

EASTERN SHORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)
FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA
JANUARY 15, 2019
9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE/INVOCATION.

- Chairperson Jeff Hudson called the meeting to order at 8:59 A.M.
- Invocation was led by Mr. Raymond Lovell.
- Pledge was led by Mr. Jeff Hudson.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Katrina Taylor, MPO Technician, called the roll.

- **Members present:** Mr. Jeff Hudson, City of Fairhope; Mrs. Katie Bolton, City of Fairhope; Mr. Payton Rogers, City of Daphne; Mr. Jeff Sheldon, City of Spanish Fort; Ms. Molly Peterson, City of Fairhope; Mr. David Wells, City of Fairhope; Ms. Kathie LaRose, City of Spanish Fort; Ms. Gayle Yongue, Baldwin County; Dewane Hayes, Baldwin County; Raymond Lovell, Town of Loxley.
- **Members absent:** Mr. Mark Wetzel, City of Daphne; Mr. David Ringler, City of Daphne; Phil Wilbourn, City of Daphne; Mrs. Karen Dees, Baldwin County; Mr. Mike Henriksen, Baldwin County.
- **Others present:** Mrs. Katrina Taylor, ESMPO Technician

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: By Ms. Kathie LaRose to approve the October 2018 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Payton Rogers.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Action – Amending the Long Range Transportation Plan for the Mobile River Bridge Bayway Project (**ALL**)

Mrs. Taylor stated the first action is to amend the Long Range Transportation Plan for the Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project, this amendment is required for project approval for Federal Highway. This covers the scope of the project, funding, tolling, and the bicycle and pedestrian accommodations. The Amendment was sent to all advisory members for comment prior to the meeting. ALDOT and Federal Highway have reviewed and approved this amendment.

MOTION: To deny the Amendment to the Long Range Transportation Plan

- Discussion: The BPAC Board Members are not in support of ALDOT's preferred bike/pedestrian route over the Cochran-Africatown Bridge. They find the distance and bridge to be unsafe. They recommend the Bankhead Tunnel as the preferred route. They requested that the MPO staff reach out to the Mobile MPO for feedback.
- Abstain: None
- In favor: None
- Opposed: All
- Result: Failed

2. Action – State Amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (All)

Mrs. Taylor explained that the State had requested projects to be included in the TIP. She reminded the committee that no MPO dollars are involved in the following projects:

- [DELETION] Project 100057419 (CN) Federal aid number: IM MR17. DESIGN OF VARIOUS INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM DEVICES AND FIBER BACKBONE ALONG I-10, I-65, I-165, SR-16 (US-90), SR-42 (US-98), SR-59 WITHIN THE MOBILE AND BALDWIN URBAN AREA
- Project 100069462 (PE) BRP ON VARIOUS BRIDGES ALONG I-10. ON US-98 OVER I-10 (BIN 10002, 10003) ON I-10 OVER FISH RIVER (BIN 10170, 10171) ON I-10 OVER 3-MILE CRK (BIN 10172, 10173) ON I-10 OVER COWPEN CRK (BIN 8527, 8528) ON I-10 OVER STYX RIVER (BIN 8530, 8531)
- Project 100069479 (CN) BRP ON VARIOUS BRIDGES ALONG I-10. ON US-98 OVER I-10 (BIN 10002, 10003) ON I-10 OVER FISH RIVER (BIN 10170, 10171) ON I-10 OVER 3-MILE CRK (BIN 10172, 10173) ON I-10 OVER COWPEN CRK (BIN 8527, 8528) ON I-10 OVER STYX RIVER (BIN 8530, 8531)

MOTION: By Mr. Rogers to add the state requested amendments to the TIP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jeff Sheldon.

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

3. Action – Amendment of FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (All)

Mrs. Taylor explained that at the October 2018 meeting, the Policy Board approved two hundred and sixty thousand dollars (\$260,000) for the design of a roundabout at County Road 64 and Rigsby Road and to widen County Road 64 from SR 181 to County Road 54 East. Our estimate was incorrect and that amount approved only covered the roundabout and not the widening. The County has requested an additional two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$275,000) for the design of the widening of County Road 64 from 181 to 54 East. The Baldwin County Commission will provide the twenty percent (20%) match.

Total Cost: \$275,000
MPO: \$220,000
County: \$55,000

MOTION: By Mrs. LaRose to approve the use of MPO Surface Funds for additional funds of the design of a roundabout at CR 64 and Rigsby Road and to design the widening of CR 64 from SR 181 to CR 54 East. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gayle Yongue.

- Discussion: They requested a 3-foot shoulder on CR 64 during the widening project. It was also recommended for all new roundabouts to have large diameters to accommodate 18 wheelers.
- Abstain: None
- In favor: All
- Opposed: None
- Result: Passed

4. Action – Adopting the Public Transit Plan (All)

The draft plan was sent to Advisory Committees and the Policy Board in November 2018. Minor comments were received and have been incorporated into the final version. This is not a mandatory document for the MPO, but the MPO does get Federal administrative funds to plan for public transit.

MOTION: By Mrs. LaRose to adopt the Public Transit Plan. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Molly Peterson.

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

5. Informational – MPO Coordinator's Report (All)

- Project Update
 - Adaptive Signal - The adaptive signal system on US 98 is complete and is now in the "tweaking" phase by Temple.
 - SR 181 Widening – The contractor is working on utility relocation
 - US 31 – The contractor is finishing up with the utility relocations, and currently placing the piping for drainage.
 - SR 181 and I-10 Diverging Diamond – Utilities are complete, construction is expected to begin in February 2019.
- 2019 ATPA Conference – Mrs. Taylor stated that Mrs. Sarah Sislak is chairing the 2019 Alabama Transportation Planners Conference this year and is looking for sponsors and speakers if anyone had any recommendations.

- Planning and Development – Mrs. Katrina Taylor gave an update on the developments and building permits per government in the planning area. This included the 2018 (calendar year) approved preliminary plats, final plats and building permits for residential homes in the Metropolitan Planning Area.

OTHER DISCUSSION:

The advisory committee also requested that the Baldwin County Highway Department includes a bike path on CR 112 while they are repaving.

NEXT MPO MEETINGS (All)

- **Policy Board Work Session:** Wednesday, April 10, 2019; 10:00 AM; Baldwin County Satellite Courthouse (Fairhope)
- **BPAC Meeting:** Tuesday, April 16, 2019; 9:00 AM; Spanish Fort City Hall
- **CAC Meeting:** Tuesday, April 16, 2019; 1:00 PM; Spanish Fort City Hall
- **TAC Meeting:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019; 10:00 AM; Spanish Fort City Hall
- **Policy Board Meeting:** Wednesday, April 24, 2019; 10:00 AM; Spanish Fort City Hall

PUBLIC FORUM (All)

- **Members of the Public:** There were no other members of the public present.
- **Members of the Press:** There were no members of the press present.
- **Board/Committee Members:** N/A

ADJOURNMENT (All)

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hudson. Meeting adjourned at 9:36 A.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Hudson", with a stylized flourish at the end.