

EASTERN SHORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
DAPHNE, ALABAMA
April 16, 2024
1:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE/INVOCATION.

- Vice Chair Will Ervin called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M.
- Invocation was said by Mr. Richard Ullo.
- Pledge was led by all.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Sislak called the roll.

- **Members present:** Mr. Stephen Savage, City of Daphne; Mr. Kevin Morgan, City of Spanish Fort; Mr. Greg Walker, Baldwin County; Mr. Josh Lambert, City of Fairhope; Mr. William Ervin, City of Loxley; Mr. Mark Stejskal, City of Fairhope; Mr. Michael Hall, City of Loxley; Mr. Shane Perry, Baldwin County; Mr. Richard Ullo, City of Spanish Fort.
- **Members absent:** Mr. Richard Jaehne, City of Daphne; Mrs. Coley Boone, City of Fairhope; Mr. David Stejskal, City of Fairhope; Mr. Curt Fonger, City of Daphne; Mr. Rick Davis, City of Daphne; Mrs. Marissa Rennaker, Baldwin County
- **Others present:** Mrs. Sarah Sislak, MPO Director; Ms. Jessica Mayo, MPO Transportation Planner; Mr. Vince Beebe, ALDOT.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MOTION: Mr. Michael Hall to nominate Will Ervin for Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Walker.

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

MOTION: By Mr. Shane Perry to nominate Greg Walker for Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Will Ervin.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: By Mr. Walker to approve the September 2023 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Perry.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Mrs. Sislak reminded members that the TIP is the MPO's four-year document; projects included have funding identified. She stated these projects are State requested and MPO dollars are not involved, but the projects do have to be on the TIP because there are federal dollars on the projects.

MOTION: By Mr. Walker to recommend the Policy Board adopt State amendments to the FY24-27 TIP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hall.

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

2. **Action** – Amending FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (**All**)

Mrs. Sislak reminded members that the TIP is the short-term four-year plan that includes funded projects. The FY24-27 will be amended as follows:

- Accelerate design of Corte Rd Signal
- Intersection improvements on Jimmy Faulkner Dr
- Move intersection improvements on Jimmy Faulkner Dr (design and construction) from Carbon reduction Funds to Surface Transportation Funds.
- Increase Carbon Reduction Funds for sidewalks and street lighting improvement on East Relham Dr. and First Ave. in Loxley.

MOTION: By Mr. Mark Stejskal to recommend the Policy Board adopt amendments to the FY24-27 TIP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Perry.

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

3. **Action** – Adopting Performance Measures and Targets (**All**)

Mrs. Sislak stated the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act requires MPO Transportation plans incorporate performance measures and targets for urbanized areas.

Transit targets had recently been updated since January's meeting. MPO staff suggest adopting and supporting the updated statewide targets.

MOTION: By Mr. Josh Lambert to recommend the Policy Board adopt updated statewide targets. The motion was seconded by Mr. Walker.

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

4. Action – County Wide Multimodal Connectivity Vision Plan (All)

Mrs. Sislak explained that the connectivity plan has been discussed by the Advisory and Policy Board in past meetings. MPO staff have been collaborating with municipalities and counties to finalize the connectivity vision plan and are now seeking feedback for its adoption. It is important to note that no specific funding has been secured for the plan, as it is intended to serve as a general guideline.

MOTION: By Mr. Walker to recommend the Policy Board adopt the County Wide Multimodal Connectivity Vision Plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stejskal.

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

5. Action – Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant (SS4A) (All)

Mrs. Sislak indicated that this is a grant program under the IIJA intended for safety improvements. However, in order to secure funding for implementation/construction, an Action Plan must be developed first. The MPO staff will work towards obtaining the Action Plan grant, involving member governments with the exception of Fairhope, who has already received a grant to complete Action Plan, and potentially Daphne, who has a pending application.

MOTION: By Mr. Lovell to recommend the Policy Board authorize MPO staff to apply for SS4A Action Plan Grant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lambert.

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

6. Information – MPO Coordinator's Report

- ALDOT Project Update:
 - **SR 181 (SR 104 to CR 32)**
 - Environmental documents must be reevaluated, currently no funding for the reevaluation.

- **Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project**
 - ALDOT has issued a 60-day pause to explore cutting costs, as the project cost has risen to 3.5 billion due to inflation.
- **MPO Project Update:**

Mrs. Sislak presented project updates.

 - **Fairhope Transit Project**

Project is down to final punch list items. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled May 10th.
 - **Loxley Transit Project**
 - Bids received; currently being reviewed and approved by ALDOT, they should issue a Notice to proceed in the coming days.
 - **US 98 Access Management Project**
 - Project is at 27% based on quantities and 13% based on elapsed contract time.
 - Contractor has completed the temporary driveway to Justice Center and shifted traffic to the temporary driveway.
 - Contractor will be completing lavender Lane (new buildup portion/overlying existing portion) and installing traffic signal through July.
 - **CR 64 Resurfacing and Intersection Improvements at Pollard Road**
 - Contract has been executed and the project was awarded to H.O Weaver.
 - Utility work is beginning now and will take approximately 6 months to complete.
 - Drainage and other work will also take place during the next 6 months.
 - **CR 64 Widening and Intersection Improvements (SR181-Montilucia Way)**
 - Acquiring right-of-way, plans at 85%, utility estimates and utility plans in progress and should start working in utility agreements soon.
 - ROW acquisition in progress (75% finished, should be complete by September 30th.)
 - **Pleasant Road Extension**
 - in design, exploring alternative drainage design
 - **Roundabout at Flower Clock**
 - 90% plans are complete, ALDOT and City/Volkert working through comments and utility relocations.
- **Planning and Development Update**

Ms. Jessica Mayo presented quarter one of 2024 P&D update. The data presented is available on our website (easternshorempo.org) under Other Planning Documents.

NEXT MPO MEETINGS (All)

- **Policy Board Work Session:** Wednesday, July 10, 2024; 10:00 AM; Daphne City Hall
- **BPAC Meeting:** Monday, July 15, 2024; 9:00 AM; Daphne City Hall
- **CAC Meeting:** Monday, July 15, 2024; 1:00 PM; Daphne City Hall
- **TAC Meeting:** Tuesday, July 16, 2024; 10:00 AM; Daphne City Hall
- **Policy Board Meeting:** Wednesday, July 24, 2024; 10:00 AM; Daphne City Hall

PUBLIC FORUM (All)

- **Members of the Public:** No comments

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

ADJOURNMENT (All)

MOTION: By all.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.



Will Ervin, Chairperson

Date: 10/15/24