

# FY 2020 DRAFT Year End Completion Report

July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

## Transportation Planning Work Program and Budget



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# AMATS

Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study

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**AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY**  
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**WORK PROGRAM NO. 601.91/01 - Short Range Transportation Planning**

**601.91 Carryover**

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$116,800			\$14,600	\$14,600	\$146,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2020
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$146,723
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

601.91 was carried over for a 6-month period (July 1 – December 31, 2019).

**601.01**

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

Progress:	FY 2020
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$385,243
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	96%
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 FAST Act
- 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
- 9. Maintain the Regional ITS Architecture
- 10. High Crash Locations and Safety Performance (2014-2018) Technical Memorandum (December 2019)
- 11. Assistance with safety studies (as needed)
- 12. Land Use Transportation Coordination (as needed)
- 13. Maintain transportation performance measures data in accordance with federal guidance
- 14. Contribute \$50,000 of Consolidated Planning Grant funds to the SFY 2020 ODOT StreetLight contract via ODOT PID 110347
  - a. Obtain access to and utilize StreetLight data for planning and project evaluation

Product	Scheduled Completion Date	Approval Date TAC	Approval Date Policy	Submitted to ODOT/FHWA
10.	December 2019	December 12, 2019	December 19, 2019	December 2019

### **Progress:**

- 1. The ODOT Highway Safety Program provides funds to ODOT Districts and local governments for highway safety improvement projects designed to alleviate an unsafe or a potentially hazardous situation. There are two application cycles per year for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding category. Applications are due April 30 and September 30. Applications for the AMATS area are submitted through ODOT District 4 and signed off by the District Safety Review Team, in which AMATS participates. Following the September 30 application round, funds were awarded through the HSP to a number of projects in the AMATS area. See progress under 602.91/01 TIP.  
The AMATS staff continues to attend regular meetings of the District 4 Safety Review Committee. AMATS Policy Resolution 2018-17 supports the statewide ODOT safety performance targets (approved in September 2018). See additional discussion under 602.91/01 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.

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3. Two project applications for the Major New Construction Program were submitted to the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC). One of the projects was selected and will provide \$65 million for the widening of I-77 between Arlington Road and the I-277/US 224 interchange. The staff continues to coordinate with ODOT and project sponsors.
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 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. The most recent Coordinated Plan was approved by the Policy Committee in May 2018 (Resolution 2018-11). The area's Project Management Plan (PMP) was updated and approved as part of this process.
5. Coordination was performed as needed.
6. 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, the staff continues to attend METRO RTA and PARTA Board meetings and meet regularly with the planning staffs of both agencies, review relevant documents and comment when necessary. 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 has been assisting 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.
  - b. AMATS' Policy Committee approved a resolution supporting ODOT's statewide goals for a number of performance measures in September 2018 (Resolution 2018-17).
7. Bike and Pedestrian Planning and Coordination were performed as needed. AMATS' Policy Committee approved the 2019 Active Transportation Plan in December 2019. The Active Transportation Plan is a combination of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan and will provide input to the next Long Range Plan. The switching gears website ([switching-gears.org](http://switching-gears.org)) is maintained to promote alternatives to vehicle travel (see progress under 667.92/02).

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8. Freight Planning and Coordination were performed as needed. AMATS staff has begun working on an update to the Freight Plan and expect to request Policy Committee approval in September 2020.
9. The staff continues to maintain the region's ITS Architecture in coordination with ODOT, updating information as it becomes available.
10. The Traffic Crashes and Safety Performance Measures (2016-2018) Technical Memorandum was completed and presented to the TAC and Policy Committee in December 2019. 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. 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 (approved with a separate Policy Committee Resolution 2018-17 in September 2018).
11. 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.
12. 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).
13. 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. Congestion, system reliability and freight movement are tracked through the NPMRDS/RITIS (National Performance Management Research database). Environmental data is maintained in coordination with ODOT and NOACA (the MPO for the Cleveland metropolitan area). And 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

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discussion of performance measures can be found in Appendix H of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2021-2024.

