 9. Continued implementation of performance measures in coordination with AMATS and ODOT per federal guidance
- 10. Implement Transit Asset Management Plan (ongoing)
- 11. Bus Stop Optimization Planning
- 12. Continued development of EZFare mobile ticketing platform

- METRO staff prepared twelve monthly performance reports for Board of Trustees agenda packages, including detailed operating statistics for both fixed routes and SCAT paratransit services. The reports can be found on METRO's website: <u>METRO RTA -</u> <u>Downloads, Forms, Facts (akronmetro.org)</u>
- 2. Any required data for the State of Ohio Public Transit Management System (PTMS) was submitted on time.
- 3. METRO's Annual Program of Projects was submitted on time.

WORK PROGRAM NO. 674.41 METRO RTA Operational Planning - continued

- 4. The fixed route changes associated with the Reimagine METRO Transit Service plan were implemented on June 4, 2023. METRO is now in the period of examination and reaction with the progress of Relmagine. More information can be found here: METRO RTA Downloads, Forms, Facts (akronmetro.org)
- 5. The Transit-Oriented Development Feasibility Study was completed in August 2022. Project development is still occurring and in its establishment stages.
- 6. The BRT Feasibility Study is complete with the next steps of FTA CIG Project Development.
- 7. The National Transit Database Report (NTD) was submitted to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on schedule.
- 8. The Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan was approved in January 2024. METRO is continuing to assist in the implementation of the Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan.
- 9. METRO continues to meet performance measures in coordination with AMATS and ODOT per federal guidance.
- 10. Implementation of the Transit Asset Management Plan is ongoing.
- 11. Bus Stop Optimization is currently ongoing.
- 12. The EZFare mobile ticketing platform is implemented and being expanded in the form of Ticket Vending Machines (TVM) being placed at transit centers.

None.

AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

FISCAL YEAR 2024 PROGRESS REPORT

PREPARED BY PARTA

WORK PROGRAM NO. 674.42 PARTA Planning Activities

674.42

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	PARTA	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:					\$65,000	\$65,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2024
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$65,000
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

- 1. Monthly and annual performance reporting (ongoing)
- 2. Transit operations planning technical memoranda (as required)
- 3. Blackcat Data Submission
- 4. National Transit Database Annual Report
- 5. Continued development and planning of recommendations contained in the Transit Development Plan (ongoing)
- 6. Develop and implement elements of the Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan (ongoing)
- 7. Further implementation of NEORIDE coordination effort with other northeast Ohio regional transit agencies (ongoing)
 - a. Continued development of the EZFare mobile ticketing platform utilizing Stored Value which will allow better utilization of the service by all passengers especially those who are considered unbanked
 - b. Continued promotion of the EZFare mobile ticketing platform as a safer and easier way to pay fare
- 8. Continued implementation of performance measures in coordination with AMATS and ODOT per federal guidance (ongoing)
- 9. Maintain and evaluate PARTA's Transit Asset Management Plan
- 10. Continue work with Portage County municipalities to increase transit amenities based on ridership, demographics, and safety. (ongoing)
- 11. Begin developing the new 10-year plan for PARTA
- 12. Continue analyzing, planning, and developing routes. (ongoing)
- 13. Continue NTD sampling. (every 3 years)

