Transportation Resilience Planning: A Valdosta Case Study

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Introductions



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Today's Presentation Objectives

Discuss common threats to transportation infrastructure



Outline resilience key terms and promotion through planning



Showcase vulnerability assessment and outcomes



Illustrate an electric vehicle infrastructure strategy



Highlight Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) & Resilience







Southern Georgia Regional Commission

- SGRC provides the following programs to the 18 County Region
 - Community & Economic Dev.
 - GIS
 - Planning and Transportation
 - WIOA
 - SBA
 - Aging
 - Transit









SGRC/VLMP0 Overview



The Southern Georgia Regional Commission (SGRC) is a regional planning and intergovernmental coordination agency which serves 45 municipalities and 18 counties in South Georgia, including Atkinson, Bacon, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brantley, Brooks, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Cook, Echols, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Pierce, Tift, Turner, and Ware.









SGRC/VLMP0 Program

- LMPO Meetings and Agendas
- MPO Work Program and Annual Reports
- VLMPO 2040 Transportation Vision Plan
- Public Comment Forum
- EV Infrastructure Framework
- EV Infrastructure Strategy
- Model EV Infrastructure Ordinance
- Model Low Impact Development Ordinance
- County Resilience Plans
- Hahira Area Traffic Studies

Overview

In April 2003, Governor Sonny Perdue officially designated the Southern Georgia Regional Commission as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Valdosta Urbanized Area. As the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Southern Georgia Regional Commission (SGRC) is responsible for carrying out transportation planning in the Metropolitan Planning Area using funding received from the United States Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, administered by the Georgia Department of Transportation. The MPO works with these and other transportation planning partners to carry out a Comprehensive, Continuous, Cooperative transportation planning process (3-C process) and to fulfill the requirements of various federal, state and local transportation planning laws and plans.

Today the SGRC as the designated MPO for the Valdosta Urbanized Area continues to provide quality comprehensive, cooperative and continuous transportation planning in the greater Valdosta-Metropolitan Area.

Core Functions of the MPO

It is in the national and local interest to encourage and promote the safe and efficient management, operation, and development of surface transportation systems that will serve the mobility needs of people and freight, and that will foster economic growth and development. The VLMPO carries out these functions through the following:

- Being a forum for regional decision-making
- Evaluating alternatives for transportation improvements
- Prepare/Maintain a Transportation Plan
- Develop a Transportation Improvement Program
- Involve Stakeholders and the Public











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Recent VLMPO Activities

Transportation Infrastructure Vulnerability Assessment

Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy







Why Are We Talking About Resilience & Electric Vehicles?

Sustainability is the key!

• The concept is that everything that we need to live on earth comes from the environment that we live in within the earth's atmosphere.

• If we destroy the atmosphere with climate change, all will be lost.

• A modern view of this concept includes the thought that sustainability should meet the needs of the present without destroying the ability of future generations to meet their needs.







NASA's Study on Global Warming











What are We Experiencing that makes us need to take action now?

- Carbon dioxide (CO₂) is the primary greenhouse gas emitted through human activities.
- We are adding more CO₂ to the atmosphere than can be naturally removed which thickens the earth's blanket.



UN COVID Response Goals

• The COVID Pandemic revealed vast failures of inequality and sustainability.

• In response, the UN has developed 17 global goals for the recovery which lead to greener, more inclusive economies, and stronger, more resilient societies.

• UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres stated, "We need to turn the recovery into a real opportunity to do things right for the future."









CO2 is the best Heat Trap of all Gasses

- The main activity that produces CO2 is the combustion of fossil fuels

 coal, natural gas, and oil.
- Transportation is the largest source.
- Electricity production is the second largest source.

• Source: United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

2020 U.S. Carbon Dioxide Emissions, By Source



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (2022). Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2020

EV Charging – Levels 1, 2, & 3

- Level 1 110/120 volts uses standard 110 outlet in home = 3.5 to 6.5 miles charge per hour.
- Level 2 208/240 volts uses 240 multi-pronged outlet in home = 14 to 35 miles charge per hour.
- Level 3 DC or Direct Current not home use = approx. 178 miles per 30 minutes charge time.

Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure



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Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy







2020 EV Sales









National Perspective

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal) passed Nov 6, 2021
 - Five year funding totals
 - EV Charging \$2.5B competitive program from Highway Trust Fund (New)
 - 80% Federal share, 20% Private match
 - EV Charging \$5B EV Formula Program for states (New)
 - \$135M to Georgia
 - EV Charging newly eligible expense under STBG
 - EVs (zero emissions vehicles) newly eligible expense under CMAQ
 - Carbon Reduction Program \$6.4B (New) Formula program to states
 - 65% suballocated by population to support eligible projects in local communities
 - EV Charging infrastructure is eligible expense
- EV Charging
 - Along NHS highways and within communities







FHWA National Alternative Fuels Corridors (Dec 2021)

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FHWA National Alternative Fuel Corridors (July 2022)











Georgia Electric Mobility and Innovation Alliance

- Lead by Department of Economic Development
- Committees
 - Infrastructure
 - Supply chain
 - Workforce
 - Policy and initiatives
 - Innovation
- July 2022 FHWA announced two new AF corridors US 82 and US 441







EMIA Infrastructure Committee

- Recommendations to include
- Charging infrastructure along highways, in metro areas and rural regions
- "Charging solutions for common destinations of vehicle drivers such as grocery stores, malls, hotels and touristic attractions"
- Possible state strategies
 - Grants and incentives for fleet EVs and charging infrastructure
 - Incentives for local zoning changes







Regional Goals for EV Infrastructure

- Economic development
- Energy efficiency and security
- Public health, air quality, noise reduction
- Equity in access and mobility
- Public image
- Other

1 Station Location









Framework for EV Infrastructure

- Comprehensive plans
- MPO/STIP planned and programmed projects
- Other strategies
 - School system
 - Fleet managers
 - Employers
 - Property owners (multifamily residential, shopping centers, churches, etc.)
 - Public information about charging station locations







Comprehensive Plans

- Prioritize locations for EV infrastructure
- Coordinate with desired growth patterns
- Support competitive grant applications for IIJA funds
- Financing
- Government Agency Work Programs
 - Transit and other fleets transition to EV
 - Code revisions
 - Streamline permitting
 - Permitting Incentivize or require EV charging in large parking lots
 - Train emergency personnel
 - Educate public
- Adjust strategy to fit competitive grant selection criteria











The Future of Things

- Managed Charging
 - Distribution Impacts
 - Transmission Impacts
 - Solar Power Co-location

- Electric Fleet Conversion
 - Class 8 Vehicles
 - Last Mile Delivery
 - Vehicle To Grid Charging
 - Commercial Benefits







Valdosta-Lowndes MPO

- Coordinate infrastructure investments with regional goals
- Plan priority charging locations based on major corridors, land use, underserved areas
- Assess demand
- Assess existing infrastructure gaps
- Support competitive grant applications for IIJA funds
- Program transportation funds for investment
- Coordinate with DOE, HUD, EPA programs/funds







EV Charging Location Strategy









Local Government Strategies

- Adopt codes that require and/or incentivize the development of EV infrastructure
 - SGRC Model Ordinance
 - Zoning and permitting process
- Address EV infrastructure within Comprehensive Plans
- Include EV strategies in various work programs







Transportation Infrastructure Vulnerability Assessment







Threats to Transportation Infrastructure

- Climate Change
- Potential Disruptions
 - Detours
 - Job Access &
 Economic Productivity
 - Emergency Services
 - Freight & Supply Chain Disruptions

South Georgia roads feeling flooding effects following heavy rains



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Photos: Flash flooding occurring across Middle Tennessee as water rescues conducted

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Why roads in the Pacific Northwest buckled under extreme heat

Even concrete needs a little space sometimes By Mary Both Gligge | Jul 5, 2021, 9.45cm EDT



Phoenix flights cancelled because it's too hot for planes



As temperatures climb in Phoenix, Arizona, more than 40 flights have been cancelled - because it is too hot for the planes to fly.







