

# FY 2023 Year End Completion Report

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## Transportation Planning Work Program and Budget



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**AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY  
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**WORK PROGRAM NO. 601.21/31 - Short Range Transportation Planning**

601.21 Carryover

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$94,400			\$11,800	\$11,800	\$118,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2023
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$117,179
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	99%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

601.21 was carried over for a 6-month period (July 1 – December 31, 2022).

601.31

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$320,000			\$40,000	\$40,000	\$400,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2023
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$230,428
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	58%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

Promised Products

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

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- 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 (2019-2021) 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. Collect volume and speed data as part of the Speed Table Program

Product	Scheduled Completion Date	Approval Date TAC	Approval Date Policy	Submitted to ODOT/FHWA
9.	December 2022	December 8, 2022	December 15, 2022	December 2022

Progress:

- 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 2023-02 supports the statewide ODOT safety performance targets (approved in January 2023). See additional discussion under 602.21/31 TIP.
- 2. 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 2023. The staff continues to coordinate with ODOT and project sponsors on previous awards.
- 4. AMATS continues to assist METRO RTA, PARTA and the area's social service agencies in implementing elements of the Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan. The Coordinated Plan identifies current transportation

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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. AMATS, METRO RTA, PARTA, and ODOT have begun the process of updating the Coordinated Plan, completing plan outline research and development, surveys, and discussions. A draft Coordinated Plan was presented to a stakeholder committee in August. AMATS Policy Committee is expected to approve the final Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan in September 2023.

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 602.21/31 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.
7. Bike and Pedestrian Planning and Coordination were performed as needed. Coming out of the Covid-19 pandemic, AMATS staff is finding opportunities to participate and promote alternative modes of transportation once again. Work has begun on an update to the 2019 Active Transportation Plan. The Active Transportation Plan is a combination of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan and provided input into *Transportation Outlook 2045*, AMATS Regional Transportation Plan. The switching gears website ([switching-gears.org](http://switching-gears.org)) is maintained to promote alternatives to vehicle travel (see progress under 667.32).

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8. Freight Planning and Coordination were performed as needed. AMATS staff completed the 2020 Freight Plan, which was approved by the Policy Committee in September 2020.
9. The Traffic Crashes and Safety Performance Measures (2019-2021) Technical Memorandum was completed and presented to the TAC and Policy Committee in December 2022. 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 2023 (approved with a separate Policy Committee Resolution 2023-02 in January 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).

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13. AMATS staff conducted six Citizen Involvement Committee meetings. These meetings were held virtually, recorded, and added to AMATS website. As part of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Plan development, AMATS created a survey and collected over 300 responses for analysis, which is included in the final SS4A Plan. In addition, 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. In August of 2020, speed tables were placed in locations around Akron aimed at reducing speeding. In partnership with the city of Akron, AMATS collected volume and speed data for the Speed Table Program and created a webpage on the AMATS website for the public to comment on the program. After a successful pilot program in 2020, the City of Akron purchased additional speed tables and AMATS continued to collect data and perform analysis. The program continued into 2021, 2022, and 2023, with speed table locations being recommended by the public.

Delays/Problems Encountered/Corrective Action:

None.

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**WORK PROGRAM NO. 602.21/31 Transportation Improvement Program**

602.21 Carryover

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$15,200			\$1,900	\$1,900	\$19,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2023
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$18,925
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

602.21 was carried over for a 6-month period (July 1 – December 31, 2022).

602.31

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$204,000			\$25,500	\$25,500	\$255,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2023
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$254,430
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

**Promised Products:**

1. Maintain the FY 2021-2024 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. Develop and Approve the FY 2024-2027 TIP
3. Manage STBG and TASA allocations (continuous)
4. Attend Project Scoping meetings (as needed)
5. Project Status Review Meetings (quarterly at a minimum)
6. Assist ODOT with Annual Project Lock-Down Schedule
7. Manage FTA Section 5307, 5310 and 5339 apportionments (continuous)

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8. Participate in the Statewide CMAQ Discretionary Program
9. Maintain performance measures as part of the TIP process consistent with current federal guidance

Product	Scheduled Completion Date	Approval Date TAC	Approval Date Policy	Submitted to ODOT/FHWA
1b.	September 2022	N/A	N/A	September 2022
2.	May 2023	May 11, 2023	May 18, 2023	May 2023

Progress:

1. The FY 2021-2024 TIP was completed in May 2020, and is maintained, as amended, on the AMATS website, in a searchable format.
  - a. Amendments to the FY 2021-2024 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 #20) deletes the Seiberling Way Phase 1 project, crediting back to AMATS \$4,118,290 in STBG funds. This amendment also revises funding for the East Exchange St Project, documenting the increase the City of Akron will absorb. (August 2022; Resolution #2022-15)
    - ii. This amendment to the TIP (amendment #21) adds newly awarded Ohio Transit Partnership Program (OTP2) funding to the program of projects for both METRO RTA and PARTA. METRO received \$1,587,200 while PARTA received \$324,000. Additionally, METRO received \$616,000 from Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Low or No Emission Vehicle Program (Section 5339c) while PARTA received \$1,514,888 from FTA Bus and Bus Facilities Program (Section 5339b). (September 2022; Resolution #2022-17)
    - iii. This amendment to the TIP (amendment #22) adds nine resurfacing projects to take advantage of funds that became available after the Seiberling Way Phase 1 project was canceled. This amendment also combines two Ravenna resurfacing projects into one Project Identification Number (PID) and combines three Barberton projects into one PID. (September 2022; Resolution #2022-18)
    - iv. This amendment to the TIP (amendment #23) adds three new projects in FY 2023, six new projects in FY 2024, combines two Summit County Engineer projects that are adjacent to each other into one and combines two Barberton projects that are adjacent to each other into one. (December 2022; Resolution #2022-20)



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- v. This amendment to the TIP (amendment #24) awards \$602,733 in Elderly and Disabled Program funds for handicap-accessible buses and associated equipment for United Disability Services, Family & Community Services, and PARTA. The approved projects will be programmed into FY 2023. (December 2022; Resolution 2022-21)
  - vi. This amendment to the TIP (amendment #25) revises funding for a project on SR 21 in Wayne County. The federal funding is increasing from \$23.9 million to \$29.7 million, and the state portion is increasing from \$5.6 million to \$6.9 million. AMATS has no direct funding in this project. (January 2023; Resolution 2023-01)
  - b. The Annual Listing of Obligated Projects in the current TIP was completed in September 2022 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 2022). The complete TIP, as amended, is maintained on the AMATS website.
2. The publication of the new FY 2024-2027 TIP was completed in May 2023, on schedule. The complete TIP listing as amended is maintained on the AMATS website, in a searchable format.
  3. 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.
  4. 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.
  5. Project Status Review Meetings were held virtually in August and November of 2022, and March and May of 2023. The status of projects funded by AMATS was discussed at these meetings, as well as important milestone dates. The staff 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).
  6. The Project Lock-Down Schedule was completed in November 2022 as planned, as part of the Project Status Review Meeting process. The Lock-Down Schedule was finalized by ODOT Central Office in December 2022.
  7. 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 2023 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

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amended on several occasions (See TIP amendments under item #1a. above). In February 2022, ODOT posted an announcement that it would be accepting applications to award funding under FTA’s Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (Specialized Transportation Program – Section 5310). ODOT received four applications for funding in March 2022. AMATS Policy Committee approved Resolution 2022-12 in June 2022, approving \$556,823 in federal funding for FY 2023. ODOT then provided additional funds for the program, rewarding those projects in August 2022. AMATS Policy Committee approved Resolution 2022-21 in December 2022, approving \$602,733 for FY 2023. The staff coordinates with ODOT Office of Transit on TIP amendments and administrative modifications of existing projects.

8. The staff coordinated with the other Ohio MPOs on the statewide CMAQ discretionary program. The AMATS staff is currently overseeing seven projects for the state CMAQ committee using \$12.6 million dollars in federal funds. See AMATS Policy Resolution 2021-16 (approved December 2021). Another round of CMAQ funding became available in June 2023, with approval of projects expected in early FY 2024.
9. 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 2023-02, approved in January 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 2021. The Funding Policy Guidelines will be updated in FY 2024 to include additional performance-based planning.

