

EASTERN SHORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)
FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA
JANUARY 19, 2021
9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE/INVOCATION.

- Chairperson Mr. Jeff Hudson called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.
- Invocation was said by Mr. Hudson.
- Pledge was led by all.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Sislak called the roll.

- **Members present:** Mr. Payton Rogers (Virtual), City of Daphne; Mr. David Ringler (Virtual), City of Daphne; Mr. Jeff Hudson, City of Fairhope; Ms. Gail Yongue (Virtual), Baldwin County; Ms. Kathie LaRose (Virtual), City of Spanish Fort; Mr. Mark Wetzel (Virtual), City of Daphne; Mrs. Katie Bolton, City of Fairhope; Mrs. Nancy Johnson, Baldwin County; Mrs. Valery Smith, Baldwin County.
- **Members absent:** Mr. Jeff Sheldon, City of Spanish Fort; Ms. Meredith Montgomery, City of Fairhope; Mr. Dewane Hayes, Baldwin County; Mr. Phil Wilbourn, City of Daphne; Mr. Raymond Lovell, Town of Loxley.
- **Others present:** Mrs. Sarah Sislak, MPO Coordinator; Mrs. