

EASTERN SHORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)  
FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA  
JANUARY 20, 2021  
10:00 AM

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CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE/INVOCATION.

- Chairperson Mr. Richard Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M.
- Invocation was said by Mr. Johnson.
- Pledge was led by all.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Sislak called the roll.

- **Members present:** Mr. Richard Johnson (Virtual), City of Fairhope; Mrs. Adrienne Jones (Virtual), City of Daphne; Mr. Hunter Simmons (Virtual), City of Fairhope; Mr. Robert Davis (Virtual), Town of Loxley; Mr. Casey Raines, City of Spanish Fort; Mr. Bill Harbour (Virtual), Baldwin County Board of Education; Mr. Matthew Brown (Virtual), Baldwin Regional Area Transit System; Mr. Edwin Perry, ALDOT; Mrs. Lian Li (Virtual), Federal Highway Administration; Mrs. Casey Gay Williams (Virtual), Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce.
- **Members absent:** Mr. Joey Nunnally, Baldwin County; Mr. Patrick Northcutt, Central Baldwin Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Don Lagarde, City of Fairhope Airport Authority; Mr. Greg Smith, City of Robertsdale; Mr. Michael Hora, ALDOT.
- **Others present:** Mrs. Sarah Sislak, MPO Coordinator; Mrs. Katrina Taylor, ESMPO Technician; Mr. Vince Beebe, ALDOT.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Bill Harbour to nominate Mr. Richard Johnson as Chairperson and Mrs. Adrienne Jones as Vice Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robert Davis.

- Discussion: None
- Abstain: None
- In favor: All
- Opposed: None
- Result: Passed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION:** By Mrs. Jones to approve the July 2020 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harbour.

- Discussion: None
- Abstain: None
- In favor: All
- Opposed: None
- Result: Passed

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. **Action** – Adopting 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) (**All**)

Mrs. Sislak stated that J.R. Wilburn & Associates completed the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). She gave a presentation on the process of developing the LRTP and briefly went over data used and project lists. The LRTP was published for public comment from December 15, 2020 – January 5, 2021. MPO staff also held two public meetings regarding the 2045 LRTP. All comments received were formally addressed and included in the Appendix of the document.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Harbour to recommend the Policy Board adopt the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jones.

- Discussion: None
- Abstain: None
- In favor: All
- Opposed: None
- Result: Passed

### 2. **Action** – Adopting Statewide Performance Measures and Targets (**All**)

Mrs. Sislak stated that the Fixing Americas Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) requires that MPO Transportation Plans, Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) include Performance Management Measures and Targets for urbanized areas. MPO staff had the option to develop their own targets, or adopt the statewide targets determined by ALDOT. MPO staff recommends the Policy Board adopt the statewide system performance measures and targets.

**MOTION:** By Mrs. Jones to recommend the Policy Board adopt the Statewide Performance Measures and Targets. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harbour.

- Discussion: None
- Abstain: None
- In favor: All
- Opposed: None
- Result: Passed

### 3. **Action** – State Amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (**All**)

Mrs. Sislak stated the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) requests the following changes be made to the FY20-23 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

- Project: 100072628 (TR) Federal aid number: PDFTA98 TR21; County: Baldwin; Project Description: Section 5307 Transit Cares Act Apportionment for Operating FY 2021; Target Start Date: 11/1/2020; Engineers Estimate: \$165,433.00
- Project: 100055816 (CN) Federal aid number: NH 1010; County: Baldwin; Project Description: Widening on I-10 from East End of Bayway to 0.5 Mile East of SR-181; Target Start Date: 7/28/2023; Engineers Estimate: \$17,877,979.67

**MOTION:** By Mrs. Jones to recommend the Policy Board adopt the state amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harbour.

- Discussion: The Committee had concerns regarding the I-10 widening project from east end of the Bayway to 0.5-mile east SR-181. They did not see the benefit of completing this project before the Bayway is widened because it would create a choke point onto the Bayway. ALDOT added this segment to assist with the Bayway widening and this schedule may be adjusted to collaborate with the Bayway widening project.
- Abstain: None
- In favor: All
- Opposed: None
- Result: Passed

**4. Action – Amending FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (All)**

Mrs. Sislak stated that the UPWP is the planning and administrative budget of the MPO and details the federally funded transportation planning activities to be undertaken in the Eastern Shore Urbanized Area in FY 2021 by the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) and the Eastern Shore MPO. The Eastern Shore MPO Policy Board approved Resolution 2019-30 on September 25, 2019, which authorized the use of MPO Planning Funds for the development of Traffic Calming Guidelines by the City of Daphne. The study is still on-going and should be included in the FY21 UPWP. The UPWP was published for public comment from September 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020; no comments were received.

**MOTION:** By Mrs. Jones to recommend the Policy Board adopt the Amended FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robert Davis.

- Discussion: None
- Abstain: None
- In favor: All
- Opposed: None
- Result: Passed

**5. Action – Appointing Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) (All)**

Mrs. Sislak stated that the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) has vacant positions and MPO staff had received one application for the vacancies. Mrs. Coley Boone submitted an application to represent the City of Fairhope.

**MOTION:** No action required.

- Discussion: None
- Abstain: N/A
- In favor: N/A
- Opposed: N/A
- Result: N/A

## 6. Discussion – Twin Beech Road and Boothe Road Intersection Improvements (All)

Mrs. Sislak explained that the City of Fairhope has requested the MPO discuss possible intersection improvements at the intersection of Twin Beech Road and Boothe Road.

- Discussion: The Committee supported the use of MPO Planning funds to complete a study on the intersection.

## 7. Informational - MPO Coordinator's Report (All)

- ALDOT Project Update

Mr. Vince Beebe provided ALDOT's project update:

- SR 181 Widening – northbound roadway work continuing with placing rock and earthwork south of SR-104, the traffic shift is anticipated in March/April, and the utility relocation is still underway. The project is expected to be complete end of 2021.
- US 31 – concrete items and subgrade work is ongoing. Anticipate having 4-lanes complete and open to traffic around middle of 2021. The current anticipated completion is August 2021.
- SR 181 and I-10, Diverging Diamond –operating since July 1. Continuing project items are placing permanent striping and RPM's, and inlet work at overpass, items should be completed in March 2021.
- Intersection Alignment at US 90/SR 59 – let to construction on 5/29/20. Utility relocations are ongoing and procuring signal poles expected late April. Anticipated intersection work will begin in March 2021.

- MPO Project Update:

- CR34 Signal – project is up and running on temporary poles, waiting for permanent poles to be installed.
- Fairhope Transit Project – MPO and City staff have been working with ALDOT and FTA to satisfy requirements before moving forward.
- Loxley Transit Project – MPO and City staff have been working with ALDOT and FTA on environmental and cultural document submissions. FTA has approved Loxley's NEPA and cultural analysis.

- Advisory Committee Vacancies
- Monthly Member "Spotlight"
- MPO Logo
- Planning and Development Update

Mrs. Katrina Taylor gave an update for 2020. The 2020 data presented by Mrs. Taylor is available on our website ([easternshorempo.org](http://easternshorempo.org)) under Other Planning Documents.

OTHER DISCUSSION: None

## NEXT MPO MEETINGS (All)

- **Policy Board Work Session:** Wednesday, April 14, 2021; 10:00 AM; Baldwin County Satellite Courthouse (Fairhope)
- **BPAC Meeting:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021; 9:00 AM; Baldwin County Satellite Courthouse (Fairhope)
- **CAC Meeting:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021; 1:00 PM; Baldwin County Satellite Courthouse (Fairhope)
- **TAC Meeting:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021; 10:00 AM; Baldwin County Satellite Courthouse (Fairhope)

- **Policy Board Meeting:** Wednesday, April 28, 2021; 10:00 AM; Baldwin County Satellite Courthouse (Fairhope)

**PUBLIC FORUM (All)**

- **Members of the Public:** No comments
- **Members of the Press:** No comments
- **Board/Committee Members:** No comments

**ADJOURNMENT (All)**

Meeting adjourned at 10:34 AM.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: 05-11-2021  
Richard Johnson, Chairperson