Delays/Problems Encountered/Corrective Action:

None.

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**WORK PROGRAM NO. 605.31 Transportation System Update**

605.31

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$160,000			\$20,000	\$20,000	\$200,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2023
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$139,058
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	70%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

**Promised Products:**

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)
  - b. Count bicycle and pedestrian movement
4. Continue the Pavement Condition Data Collection and Analysis Program

**Progress:**

1. 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 were brought back to the office in July of 2021, after the COVID-19 pandemic. Initially, AMATS did not have a dedicated staff person to complete traffic counts until July 2022.

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- a. Current traffic counts are being maintained on the AMATS website in an interactive map that was developed with the help of Summit County GIS in 2019.
- b. The number of traffic counts completed by the staff since the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1 (through June 30): 404.
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 2023.
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. In January 2022, AMATS entered into another contract with PMG, with the consultant analyzing half of the centerline miles each year. The Pavement Condition Data Collection and Analysis Program is extremely helpful to the AMATS communities, identifying locations where pavement conditions are in need of repair, and aiding in the submission of applications for funding.

**Delays/Problems Encountered/Corrective Action:**

None.

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**WORK PROGRAM NO. 610.21/31 Transportation Plan Update**

610.21 Carryover

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$94,400			\$11,800	\$11,800	\$118,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2023
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$115,838
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	98%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

610.21 was carried over for a 6-month period (July 1-December 31, 2022).

610.31

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$248,000			\$31,000	\$31,000	\$310,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2023
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$93,535
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	30%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

**Promised Products:**

1. Maintain the new Regional Transportation Plan: *Transportation Outlook 2045*, ensuring it aligns with *AccessOhio 2045*, Ohio’s new Statewide Transportation Plan
  - a. Periodic amendments (as needed)
2. Maintain the travel demand model (as needed)
3. Maintain the Congestion Management Process (CMP)
  - a. Annual CMP Status Report
4. Integrate performance measures as part of the Regional Transportation Plan update process consistent with federal legislation and guidance
5. 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

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involvement, clarifying the requirements when multiple MPOs cover the same urbanized area or when designating MPO officials or representatives

Progress:

1. 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 2023.
  - a. There were no plan amendments during the last fiscal year.
2. The AMATS staff continues to maintain its travel demand model in coordination with ODOT Statewide Planning & Research.
3. The Congestion Management Process (CMP) Report was updated and approved in December 2020. The recommendations from the CMP were considered for inclusion in *Transportation Outlook 2045*, the Regional Transportation Plan. The staff continues to maintain the Congestion 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 2024.
  - a. New in FY 2022 was the addition of an Annual Congestion Report. This report is updated annually and aids in developing the CMP every four years, assessing congestion and the public needs related to congestion. The first Annual Congestion Report was completed and approved in May 2022. The FY 2023 Annual Congestion Report was delayed due to the late release of Streetlight data. Staff is expected to begin work on the FY 2024 Annual Congestion Report by the end of 2023.
4. 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.

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5. AMATS staff continued to maintain all data files for the use of local communities and is available to assist local officials at any time. AMATS has utilized both Zoom and Microsoft Teams for virtual meetings, and online survey tools to gather public opinion. AMATS website, amatsplanning.org, and social media accounts on both Facebook and Twitter continued to be useful tools for communicating to the public.

Delays/Problems Encountered/Corrective Action:

- 3a. The Annual CMP Status Report was delayed due to the late release of Streetlight Data. Work will begin in late 2023 on the Annual CMP Status Report.

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**WORK PROGRAM NO. 625.21/31 Service**

625.21 – Carryover

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$130,400			\$16,300	\$16,300	\$163,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2023
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$163,321
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

625.21 was carried over for a 6-month period (July 1 – December 31, 2022).

