



Public Services Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: January 27, 2026: 1:00 PM

Motion to approve RFQ award for RFQ #25-207 and execute the Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update Contract with Cambridge Systematics Inc.

Department:	Planning and Development
Presenter:	Chyvatee Vassar or Department Designee
Caption:	Motion to approve RFQ award for RFQ #25-207 and execute the Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update Contract with Cambridge Systematics Inc.
Background:	The Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) consists of Aiken, Augusta, Columbia, and Edgefield Counties. Every three (3) to five (5) years the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) must complete the Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update. The last plan was completed in January 2022. RFQ 25-207 was issued with 4 vendors responding. On October 2, 2025, the evaluation committee scored Cambridge Systematics Inc. the highest during the evaluation process. The Department has negotiated with the vendor and has reached an agreement on a fee which is acceptable. The contract shall not exceed \$349,912.
Analysis:	Each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) must prepare a Congestion Management Process (CMP), in accordance with 49 USC 5303. CMP is an integral transportation planning task in the ARTS planning area. The purpose of the ARTS CMP is to document traffic congestion on major transportation corridors in the study area; identify and implement strategies for reducing or eliminating the congestion, and track and/or program the implementation of congestion mitigation projects.
Financial Impact:	The budget for the CMP is \$365,000. The \$200,000.00 grant from GDOT requires a local match of \$50,000.00. Aiken County Planning and Development is contributing \$115,000 to the CMP Update. The contract shall not exceed \$349,912. Planning and Development has incorporated the match into its annual budget 2025 budget.
Alternatives:	Noncompliance with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requirement.
Recommendation:	Motion to approve and execute the 2024 Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update Funding Contract from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).
Funds are available in the following accounts:	The budget for the CMP is \$365,000. The \$200,000.00 grant from GDOT requires a local match of \$50,000.00. Aiken County Planning and Development is contributing \$115,000 to the CMP Update. The contract shall not exceed \$349,912. The administrator's office approved the local match on October 29, 2024. Will budget in org key 220016309.

**REVIEWED AND
APPROVED BY:**

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