# **EASTERN SHORE MPO**

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# **COMBINED MEETING AGENDA**

AS OF 12/19/2022

Policy Board Work Session:	Wednesday, January 11, 2023; 10:00 AM Daphne City Hall 1705 Main Street Daphne, AL 36526
Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Committee:	Tuesday, January 17, 2023; 9:00 AM Daphne City Hall 1705 Main Street Daphne, AL 36526
Citizens Advisory Committee:	Tuesday, January 17, 2023; 1:00 PM Daphne City Hall 1705 Main Street Daphne, AL 36526
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Policy Board:	Wednesday, January 25, 2023; 10:00 AM Daphne City Hall 1705 Main Street Daphne, AL 36526

#### CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION/PLEDGE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Action Adopting Performance Measures and Targets (All)
- 2. Discussion County Connectivity Plan (All)
- 3. Discussion FY2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (All)

#### 4. Informational – MPO Coordinator's Report (All)

- ALDOT Project Update:
  - SR 181Widening
  - Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project
- MPO Project Update:
  - Fairhope Transit Project
  - Loxley Transit Project
  - Gayfer Turning Lanes
  - CR 13/44 Roundabout
  - US 98 Access Management Project
  - CR 64 Resurfacing and Intersection Improvements at Pollard Road
  - CR 64 Widening and Intersection Improvements (SR181-Montilucia Way)
  - Realign Intersection of US 31 and Old Hwy 31
  - Pleasant Road Extension
  - Roundabout at Flower Clock
- HSIP Award R-Cut at County Road 64 and BBE
- TAP Award City of Fairhope
- 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 (1)
- Planning and Development Update

#### NEXT MPO MEETINGS (All)

- Policy Board Work Session: Wednesday, April 12, 2023; 10:00 AM; Daphne City Hall
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#### PUBLIC FORUM (All)

- Members of the Public:
- Members of the Press:
- Board/Committee Members:

#### ADJOURNMENT (All)

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

# **Eastern Shore MPO**

#### AGENDA ACTION FORM

Policy Board Work Session – January 11, 2023 Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – January 17, 2023 Citizens Advisory Committee – January 17, 2023 Technical Advisory Committee – January 18, 2023 Policy Board – January 25, 2023

#### SUMMARY

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
- Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- Policy Board

#### **ATTACHMENT(S)**

- 1.) October 2022 BPAC Meeting Minutes
- 2.) October 2022 CAC Meeting Minutes
- 3.) October 2022 TAC Meeting Minutes
- 4.) October 2022 Policy Board Meeting Minutes

#### EASTERN SHORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA October 18, 2022 9:00 AM

#### CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE/INVOCATION.

- Sarah Sislak called the meeting to order at 9:09 A.M.
- Invocation was said by Mr. Jeff Hudson.
- > Pledge was led by all.

#### ROLL CALL

Mrs. Sislak called the roll.

- Members present: Mr. Payton Rogers, City of Daphne; Mrs. Mary Goodlin, City of Daphne; Mr. Jeff Hudson, City of Fairhope; Mrs. Katie Bolton, City of Fairhope; Mr. Gary Gover, City of Fairhope; Mrs. Nancy Johnson, Baldwin County; Ms. Kathie LaRose, City of Spanish Fort; Mr. Jeff Sheldon, City of Spanish Fort; Mr. Raymond Lovell, City of Loxley.
- Members absent: Mr. Mark Wetzel, City of Daphne; Ms. Brooke Flowers, Town of Loxley; Mr. David Ringler, City of Daphne; Mr. Paul Ammon, City of Fairhope; Mrs. Liz Thomson, Baldwin County; Mrs. Gail Yongue, Baldwin County.
- Others present: Mrs. Sarah Sislak, MPO Coordinator; Ms. Jessica Mayo, MPO Admin. Support Specialist; Mr. Vince Beebe, ALDOT.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**MOTION:** By Mrs. Katie Bolton to nominate Mr. Jeff Hudson for Chair and Mrs. Kathie LaRose for Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Raymond Lovell.

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION:** By Mr. Lovell to approve the July 2022 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bolton.

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

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Action State Amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (All) Mrs. Sislak reminded members that the TIP is the MPO's four-year 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. She further explained these funds were earmarked from Congressman Jerry Carl's office.
  - Eastern Shore Trail expansion along SR-42 (US-98) in Baldwin County from the east side of Fish River Bridge to Pleasant View Lane
  - Access improvements to Robertsdale High School and Fairground Road adjacent to SR-59 to include widening for right turn lanes, signal upgrades, and access management.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Lovell to recommend the Policy Board adopt State amendments to the TIP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Payton Rodgers.

- O Discussion: Committee member inquired if the Robertsdale Fairground project is about the traffic light signal and Mr. Vince Beebe responded that he would look into the details for the member. Committee member inquired about Pleasant View Lane project and it's relation to Magnolia Springs. Mrs. Sislak responded that it was suitable in termini but does not take it all the way to Magnolia Springs, committee member also inquired who requested the project. Mr. Vince Beebe responded he would also look into the specific details for this project. Committee member inquired about the outcome of the RAISE Grant, Mrs. Sislak responded that the MPO has not received word yet on the RAISE Grant for the Baldwin County Commission, but knows they have been awarded due to Huntsville announcing an award. Discussion was held about the maintenance on the Eastern Shore Trail. Mrs. Sislak stated a system to keep up with the maintenance was passed in budget and she would follow-up with Mr. Brian Peacock over the Parks Department for more specific details.
- o Abstain: None
- In favor: All
- Opposed: None
- Result: Passed

#### 2. Action – Resolution of Support for Safe Routes to School (All)

Mrs. Sislak explained Safe Routes to School is a national initiative to make it safe and fun for children to walk and bike to school. There are several aspects of this initiative that includes education, infrastructure improvements, and policy. She further explained the MPO has been working with Mrs. Charlene Lee and Baldwin County Trailblazers on this initiative and have created a Steering Committee that includes representatives from the Legislation Delegation, Baldwin County Public Schools, Gulf Shores City Schools, Orange Beach City Schools, Baldwin Realtors Association, and Baldwin County Educational Foundation. She stated the goal is to expand the Walking School Bus program to other schools in Baldwin County, and some interest has been shown in starting a monthly walk with hopes to expand to weekly, and then daily. **MOTION:** By Mr. Hudson to recommend the Policy Board adopt the Resolution supporting Safe Routes to School. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rodgers.