625.31

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$328,000			\$41,000	\$41,000	\$410,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2023
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$294,290
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	72%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

Promised Products:

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. Initiate update of metropolitan planning agreements in coordination with ODOT and local agencies regarding the development of performance measures
9. Maintain AMATS website (on-going)
10. AMATS Connecting Communities Planning Grant: Corridor Study in Prospective Community
  - a. Begin selection process for AMATS Connecting Communities Planning Grant program
11. Continue to develop transportation related podcasts for AMATS members and members of the public
12. Redesign of the AMATS website
13. Assist local communities with applications to secure grants through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

**Progress:**

1. 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 travel demand analyses in FY 2023, AMATS staff is committed to assisting at any time. Burgess & Niple has been hired to complete the Planning Data Forecast and would be available for these analyses as well (see 665.31).
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 17 Air Quality Advisories during FY 2023, with several days of ground-level ozone exceedance events that NOACA recorded.
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 2023.

**WORK PROGRAM NO. 625.21/31 Service – continued**

8. The update of Metropolitan Planning agreements is ongoing. The agreements with communities include those of cooperation and Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) for regional transportation planning and programming with most of the incorporated municipalities within AMATS planning area. According to the [2020 Transportation Planning Prospectus](#), approved in December 2020, there are three communities in the AMATS area without a secured agreement. The staff has updated transportation planning agreements to reflect the sharing of performance data and the selection of performance targets.
9. 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 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 is expected sometime in FY 2024.
10. AMATS staff made applications available for the sixth round of funding for the Planning Grant Program in September 2022. Policy Committee awarded one \$52,000 grant to the Village of Lakemore and Springfield Township for the Living in Lakemore/Spartan Trail Extension study. The study will identify potential pedestrian and bicycle improvements for the students in the community, as well as find better connections between the trails and community amenities. A consultant was chosen in April 2023 and began working on the study in the summer of 2023.
11. AMATS has seen a reduction in the number of employees on staff during FY 2023, 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. Progress on Transportation Talk podcasts is expected in FY 2024.
12. In February, AMATS requested proposals from interested firms for the redesign and redevelopment of the AMATS website. By April, a consultant was chosen and contract negotiations began. A new website is expected sometime in FY 2024.
13. AMATS staff assisted communities in the preparation of Safe Streets for All (SS4A) implementation grant applications. Additionally, staff participated in discussions regarding Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG), although no applications were made to this program.

Delays/Problems Encountered/Corrective Action:

None

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**WORK PROGRAM NO. 665.31 Planning Data Forecast**

665.31

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$80,000			\$10,000	\$10,000	\$100,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2023
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$84,130
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	84%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

**Promised Products:**

1. Planning Data Forecast

**Progress:**

1. Through ODOT’s Open End agreement, Burgess & Niple has been hired to complete the Planning Data Forecast. The consultant is 98% complete on the dataset they are working with. The project is scheduled to be completed by January 2024.

**Delays/Problems Encountered/Corrective Action:**

None

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**WORK PROGRAM NO. 667.21/31 Gohio Commute Program**

667.21 - (PID #111431) Carryover

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA/CMAQ	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:		\$38,600				\$38,600
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2023
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$38,530
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

667.21 was carried over for a 6-month period (July 1 – December 31, 2022).

667.31 (PID #111432)

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

Progress:	FY 2023
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$42,405
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	53%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

**Promised Products:**

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

**WORK PROGRAM NO. 667.21/31 Gohio Commute Program - continued**

Progress:

1. There are currently 2,749 members registered in the AMATS database of Gohio Commute, the statewide website that replaced OhioRideshare in May 2017.
2. Gohio Commute was promoted at a number of public meetings in coordination with other agencies.
3. Received and distributed the 2023 Gohio Commute calendars in November 2022.
4. Continued the maintenance of the Gohio Commute website. The staff continued to communicate with the consultant to ensure that the website is operating smoothly.
5. The staff once again advertised the Gohio Commute Program in the Greater Akron Chamber's Relocation Guide and through links on other websites.
6. The staff is continuing to assist Gohio Commute participants with website entry as needed.
7. The staff continues to provide carpool services for Wayne, Stark and Tuscarawas Counties.

