

EASTERN SHORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
DAPHNE, ALABAMA
January 17, 2023
1:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE/INVOCATION.

- Chairman Andy James called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.
- Invocation was said by Mr. Richard Ullo.
- Pledge was led by all.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Sislak called the roll.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: By Mr. Will Ervin to approve the October 2022 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richard Jaehne.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Action – Adoption of Performance Measures and Targets

Mrs. Sislak explained Performance Measures and Targets were required by the FAST ACT and carried on through the Infrastructure and Jobs Act (IIJA). MPO Staff recommends supporting the statewide Measures and Targets. Mrs. Sislak further stated there are currently no repercussions for not meeting these targets, but the MPO will give good faith effort to fund projects that support these targets.

MOTION: By Mr. Mark Stejskal to recommend the Policy Board adopt state Performance Measures and Targets. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ervin.

- Discussion: Committee member stated the state's statistics are interstate related and our specific area doesn't have many interstates, except for I-10, so how would these statistics be relative/beneficial to our area instead of creating our own performance measures specifically to the Eastern Shore. Mr. Vince Beebe responded that any performance measures are set by FHWA, all MPOs would have to meet those targets and criteria. The Southwest region gets 6-8 million in Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds, these funds get allocated throughout the state, it cannot all be disbursed to one project. Mr. Beebe further stated adopting the MPO's own performance measures would only be used for data collection purposes and the information would be used to direct funding for a project. HSIP is managed by the State, so it's not necessary for MPOs to adopt their own, because there are priorities through-out the entire region.
- Abstain: Andy James
- In favor: All
- Opposed: None
- Result: Passed

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

Mrs. Sislak reminded members that the TIP is the MPO's four-year planning 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.

- Project: 100076263 (PE) Federal aid number: BR 0042; County: Baldwin; Project Description: Culvert Repair and Extension (BIN 9719) Over Fly Creek on SR-42; Target Start Date: 03/01/2023; Engineers Estimate: \$400,000.00
- Project: 100076265 (UT) Federal aid number: BR 0042; County: Baldwin; Project Description: Culvert Repair and Extension (BIN 9719) Over Fly Creek on SR-42; Target Start Date: 06/01/2023; Engineers Estimate: \$500,000.00
- Project: 100076264 (CN) Federal aid number: BR 0042; County: Baldwin; Project Description: Culvert Repair and Extension (BIN 9719) Over Fly Creek on SR-42; Target Start Date: 09/23/2023; Engineers Estimate: \$3,000,000.00

MOTION: By Mr. Ervin to recommend the Policy Board adopt the State amendments to the FY20-23 TIP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Uillo.

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

3. Discussion – County Connectivity Plan (All)

Mrs. Sislak stated the MPO was approached in 2021 to assist in efforts to develop a

county-wide connectivity plan to identify future bike/ped connections. Mrs. Sislak further stated in April of 2022 MPO staff presented a proposed draft of the map to the Advisory Committees and Policy Board for feedback and are presenting it again for final feedback. She explained this map will be used to guide future decisions for locations of sidewalks and bicycle facilities. She further explained MPO staff will be reconvening with the Planners from the municipalities to give final input and work on a Resolution of Support for adoption by Councils and ESMPO. Staff anticipates bringing that back to the MPO for adoption in April.

MOTION: No action required

- Discussion: A member of the public inquired if the Rails-to Trails was incorporated into the Connectivity Map, Mrs. Sislak responded that the Rails-to- Trails have been included. Committee member inquired if the intent is separated lanes or shared lanes, stated example the proposed trail on shoulder labeling on map. Mrs. Sislak responded it would be a wide shoulder that's not separated, but adequate space on the shoulder. Committee members gave input on existing and proposed routes.
- Abstain: N/A
- In favor: N/A
- Opposed: N/A
- Result: N/A

4. Discussion – FY2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (All)

Mrs. Sislak stated the MPO funds projects through the adoption of a four-year project list, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Projects are usually selected from the Financially Constrained List of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. Mrs. Sislak stated the Baldwin County Economic Alliance has approached the MPO for consideration of funding for charging stations; ESMPO currently receives 1.6 million a year in Surface Transportation Funds, and an additional \$192,000 in Carbon Reduction Funds. These funds should increase based on the new Census Bureau data. Several projects from the FY20-23 TIP are still on-going and will need additional funding to get through construction. MPO staff is looking for discussion and feedback on inclusion and prioritization of projects in the FY24-27 TIP.