A Primer on Key Resilience Terms

- Resilience
- Vulnerability
 - Exposure
 - Sensitivity
 - Adaptive Capacity
- Adaptation vs. Mitigation
- Climate Normals

Exposure Indicators (i.e. days above 100° F)

Vulnerability

Sensitivity Indicators i.e. Pavement Binde

Adaptive Capacity Indicators (i.e. Functional Classification)







Vulnerability Assessment

- Indicator-based vulnerability screening
- Vulnerability Assessment Scoring Tool (VAST)
- Climate stressor indicators (e.g., number of days above 100 degrees, location in 100-year flood zone)
- Exposure, sensitivity, adaptive capacity, and risk weights
- Inventory critical assets with exposure scoring schema

VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT AND ADAPTATION FRAMEWORK



Image Source: FHWA







Assessment Overview

- Identify critical transportation assets
- Assess vulnerability to extreme weather events
 - Extreme Heat
 - High Precipitation/Inland Flooding
- Develop strategies, policies, and measures
- Recommendations for Lowndes County Hazard Mitigation Plan



Lowndes County Transportation Infrastructure Vulnerability Assessment

Technical Memorandum June 2021



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Process

- Data Collection
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Case Study Review
- Identification of Critical Assets
- Run Vulnerability Assessment Scoring Tool (VAST)
- Development of Recommendations



Image Sources: WALB; Valdosta Daily Times







Data Collection

- Localized Datasets
 - SGRC GIS Resources
 - National Bridge Inventory
 - Coupled Model
 Intercomparison Project (CMIP)
- Regional Trends
 - Climate Normals
 - 4th National Climate Assessment









Stakeholder Engagement

- Stakeholder Committee
 - City Engineer, City of Valdosta
 - County Engineer, Lowndes
 County
 - EMA Director, Lowndes County
 - GDOT District 4 Engineer
- VLMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- GDOT Office of Materials & Testing (OMAT)



GDDQT Georgia Department of Transportation









Case Study Review

- Capitol Area MPO (Austin, TX)
 - Flooding, drought, extreme heat, wildfire, and extreme cold (icing)
 - Focused on nine critical assets
- Ohio DOT
 - Statewide process
 - Multiple indicators incorporated into VAST
 - Informed long-range transportation plan

Central Texas Extreme Weather and Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment of Regional Transportation Infrastructure

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FINAL REPORT

OHIO DOT INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCY PLAN

Previous Flooding Issues Length at Risk of Erosion Percent Not Wetlands or Lakes Percent Urban Stream Flow Increase Rain Fall Increase Pavement Condition Rating AADT Truck AADT Stategic Transporation System

CAMPO

CAMBRIDGE





Distance to Critical Facilities



Identify Critical Assets

- Referred to FHWA's Assessing Criticality in Transportation Adaptation Planning
- Delineated assets with logical termini
- Considered functional class, traffic counts, and access to critical facilities
- Examined the following features:
 - All collector and arterial streets
 - Bridges which carry collector and arterial streets









Run VAST Tool

- Macro spreadsheet
- Components
 - Exposure •
 - Sensitivity •
 - **Adaptive Capacity** •
- Weights for scoring manually • adjusted
 - Progressive scale of 1 to 4 •

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Populate this tab with data about your assets that will serve as sensitivity and adaptive capacity indicators Each column represents a data field you will need to collect for each asset, if possible. Column headings in red are indicators that no longer appear on the indicator list. If you have revised the name of the indicator on the indicator list, please make the change here. If you have deleted the indicator, you may delet the column manually from the data collection tempalte, if desired,