Delays/Problems Encountered/Corrective Action:

None

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**WORK PROGRAM NO. 667.32 Air Quality Advocacy Program**

667.32 (PID #111428)

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

Progress:	FY 2023
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$6,449
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	6%
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
5. Continue the Signal Timing Optimization Program (STOP)

**Progress:**

1. The AMATS-produced Bike User Maps continued to be requested and distributed to promote exploring and biking in the Greater Akron area. Additionally, staff participated in events hosted by Summit Metro Parks, City of Akron Parks and Recreation, and Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition.
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 and updates it regularly.
  - 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. 667.32 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. During the planning process for AMATS Safe Streets 4 All action plan, staff met with schools to discuss bicycle and pedestrian safety for students. 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. Due to a staff shortage, AMATS did not hold any Bike-N-Brainstorm events in FY 2023. The City of Akron and AMATS began discussions regarding an event to be held in June 2023, but decided to postpone the event until September 2023.
5. Due to passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), AMATS reevaluated which programs would move forward based on the goals and objectives outlined in the BIL. The Signal Timing Optimization Program (STOP) was paused during FY 2022. In FY 2023, AMATS decided instead to move forward with a Signal Inventory Program, collecting the traffic signal inventory for the AMATS region. A consultant is expected to begin collecting inventory data in early 2024.

Delays/Problems Encountered/Corrective Action:

None.

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**PREPARED BY METRO RTA**

**WORK PROGRAM NO. 674.31 METRO RTA Operational Planning**

674.31

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

Progress:	FY 2023
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. Implement Reimagine METRO Transit Service Plan
5. Transit-Oriented Development Feasibility Study and Pursue Project Funding
6. BRT Feasibility Study
7. National Transit Database Report
8. Assist in the implementation of the Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan
9. Freight Rail Master Plan Implementation
10. Continued implementation of performance measures in coordination with AMATS and ODOT per federal guidance
11. Implement Transit Asset Management Plan (ongoing)

**Progress:**

1. 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: [METRO RTA - Downloads, Forms, Facts \(akronmetro.org\)](https://www.akronmetro.org/Downloads,Forms,Facts)
2. Any required data for the State of Ohio Public Transit Management System (PTMS) was submitted by February 2023.
3. METRO's Annual Program of Projects was submitted in March 2023.



**WORK PROGRAM NO. 674.31 METRO RTA Operational Planning - continued**

4. The fixed route changes associated with the Reimagine METRO Transit Service plan were implemented on June 4, 2023. 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 and identified three project sites for future development. METRO has been working with project partners to identify funding and bring these projects to fruition.
6. The BRT Feasibility Study is underway with anticipated completion in December 2023. A stakeholder committee was developed and has worked to identify the top five corridors for potential BRT service. By project completion, a preferred alternative will be identified, including preliminary cost estimates.
7. The National Transit Database Report (NTD) was submitted to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on schedule in April 2023 with revisions complete and final approval received in July 2023.
8. METRO pursued funding through the Section 5310 program to meet the recommendations identified in the Coordinated Plan. In June 2023, METRO, PARTA, and AMATS began collaborating on the update to the Plan, with anticipated completion in September 2023.
9. METRO continues to own and maintain, as appropriate, three rail lines. The Sandyville line is served by two freight operators serving customers along the line.
10. METRO continues to meet performance measures in coordination with AMATS and ODOT per federal guidance.
11. Implementation of the Transit Asset Management Plan is ongoing with both vehicle replacements and facility investments. The most pressing facility investment (a new Maintenance and Operations facility) has received federal funding through the Bus and Bus Facilities program and groundbreaking for construction is anticipated in September 2023.

Delays/Problems Encountered/Corrective Action:

None.