MOTION: No action required.

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

5. Information – MPO Coordinator's Report

- ALDOT Project Update:
- Mr. Vince Beebe presented project updates.
 - **SR 181 (104 to 64)**
 - Continuing various items of work including miscellaneous drainage items and widening layers; anticipate opening to 4-lanes of traffic in 1-2 months.
 - Discussion:** Mr. Mark Stejskal inquired about increased lighting or a traffic signal at the intersection of SR-181 and St Michael's Way. He stated his concerns for safety at the intersection. He asked Mr. Beebe if it would be

helpful to discuss with the Mayor of Daphne, Mr. Beebe responded that it could be beneficial to discuss with the Mayor.

- **Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project**
 - Two teams have submitted proposals for Project 1 (MRB). Selection of one proposal anticipated in February, currently anticipate construction to begin early 2024. Project 2 (Bayway) proposals currently anticipated to be received in April, construction anticipated in Mid-2024.
- MPO Project Update:
Mrs. Sislak presented project updates.
 - **Fairhope Transit Project**
 - Making good progress, will work around Mardi Gras and Arts and Crafts Festival, 6-month project with a NTP issued on December 5th.
 - **Loxley Transit Project**
 - Recently completed the Intendent Cost Estimate. Waiting on ALDOT approval on that and are preparing to put out for bid.
 - **Gayfer Turning Lanes**
 - All drainage and widening work complete; intersection is open in its new configuration with temporary striping; signal equipment is suffering supply chain delays; expect that work is 60 days out.
 - **CR 13/44 Roundabout**
 - Construction scheduled for March
 - **US 98 Access Management Project**
 - Submitted Final Back Check plans (90%) to ALDOT (1/6/23), preparing bid for signal poles and mast arms.
 - **CR 64 Resurfacing and Intersection Improvements at Pollard Road**
 - Submitted supplemental PS&E (85%) plans to ALDOT (1/11/23).
 - **CR 64 Widening and Intersection Improvements (SR181-Montilucia Way)**
 - ROW acquisition underway, utility coordination started
 - **Realign Intersection of US 31 and Old Hwy 31**
 - Construction has started
 - **Pleasant Road Extension**
 - Working on environmental document & 85% plans
 - **Roundabout at Flower Clock**
 - Volkert has presented 35% plans to the City ; received comments and proceeding with design. Volkert is coordinating connecting design elements with the Team Designing the Triangle Park Property.
- HSIP Award – R-Cut at County Road 64 and BBE
- TAP Award – City of Fairhope was awarded
- 2020 Census – Updated Urban Boundary
- Memo from ALDOT RE: I-10 Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project
- Advisory Committee Vacancies
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
 - City of Daphne (2)
 - Citizens Advisory Committee
 - City of Daphne (1)
- Planning and Development Update
Ms. Jessica Mayo presented quarter four- and entire-year of 2022 P&D update. The

2022 data presented is available on our website (easternshorempo.org) under Other Planning Documents.

NEXT MPO MEETINGS (All)

- **Policy Board Work Session:** Wednesday, April 12, 2023; 10:00 AM; Daphne City Hall
- **BPAC Meeting:** Tuesday, April 18, 2023; 9:00 AM; Daphne City Hall
- **CAC Meeting:** Tuesday, April 18, 2023; 1:00 PM; Daphne City Hall
- **TAC Meeting:** Wednesday, April 19, 2023; 10:00 AM; Daphne City Hall
- **Policy Board Meeting:** Wednesday, April 26, 2023; 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. Ervin to adjourn meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Stejskal. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.



Andy James, Chairperson

Date: 4/18/2023