

EASTERN SHORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)  
DAPHNE, ALABAMA  
July 15, 2024  
9:00 AM

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CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE/INVOCATION.

- Acting Chairman Mark Wetzel called the meeting to order at 9:09 A.M.
- Invocation was said by Mrs. Kathie LaRose.
- Pledge was led by all.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Sislak called the roll.

- **Members present:** Mr. Gary Gover, City of Fairhope; Ms. Kathie LaRose, City of Spanish Fort; Mr. Luis Planas, City of Daphne; Ms. Liz Thomson, Baldwin County; Ms. Nancy Johnson, Baldwin County; Mr. Mark Wetzel, City of Daphne; Ms. Gail Yongue, Baldwin County; Mr. Payton Rogers, City of Daphne; Mr. Jim Ayres, City of Daphne.
- **Members absent:** Ms. Brooke Flowers, Town of Loxley; Mr. Paul Ammon, City of Fairhope; Mr. Jeff Hudson, City of Fairhope; Mr. Jeff Sheldon, City of Spanish Fort; Mr. Will Ervin, Baldwin County; Mr. Raymond Lovell, City of Loxley; Ms. Katie Bolton, City of Fairhope.
- **Others present:** Mrs. Sarah Sislak, MPO Director; Ms. Jessica Mayo, MPO Transportation Planner; Mr. Vince Beebe, ALDOT; Mr. Kevin Harrison, Sain Associates.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION:** By Mr. Payton Rodgers to approve the April 2024 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. LaRose.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Action** – Resolution Adopting FY 2025 Unified Work Program (UPWP) (**All**)  
Mrs. Sislak stated MPO Staff has completed the Draft FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). She explained the UPWP is the planning and administrative budget for the MPO and outlines tasks to be undertaken by the MPO in fiscal year 2025. The document was published for public comment for 30 days from June 3rd to July 3rd, and that no comments were received. She stated that the federal amount increased by \$5,448 in FY25. She further stated the Draft version will be adopted as the Final.

**MOTION:** By Mrs. LaRose to recommend the Policy Board adopt the FY25 UPWP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rodgers.

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

**2. Action – 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Funding Match (All)**

Mrs. Sislak outlined the funding arrangement for the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). She stated that Sain Associates' fee of \$199,949.84 will be funded 80 percent through Planning (PL) funds, with the remaining 20 percent match to be covered by member governments. A chart was provided to illustrate the funding breakdown.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Rodgers to recommend the Policy Board adopt the 2050 LRTP Funding Match. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Nancy Johnson.

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

**3. Action – Resolution Appointing Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Member (Policy Board)**

Mrs. Sislak stated Citizens Advisory Committee has vacant positions and MPO staff received an application for one of the vacancies. Mr. Jim Howard applied to represent the City of Fairhope.

**MOTION:** No action required.

- Discussion: N/A
- In favor: N/A
- Opposed: N/A
- Result: N/A

**4. Information – MPO Director's Report**

- Sain Associates: Presentation/Discussion on 2050 LRTP Goals, Strategies, Other
  - Mr. Kevin Harrison presented the plan development process, draft Goals and Objectives, draft public survey, and requested feedback from Advisory Committees.
- 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 was awarded \$550 million from the Bridge Investment Program, which has prompted reengagement of the design-build teams and scope to move forward.

- **US-31 Corridor Study**
  - Volkert is working on historical data and surveying.
- **SR 181 at Corte-Austing Signal**
  - Design has begun, construction is scheduled to start in December.
- **MPO Project Update:**

Mrs. Sislak presented project updates.

  - **Fairhope Transit Project**
    - Essentially complete, ribbon cutting held May 10<sup>th</sup>, City will continue making improvements including staining of the Parking Deck and art to be added.
  - **Loxley Transit Project**
    - Under Construction. Expected to be complete in early April 2025.
  - **US 98 Access Management Project**
    - Signal poles and mast arms are installed along US 98. Lavender Ln is projected to be open to traffic next week.
    - Construction activities ongoing at Van Ave, Halls Ln, and US 98 Median work. Construction is currently 72% complete.
  - **CR 64 Resurfacing and Intersection Improvements at Pollard Road**
    - Utility work is ongoing. Construction is currently 2%.
  - **CR 64 Widening and Intersection Improvements (SR181-Montilucia Way)**
    - Plans are at 85%, utility estimates & utility plans in progress.
    - ROW acquisition in progress (90% finished, should complete by September 30th)
  - **Pleasant Road Extension**
    - in design, exploring alternative drainage design
  - **Roundabout at Flower Clock**
    - Awaiting Authorization, construction packet has been submitted
- Ms. Jessica Mayo presented quarter two 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, October 9, 2024; 10:00 AM; Daphne City Hall
- **BPAC Meeting:** Monday, October 15, 2024; 9:00 AM; Daphne City Hall
- **CAC Meeting:** Tuesday, October 15, 2024; 1:00 PM; Daphne City Hall
- **TAC Meeting:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024; 10:00 AM; Daphne City Hall
- **Policy Board Meeting:** Wednesday, October 23, 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 Mrs. LaRose to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rodgers.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

  
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Jeff Hudson, Chairperson

Date: 10.15.20