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**PREPARED BY PARTA**

**WORK PROGRAM NO. 674.32 PARTA Planning Activities**

674.32

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

Progress:	FY 2023
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$65,000
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

**Promised Products:**

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. 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. Complete the 4-year update to the Transit Asset Management Plan (ongoing)
10. Finalize work associated with the award of the 2020 Connecting Communities grant with Franklin Township to study alternative transportation improvements along SR 59 in Franklin Township between Horning Rd./Kent city limits and SR 261
11. Continue work with Portage County municipalities to increase transit amenities based on ridership, demographics, and safety. (ongoing)

**WORK PROGRAM NO. 674.32 PARTA Planning Activities – continued**

12. Begin developing the new 10-year plan for PARTA
13. Continue analyzing, planning, and developing routes. (ongoing)

Progress:

1. Performance data is compiled and presented to the General Manager and the Board of Trustees monthly.
2. PARTA continued to have a transit operation planning technical memoranda when required.
3. Blackcat data was submitted 4/5/2023.
4. PARTA continued to input information into the National Transit Database Annual Report. The NTD Annual Report was submitted prior to the April 30, 2023 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. PARTA brought back a Kent State Campus route and the Cleveland Express route in August 2022, both of which had been suspended due to COVID. PARTA implemented a new Downtown Kent route in August 2022.
6. PARTA continued contributions to the Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan, conducting training and outreach through their training department. PARTA and METRO RTA began working with AMATS to update the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (scheduled to be approved September 2023) and will work to implement elements from the recommendations.
7. PARTA continues to attend regular NEORide board meetings and participate in projects that will benefit the ridership of PARTA.
  - a. Account-based ticketing became live in July 2023.
  - 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 implement their Transit Asset Management Plan (done annually) and continued monitoring of all assets. The four-year update to the TAM Plan was completed.
10. Completed the AMATS Connecting Communities Planning Grant to study alternative transportation along SR 59 in Franklin Township between Horning Rd/Kent city limits and SR 261. ODOT awarded \$666,000 Safety Project funding to the city of Kent for project design in FY 2024-2025. PARTA, Franklin Township, and the city of Kent established an agreement to fund the 10% local match funding.
11. No shelters were placed during FY 2023, however, upcoming projects have new shelters included in the plans. PARTA launched new transit software and are evaluating ridership at stops and census data to find the best locations for shelter placement.

**WORK PROGRAM NO. 674.32 PARTA Planning Activities – continued**

12. PARTA will evaluate the TDP RFP issued by ODOT when a vendor list is released, prior to conducting its own RFP. Updating the TDP is a primary objective for FY 2024.
13. PARTA is continuing to analyze current routes for improvements with updates to at least 1 campus route to take place in the fall of 2023. A new route was added in downtown Kent and two other routes were brought back after being previously suspended in the fall of 2022. Further planning and development of routes will continue.

Delays/Problems Encountered/Corrective Action:

None.

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**WORK PROGRAM NO. 682.31 Local**

682.31

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

Progress:	FY 2023
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$41,945
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	168%
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 (a van) 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 7, 2022, the first since October 2019. Featured speakers included Gery Noirot from ODOT District 4 and Ferzan Ahmed from the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission.
5. The purchase of a new vehicle for staff use was conducted through the City of Akron's Purchasing Department.

Delays/Problems Encountered/Corrective Action:

None.

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

697.31

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$41,792			\$5,224	\$5,224	\$52,240
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2023
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$15,989
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	31%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

**Promised Products:**

1. July-December Newsletter
2. January-June Newsletter
3. Web Updates
4. 2022 AMATS Annual Report

Product	Scheduled Completion Date	Approval Date TAC	Approval Date Policy	Submitted to ODOT/FHWA
1.	December 2022	N/A	N/A	November 2022
2.	June 2023	N/A	N/A	June 2023
4.	June 2023	N/A	N/A	January 2023

**Progress:**

1. The July-December 2022 Newsletter was completed and has been posted on the AMATS website.
2. The January-June 2023 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.

**WORK PROGRAM NO. 697.31 – AMATS Transportation Newsletter / Annual Report -  
continued**

4. The 2022 AMATS Annual Report was completed and posted on the AMATS website ahead of schedule in January of 2023. Notable accomplishments during the previous calendar year include the completion of two Connecting Communities Planning Grants, the selection of a new Planning Grant recipient, and approval of funding for 37 projects in the AMATS region.

Delays/Problems Encountered/Corrective Action:

None