14. AMATS contributed \$50,000 of Consolidated Planning Grant funds to the SFY 2020 ODOT StreetLight contract via ODOT PID 110347
  - a. Streetlight provides important data by recording the movement of GPS devices and converting it to the movement of traffic, bikes, and pedestrians. This data can be used for several valuable purposes related to transportation planning. AMATS has used Streetlight for origin-destination analysis, turning movements, congestion, movement of freight, and various other traffic diagnostics. Many of the analysis that Streetlight provides would be very time consuming and costly if done conventionally.

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

None

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**WORK PROGRAM NO. 602.91/01 Transportation Improvement Program**

602.91 Carryover

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$55,240			\$6,905	\$6,905	\$69,050
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2020
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$68,407
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	99%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

602.91 was carried over for a 6-month period (July 1 – December 31, 2019).

602.01

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$210,000			\$26,250	\$26,250	\$262,500
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2020
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$176,342
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	67%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

Promised Products:

1. Maintain the FY 2018-2021 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 (September 2019)
2. Develop and Approve the FY 2021-2024 TIP (May 2020)
3. Manage STBG and TASA allocations (continuous)
  - a. Solicit applications for New Projects using STBG and TASA Funding (September 2019)
  - b. Approve New Projects using STBG and TASA Funding (January 2020)
4. Attend Project Scoping meetings (as needed)

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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)
8. Participate in the Statewide CMAQ Discretionary Program
9. Integrate 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 2019	N/A	N/A	September 2019
2.	May 2020	May 6, 2020	May 14, 2020	May 2020

Progress:

1. The FY 2020-2023 TIP was postponed by ODOT. The publication of the new FY 2021-2024 TIP was completed in May 2020. The complete TIP listing as amended is maintained on the AMATS website, in a searchable format.
  - a. Amendments to the FY 2018-2021 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 #21) adds two new projects (Aurora Citywide Signals, Ravenna Road Bridge) and revises two existing projects. Construction for both new projects is scheduled in FY 2021. (September 2019; Resolution #2019-12)
    - ii. This amendment to the TIP (amendment #22) adds nine new projects for METRO for an additional \$3,327,100 in FTA Section 5307 funds and three new projects for PARTA for an additional \$195,567 in FTA Section 5339 funds. (September 2019; Resolution #2019-13)
    - iii. This amendment to the TIP (amendment #23) adds three new resurfacing projects (South Hawkins Ave, Waterloo Rd Phase 1 (Glenmount to Kelly) and Waterloo Rd Phase 1 (Manchester to Glenmount)) for a total of \$1,801,343 of STBG funds. (December 2019; Resolution #2019-20)
    - iv. This amendment to the TIP (amendment #24) adds ODOT awarded funding for both METRO and PARTA to revise several projects. METRO and PARTA received OTP2, UTP, and E&D funds from ODOT. OTP2 and UTP funds are used for maintenance of capital assets while E&D funds are used for passenger fare assistance. (December 2019; Resolution #2019-21)

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- v. This amendment to the TIP (amendment #25) adds an additional \$100,000 of TASA funds to an existing project. The City of Stow will use the funds for the SR 91 sidewalks project. (December 2019; Resolution #2019-23)
  - vi. This amendment to the TIP (amendment #26) adds a new resurfacing project on the border of the City of New Franklin and the City of Green. South Main Street (CR 50) Resurfacing moved from FY 2022 to FY 2021. (January 2020; Resolution 2020-01)
  - vii. This amendment to the TIP (amendment #27) adds a new complete streets project in the City of Kent. CMAQ, STBG, and HSIP funding has been awarded to the project. (January 2020; Resolution 2020-02)
  - viii. This amendment to the TIP (amendment #28) adds DERG funds in FY 2020 for PARTA to maintain its bus fleet. Additional funding for the maintenance of METRO and PARTA's capital assets is also included. (March 2020; Resolution 2020-03)
  - ix. This amendment to the TIP (amendment #29) adds four new projects (East Ave in Tallmadge; S. Van Buren Ave and W. Waterloo Rd in Barberton; and two widening projects on I-77 using federal and state funds). (March 2020; Resolution 2020-04)
  - b. The Annual Listing of Obligated Projects in the current TIP was completed in September 2019, 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 2019). The complete TIP, as amended, is maintained on the AMATS website
2. The publication of the new FY 2021-2024 TIP was completed in May 2020, 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.
    - a. The staff solicited applications for new projects using STBG, TASA, CMAQ and Resurfacing funding in July 2019. Projects and scoring were reviewed by the TAC TIP Subcommittee, with final approval by the Policy Committee in December 2019.
    - b. The AMATS Policy Committee approved projects using MPO-attributable STBG, TASA and Resurfacing funds in December 2019. Three projects using \$9.7 million in Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds; three projects using \$1.9 million in Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) funds; and 18 resurfacing projects using \$7.8 million in federal funds were awarded. Additionally, eight projects using \$12.6 million in the statewide CMAQ Funding Program were approved.