- Discussion: Mrs. Sislak mentioned that some schools are interested in smart walks monthly and the Steering Committee had discussed doing safety audits around some schools and looking at what would be feasible for children to walk to those schools and MPO staff may reach out to the Committee for volunteers to do this. Committee member mentioned the Bike/Ped Committee in Fairhope has created an app where they walk the area and mention any upgrades or damages to the sidewalks and upload to the app. Committee member stated since the new school has been built in Stonebridge, citizens seem to be walking this area more. He inquired about widening on US-31 and how to request a bike lane or sidewalk for this area. Mr. Beebe responded those projects are programmed into the system and the dates are years off and currently financially constrained. ALDOT recognizes the need, but it is built into the process of how they move the project phases along.
- o Abstain: None
- In favor: All
- Opposed: None
- o Result: Passed

#### 3. Action – Amending ESMPO Bylaws (All)

Mrs. Sislak stated this proposed amendment would be revising section 5.5A, Order of Business to add Public Forum opportunity before New Business. She further explained this will create the opportunity to speak about an agenda item before it is voted on. **MOTION:** By Mr. Rodgers to recommend the Policy Board amend the ESMPO Bylaws with the opportunity to speak taking place before each individual agenda item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sheldon.

- Discussion: Committee member inquired if this will be three minutes per agenda item, Mrs. Sislak stated it does clarify each person will be given three minutes and if citizens are inquiring all about the same agenda item to have one person be the representative on discussions. Committee members stated they think it is appropriate for Public Forum be per agenda item, held individually before each item.
- Abstain: None
- $\circ$  In favor: All
- Opposed: None
- Result: Passed

#### 4. Action – Appointing Advisory Committee Members (Policy Board)

Mrs. Sislak stated that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee (BPAC) and Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) has vacant positions and MPO staff received applications for the vacancies. Mr. William Ervin applied to represent Baldwin County on the BPAC. Mr. Josh Lambert applied to represent the City of Fairhope and Mr. Mike Hall to represent the City of Loxley on the CAC. She further stated once the Policy Board votes on this item the Advisory Committees will be at full representation.

MOTION: No action required.

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

o Result: N/A

#### 5. Information – MPO Coordinator's Report

- ALDOT Project Update
  - Mr. Vince Beebe provided ALDOT project updates:
  - SR 181 Widening
- Discussion: Committee member stated amongst Fairhope citizens there is negative discussion on the time efficiency on the project. Mr. Beebe said many things have factored into that process over the last couple of years such as Covid, storage, labor, and materials.

Sislak provided MPO project updates:

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#### PUBLIC FORUM (All)

- Members of the Public: No comments
- Members of the Press: No comments
- Board/Committee Members: No comments

ADJOURNMENT (All) MOTION: By all to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:13 AM.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Katie Bolton, Chairperson

#### EASTERN SHORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA October 18, 2022 1:00 PM

#### CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE/INVOCATION.

- > Chairman Andy James called the meeting to order at 1:08 P.M.
- Invocation was said by Mr. Mark Stejskal.
- > Pledge was led by all.

#### ROLL CALL

Mrs. Sislak called the roll.

- Members present: Mr. Donald Ouellette, City of Daphne; Mr. William Ervin, Town of Loxley; Mr. Mark Stejskal, City of Fairhope; Mr. Shane Perry, Baldwin County; Mr. Greg Walker, Baldwin County; Mr. Andy James, Baldwin County; Mr. David Stejskal, City of Fairhope; Mr. Curt Fonger, City of Daphne; Mrs. Coley Boone, City of Fairhope; Mrs. Marissa Rennaker, Baldwin County; Mr. Kevin Morgan, City of Spanish Fort;
- Members absent: Mr. Richard Jaehne, City of Daphne; Mr. Richard Ullo, City of Spanish Fort; Mr. Rick Davis, City of Daphne.
- Others present: Mrs. Sarah Sislak, MPO Coordinator; Ms. Jessica Mayo, MPO Admin. Support Specialist; Mr. James Gordon, ALDOT; Mr. Mike Finesilver; Mr. Jim Howard; Mr. Vince Beebe, ALDOT.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**MOTION:** By Mr. Donald Ouellette to nominate Mr. Andy James for Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Walker.

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

**MOTION:** By Mr. Andy James to nominate Mr. William Ervin as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Walker.

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION:** By Mr. Mark Stejskal to approve the July 2022 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ouellette.

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

#### NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Action State Amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (All) Mrs. Sislak reminded members that the TIP is the MPO's four-year 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 they are federal dollars. She further explained these funds were earmarked from Congressman Jerry Carl's office.
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**MOTION:** By Mr. William Ervin to recommend the Policy Board adopt State Amendments to the TIP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shane Perry.

