

EASTERN SHORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)  
DAPHNE, ALABAMA  
October 16, 2024  
10:00 AM

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CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE/INVOCATION.

- Chairman Richard Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M.
- Invocation was said by Chairman Richard Johnson.
- Pledge was led by Mrs. Adrienne Jones.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Sislak called the roll.

- **Members present:** Mr. Josh McDonald (as proxy for Mr. Edwin Perry), ALDOT Southwest Region; Mr. Seth Peterson (as proxy for Mr. Mark Acreman), Baldwin County; Mr. Casey Raines (Proxy for Carl Nelson), City of Spanish Fort; Mrs. Ann Simpson, Baldwin Regional Area Transit System; Mr. Richard Johnson, City of Fairhope; Mrs. Adrienne Jones and, City of Daphne; 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; Mr. Buford King, Baldwin County; Mr. Robert Davis, City of Loxley; Mr. Hunter Simmons, City of Fairhope; Ms. Casey Gay Williams, Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce.
- **Others present:** Mrs. Sarah Sislak, MPO Director; Ms. Jessica Mayo, MPO Transportation Planner; Mr. Kevin Harrison, Sain Associates; Mr. James Watkins; Mr. Gary Gover; Mr. Curt Fonger; Mr. Josh Newman.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**MOTION:** Mrs. Jones nominated Michael Malm for Chair and Seth Peterson for Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ann Simpson.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION:** By Mr. Seth Peterson to approve the July 2024 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Simpson.

- Discussion: None
- Abstain: None
- In favor: All

- Opposed: None
- Result: Passed

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. **Action** – Amending the 2045 LRTP and FY24-27 TIP (**All**)

Mrs. Sislak reminded members that projects which include federal funding and are located within the Eastern Shore MPO planning area are required to be in the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). She explained the proposed project is for a Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase of the SR-181 widening from SR-104 to US-98 to complete a re-evaluation of the environmental document and design. These amendments 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 project.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Johnson to recommend the Policy Board amend the 2045 LRTP and FY24-27 TIP. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jones.

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

##### 2. **Informational** – SAIN Associates 2050 LRTP Updates (**All**)

Mr. Kevin Harrison provided a comprehensive presentation on the results of the Public Survey, which was open to the public from September 4th through September 30th. He reviewed key findings and trends that emerged from the survey responses, offering valuable insights into community priorities. In addition, Mr. Harrison updated the group on the progress of the draft goals and objectives, highlighting any revisions or additions made based on public feedback and internal discussions.

**MOTION:** No action required.

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

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

- ALDOT Project Update:
  - **SR 181 (SR 104 to CR 32)**
    - Funding has been identified to reevaluate environmental documents.
  - **Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project**
    - Right-a-way has been acquired.
    - Updating environmental documents and permits through the process.

- Teams are working obtaining the credit rating for TIFA loans and working through tolling information.

- **Causeway Access Management**

- Study is close to being complete.
- Estimate a draft document from consultant in the coming months.

- **US-31 Corridor Study**

- Volkert is working on historical data and surveying.
- Estimate traffic counts in the coming weeks
- Estimate alternative evaluation by the end of first quarter of next year.

- **MPO Project Update:**

Mrs. Sislak presented project updates.

- **Loxley Transit Project**

- 20% complete, now expected to be complete by March 2025.

- **US 98 Access Management Project**

- Project substantially complete.
- Engineer punch list expected to be complete 10/1.
- Permanent striping in process.

- **CR 64 Resurfacing and Intersection Improvements at Pollard Road**

- Utility/infrastructure relocation is in process (sewer).
- Delays due to utilities
- Project complete 10%.
- Additional turn lane design drawings approved by ALDOT.

- **CR 64 Widening and Intersection Improvements (SR181-Montilucia Way)**

- Working through utility agreements/plans.
- Volkert developing clearing and grubbing plans.
- ROW acquisition nearing completion, should have all tracts fully closed in December.

- **Pleasant Road Extension**

- Dewberry has completed an additional survey and has began hydraulic modeling for revised drainage layout.

- **Roundabout at Flower Clock**

- Last utility agreement is with Mediacom
- Once signed by Mayor, it will be submitted to ALDOT.
- This is anticipated to be the final step required for project authorization.

- **Parker Road Sidewalk**

- Overstreet & Assoc. are finalizing plans,
- Received and reviewed 90% plan set.
- Sent review comments and received revised drawings.
- All ALDOT documents submitted and under review.

- Ms. Jessica Mayo presented quarter three 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, January 22, 2025; 9:00 AM; TBD
- **BPAC Meeting:** Tuesday, January 14, 2025; 9:00 AM; TBD
- **CAC Meeting:** Tuesday, January 14, 2025; 1:00 PM; TBD
- **TAC Meeting:** Wednesday, January 15, 2025; TBD
- **Policy Board Meeting:** Wednesday, January 22, 2025; 10:00 AM; TBD

**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. Jones to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peterson.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:38 AM.

 Date: 14 JAN 2025  
Michael Malm, Chairperson