WORK PROGRAM NO. 674.42 PARTA Planning Activities – continued

- 1. Performance data is compiled and presented to the General Manager and the Board of Trustees monthly.
- 2. PARTA continued to have a transit operations planning technical memoranda when required.
- 3. Blackcat data is no longer collected by ODOT.
- 4. The NTD Annual Report was submitted prior to the April 30, 2024 deadline.
- 5. PARTA routes are consistently being reviewed for effectiveness. PARTA is constantly looking for opportunities to take steps to return to pre-COVID service levels and to implement service recommendations/requests. In October 2024, PARTA is planning to implement optimized schedules of their county fixed routes, increasing the frequency of several routes and separating others that had been reduced and combined during COVID.
- 6. The Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan was approved in January 2024 and PARTA will continue to look for opportunities to implement recommendations from the Plan.
- 7. PARTA attended regular NEORide board meetings.
 - a. Account-based ticketing has been implemented.
 - b. PARTA continued promoting EZFare on their website as well as on buses.
- 8. Continued implementation of performance measures in coordination with AMATS and ODOT per federal guidance.
- 9. PARTA continued to maintain and evaluate their Transit Asset Management Plan.
- 10. PARTA coordinated with the city of Kent and Franklin Township to design alternative transportation along SR 59 in Franklin Township between Horning Rd and SR 261. PARTA, Franklin Township, and the city of Kent established an agreement to fund the 10% local match funding, and construction is expected in 2027. Additionally, PARTA is continuing to work with Kent on the SR 59 project from Willow St to Horning Rd. and expect construction to begin in 2025.
- 11. PARTA has begun the process of selecting a consulting firm to develop a new 10-year Transit Development Plan, expecting a consultant to be identified by the end of calendar year 2024.
- 12. PARTA continued analyzing current routes for improvements, with updates to fixed routes planned for October 2024. Further planning and developing of routes will continue.
- 13. NTD sampling was completed December 2023.

Delay	/s/Problems	Encountered	/Corrective	Action
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None.			

WORK PROGRAM NO. 682.41 Local

682.41

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:					\$25,000	\$25,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2024
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$22,747
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	91%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

Promised Products:

- 1. Vehicle maintenance and repair
- 2. Travel and miscellaneous meeting/hospitality expenses (as needed)
- 3. AMATS marketing expenses (as needed)
- 4. AMATS Annual Meeting
- 5. The initial purchase of capital items (as needed)

Progress:

- 1. The staff continues to maintain two vehicles: one vehicle for staff and one vehicle for traffic counting and accompanying equipment.
- 2. Travel and miscellaneous meeting/hospitality expenses were charged as needed.
- 3. AMATS marketing expenses were charged as needed.
- 4. The staff held its Annual Meeting on October 6, 2023. Featured speakers included Michelle May, ODOT Highway Safety Program Manager and Dan Rice, President and CEO of Ohio and Erie Canalway Coalition.
- 5. No capital items were purchased.

<u>Delays/Problems Encountered/Corrective Action:</u>

None.

WORK PROGRAM NO. 697.31/41 – AMATS Transportation Newsletter / Annual Report

697.31 Carryover

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$3,200			\$400	\$400	\$4,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2024
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$3,972
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	99%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

697.31 was carried over for a 6-month period (July 1 – December 31, 2023).

697.41

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$61,173			\$7,647	\$7,646	\$76,466
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2024
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$29,276
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	38%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

- 1. July-December Newsletter
- 2. January-June Newsletter
- 3. Web Updates
- 4. 2023 AMATS Annual Report

Product	Scheduled Completion Date	Approval Date TAC	Approval Date Policy	Submitted to ODOT/FHWA
1.	December 2023	N/A	N/A	December 2023
2.	June 2024	N/A	N/A	May 2024
4.	April 2024	N/A	N/A	February 2024

WORK PROGRAM NO. <u>697.31/41 – AMATS Transportation Newsletter / Annual Report</u> - continued

Progress:

- 1. The July-December 2023 Newsletter was completed and has been posted on the AMATS website.
- 2. The January-June 2024 Newsletter was completed and has been posted on the AMATS website.
- 3. The AMATS website is updated monthly with notices, articles, technical studies, and meeting materials and minutes.
- 4. The 2023 AMATS Annual Report was completed and posted on the AMATS website ahead of schedule in February of 2024. Notable accomplishments during the previous calendar year include the development of the Village of Lakemore/Springfield Township Connecting Communities Planning Grant, the completion of the Safe Streets for All Action Plan, a successful Bike-N-Brainstorm in Akron, and the completion of a new Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY 2024-2027.

None