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

#### 2. Action – Resolution of Support for Safe Routes to School (All)

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- Discussion: Committee member stated their child attended the Walking School Bus in Fairhope and thinks it is a beneficial initiative.
- o Abstain: Andy James
- o In favor: All
- o Opposed: None
- o Result: Passed

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- Discussion: Committee member inquired if this will be before each individual agenda item, Mrs. Sislak responded that it will be up to the Policy Board but as of right now it will allow a citizen to speak on any item before New Business. Committee member stated many citizens may not be knowledgeable on the process of agenda items and public forum and may not realize it until it comes up during New Business instead of before, and thinks it should be before each individual item.
- o Abstain: Andy James
- o In favor: All
- o Opposed: None
- o Result: Passed
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MOTION: No action required.

- Discussion: N/A
- In favor: N/A
- o Opposed: N/A
- Result: N/A
- 5. Information MPO Coordinator's Report
  - ALDOT Project Update
    - Mr. Vince Beebe provided ALDOT project updates:
    - SR 181 Widening

Discussion: Regarding the section from SR-104 to CR-32, FHWA has directed ALDOT to re-evaluate the environmental document and it is a challenge for ALDOT to find the funding right now to complete the new reevaluation. a member of the public asked if the funding issues are a federal issue or state issue. Mr. Beebe responded that it was both, the State will be reimbursed by the Feds and that any money will be authorized through Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and must go through federal requirements. The member of the public further inquired if the FHWA gives a specific scope of work, Mr. Beebe responded that it's part of the process to work with them in reevaluation on documents and go back through FHWA to get approval to continue after reevaluation. Committee member inquired about the timeline of the SR-181 widening from CR-64 to SR-104, Mr. Beebe stated the ALDOT Construction section gave him a projected date of November 5<sup>th</sup> but thinks it will be closer to the end of the year.

Mr. Stejskal stated that increased lighting is needed at the intersection of SR-181 and St. Michael Way. The intersection is dark and poses a safety hazard.

• Project Update

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#### PUBLIC FORUM (All)

- Members of the Public: Mr. Jim Howard
- Members of the Press: No comments

• Board/Committee Members: No comments

ADJOURNMENT (All)

**MOTION:** By Mr. Ouellette to adjourn meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stejskal. Meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM.

Date:

Andy James, Chairperson

#### EASTERN SHORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) DAPHNE, ALABAMA October 19, 2022 10:00 AM

#### CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE/INVOCATION.

- ▶ Vice Chair Adrienne Jones called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.
- Invocation was said by Mrs. Casey Gay Williams.
- > Pledge was led by Mr. Vince Beebe.

#### ROLL CALL

Mrs. Sislak called the roll.

- Members present: Mrs. Adrienne Jones, City of Daphne; Mr. Michael Malm, Baldwin County Board of Education; Ms. Ann Simpson, Baldwin Regional Area Transit System; Mr. Vince Beebe (proxy for Mr. Edwin Perry), ALDOT Southwest Region; Mrs. Casey Gay Williams, Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Robert Davis, City of Loxley.
- Members absent: Mr. Don Lagarde, City of Fairhope Airport Authority; Mr. Greg Smith, City of Robertsdale; Mr. Tony Pollard, Baldwin County Board of Education; Mr. Robert B. Dees, ALDOT Bureau; Mr. Aaron Dawson, FHWA; Mr. Frank Lundy (as proxy for Mr. Joey Nunnally), Baldwin County; Mr. Casey Raines (Proxy for Carl Nelson), City of Spanish Fort; Mr. Hunter Simmons, City of Fairhope; Ms. Gail Quezada, Central Baldwin Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Richard Johnson, City of Fairhope; Mr. Josh Newman, City of Daphne;
- Others present: Mrs. Sarah Sislak, MPO Coordinator; Ms. Jessica Mayo, MPO Admin. Support Specialist; Mr. Vince Beebe, ALDOT; Mr. Randy Davis; Mrs. Martha Davis; Mr. Josh lambert.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**MOTION:** By Mr. Robert Davis to nominate Richard Johnson as Chair and Mrs. Adrienne Jones as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ann Simpson.

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION:** By Mrs. Simpson to approve the July 2022 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Beebe.

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

- o Opposed: None
- o Result: Passed

#### NEW BUSINESS

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**MOTION:** By Mr. Michael Malm to recommend the Policy Board adopt state requested amendments to the TIP. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Simpson.

- o Discussion: None
- o Abstain: None
- In favor: All
- o Opposed: None
- o Result: Passed
- 2. Action Resolution of Support for Safe Routes to School (All)

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- Discussion: Mrs. Gay Williams commented on the benefits of walking before school and the feedback from teachers to Mrs. Charlene stating it's obvious which children have walked to school that morning. Children are able to get out energy and are able to focus better when they come in the classroom. Mr. Michael Malm stated the Baldwin County Public Schools supports this initiative, but there are instances of parents reporting lack of connectivity to walk safely and that any support in improving infrastructure to get children to walk to school would be helpful.
- o Abstain: None

- o In favor: All
- o Opposed: None
- Result: Passed

#### 3. Action – Amending ESMPO Bylaws (All)

Mrs. Sislak stated this proposed amendment would be revising section 5.5A, Order of Business to add Public Forum opportunity before New Business. She further explained this will create the opportunity to speak about an agenda item before it is voted on. **MOTION:** By Mr. Davis to recommend the Policy Board adopt amendments to ESMPO Bylaws with condition of setting it before each individual item and revise TAC's Order of Business to align with the Policy Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Malm.

- Discussion: Committee member gave feedback that it should be before each individual item because citizens sometimes seem to get confused on the agenda items.
- o Abstain: None
- o In favor: All
- Opposed: None
- o Result: Passed

#### 4. Action – Appointing Advisory Committee Members (Policy Board)

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MOTION: No action required.

- Discussion: N/A
- In favor: N/A
- o Opposed: N/A
- $\circ$  Result: N/A

#### 5. Information – MPO's Coordinator Report

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#### PUBLIC FORUM (All)

- Members of the Public: No comments
- Members of the Press: No comments
- Board/Committee Members: No comments

# ADJOURNMENT (All)

**MOTION:** By all to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Richard Johnson, Chairperson

#### EASTERN SHORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY BOARD DAPHNE, ALABAMA October 26, 2022 10:00 AM

#### CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE/INVOCATION.

- > Acting Chairperson Mayor Mike McMillan called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M.
- Invocation was said by Mr. Joey Nunnally.
- > Pledge was led by Commissioner Matt McKenzie.

#### ROLL CALL

Mrs. Sislak called the roll.

- Members present: Mayor Sherry Sullivan, City of Fairhope; Councilmember Kevin Boone (proxy for Councilmember Jack Burrell), City of Fairhope; Mayor Robin LeJeune, City of Daphne; Mr. Troy Strunk (proxy for Councilmember Ron Scott), City of Daphne; Mayor Richard Teal, City of Loxley; Commissioner Matt McKenzie, Baldwin County; Mr. Joey Nunnally (proxy for Commissioner Billie Jo Underwood), Baldwin County; Mayor Mike McMillan, City of Spanish Fort; Mr. Brian Aaron (proxy for Mr. Matt Ericksen), ALDOT.
- **Members absent:** None.
- Others present: Mrs. Sarah Sislak, MPO Coordinator; Ms. Jessica Mayo, MPO Admin. Support Specialist; Mr. Vince Beebe, ALDOT; Mr. James Watkins, Fairhope Times; Mr. James Howard; Mr. Scott Mosley; Mr. Josh Lambert; Mr. Greg Carithers; Dr. Lou Campenosi.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**MOTION:** By Mayor Sherry Sullivan to nominate Councilmember Jack Burrell as Chair and Mayor Robin LeJeune as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Mayor Richard Teal.

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION:** By Mayor Sullivan to approve the July 2022 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mayor LeJeune.

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Action State Amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (All) Mrs. Sislak reminded members that the TIP is the MPO's four-year 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. She further explained these funds were earmarked from Congressman Jerry Carl's office.
  - Eastern Shore Trail expansion along SR-42 (US-98) in Baldwin County from the east side of Fish River Bridge to Pleasant View Lane
  - Access improvements to Robertsdale High School and Fairground Road adjacent to SR-59 to include widening for right turn lanes, signal upgrades, and access management.

**MOTION:** By Mayor Teal to adopt Resolution 2023-01 approving state requested amendments to the TIP. The motion was seconded by Mayor Sullivan.

- o Discussion: None
- o Abstain: None
- In favor: All
- Opposed: None
- Result: Passed
- 2. Action Resolution of Support for Safe Routes to School (All)

Mrs. Sislak explained Safe Routes to School is a national initiative to make it safe and fun for children to walk and bike to school. There are several aspects of this initiative that includes education, infrastructure improvements, and policy. She further explained the MPO has been working with Mrs. Charlene Lee and Baldwin County Trailblazers on this initiative and have created a Steering Committee that includes representatives from the Legislation Delegation, Baldwin County Public Schools, Gulf Shores City Schools, Orange Beach City Schools, Baldwin Realtors Association, and Baldwin County Educational Foundation. She stated the goal is to expand the Walking School Bus program to other schools in Baldwin County, and some interest has been shown in starting a monthly walk with hopes to expand to weekly, and then daily.

**MOTION:** By Mayor LeJeune to adopt Resolution 2023-02 supporting Safe Routes to School. The motion was seconded by Mayor Sullivan.

- Discussion: Mayor Sullivan expressed her support for the MPO assisting Mrs. Charlene Lee and Baldwin County Trailblazers to further these initiatives. She stated Fairhope allocates \$5,000 a year to the Walking School Bus and challenged the surrounding municipalities to pledge funding for this program in their next budget. Mayor Teal stated they're looking at this program for Loxley Elementary; the location poses challenges but is looking into the feasibility. Mayor McMillan said they face similar challenges for Spanish Fort with walkable connectivity being that most schools are along highways but will be looking into it.
- o Abstain: None
- o In favor: All
- o Opposed: None
- o Result: Passed

#### 3. Action – Amending ESMPO Bylaws (All)

Mrs. Sislak stated this will be revising section 5.5A, Order of Business to add Public Forum opportunity before New Business and explained this will create the opportunity to speak about an agenda item before the action is taken. She further stated that all advisory committees recommended approval with conditions to allow public comment opportunity before each individual item and that the Technical Advisory Committee's order of business follows the same as the Policy Board and recommended their section be amended to align with Policy Board's.

**MOTION:** By Mayor Sullivan to adopt amendments to ESMPO Bylaws as presented by staff with Public Comment before New Business. The motion was seconded by Mayor Lejeune.

- Discussion: Board member asked why the Public Forum is being allowed twice before and after New Business, instead of just moving only before New Business. Mrs. Sislak responded that is left up to the Policy Board and Public Forum after New Business is just for general comments. Mayor Sullivan stated Fairhope City Council meetings handles their order of business the same with public comment before New Business on an agenda item and after New Business so the public can add additional comment or inquire about general information.
- o Abstain: None
- In favor: All
- o Opposed: None
- o Result: Passed
- 4. Action Appointing Advisory Committee Members (Policy Board)

Mrs. Sislak stated that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee (BPAC) and Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) has vacant positions and MPO staff received applications for the vacancies. Mr. William Ervin applied to represent Baldwin County on the BPAC. Mr. Josh Lambert applied to represent the City of Fairhope and Mr. Mike Hall to represent the City of Loxley on the CAC. She further stated once the Policy Board votes on this item the Advisory Committees will be at full representation.

**MOTION:** By Mayor Teal to appoint new committee members to advisory committees. The motion was seconded by Mayor Sullivan.

- Discussion: None
- In favor: All
- o Opposed: None
- o Result: Passed
- 5. Information MPO's Coordinator Report
  - ALDOT Project Update

Mr. Brian Aaron provided ALDOT project updates:

- SR 181 Widening
- Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project

- Discussion: Board Member inquired about the timeline on the Mega Grant, Mr. Aaron responded they think they will announce in December, but no certain date at this time. Board member also inquired about the plans for the Causeway, Mr. Aaron responded they are committed to looking into solutions for the Causeway. Board member inquired about Senator Shelby finishing his term, is ALDOT working to have conversations with other senators and new senators about grant funding? Mr. Aaron stated that office administrators are having conversations with Senator Tuberville and his staff to stay engaged.
- Project Update

Mrs. Sislak provided MPO project updates:

- Fairhope Transit Project
- Loxley Transit Project
- Gayfer Turning lanes
- CR 13/44 Roundabout
- US 98 Access Management Project
- CR 64 Resurfacing and Intersection Improvements at Pollard Road
- CR 64 Widening and Intersection Improvements (SR181-Montelucia Way)
- Realign Intersection of US 31 and Old Hwy 31
- Pleasant Road Extension
- FY24-27 TIP Development
- Urban SDK
- Planning and Development Update

Ms. Jessica Mayo presented quarter three of 2022 P&D update. The 2022 data presented is available on our website (easternshorempo.org) under Other Planning Documents.

• Legislative Information

Mr. Joey Nunnally provided legislative information on two potential Bills that are expected to come before the Alabama Legislature during the next session. One related to the logging industry and weight limits on logging trucks, one related to contractor liability in public projects.

#### NEXT MPO MEETINGS (All)

- Policy Board Work Session: Wednesday, January 11, 2023; 10:00 AM; Daphne City Hall
- BPAC Meeting: Tuesday, January 17, 2023; 9:00 AM; Daphne City Hall
- CAC Meeting: Tuesday, January 17, 2023; 1:00 PM; Daphne City Hall
- TAC Meeting: Wednesday, January 18, 2023; 10:00 AM; Daphne City Hall
- Policy Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 25, 2023; 10:00 AM; Daphne City Hall

### PUBLIC FORUM (All)

- Members of the Public: Dr. Lou Campenosi
- Members of the Press: No comments
- Board/Committee Members: No comments

ADJOURNMENT (All) MOTION: By all to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM.

	Date:
Jack Burrell, Chairperson	

#### AGENDA ITEM 1 action – Adoption of performance Measures and Targets

# **Eastern Shore MPO**

AGENDA ACTION FORM

Policy Board Work Session – January 11, 2023 Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – January 17, 2023 Citizens Advisory Committee – January 17, 2023 Technical Advisory Committee – January 18, 2023 Policy Board – January 25, 2023

#### SUMMARY

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) requires that MPO Transportation Plans, Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) include Performance Measures and Targets for urbanized areas.

MPO staff recommends supporting the Statewide Measures and Targets.

#### RECOMMENDATION

- BPAC recommends:
- CAC recommends:
- TAC recommends:

#### ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Resolution

# EASTERN SHORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

# **RESOLUTION NO.** <u>2023-06</u>

#### Adoption of New and Amended Performance Measures and Targets

**WHEREAS**, the Eastern Shore Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the organization designated by the Governor of the State of Alabama as being responsible, together with the State of Alabama, for implementing the applicable provisions of 23 USC 134 and 135 (amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Section 11201, November 2021); 42 USC 2000d-1, 7401; 23 CFR 450 and 500; 40 CFR 51 and 93; and

**WHEREAS**, federal regulations require that the Metropolitan Transportations Plans (MTP's or LRTP's) and Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) include Performance Measures and Targets for urbanized areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eastern Shore Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) has reviewed the requirement to adopt Performance Measures and Targets for use in the transportation process as required by 23 CFR 490.105; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Shore MPO chooses to support the Performance Measures and Targets as follows:

FHWA Safety Performance Measures (PM1)	Annual Target - 2022
Number of Fatalities	1,000
Rate of Fatalities (per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled)	1.440
Number of Serious Injuries	6500
Rate of Serious Injuries (per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled)	9.82
Number of Non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries	400
FHWA Bridge/Pavement Performance Measures (PM2)	Original 4-Year Target - 2022
% of Pavements of the Interstate System in Good Condition	50% or more
% of Pavements of the Interstate System in Poor Condition	5% or less
% of Pavements of the Non-Interstate NHS in Good Condition	25% or more
% of Pavements of the Non-Interstate NHS in Poor Condition	5% or less
% of NHS bridges in Good condition by deck area	25% measured in deck area or more
% of NHS bridges in Poor condition by deck area	3% measured in deck area or less
FHWA System Performance Measures (PM3)	Original 4-Year Target - 2022
% of Person-Miles Traveled on the Interstate that are Reliable	92%
% of Person-Miles Traveled on the Non-Interstate NHS that are Reliable	90%
Truck Travel Time Reliability (TTTR) Index on the Interstate	1.30
FTA Transit State of Good Repair Performance Measures	Annual Target - 2022
% of Rolling Stock (Revenue vehicles) meet or exceed Useful Life Benchmark (ULB)	Reduce inventory by 5%
% of Equipment (over \$50K) meet or exceed Useful Life Benchmark (ULB)	Reduce by 5%
% of FTA-funded Facilities with condition rating below 3.0 (average) of FTA Average TERM Scale	No more than 20% of facilities rate less than average

