WATS Under SEMCOG	WATS as MPO
TIPs approved by WATS Policy Committee must be approved by SEMCOG TAC and Executive Committee, MDOT, FHWA, FTA, and EPA. This process takes up to 6 months.	TIPs approved by WATS Policy must be approved by MDOT, FHWA, FTA, and EPA. Opportunity to shorten process by 2-3 months.
WATS Policy Committee approves WC LRP includes projects with detail must then be collapsed into Regional LRP General Program Accounts and approved by SEMCOG TAC, Executive Committee, and General Assembly before approval by MDOT, FHWA, FTA, and EPA	WATS Policy Committee approves WC LRP includes projects with detail before approval by MDOT, FHWA, FTA, and EPA
SEMCOG must agree with WATS on which Corridor Studies may be undertaken – WATS allowed to conduct Corridor Studies wholly in Ann Arbor Urbanized Area	WATS decides which Corridor Studies may be undertaken and conducts Corridor Studies wholly in Ann Arbor Urbanized Area
SEMCOG can decide which non-motorized projects are funded in Washtenaw County	WATS decides which non-motorized projects are funded in Washtenaw County
SEMCOG decides how much CMAQ and Transit Planning funds are provided to WATS	State allocates CMAQ and Transit planning funds directly to WATS
WATS can complete only three TIP amendments each year and WATS must use SEMCOG priorities for proposed federally supported projects in TIP	WATS can complete up to six TIP amendments each year, WATS local elected officials can set priorities for federally funded projects and WATS can include projects that are regionally significant to local elected officials in TIP
MDOT can provide projects directly to SEMCOG bypassing WATS	MDOT must provide projects to WATS for Policy Committee approval
WATS must use SEMCOG Congestion Management Process	WATS can develop its own Congestion Management Process
Requires three memorandums of understanding and one pass-through agreement with SEMCOG Two include MDOT in addition to SEMCOG	Requires a master agreement with MDOT, and Memorandums of agreement for planning and modeling and one Memorandum of Agreement with SEMCOG for regional planning

WATS must wait for SEMCOG instructions	WATS could act quickly to spend additional
before moving forward to spend additional funding made available to the Ann Arbor Urban Area	funding and expedite the necessary TIP amendments
SEMCOG performs Air Quality Conformity Analysis for entire area, including Washtenaw County subject to attainment	WATS performs Air Quality Conformity Analysis and the Ypsilanti monitor has not exceeded the standard since 2007, Although several this summer
MDOT Local Area Programs cannot find Washtenaw Projects within SEMCOG GPAs	All TIP and LRP projects available to LAP and the public
Local control remains with regional elected officials	Local control remains in Washtenaw County with elected officials
WATS must wait for SEMCOG to bill MDOT, MDOT to bill FHWA and then for FHWA to pay MDOT and MDOT to pay SEMCOG (60-90 days) As of October 1, 2012 MAP 21 requires MDOT to pay SEMCOG within 15 days of receipt of reimbursement request.	MAP21 would require MDOT to pay WATS within 15 days of receipt of reimbursement request
SEMCOG must change voting to include Transit providers with vote on Executive and General Assembly Committees	WATS already complies with MAP-21
MAP21 provides for MPOs to establish performance targets, address performance measures and to track progress – WATS would need to use SEMCOG performance measures	WATS would set the Washtenaw County performance measures and track progress
WATS has less control of how priorities are funded, decisions for CMAQ and non- motorized funded projects are made by SEMCOG	WATS Policy could directly control funding decisions leading to more transit and non- motorized improvements as an MPO. WATS could also identify bridge, safety, non-motorized and small transit priorities in the adopted MPO plan.