

EASTERN SHORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY BOARD
DAPHNE, ALABAMA
July 24, 2024
10:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE/INVOCATION.

- Chairman councilman Jack Burrell called the meeting to order at 10:06 A.M.
- Invocation was said by Mayor Mike McMillan.
- Pledge was led by Mr. Matt Ericksen.

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; Mr. Seth Peterson (as proxy for Commissioner Matt McKenzie), Baldwin County; Mr. Matt Ericksen, ALDOT Southwest Region; Councilman Jack Burrell, City of Fairhope; Mayor Richard Teal, City of Loxley; Mr. Mark Acreman (as proxy for Commissioner Billie Jo Underwood), Baldwin County; Mayor Mike McMillan, City of Spanish Fort.
- **Members absent:** None
- **Others present:** Mrs. Sarah Sislak, MPO Director; Ms. Jessica Mayo, MPO Transportation Planner; Mr. Kevin Harrison, Sain Associates; Mr. James Gordon; Ms. Taylor Bufkin; Mr. Scott Mosley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: By Mayor Sherry Sullivan to approve the April 2024 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Acreman.

- 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 Mayor Sullivan to adopt the FY25 UPWP. The motion was seconded by Mayor Robin LeJeune.

- 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. Acreman to adopt the 2050 LRTP Funding Match. The motion was seconded by Mayor McMillan.

- 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: By Mayor Sullivan to appoint Mr. Jim Howard to the CAC. The motion was seconded by Mr. Acreman.

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

4. Informational – Sain Associates Presentation on 2050 LRTP Goals, Strategies, and Other (All)

Mr. Kevin Harrison, a senior planner from Sain Associates, presented the draft goals and objectives for the 2050 LRTP and draft public survey. He outlined four key goals: create a user-friendly plan, engage the public for feedback, enhance regional mobility, and maintain the transportation system by identifying maintenance needs. Mr. Harrison requested feedback on the goals and objectives from the Policy Board and Advisory Committees.

MOTION: No action required.

- Discussion: N/A

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

5. Information – MPO Director’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 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 10th, 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.
- **Planning and Development Update**

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 Mr. Troy Struck to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Richard Teal.

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 AM.


Jack Burrell, Chairperson

Date: _____