	Annual Target 2022		
FTA Transit Safety Performance Measures	Demand Response	Fixed Route	
Fatalities	0	N/A	
Rate of Fatalities	0	N/A	
Injuries	4	N/A	
Rate of Injuries	.000001	N/A	
Safety Events	4	N/A	
Rate of Safety Events	.000001	N/A	
Mean distance between major mechanical failure	76,759	N/A	

\*rate = total number for the year/total revenue vehicle miles traveled

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama Department of Transportation requires the Eastern Shore MPO to implement a performance-based approach to planning and programming activities and to indicate their support of these Performance Measures and Targets within the Metropolitan Planning Organization's urbanized area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Planning Organization has reviewed these new and amended Performance Measures and Targets and believes them to be in the best interest of the community; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Eastern Shore Metropolitan Planning Organization, hereby adopts and agrees to support the aforementioned Performance Measures and Targets.

The foregoing resolution was adopted and approved on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023, by the Eastern Shore Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board.

Jack Burrell, Chairperson

Date

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### AGENDA ITEM 2 Discussion – Countywide Connectivity Plan

# **Eastern Shore MPO**

AGENDA ACTION FORM

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#### SUMMARY

In 2020, there were planning efforts in progress, spearheaded by the Baldwin County Trailblazers, and facilitated by the Baldwin County Commission, to create a countywide connectivity plan. All fourteen (14) municipalities were invited to participate in identifying proposed bike/ped routes and improvements to ultimately connect the county. The Covid-19 pandemic interrupted the planning efforts, creating a lag in progress for the plan.

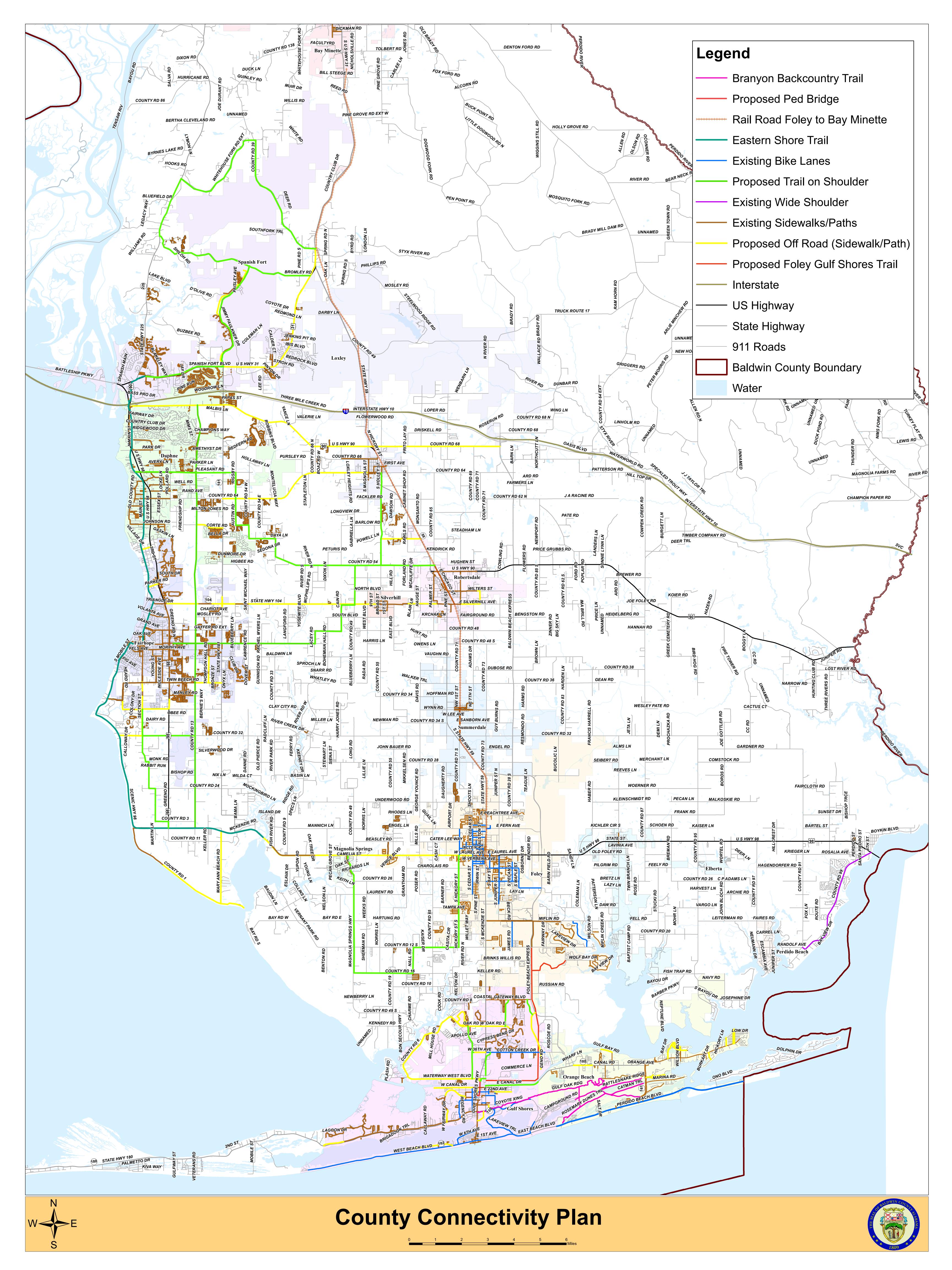
MPO staff will reconvene with planning group to complete the countywide connectivity plan and have a preliminary map of routes to review and complete final. MPO staff is looking for final feedback from the MPO Committees and Policy Board.

