



Legislation Text

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ITEM TITLE:

Consider approving the revised and updated FY 2023 Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lawton and the Lawton Metropolitan Planning Organization for metropolitan transportation planning, noting the increase in budgeted funds as approved by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

INITIATOR: Janet Smith, Community Services Director

STAFF INFORMATION SOURCE: Janet Smith, Community Services Director and Jonathan Stone, Transportation Planner

BACKGROUND: The City Council approved the proposed FY2023 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Lawton Metropolitan Planning Organization (LMPO) and the City of Lawton (COL) on June 28, 2022. This revised FY2023 MOU updates work projects to include the 2050 Land Use Plan and sets out the process of filing claims against the Transportation Planning (PL) grant and providing for reimbursement to the City of Lawton. The initial costs will be funded by the City of Lawton and/or the LMPO and then reimbursed by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) to the LMPO. The LMPO will reimburse the COL the amount received minus expenses paid by the LMPO. The PL funds are federal funds that are used to reimburse up to 80% of qualified work projects, identified in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and the remaining 20% will be provided by the COL through the LMPO. Based on the distribution formula approved by ODOT and the other MPOs in the state, the Fiscal Year 2022 PL funds are \$172,937 plus PL carryover funds in the amount of \$186,259. The amount of PL funds applied for in FY 2023 is \$260,717 to reflect the addition of a project for the 2050 Land Use Plan to the LMPO's UPWP. The LMPO received approval from ODOT for the allocation of funds to produce the upcoming 2050 Land Use Plan. Through this MOU the LMPO agrees to reimburse the City of Lawton an amount not to exceed \$252,717 in Transportation Planning grant funds apportioned in FY 2023, within ninety days of the end of the fiscal year. This payment and previous year's payments can be delayed by the LMPO Director if there is concern that the reimbursement might negatively impact the operating account of the LMPO creating an unbudgeted liability on the City of Lawton.

The LMPO Policy Board will consider approval of the revised and updated FY 2023 MOU at a Special Meeting on August 9, 2022.

EXHIBIT: Updated Memorandum of Understanding between LMPO and the City of Lawton

KEY ISSUES: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: PL (80%) and City of Lawton (20%)

STAFF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION: Approve the revised and updated Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lawton and the LMPO for Metropolitan Transportation Planning for Fiscal Year 2023.