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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 on July 23 and December 6, 2019 and March 13 and June 5, 2020. 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 FY 2021 Project Lock-Down Schedule was completed in December 2019 as planned, as part of the project review meeting process. The Lock-Down Schedule was finalized by ODOT Central Office in January 2020.
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 2020 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). AMATS announced the biennial round of funding for the FTA section 5310 Enhanced Mobility Program for the elderly and disabled in June 2020. The staff will assist project sponsors with applications, which are anticipated in July 2020, with final approval by the AMATS Policy Committee scheduled for September 2020. Two years' worth of federal funds, over \$1 million, will be awarded in FY 2021.
8. The staff coordinated with the other Ohio MPOs on the statewide CMAQ discretionary program. The program began a new round of funding with project applications due in July 2019, and final selections in December 2019. The AMATS staff is currently overseeing eight projects for the state CMAQ committee using \$12.6 million dollars in federal funds. See AMATS Policy Resolution 2019-15 (approved December 2019).
9. Appendix H of the AMATS FY 2021-2024 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 1% 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 2018-17, approved in September 2018.  
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 June 2019. The Funding Policy Guidelines will continue to be modified periodically to include additional performance based planning.

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AMATS Policy Committee also approved of the AMATS CMAQ Performance Plan in September 2018. AMATS is located in part of the Cleveland urbanized area (UZA). Consequently, ODOT, NOACA, and AMATS coordinated the setting of targets for the Cleveland area.

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

None

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**WORK PROGRAM NO. 605.91/01 Transportation System Update**

605.91 Carryover

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$51,040			\$6,380	\$6,380	\$63,800
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2020
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$63,281
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	99%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

605.91 was carried over for a 6-month period (July 1 – December 31, 2019).

605.01

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$144,000			\$18,000	\$18,000	\$180,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2020
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$172,303
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	96%
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 FAST Act
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

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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. Traffic Count Trends Report (July 2019)
5. Develop a 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. Completed all planned traffic counts for the 2020 counting season.
  - 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): 189 segment counts and one intersection count.
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.
  - a. One location was chosen for bicycle and pedestrian counts in February 2020. Staff continues to update the AMATS website with the bicycle and pedestrian count information.
4. The Traffic Count Trends Report was completed in July 2019.
5. AMATS entered into a contract with Pavement Management Group in July 2019 to collect and analyze an estimated 860 centerline miles of pavement in the AMATS service area.

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

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, fewer traffic counts as well as bike and pedestrian counts were completed this year.

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**WORK PROGRAM NO. 610.91/01 Transportation Plan Update**

610.91 Carryover

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$43,200			\$5,400	\$5,400	\$54,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2020
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$53,874
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

610.91 was carried over for a 6-month period (July 1-December 31, 2019).

610.01

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

Progress:	FY 2020
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$163,828
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	66%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

Promised Products:

1. Maintain the current Regional Transportation Plan: *Transportation Outlook 2040*
  - a. Periodic amendments (as needed)
2. Maintain the travel demand model (as needed)
3. Maintain the Congestion Management Process (CMP)
  - a. On-going congestion analyses (as needed)
4. Work on the upcoming 2045 Regional Transportation Plan
  - a. Develop the Freight Plan (January 2020)
  - b. Develop the Preservation Needs Report (July 2019)
  - c. Develop the Transit Plan (June 2020)
5. Complete Existing Congestion Report

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6. Integrate performance measures as part of the Regional Transportation Plan update process consistent with federal legislation and guidance