#### RECOMMENDATION

- BPAC recommends:
- CAC recommends:
- TAC recommends:

#### ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Draft Countywide Connectivity Map



#### AGENDA ITEM 3 DISCUSSION – FY2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

# **Eastern Shore MPO**

AGENDA ACTION FORM

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#### SUMMARY

The MPO has four years to utilize MPO project funds. The MPO funds projects through the adoption of a four-year project list, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). MPO staff is looking for discussion and feedback on inclusion and prioritization of projects in the FY24-27 TIP.

#### RECOMMENDATION

N/A

#### **ATTACHMENT(S)**

- 1. 2045 LRTP Financially Constrained Project List
- 2. Functional Classified Roads Map

# Figure 3-13 Financially Constrained Projects

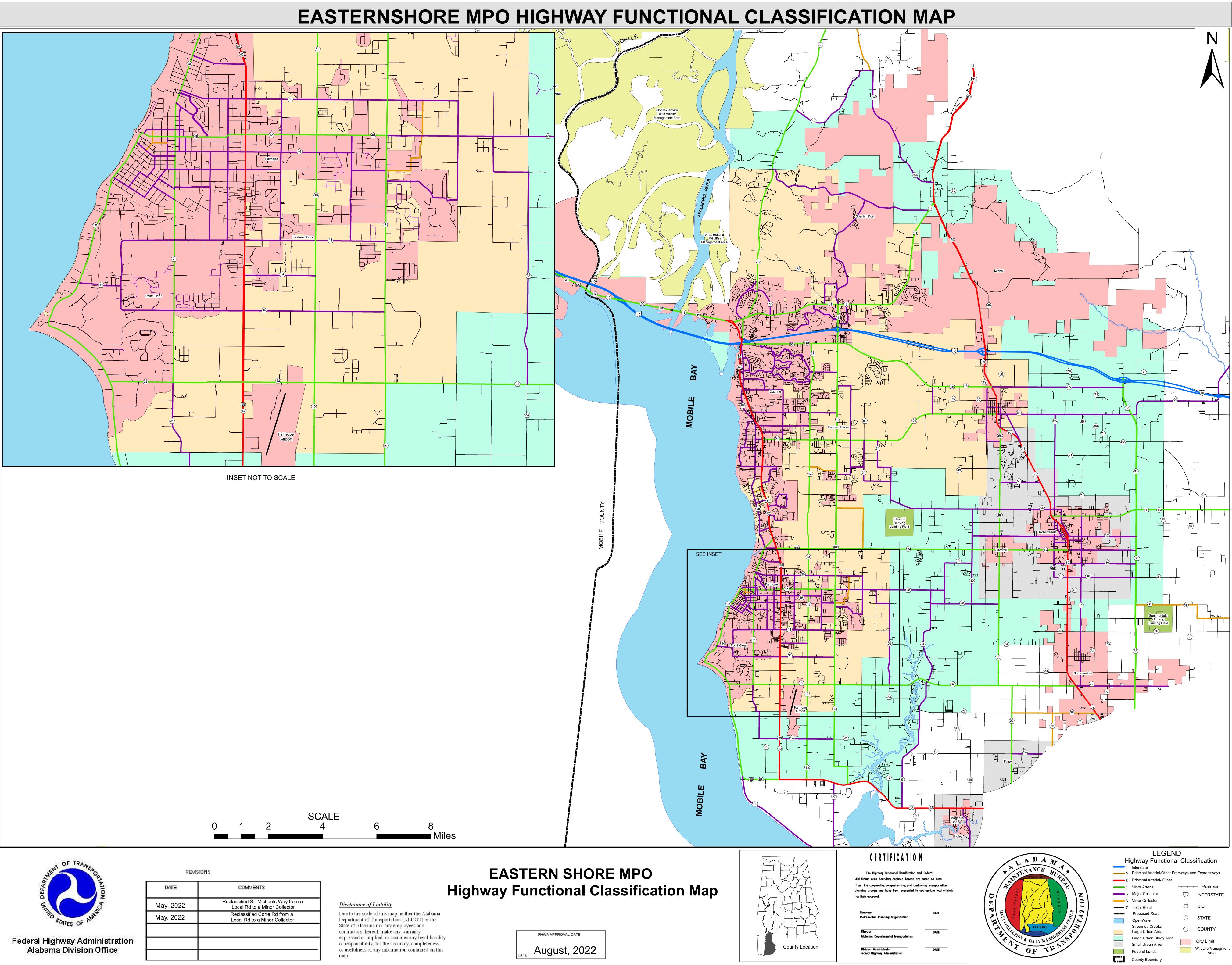
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	Project				Length	Total Project Evaluation	Planning Level Cost Estimate		Recommended	LRTP Cumulative
	-	Project Name	Begin	End	(mi)	Score	(millions)	Priority	for LRTP?	Cost
	W5.1	US Highway 98	Interstate 10	D'Olive Creek	0.34	11	\$ 2.5	High	YES	2.5
	W4.1	US Highway 31	Jimmy Faulkner Drive (CR 27)	Old Highway 31	1.32	9	\$ 9.8	High	YES	12.3
Deed Midening	W5.2	US Highway 98	D'Olive Creek	North Main Street (Daphne)	1.51	9	\$ 11.2	High	YES	23.5
Road Widening	W4.2	US Highway 31	Old Highway 31	Redmond Lane	2.60	8	\$ 18.2	High	YES	41.7
Projects	W4.3	US Highway 31	Redmond Lane	State Route 59	1.96	8	\$ 14.5	Medium	YES	56.2
	W9	Daphne Ave (CR 64)	US Highway 98	Pollard Road	0.74	6	\$ 5.5	Medium	YES	61.6
	W10	County Road 64	State Route 181	County Road 54	1.00	6	\$ 5.6	Medium	YES	67.2
	**W13	I-10 Bayway (MRB and Bayway Project Phase 1)	US-90/98 Interchange (Exit 35)	Baldwin/Mobile County Line	6.00	N/A	\$ 10.25	High	YES	77.5
	N2	Johnson Road to Glover Lane Connector	Johnson Road	Glover Lane	0.70	3	\$ 2.5	High	YES	79.9
New Roads	N3	Pleasant Road Extension	SR 181	Rigsby Road	0.50	2	\$ 2.6	Medium	YES	82.5
	N4	Lawrence Road Connector	State Route 104	Gayfer Road Ext.	1.00	2	\$ 2.5	Medium	YES	85.0
	M10	US Highway 31 at Eastern Shore Boulevard	US Highway 31	Eastern Shore Boulevard	N/A	N/A	\$ 0.150	High	YES	85.2
	M2	State Route 59	US Highway 31	US Highway 90	7.94	11	\$ 11.9	High	YES	97.1
	M9	US Highway 98	North Main Street (Daphne)	Nichols Avenue	7.94	6	\$ 11.9	High	YES	109.0
	M5	State Route 104	State Route 181	County Road 55	6.00	6	\$ 12.0	High	YES	121.0
Minor	M1	The Causeway (US 31-US 90-US 98)	US Highway 98 Interchange	I-10 Interchange	3.40	5	\$ 6.8	Medium	YES	127.8
	M8.1	County Road 32	State Route 181	County Road 9	2.65	4	\$ 5.3	Medium	YES	133.1
Improvements	M3	US 90	State Route 181	State Route 59	6.20	4	\$ 12.4	Medium	YES	145.5
	M4.1	County Road 54	County Road 64	County Road 49	5.77	4	\$ 11.5	Low	YES	157.0
	M4.2	County Road 54	County Road 49	State Route 59	3.39	3	\$ 6.8	Low	YES	163.8
	M6	Volanta Avenue (Not a Federal Aid Route)	Greeno Road (US 98)	North Section Street	0.80	3	\$ 1.0	Low	YES	164.8
	M7	County Road 48	State Route 181	County Road 9	3.80	3	\$ 7.6	Low	YES	172.4
	NOTE: H	ligh Priority projects should be addressed in the first	10 years of plan implementation				\$ 388.9	TOTAL		\$ 172.39

