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January 15, 2026

Ms. Ann Marie Anway
Tennessee Department of Transportation
Suite 900, James K. Polk Building
505 Deaderick Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0334

Dear Ms. Anway:

The Johnson City MTPO is modifying the Federal Fiscal Years 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The MTPO staff is hiring a consultant to perform the update to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, along with completing a Safety Plan for the region. The proposed cost of the plan was \$11,500 higher than initially budgeted. We are moving money from three other tasks into Task IV – Long Range Planning to accommodate the extra funds needed to cover the cost of the plan update.

The UPWP has been modified as follows:

- Task I – Program Administration – This task is reduced by a total of \$5,700;
- Task II – Data Collection – This task is reduced by a total of \$800;
- Task IV – Long Range Planning – This task is increased by a total of \$11,500;
- Task VI – Special Studies – This task is reduced by a total of \$5,000.

We have enclosed the old and modified pages. Changes to the modified pages are highlighted. The modified UPWP document has been placed on our website at <https://jcmopo.org/upwp.html>.

If you have any other questions or need additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Mary Butler
Senior Planner

Enclosure

End Products (Schedule) – FY 2027

End Product	By Whom	When
Prepare for and host Executive Board and Executive Staff meetings	Johnson City MTPO Staff	As needed Oct 1, 2026 – Sept 30, 2027
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Quarterly Invoices and Progress Reports	Johnson City MTPO Staff; TDOT Staff	Oct 2026, Jan 2027, Apr 2027, July 2027
Submit FFY 2026 annual report of performance and expenditures to TDOT	Johnson City MTPO Staff; TDOT Staff	By Nov 2026
Develop two-year FY 2028-2029 UPWP for review	Johnson City MTPO Staff; TDOT Staff; FHWA/FTA Staff	By April 2027
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Planning Factors Considered: This task considers seven of the ten Federal Planning Factors, as shown in **Table 2** on page 13 while conducting administrative activities, and noted with individual activities, which are Economic Vitality, System Safety, System Security, Integration and Connectivity, System Management and Operations, System Resiliency, and Travel and Tourism.

Budget and Funding Source

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\$307,400.00	\$19,5215.00	\$57,645.00	\$384,300.00

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Update performance targets for PM2 and PM3 in support of TDOT's 4-year targets.	Johnson City MTPO Staff; TDOT Staff	By June 2027
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Budget and Funding Source

Task II – Data Collection, Maintenance and Analysis – FY 2026 and FY 2027			
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\$51,760.00	\$3,235.00	\$9,705.00	\$64,700.00

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CPG Federal Funds	TDOT Match	Local Match	Task II Total
\$51,120.00	\$3,195.00	\$9,585.00	\$63,900.00

Planning Factors Considered: All ten Federal Planning Factors are considered when making any updates to the MTP, and noted with individual activities, which are Economic Vitality, System Safety, System Security, Accessibility and Mobility, Enhance Environment, Integration and Connectivity, System Management and Operations, System Preservation, System Resiliency, and Travel and Tourism.

Budget and Funding Source

Task IV – Long Range Planning – FY 2026 and FY 2027			
CPG Federal Funds*	TDOT Match	Local Match	Task IV Total
\$338,000.00	\$10,500.00	\$31,500.00	\$380,000.00

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\$347,200.00	\$11,075.00	\$33,225.00	\$391,500.00

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Task VI – Special Studies

Responsible Agency: Johnson City MTPO, in partnership with Johnson City, Washington County, and/or TDOT

Purpose: To program funds to provide transportation planning assistance for special studies within the Metropolitan Planning Area, including, but not limited to, corridor studies and sub-area studies.

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- Contracted with a consultant to conduct the State Route 75 Corridor Study in January 2025;
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Activities for FY 2026 – 2027

Subtask 1: Growth Corridor Study – State Route 75 from I-26 to Hugh Cox Road, including adjacent roads and traffic generators.

- This study will be finalized in late Fall 2025; and
- Present the study to the Executive Board in late Fall 2025 to complete the project.

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Budget and Funding Source

Task VI – Special Studies – FY 2026			
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\$16,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$20,000.00

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Task VI – Special Studies – FY 2026			
CPG Federal Funds	TDOT Match	Local Match	Johnson City MTPO Total
\$12,000.00	\$750.00	\$2,250.00	\$15,000.00

Budget Summary – Funding Sources

Table 5
Funding Sources- Johnson City Urbanized Area
Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027

TASK	CONSOLIDATED PLANNING GRANT ¹			TOTAL
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IV. Long Range Planning	\$338,000.00	\$10,500.00	\$31,500.00	\$380,000.00
V. Multimodal Planning	\$56,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$10,500.00	\$70,000.00
VI. Special Studies	\$16,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$20,000.00
TOTAL	\$805,760.00	\$39,735.00	\$119,205.00	\$964,700.00

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Budget Summary – Agency Participation

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Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027

TASK		TDOT	MPO	TOTAL
I.	Program Administration	\$19,500.00	\$370,500.00	\$390,000.00
II.	Data Collection	\$3,235.00	\$61,465.00	\$64,700.00
III.	Short Range Planning	\$2,000.00	\$38,000.00	\$40,000.00
IV.	Long Range Planning	\$10,500.00	\$369,500.00	\$380,000.00
V.	Multimodal Planning	\$3,500.00	\$66,500.00	\$70,000.00
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VI. Special Studies	\$750.00	\$14,250.00	\$15,000.00
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