

EASTERN SHORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY BOARD
DAPHNE, ALABAMA
July 23, 2025
10:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE/INVOCATION.

- Vice Chairman Mayor Robin LeJeune called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.
- Invocation was said by Commissioner Matt McKenzie.
- Pledge was led by all.

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; Mr. Kevin Boone (proxy for Councilman Jack Burrell), City of Fairhope; Mr. Robert Davis (proxy for Mayor Richard Teal), City of Loxley; Commissioner Billie Jo Underwood, Baldwin County.
- **Members absent:** Mayor Mike McMillan, City of Spanish Fort.
- **Others present:** Mrs. Sarah Sislak, MPO Director; Ms. Jessica Mayo, MPO Transportation Planner; Mr. Kevin Harrison, Sain Associates; Mr. Randy Palmer, Cypress Environment; Mr. Frank Lundy, Baldwin County Commission; Mr. Mark Acreman, Baldwin County Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: By Mayor Sherry Sullivan to approve the January 2025 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Billie Jo Underwood.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Action – Adopting FY26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (**All**)

Mrs. Sislak stated MPO Staff has completed the Draft FY 2026 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 2026. The document was published for public comment for 30 days from June 2nd to July 2nd.

No comments were received.

MOTION: By Mayor Sullivan to adopt the FY26 UPWP. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Underwood.

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

2. Action – Adopting Title VI Plan

Mrs. Sislak explained that all agencies receiving federal transit funds must have a Title VI Program, as required by the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and FTA guidelines. This program must be approved by the governing board and submitted to the FTA every three years or as requested.

MOTION: By Commissioner Underwood to adopt the Title VI Plan. The motion was seconded by Mayor Sullivan.

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

3. Action – Amending FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mrs. Sislak reminded members that the TIP is the short-term four-year plan that includes funded projects. The FY24-27 will be amended as follows:

- Move \$1,351,000 from Pleasant Road (CN) to CR-64 (UT)
- Increase Spanish Fort Hub from \$376,000 to \$2,000,000.
- Add FY 27 Section 5307 Transit Funds – Operations - \$600,000.00
- Add FY 27 Section 5307 Transit Funds – Preventative Maintenance - \$85,000
- Add FY 27 Section 5307 Transit Funds – Bus/Van Rolling Stock - \$400,000

MOTION: By Commissioner Underwood to adopt amendments to the FY24-27 TIP. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matt McKenzie.

- Discussion: A board member highlighted that the Pleasant Road project is still ongoing and a priority, despite funds being reallocated to a project that is ready to proceed.
- Abstain: None
- In favor: All
- Opposed: None
- Result: Passed

4. Information – MPO Director's Report

- ALDOT Project Update:
 - **SR 181 (SR 104 to CR 32)**
 - Volkert is reevaluating the corridor study.
 - **Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project**
 - Design on Bridge portion is 90% complete and 40% complete on the

Bayway portion.

- Geotech work is ongoing.
- Additional funding is being sought through the Bridge Improvement Program.

Causeway Access Management

- Draft document is complete. The next steps include the NEPA process and a public comment period, with an estimated schedule toward the end of the year.

- **US-31 Corridor Study**

- Conducted by Volkert, currently gathering traffic counts and evaluating alignment options.

- **SR 181 at Corte-Austing Signal**

- Awaiting notice to proceed, followed by a procurement period.
- Temporary signal has been placed.

- **MPO Project Update:**

Mrs. Sislak presented project updates.

Loxley Transit Project

- 98% complete and weather permitting, they should be wrapping everything up in the next week or two.

CR 64 Resurfacing and Intersection Improvements at Pollard Road

- Contractor is working on the north leg of Pollard Road, finishing all the concrete and base work.
- Signal poles have been installed, with the goal of having the intersection open to traffic by the start of School on August 11

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

- ROW acquisition is essentially complete.
- Clearing & Grubbing is currently underway, expected to be completed this summer.
- Utility contracts are being executed, should UT relocations begin in the Fall

Motion: By Mr. Lovell to require debris clean up and to have rubber pads on the stabilizer, as i

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 and beginning the NEPA process.

Roundabout at Flower Clock

- Great Progress. Drainage 100%, curbing and aggregate base is at 75%, and you should see binder going down in the next few weeks.
- Project is on budget and ahead of schedule.
- Tweaking Temporary Traffic Control – trying to keep as much traffic moving thru as possible during construction.

Parker Road Sidewalk

- All ALDOT request for revisions should be completed – awaiting CMA (Ped Signals on US98) and project authorization.

Twin Beech Rd (CR44) Corridor Study

- Contract is executed, scoping meeting held with EOR, will await the return of school to update traffic counts – expect preliminary report late October of 2025.

SR-59 Corridor Study

- Overstreet and Associates has been issued a notice to proceed.

- Carbon Reduction Funds
 - Carbon funds could potentially be rescinded and MPO has been encouraged to get those funds spent.
- Advisory Committee Vacancies
 - Citizens Advisory Committee
 - Baldwin County Commission (1)
- Ms. Jessica Mayo presented Quarter 2 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:** Tuesday, October 14, 2025; 9:00 AM
- **CAC Meeting:** Tuesday, October 14, 2025; 1:00 PM
- **TAC Meeting:** Wednesday, October 15, 2025; 10:00 AM
- **Policy Board Work Session:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025; 9:30 AM
- **Policy Board Meeting:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025; 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 Commissioner Underwood to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Sullivan

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 AM.



Jack Burrell, Chairperson

Date:

10/29/25