### **Progress:**

1. AMATS continues to maintain the current Regional Transportation Plan (approved in May 2017), making one amendment to *Transportation Outlook*, during the course of Fiscal Year 2020.
  - a. AMATS made one plan amendment during the last fiscal year to include the Central Interchange Reconstruction with SR 8 Southbound Auxiliary Lane project (PID 102329). Additionally, air quality analyses were performed as a result of RTP plan amendments in the NOACA area. Additional discussion of performance measures was included in July 2018 at the request of ODOT.
2. The AMATS staff continues to maintain its travel demand model in coordination with ODOT Statewide Planning & Research.
3. The staff continues to maintain the Congestion Management Process (CMP).
  - a. The staff continues to update 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 the second half of the state fiscal year.
4. AMATS completed its update to the goals and objectives in April 2019, incorporating the performance measure targets established in September 2018 (Resolution 2018-17). Additionally, staff completed the Preservation Needs Report in April 2019, ahead of schedule, with approval by the Policy Committee in May 2019.
  - a. The AMATS Freight Plan contains an analysis of the region's existing freight system and makes recommendations that are eligible for inclusion in the upcoming draft 2040 Regional Transportation Plan. The AMATS Freight Plan identifies the transportation systems in the AMATS area that are used to move freight into, out of, and within the region. The report also addresses the factors and trends that affect multiple modes and the flow of freight, as well as the procedures used for planning and programming freight-related projects through the AMATS transportation planning process. The AMATS Freight Plan is expected to be approved in September 2020.
  - b. The Preservation Needs Report assesses the needs associated with maintaining and preserving the existing highway system at an acceptable level. Over the next 27 years, the total cost of preserving the AMATS existing highway system is estimated to be approximately \$3.78 billion, valued in 2019 dollars. This cost estimate is approximately 17% higher than the \$3.22 billion estimated in the last system preservation report, which was valued in 2016 dollars. While there has been a no increase in lane mileage and only a .6% increase in bridge deck square footage, the higher preservation cost is primarily due to increased construction costs for both pavement and bridge maintenance. The total system preservation

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- cost will be subtracted from predicted revenues to determine the amount available for operational and expansion project recommendations. The Preservation Needs Report was approved in May 2019.
- c. AMATS is responsible for the creation of a comprehensive public transportation plan that best serves the needs of our region. There are two primary providers of public transportation in our region: METRO RTA, which serves Summit County, and the Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority (PARTA), which serves Portage County. Both agencies operate traditional fixed-route bus service, demand-response services for low-income, elderly and disabled passengers, and express bus service to key communities, such as Cleveland. AMATS partners with these local transit agencies in a common effort to provide efficient public transportation services to our region. The AMATS Transit Plan is currently in draft form and is expected to be approved by our TAC and Policy Committees in September 2020.
  - 5. Work began on the Existing Congestion Report in April 2019. The report is expected to be approved by AMATS Policy Committee in December 2020.
  - 6. 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 1 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 transit asset management targets in September 2018 (Resolution 2018-17). See the section on p.39 of *Transportation Outlook 2040*, titled "Performance Measures", for additional information.

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

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Freight and Transit Plans were delayed.

The Existing Congestion Report was delayed due to researching new ways to analyze existing congestion that were more in line with federal performance measures. AMATS received access to INRIX data on the roadway network outside the National Highway System this summer and has begun incorporating that data into existing congestion analysis. The work began in FY 2019 and will be completed in FY 2020. (item #5)

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**WORK PROGRAM NO. 625.91/01 Service**

625.91 – Carryover

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$99,600			\$12,450	\$12,450	\$124,500
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2020
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$124,304
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	100%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

625.91 was carried over for a 6-month period (July 1 – December 31, 2019).

625.01

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$260,000			\$32,500	\$32,500	\$325,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2020
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$214,497
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	66%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

**Promised Products:**

1. Transit Market Indicators Report for area RTAs (as requested)
2. Plan implementation assistance (as required)
3. Assist ODOT in Reviewing Design Traffic Analyses
4. Provide data for use by others (ODOT District 4 will be copied on all responses to requests)
5. Review transportation impacts of zoning changes, subdivision proposals and development plans (as requested)
6. Assist NOACA and ARAQMD with Ozone Action Day and Particulate Matter (FP3) Alerts
7. Air Quality Coordination (as needed)
8. Technical memoranda or correspondence (as requested; see Service Policy in the Prospectus)