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Data collection can be the most time-intensive and challenging aspect of an indicator-based vulnerability assessment. Click the button below for some tips

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Step 5c: Adjust Adaptive Capacity Indicator Scoring -- Roads (1) Stressors and Asset Types (2) Enter Assets (3) Browse and Select Indicators (4) Collect Data Back 🏠 🗎 (5) Adjust Scoring (6) View Results Sensitivity Adaptive Capacity (1/2 Use this sheet to enter adjust how raw data for each adaptive capacity indicator is converted to an adaptive capacity score 1. View data that you have collected for each indicator in the "Value" columns. These values are pulled from the Data Collection sheet. 2. Adjust the default scoring approach for each indicator (see "Show Scoring Approach"). A higher score means the asset has lower adaptive capacity (and higher Adjust Adaptive Capacity Scoring (Bridges) vulnerability) 3. Adjust the weight for each indicator. The weights must add up to 100% Click the "+" sign in the lower right-hand corner of this box for additional instruction

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VLMPO VAST Analysis Framework

Roadways	(221 segme	ents
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Bridges (101 Assets)

Exposure	Sensitivity	Adaptive Capacity		
Change in Number of Days Above 95° F	Temperature Threshold in Pavement Binder	Functional Classification		
Change in Annual Max Temperature	Truck Route	Evacuation Route		
Highest 7-Day Average Summer High Temperature	Flood-Prone Asset (both by Stakeholders & GIS)	Access to Critical Areas (within ½ mile)		
Location Within 100-Year Flood Zone	% Impervious Surface	AADT		
Location Within 500-Year Flood Zone	Bridge Age & Condition*	Base (2015)/Future (2045) LOS		
Change in Annual Total Precipitation	Scour Rating*	Replacement Cost*		
	Channel Condition*	Detour Length*		
	Overtopping Frequency*			







Overview of Vulnerable Roads and Bridges in Lowndes County, GA





The number of bridges with moderate vulnerability is expected to increase for both stressors.

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Development of Recommendations

Systems Planning

- Incorporation into short- and longrange planning
- Explore impacts on other modes and from other climate stressors

Asset Management

- Facility-level engineering assessments
- Evaluate roadside ditches, culverts, and driveway drainpipes

Continued Stakeholder Engagement

- Consider instituting standing taskforce
- Coordinate with partners on use of resilient materials in specifications
- Engage research
 partners







QR Code to Final Report



https://www.sgrc.us/transportation-plans-studies.html







Where Do We Go From Here?

- IIJA Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act AKA "BIL"
 - \$1.2 trillion for Transportation and Infrastructure
 - Georgia has 374 Bridges and 2,260 miles of highway in poor condition.
 - What will Georgia Receive in Funding?
 - \$9.2 billion over five years for highways and bridges.
 - \$211 million over five years to reduce transportation-related emissions.
 - \$240 million over five years to increase the resilience of its transportation system.
 - \$1.5 billion over five years to improve public transportation options across the state.
 - \$135 million to expand EV charging.
 - Georgia can also apply for grants from \$2.5 billion available for EV charging.
 - And more, more, more!!!

TSPLOST/TIA

- Model Ordinances
- Other Activities/Opportunities







Charging Station - Wal Mart - Valdosta









Tesla Charging - Sun Stop - Valdosta









Solar Charger – VSU- Valdosta









EV Charging Brainstorming Points

- Motor fuel tax in Georgia pays for roads and bridges.
- NACS reports there are 116,641 convenience stores in US that sell 80% of all fuel purchased. Gross margin = 10.2% of sales.
- Charger users in parking lots will generate garbage and want/need internet.
- I live in the historic district and park on the street beside the sidewalk.
- What happens in the event of a mass evacuation from Florida?
- I visit my friends/family and they don't have extra chargers.
- My older home won't carry the voltage load for a level 2 charger.
- Charging at work is a good idea because power demand is lower during the workday and higher between 5-9 PM.
- And so on.







Questions---







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