

EASTERN SHORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
DAPHNE, ALABAMA
January 18, 2023
10:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE/INVOCATION.

- Chairman Richard Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.
- Invocation was said by Mr. Johnson.
- 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; Mr. Vince Beebe (proxy for Mr. Edwin Perry), ALDOT Southwest Region; Mr. Robert Davis, City of Loxley; Mr. Frank Lundy (as proxy for Mr. Joey Nunnally), Baldwin County; Mr. Josh Newman, City of Daphne; Mr. Richard Johnson, City of Fairhope.
- **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. Casey Raines (Proxy for Carl Nelson), City of Spanish Fort; Ms. Ann Simpson, Baldwin Regional Area Transit System; Mr. Hunter Simmons, City of Fairhope; Ms. Gail Quezada, Central Baldwin Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Casey Gay Williams, Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce.
- **Others present:** Mrs. Sarah Sislak, MPO Coordinator; Ms. Jessica Mayo, MPO Admin. Support Specialist; James Watkins, Fairhope Times.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: By Mrs. Adrienne Jones to approve the October 2022 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robert Davis.

- Discussion: None
- Abstain: None
- 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

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: Committee member inquired if we are keeping inventory from phone calls about areas that need sidewalks and if municipalities are keeping us informed on their calls that are similar; Mrs. Sislak responded that we do keep inventory on citizen driven requests on sidewalks and mentioned to the committee members that if they do receive those types of inquiries to let the MPO know. Another committee member stated that there needs to be emphasis on the map that this is just a guide for future bike/ped projects for Baldwin County, there is no funding identified.
- 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. 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.
 - **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.

- **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:** Mrs. Jones recommended an audit on sidewalks for accessibility due to the barriers she personally encountered. Mrs. Sislak stated all member governments have completed ADA Transition Plans, which include sidewalk audits for accessibility and will be addressing barriers as budgeting permits or as outlined within their schedule.

ADJOURNMENT (All)

MOTION: By all to adjourn meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

 Date: 4/19/2023
Richard Johnson, Chairperson