## **WORK PROGRAM NO. 625.91/01 Service - continued**

9. Initiate update of metropolitan planning agreements in coordination with ODOT and local agencies regarding the development of performance measures
10. Review and update Title VI Plan and documentation
11. Enhanced Mobility for the Elderly and Disabled Program (FTA Section 5310) vehicle inspections (as requested)
12. Maintain AMATS website (on-going)
13. AMATS Connecting Communities Planning Grant: Corridor Study in Prospective Community
  - a. Begin selection process for AMATS Connecting Communities Planning Grant program
14. Develop transportation related podcasts for AMATS members and members of the public

### **Progress:**

1. Transit Market Indicators (or TMI) Report is being supplied to METRO RTA, PARTA and the Greater Akron Chamber as needed. The TMI reports contain statistics and graphs of information relevant to the local transit market and the region's overall economic health.
2. 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.
3. Worked with ODOT Office of Statewide Planning & Research in reviewing a number of travel demand analyses. Also, the staff assisted with a number of air quality analyses for CMAQ justifications.
4. Provided traffic count and demographic data to the general public and local agencies.
5. 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.
6. The staff continues to coordinate with NOACA, Ohio EPA and the Akron Regional Air Quality Management District (ARAQMD) with Ozone Action Day and Particulate Matter (FP3) Alerts. The staff is notified of Ozone Action Day and Particulate Matter (FP3) Alerts, and NOACA communicates the alerts to the public.
7. AMATS staff reviewed two permits to install in Portage County in April 2020 and 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. Additional progress is anticipated in FY 2021.

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8. Technical memoranda and correspondence were completed as required.
9. The staff has updated transportation planning agreements with METRO RTA, PARTA and ODOT to reflect the sharing of performance data and the selection of performance targets. The draft agreement was initiated by ODOT in February 2018, concerning the performance based planning process, including coordination on: data collection, data analysis, data sharing, target setting, reporting of targets and target achievement. The completed agreement was approved and signed by all agencies, and finalized by ODOT Central Office in May 2018.  
The staff has updated transportation planning agreements to reflect the sharing of performance data and the selection of performance targets.
10. The AMATS Title VI Plan and documentation were reviewed and approved by AMATS Policy Committee under Resolution 2019-09 (May 2019).
11. METRO RTA and PARTA have now assumed the vehicle inspections for 5310 assets in the AMATS area, as both agencies are the designated recipients of FTA Section 5310 funds. METRO completed 12 vehicle post-delivery inspections and PARTA completed one.
12. Current information is maintained on the AMATS website, including the posting of traffic counts, special studies, and upcoming AMATS events. The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2021-2024 and the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan, *Transportation Outlook*, are posted on the AMATS website, including amendments. Documents pertaining to the development of the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan remain posted on the AMATS website. The complete Policy Committee mail out packet is posted in PDF format. The AMATS website remains a key channel of communication with the public and our members. 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.
13. Applications for the fifth round of Connecting Communities Planning Grants were made available on the AMATS website in December 2019. A total of \$80,000 for two grants was made available. Five applications were received by the deadline in February 2020. AMATS Task Force met to discuss the applications. Approval of the recipients by the Policy Committee is expected to take place in FY 2021.
14. In November 2019, AMATS launched a new podcast series called *Transportation Talk*, where guests discuss different transportation projects or issues with AMATS' Director Curtis Baker. Three podcasts were recorded, promoted, and added to the AMATS website by March 2020.

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

None

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**WORK PROGRAM NO. 667.91/01 Gohio Commute Program**

667.91 - (PID #97830) Carryover

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA/CMAQ	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:		\$33,480				\$33,480
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2020
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$1,092
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	3%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

667.91 was carried over for a 6-month period (July 1 – December 31, 2019).

667.01 (PID #97831)

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA/CMAQ	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:		\$60,000				\$60,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2020
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$12,975
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	22%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

**Promised Products:**

1. Anticipate adding 150 new participants to the database (June 2020)
2. Promote the Gohio Commute Program with area employers
3. Print and distribute Gohio Commute calendar (November 2019)
4. Maintain Gohio Commute website (ongoing)
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. 667.91/01 Gohio Commute Program - continued**

**Progress:**

1. There are currently 2,675 members registered in the AMATS database of Gohio Commute, the new 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 2020 Gohio Commute calendars in November 2019.
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. 667.92/02 Air Quality Advocacy Program**

