

EASTERN SHORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)  
DAPHNE, ALABAMA  
April 17, 2024  
10:00 AM

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CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE/INVOCATION.

- Vice Chair Mrs. Adrienne Jones called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M.
- Invocation was said by Mrs. Adrienne Jones.
- Pledge was led by all.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Sislak called the roll.

- **Members present:** Mr. Vince Beebe (as proxy for Mr. Edwin Perry), ALDOT Southwest Region; Mr. Seth Peterson (as proxy for Mr. Frank Lundy), Baldwin County; Mr. Casey Raines (Proxy for Carl Nelson), City of Spanish Fort; Mrs. Ann Simpson, Baldwin Regional Area Transit System; Mr. Josh Newman, City of Daphne; Mrs. Adrienne Jones and (as proxy for Mr. Josh Newman), City of Daphne; Mr. Hunter Simmons, City of Fairhope; Mr. Michael Malm, Baldwin County Board of Education
- **Members absent:** Mr. Don Lagarde, City of Fairhope Airport Authority; Mr. Greg Smith, City of Robertsdale; Mr. Robert B. Dees, ALDOT Bureau; Mr. Aaron Dawson, FHWA; Ms. Gail Quezada, Central Baldwin Chamber of Commerce; Ms. Casey Gay Williams, Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Richard Johnson, City of Fairhope; Mr. Buford King, Baldwin County; Mr. Robert Davis, City of Loxley
- **Others present:** Mrs. Sarah Sislak, MPO Director; Ms. Jessica Mayo, MPO Transportation Planner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION:** By Mr. Vince Beebe to approve the January 2024 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Michael Malm.

- 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. Beebe to recommend the Policy Board adopt State amendments to the FY24-27 TIP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Seth Peterson.

- 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. Peterson to recommend the Policy Board adopt amendments to the FY 24-27 TIP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hunter Simmons.

- 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. Beebe to recommend the Policy Board adopt updated statewide targets. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ann Simpson.

- 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. Simmons to recommend the Policy Board adopt the County Wide Multimodal Connectivity Vision Plan and also include SR-104 and SR-181 crossing within the vision plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Malm.

- Discussion: Design standards were discussed, and based on the research conducted by MPO staff, it is not feasible to establish a uniform design standard for every scenario across all municipalities. Ultimately, the responsibility for determining the appropriate design standard for a project will rest with the jurisdiction where the project is located. Committee member inquired about adding SR-104 and SR-181 crossing on the connectivity vision map.
- 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. Peterson to recommend the Policy Board authorize MPO staff to apply for SS4A Action Plan Grant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Malm.

- 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 10<sup>th</sup>.

- **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.
  - Contactor 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 30<sup>th</sup>.)
- **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](http://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 Mr. Beebe to adjourn meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jones.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

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Richard Johnson, Chairperson

Date: 07/16/2024

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