

EASTERN SHORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
DAPHNE, ALABAMA
October 15, 2025
10:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE/INVOCATION.

- Chairman Mr. Michael Malm called the meeting to order at 10:04 A.M.
- Invocation was said by Mrs. Adrienne Jones.
- Pledge was led by all.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Sislak called the roll.

- **Members present:** Mr. Vince Beebe (as proxy for Mr. Edwin Perry), ALDOT Southwest Region; Mr. Seth Peterson, Baldwin County; Mr. Casey Raines (Proxy for Carl Nelson), City of Spanish Fort; Mr. Richard Johnson, City of Fairhope; Mrs. Adrienne Jones, City of Daphne; Mr. Robert Davis, City of Loxley; Mr. Michael Malm, Baldwin County Board of Education; Mr. John Thomas (proxy for Mr. Hunter Simmons), City of Fairhope; Mr. Greg Smith, City of Robertsdale.
- **Members absent:** Mr. Don Lagarde, City of Fairhope Airport Authority; Mr. Robert B. Dees, ALDOT Bureau; Mr. Aaron Dawson, FHWA; Ms. Gail Quezada, Central Baldwin Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Andy Bobe, City of Daphne; Mrs. Ann Simpson, Baldwin Regional Area Transit System; 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.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MOTION: By Mr. Richard Johnson to nominate Mr. Michael Malm for Chair and Mr. Seth Peterson for Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Adrienne Jones.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: By Mr. Johnson to approve the July 2025 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jones.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Action** – Highway Functional Classification Changes (**All**)

Mrs. Sislak stated that the Highway Functional Classification (HFC) Network categorizes roadways based on their function and role within the overall transportation system. Based on data collected and staff analysis, the MPO Director recommended reclassifying Pollard Road/Jonesboro Road and Stanton Road from Local Roads to Minor Collectors and request approval to submit the official request to ALDOT and FHWA.

MOTION: By Mrs. Jones to recommend Policy Board approve the recommended road classifications and submittal to ALDOT and FHWA.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Seth Peterson.

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

2. **Action** – State Amendments to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (**All**)

Mrs. Sislak stated that projects receiving federal funding and located within the planning area are required to be included in the MPO's LRTP and TIP. She further stated that the ALDOT submitted a request to include the following project in the 2045 LRTP and FY 2024–2027 TIP: Roadway lighting on SR-181 from Saint Michael's Way to Austin/Corte Road.

MOTION: By Mr. Vince Beebe to recommend the Policy Board to adopt State requested amendments to the FY24-27 TIP. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jones.

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

3. **Action** – MPO Amendments to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (**All**)

Mrs. Sislak stated that the following project was submitted to staff by a member government for inclusion in the LRTP and FY 24–27 TIP: widening and resurfacing of US-90 from County Road 13 to Mount Aid Church. The MPO committed \$25,000 Surface Transportation Funds to the project.

MOTION: By Mrs. Jones to recommend the Policy Board adopt amendments to the 2045 LRTP and FY24-27 TIP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robert Davis.

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

- Opposed: None
- Result: Passed

4. Action – Adopting the Draft 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (All)

Mrs. Sislak stated that Sain Associates completed the Draft 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), which was made available for public comment from October 3, 2025 through October 17, 2025. She further stated that twelve (12) public comments were received. Mr. Kevin Harrison of Sain Associates presented the Draft Plan.

MOTION: By Mrs. Jones to recommend the Policy Board adopt Draft 2050 LRTP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson.

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

5. Action – Appointing Citizen Advisory Committee Member (Policy Board)

Mrs. Sislak stated Citizens Advisory Committee had a vacant position and MPO staff received an application from Mr. Seth Tibbs to represent Baldwin County.

MOTION: No action needed

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

6. Action – Resolutions of Appreciation (All)

Mrs. Sislak stated MPO staff has prepared Resolutions recognizing and thanking Mayor Michael McMillan of Spanish Fort and Councilman Ron Scott of Daphne for their contribution and participation on the Eastern Shore MPO Policy Board.

MOTION: By Mr. Johnson to recommend the Policy Board adopt resolutions of appreciation for Mayor McMillan and Councilman Scott's years of service. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jones

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

7. Information – MPO Director's Report

- ALDOT Project Update:
 - **SR 181 (SR 104 to CR 32)**
 - Volkert is reevaluating the corridor study.
 - Anticipate public meetings in the upcoming year.

- **Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project**
 - Design on Bridge portion is 75% complete.
 - Geotech work is ongoing.
 - Additional funding is being sought through the Bridge Improvement Program.
 - Anticipate notice to proceed for construction in Quarter 1 of next year.
 - **Causeway Access Management**
 - Spanish Fort Hill: Design by Gresham Smith, anticipate public meetings to be held on design early next year.
 - Causeway: Design by Skipper Consultant, anticipate report to be submitted to ALDOT in 2026 Quarter 1.
 - **US-31 Corridor Study**
 - Conducted by Volkert, anticipate draft report be submitted in 2026 Quarter 1.
 - **SR 181 at Corte-Austing Signal**
 - Project has been let, followed by a procurement period.
 - Temporary signal has been placed.
- MPO Project Update:
 - Mrs. Sislak presented project updates.
 - **Loxley Transit Project**
 - Complete. Ribbon Cutting held September 28th.
 - **CR 64 Resurfacing and Intersection Improvements at Pollard Road**
 - 67% complete with roadway work.
 - Has been experiencing utility delays; anticipate work to begin again near the beginning of November.
 - **CR 64 Widening and Intersection Improvements (SR181-Montilucia Way)**
 - The clearing and grubbing phase is complete.
 - Held a supplemental PSE review with ALDOT October 2nd, Volkert is finalizing plans.
 - Received authorization for the non-reimbursable utility companies to begin relocating and they should begin soon.
 - Awaiting agreements from Fairhope Gas and BCSS before we can get authorization for the reimbursable utilities.
 - **Pleasant Road Extension**
 - Working on acquiring land for regional detention pond that is essential for this project.
 - Dewberry working on revising plans for the new drainage layout.
 - NEPA coordination with ALDOT and FHWA has begun.
 - **Roundabout at Flower Clock**
 - All roadway geometric infrastructure is constructed and basically under full traffic – sans Veterans Drive. Key remaining tasks:
 - Will open Veterans by the end of the month – we are leaning on the GC to get all pavement down prior to.
 - **Parker Road Sidewalk**
 - All ALDOT requested revisions have been addressed. Project awaiting authorization.

- SS4A Grant Update
 - Request For Qualifications currently open for consultant to develop the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, will accept qualifications until 2:00 PM on November 12th.
- Awarded TAP Grants
 - Baldwin County Commission – Extension of Eastern Shore Trail from Pleasant View Lane to CR-49 in Magnolia Springs
 - City of Loxley – Sidewalk on Municipal Park Drive from Magnolia Street to North Hickory Street
- Ms. Jessica Mayo gave an update on the annual Fall Walk to School Day event. She further presented Quarter 3 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 Fairhope Municipal Complex*

- **BPAC Meeting:** Tuesday, January 20, 2026; 9:00 AM
- **CAC Meeting:** Tuesday, January 20, 2026; 1:00 PM
- **TAC Meeting:** Wednesday, January 21, 2026; 10:00 AM
- **Policy Board Work Session:** Wednesday, January 28, 2026; 9:30 AM
- **Policy Board Meeting:** Wednesday, January 28, 2026; 10:00 AM

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. Beebe to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson. Meeting adjourned at 10:41 AM.



Michael Malm, Chairperson

Date: 1/21/26