667.92 (PID #97833) Carryover

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA/CMAQ	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:		\$48,150				\$48,150
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2020
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$757
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	2%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

667.02 (PID #97834)

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

Progress:	FY 2020
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$0
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	0%
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
4. Coordinate Bike & Brainstorm Events

## **WORK PROGRAM NO. 667.92/02 Air Quality Advocacy Program – continued**

### **Progress:**

1. Staff worked to update the Bike User Map, adding completed connections and bike lanes since the last revision. The Bike User Map was completed and 35,000 maps were ordered for distribution. These maps are being aggressively distributed at public events to promote exploring and biking in the Greater Akron area. Additionally, staff promoted the State of Ohio's "Your Move Ohio" campaign by passing out their promotional materials at our events.
2. The switching gears website ([switching-gears.org](http://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. Additionally, this website contains a listing of bike events, including Bike Month and Bike to Work day in May. AMATS also promotes the Bike-N-Brainstorm events held in communities each year. A new Facebook page, Twitter and Instagram accounts were created for more promotion of biking and walking events. Staff used Facebook Live to share real-time trail rides.
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 the fall of 2019, AMATS staff participated in Akron Public School's Safe Routes to School events. Additionally, staff began community walks as an active way to gain knowledge on member communities and AMATS-funded projects. In May 2020, staff coordinated the efforts of six virtual walks for Jane's Walk weekend. Staff continues to participate in local events that encourage walking and cycling, such as local Better Block events and Akron-to-Akron Walking Tours throughout the year. Finally, staff used GoPro videos to share with AMATS area residents to allow them to experience trails and conditions while staying home during the pandemic. These recordings were used to collect data that will determine the condition of the Towpath, Bike & Hike, Hike & Bike, and Freedom trails.
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. In FY 2020, AMATS planned four Bike-N-Brainstorm events that had to be canceled due to COVID-19. One Bike-N-Brainstorm event took place in Kenmore in September 2019.

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

Due to COVID-19, all events from March through June 2020 were canceled.

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**PREPARED BY METRO RTA**

**WORK PROGRAM NO. 674.01 METRO RTA Operational Planning**

674.01

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	METRO RTA	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:					\$800,000	\$800,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2020
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$710,000
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	89%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	89%

**Promised Products:**

1. Monthly Performance Report for METRO and SCAT
2. PTMS Data Submission (February 2020)
3. METRO's Annual Program of Projects Submission (December 2019)
4. Update Transit Development Plan (December 2019)
5. Update Strategic Plan (December 2019)
6. National Transit Database Report (April 2020)
7. Assist in the implementation of the Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan
8. Freight Rail Master Plan Implementation
9. Continued implementation of performance measures in coordination with AMATS and ODOT per federal guidance
10. Implement Transit Asset Management Plan (ongoing)
11. Implement OhioRide Mobile Ticketing App (Fall 2019)
12. Develop Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) (June 2020)

**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:  
<https://www.akronmetro.org/metro-downloads.aspx>.
2. Any required data for the State of Ohio Public Transit Management System (PTMS) was submitted by February 2020.
3. METRO's Annual Program of Projects was submitted in December 2019.

**WORK PROGRAM NO. 674.01 METRO RTA Operational Planning - continued**

4. METRO continues to evaluate the performance of fixed route and demand response services in Summit County. Their 10-year Strategic Plan to guide future investments in service and resource allocation will be complete in Fall 2020. Following the completion of that report, recommendations for specific service improvements to both fixed route and demand response services will be made and the Transit Development Plan will be updated accordingly.
5. The 10-year Strategic Plan began in January 2020 and is scheduled to be complete in Fall 2020 following some delays due to COVID-19.
6. The National Transit Database Report (NTD) was submitted to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on schedule in August 2020 (submission deadlines were delayed for all agencies due to COVID-19).
7. METRO coordinated with PARTA and other paratransit service providers on a daily basis throughout the FY 2020 reporting period. Additionally, METRO provided over 800 hours of free travel training to agencies and passengers to teach the skills necessary to take public transportation with ease, giving Summit County residents access to work, school, doctor's appointments and more. METRO also acted as the oversight for multiple social service agency subrecipients of Section 5310 funds.
8. METRO continued to invest in routine safety inspections, maintenance activities, and property management of its 41 miles of railroad corridor ownerships.
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 on-going with both vehicle replacements and facility investments.
11. The EZFare (previously OhioRide) mobile ticketing platform had a soft launch in August 2019 with a full launch in October 2019. Approximately 7% of daily boardings are using the mobile app for fare payment. In coordination with NEORide, METRO also received ODOT OTPP funds for the purchase of mobile ticketing validators, as well as the FTA IMI grant for the implementation of smart cards to be used in coordination with the EZFare system.
12. METRO's PTASP plan submission deadline of July 2020 was delayed for all agencies due to COVID-19. The new deadline is December 2020. METRO is finalizing the plan and will submit by the new deadline.

