

EASTERN SHORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
JOINT MEETING: POLICY BOARD, TAC, CAC, AND BPAC
DAPHNE, ALABAMA
April 23, 2025
10:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE/INVOCATION.

- Chairman Councilman Jack Burrell called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M.
- Invocation was said by Mayor Mike McMillan.
- Pledge was led by Commissioner Matt McKenzie.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Sislak called the roll.

- **Members present:** Mayor Sherry Sullivan, City of Fairhope; Mr. Troy Strunk (as proxy for councilmember Ron Scott), City of Daphne; Mayor Robin LeJeune, City of Daphne; Commissioner Matt McKenzie, Baldwin County; Mr. Matt Ericksen, ALDOT Southwest Region; Councilman Jack Burrell, City of Fairhope; Mayor Richard Teal, City of Loxley; Commissioner Billie Jo Underwood, Baldwin County; Mayor Mike McMillan, City of Spanish Fort; Mr. Casey Raines (as proxy for Carl Nelson), City of Spanish Fort; Mr. Robert Davis, City of Loxley; Mr. Seth Peterson, Baldwin County; Mrs. Ann Simpson, Baldwin Regional Area Transit System; Mr. Luis Plana, City of Daphne; Mr. Paul Ammon, City of Fairhope; Mr. Gary Gover, City of Fairhope; Ms. Gail Yongue, Baldwin County; Mrs. Kathie LaRose, City of Spanish Fort; Mr. Jeff Sheldon, City of Spanish Fort; Mr. Stephen Savage, City of Daphne; Mr. Richard Jaehne, City of Daphne; Mr. Jim Howard, City of Fairhope; Mr. Greg Walk, Baldwin County.
- **Others present:** Mrs. Sarah Sislak, MPO Director; Ms. Jessica Mayo, MPO Transportation Planner; Mr. Frank Ludy, Baldwin County; Mr. Mark Acreman, Baldwin County; Mr. Kevin Harrison, Sain Associates; Mr. James Watkins, Fairhope Times; Mr. Donald DeGutz; Ms. Jessyka Thompson; Ms. Heather Coffeen.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Jessyka Thompson and Mr. Donald DeGutz both voiced concerns over development and growth in the county.

1. Information – MPO Director’s Report

- ALDOT Project Update:
 - **SR 181 (SR 104 to CR 32)**
 - Volkert has been selected for the reevaluation of the environmental document. Process will taking 8 months to a year.
 - **Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project**
 - Project is moving forward under the Kiewit Massman Traylor (KMT) joint venture team.
 - A Pile Load Test Program has been developed to assess the strength and

- stability of the concrete foundation piles.
 - Finalization of the federal TIFIA loan.
 - ALDOT is working with the U.S. Department of Transportation and is optimistic about breaking ground before year-end.
- **Causeway Access Management**
 - Study is close to being complete.
 - Estimate a draft document from consultant within the next month.
- **US-31 Corridor Study**
 - Volkert is working on historical data and surveying.
 - Estimate traffic counts coming shortly.
 - Estimate alternative evaluation by the end of first quarter of next year.
- **SR 181 at Corte-Austing Signal**
 - Plans complete
 - Temporary signal has been placed.
 - Permanent signal anticipated for June letting.
- MPO Project Update:
Mrs. Sislak presented project updates.
 - **Loxley Transit Project**
 - Project is nearly complete
 - **CR 64 Resurfacing and Intersection Improvements at Pollard Road**
 - Project is progressing, south leg of Pollard Road is nearly ready for Pavement. Scheduled for the 1st or 2nd week of May.
 - Utilities nearing completion.
 - CR 64 Widening and Intersection Improvements (SR181-Montilucia Way)**
 - Clearing and grubbing, contractor should begin work towards the end of May.
 - Utility relocations will start after the clearing and grubbing is complete, shooting for Fall.
 - **Pleasant Road Extension**
 - Hydraulic analysis complete, location and size of the regional detention pond has been finalized. County has started the property acquisition phase for this pond site.
 - Roadway plans are being revised to work with this regional pond and we are working with ALDOT to begin the environmental process.
 - **Roundabout at Flower Clock**
 - Work is progressing on schedule
 - Box culvert extension nearing completion.
 - Lane widening/grade work nearing completion.
 - **Parker Road Sidewalk**
 - EOR has addressed the last round of ALDOT comments - awaiting response.
 - Lingering LPA or Certification issues still being worked through.
- Ms. Jessica Mayo presented first quarter of 2025 P&D data. The data presented is available on our website (easternshorempo.org) under Other Planning Documents.

NEXT MPO MEETINGS (All)

**All meetings will be held at Daphne City Hall*

- BPAC Meeting: Wednesday, July 16, 2025; 9:00 AM
- CAC Meeting: Wednesday, July 16, 2025; 1:00 PM
- TAC Meeting: Wednesday, July 16, 2025; 10:00 AM
- Policy Board Work Session: Wednesday, July 23, 2025; 9:30 AM
- Policy Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 23, 2025; 10:00 AM

PUBLIC FORUM (All)

- **Members of the Public:** Mr. Donald DeGutz
- **Members of the Press:** No comments
- **Board/Committee Members:** No comments

ADJOURNMENT (All)

MOTION: By all to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 AM.