



Cartersville-Bartow

Metropolitan Planning Organization

Memorandum

TO: Policy Committee members

FROM: Tom Sills, Transportation Planner

DATE: July 27, 2017

SUBJECT: Proposed Studies for the FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program

There are several suggestions received under the category of Special Studies to be undertaken by the MPO during the next year. We need to discuss these and develop an agreed upon scope before their adoption into the final version of the FY 2018 CBMPO UPWP. The proposed studies are as follows:

- Pedestrian needs assessment for SR 140 and SR 41 in Adairsville. The Adairsville city staff are seeing an increase of pedestrian traffic along these corridors.
- Planning-level Study for additional Downtown Cartersville Railroad Overpass. Trains have been coming to a complete stop blocking all downtown at grade crossings for extended periods of time creating considerable traffic congestion. The City of Cartersville staff would like a study to determine feasibility and best location for a bridge/overpass that would relieve this congestion.
- Corridor analysis for North Tennessee Street (SR 61) in Cartersville. There is a capacity bottleneck on North Tennessee Street. The City of Cartersville staff would like a study to determine logical termini and recommend a project scope to add capacity, increase safety, and relieve congestion.

Other suggestions are welcomed and may also arise from the on-going comprehensive plan process for the community. Please be mindful, however, that all of these projects may not be possible due to the limited amount of funds set aside for Special Studies in the proposed MPO budget/work program (currently \$10,000). Of course, the budget for these studies can be increased with changes to the scope of the other elements in the UPWP.

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