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

Submittal of NTD and PTASP, as well as the completion of the Strategic Plan was delayed beyond FY 2020 due to COVID-19.

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**PREPARED BY METRO RTA**

**WORK PROGRAM NO. 674.05 METRO RTA Planning Studies**

674.05

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	METRO RTA	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:			\$938,000		\$402,000	\$1,340,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2020
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$395,316
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	30%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	30%

Promised Products:

1. Strategic Plan
2. Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study

Progress:

1. The 10-year Strategic Plan began in January 2020 and is scheduled to be complete in Fall 2020 following some schedule delays due to COVID-19. The project is currently 90% complete.
2. The Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study was delayed due to the uncertainty of future funding resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. METRO hopes to begin the study in calendar year 2021.

Delays/Problems Encountered/Corrective Action:

Delays due to COVID-19 pandemic.

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**WORK PROGRAM NO. 674.02 PARTA Planning Activities**

674.02

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	PARTA	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:					\$75,000	\$75,000
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2020
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$75,000
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. PTMS Data Submission (February 2020)
4. National Transit Database Report (April 2020)
5. Continued development and planning of recommendations contained in the Transit Development Plan
6. Implement elements of the Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan
7. Further implementation of NEORIDE coordination effort with other northeast Ohio regional transit agencies
  - a. Launch OhioRide app through NEORide – a regional mobile ticketing application that allows passengers to purchase tickets from participating agencies as well as trip planning services (June 2019)
  - b. Replace and initiate use of Mobile Data Transmitters (MDT's) for all vehicles in order to comply with the elimination of the 3G network set to shut down at the end of the year (December 2019)
8. Continued implementation of performance measures in coordination with AMATS and ODOT per federal guidance
9. Implement Transit Asset Management Plan (ongoing)
10. Development of a PARTA Safety Plan (June 2020)

## **WORK PROGRAM NO. 674.02 PARTA Planning Activities – continued**

### **Progress:**

1. PARTA continued to compile and summarize performance data on a monthly basis to be reported to both the General Manager and Board of Trustees. This monthly compilation is then used to report to the National Transit Database (NTD) on a monthly basis and the American Public Transit Association (APTA) on a quarterly basis.
2. PARTA continued tracking changes made during each sign-up through memoranda submitted to the General Manager. Although additional sign-ups had been planned for the calendar year 2020 for better data management, there were actually more sign-ups than planned due to the COVID-19 pandemic. PARTA spent much time evaluating and adjusting service in order to keep both drivers and passengers safe. With each service adjustment, the changes were documented and hours tracked for loss of service. PARTA also began reporting ridership on a weekly basis and comparing that to pre-COVID ridership. Sign-ups are completed at least twice each year.
3. Vehicle inventory is now tracked in a program called Black Cat every May. This was completed on time.
4. The NTD Annual Report was completed in June 2020.
5. PARTA routes are under constant review to ensure an effective and efficient system is in place. Highlights of items addressed in FY 2020 are:
  - Began service to the Stow Meijer on the 30 (Interurban West) route
  - Boosted marketing the express service to both Akron and Cleveland. Added stops in downtown Cleveland to make the route more accessible to commuting professionals
  - Continued the working relationship PARTA holds with Kent State University to evaluate service needs for the Kent State main campus
  - Completed a bus stop evaluation in late FY2019 based on distance and density of development to look for gaps in standard spacing between stops. Implemented new stops to fill these gaps in early FY2020
  - Made adjustments to the service provided on and off-campus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. KSU service was reduced to break service in late March and local off-campus service was reduced at the beginning of April with a complete suspension of the express service. On-campus service will resume with the start of the fall semester, local off-campus service was fully resumed on June 1<sup>st</sup>, and express service to Akron will resume on August 24<sup>th</sup> with Cleveland remaining in suspension.
  - Began ADA Certification Evaluation through Western Reserve Hospital in Cuyahoga Falls to determine levels of accessibility to the fixed route service for those passengers with disabilities
6. PARTA continued contributions to the Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan. Highlights of this work are:
  - Through efforts with NEORide, mobile ticketing was officially launched