\*Projected funding levels based on allocations from previous years; funding sources include ALDOT Capacity, Operations and

Maintenance, and MPO Designated Funds

\*\* To be funded by federal grant, state funds, and toll revenue

Available Funding	\$ 178.05
Remainder to Program	\$ 5.66



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DATE	COMMENTS
May, 2022	Reclassified St. Michaels Way from a Local Rd to a Minor Collector
May, 2022	Reclassified Corte Rd from a Local Rd to a Minor Collector

	FHWA APPROVAL DATE				
ATE_	August,	2022			

#### AGENDA ITEM 4 INFORMATIONAL – MPO COORDINATOR'S REPORT

# **Eastern Shore MPO**

AGENDA ACTION FORM

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#### SUMMARY

- ALDOT Project Update:
  - o SR 181
  - Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project
- MPO Project Update:
  - Fairhope Transit Project
  - Loxley Transit Project
  - Gayfer Turning Lanes
  - o CR 13/44 Roundabout
  - o US 98 Access Management Project
  - CR 64 Resurfacing and Intersection Improvements at Pollard Road
  - CR 64 Widening and Intersection Improvements (SR181-Montilucia Way)
  - Realign Intersection of US 31 and Old Hwy 31
  - o Pleasant Road Extension
  - o Roundabout at Flower Clock
- HSIP Award R-Cut at County Road 64 and BBE
- TAP Award City of Fairhope
- 2020 Census Updated Urban Boundary
- Memo from ALDOT RE: I-10 Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project
- Advisory Committee Vacancies
  - o Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
    - City of Daphne (1)
- Planning and Development Update

#### RECOMMENDATION

N/A

#### **ATTACHMENT(S)**

1. Memo from ALDOT RE I-10 Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project



# **ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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December 5, 2022

John R. Cooper Transportation Director

The Honorable Sandy Stimpson Mobile Metropolitan Planning Organization

The Honorable Jack Burrell Eastern Shore Metropolitan Planning Organization

#### VIA EMAIL

Dear Chairman Burrell and Chairman Stimpson:

I am writing to provide you with updated information on financing for the 1-10 Bridge and Bayway project with the hope that you would also share this message with your members.

ALDOT is moving forward with this project, utilizing funds from the \$125 million federal INFRA grant as well as a commitment of at least \$250 million in State funding.

ALDOT and the nationally recognized financial experts working on the project agree that this project is financially viable, regardless of the result of our outstanding applications (filed pursuant to your instructions) for Mega Grant and Bridge Investment Program funding. This stronger posture is made possible by improvements in projected traffic and revenue numbers as initial estimates were refined. Further strengthening its financial viability are the recent changes in federal law and regulatory guidance which potentially allow for this project to qualify for higher TIFIA loan amounts.

We remain engaged with the federal government and are hopeful of receiving additional meaningful assistance on this project, which has national, regional and local benefits. As agreed to in the December 2021 framework from the Eastern Shore and Mobile MPOs, we will continue to seek additional federal funding through upcoming opportunities to support the project.

ALDOT is also making great progress with the selection of the design-build teams for this project and other technical matters necessary for a project of this magnitude.

We, like many Alabamians and the millions of people who travel to Mobile and Baldwin counties, are excited about this project and what it means for our State.

As always, thank you for your leadership and engagement on this transformative project. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Edward N. Quester

Edward N. Austin, P.E. Chief Engineer