



Bartow on the Move ≡

CBMPO Long-Range Transportation Plan



What is a Metropolitan Planning Organization?

A Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is an agency created by federal law to provide local elected officials input into the planning and implementation of federal transportation funds to metropolitan areas with populations of greater than 50,000. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has identified 420 MPOs as of the most recent census. Under federal law established in the 1973 Highway Act and the Urban Mass Transit Act, organizations in urbanized areas are designated by their Governors to perform significant planning and programming of federally funded highways and transit projects. MPOs are responsible for approving significant expenditures of federal dollars through the Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program. The Cartersville-Bartow County MPO must coordinate its efforts with that of the Atlanta Regional Commission due to our area being included within the Greater Atlanta air quality nonattainment zone.

Long-Range Transportation Plan

In metropolitan areas, the plan indicates all of the transportation improvements scheduled for funding over the next 20 years. It is fiscally constrained, i.e., a given program or project can reasonably expect to receive funding within the time allotted for its implementation.

Nonattainment Area

Areas designated by EPA through the Clean Air Act as having higher than acceptable levels of certain pollutants in the air which can lead to higher incidence of disease. EPA and its regulations list the Greater Atlanta region (including Bartow County) as having higher than natural levels of NO_x, CO, particulate matter, and ozone.

Transportation Improvement Program

A prioritized listing/program of transportation projects covering a period of four years that is developed by an MPO as part of the metropolitan transportation planning process, consistent with the metropolitan transportation plan (MTP), and required for projects to be eligible for funding.

For More Information:

Those seeking more information on transportation and transportation planning within Bartow County are invited to:

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