## **WORK PROGRAM NO. 674.02 PARTA Planning Activities - continued**

- PARTA continued its successful Travel Training and Outreach program. A video component was added in FY2020 which has proven helpful with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic allowing PARTA to have a video resource library to refer passengers and agencies to
  - Hosted the second Health and Transportation training where PARTA partnered with the Portage County Health District to promote transportation services to other human service agencies throughout Portage County
  - Held quarterly meetings with stake holders as part of PARTA's Citizen's Advisory Council to discuss projects PARTA has going on and to gain insight on how PARTA can better serve the community
7. Continued collaboration with NEORide, the Council of Governments of transit properties which began in Northeast Ohio and has now expanded across Ohio and northern Kentucky
- Launched EZfare in October 2019, formerly OhioRide. This mobile ticket application allows the user to purchase fares for twelve Ohio agencies and one in northern Kentucky with more to come in FY2021. PARTA has made all of their fixed-route media available through EZfare and will be the first agency to implement electronic validators in their fixed route vehicles in early FY2021
8. Continued implementation of performance measures in coordination with AMATS and ODOT per PARTA's TAM plan
9. PARTA implemented their Transit Asset Management Plan (done annually).
10. The Safety Plan deadline was extended to December 31, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The report is in progress.

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

NTD Annual Report was delayed from the April deadline due to the extension provided from the NTD due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, it was submitted in time for the new deadline of June 30<sup>th</sup> (item #4).

The EZfare goal of June 2019 was pushed to July 2019 for PARTA and officially launched in October 2019 when the rest of the agencies were ready (item #7).

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**WORK PROGRAM NO. 682.01 Local**

682.01

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

Progress:	FY 2020
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$32,797
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	131%
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 (October 2019)
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 in October 2019. Featured speakers were Dr. Jack Marchbanks of ODOT and Renato Camacho of the Akron-Canton Airport.
5. The purchase of office equipment and other capital items are conducted through the City of Akron's Purchasing Department. No capital items were purchased.

Delays/Problems Encountered/Corrective Action:

The Annual Meeting revenue offset the over-expenditure of local funds in October 2019.

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**WORK PROGRAM NO. 697.91/01 – AMATS Transportation Newsletter / Annual Report**

**697.91 Carryover**

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$12,600			\$1,575	\$1,575	\$15,750
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2020
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$15,660
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	99%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

697.91 was carried over for a 6-month period (July 1 – December 31, 2019).

**697.01**

FUNDING SOURCES:	USDOT	FHWA	FTA	ODOT	AMATS	TOTAL
ORIGINAL AMOUNT:	\$55,674			\$6,959	\$6,959	\$69,592
REVISED AMOUNT:						

Progress:	FY 2020
Year-to-Date Expenditure	\$22,629
Year-to-Date Percentage Expended	33%
Year-to-Date Percentage of Work Completed	100%

**Promised Products:**

1. July-December Newsletter (December 2019)
2. January-June Newsletter (June 2020)
3. Monthly Web Updates (as required)
4. 2019 AMATS Annual Report (April 2020)

Product	Scheduled Completion Date	Approval Date TAC	Approval Date Policy	Submitted to ODOT/FHWA
1.	December 2019	N/A	N/A	December 2019
2.	June 2020	N/A	N/A	June 2020
4.	April 2020	N/A	N/A	Feb 2020

**WORK PROGRAM NO. 697.91/01 – AMATS Transportation Newsletter / Annual Report - continued**

**Progress:**

1. The July-December 2019 Newsletter was completed, and has been posted on the AMATS website.
2. The January-June 2020 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 2019 AMATS Annual Report was completed and posted on the AMATS website ahead of schedule in February of 2020. AMATS *Transportation Talk* and *Fast Track* podcasts as well as the 2016-2018 Traffic Crashes and Safety Performance Measures Report were notable accomplishments during the previous fiscal year.

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

None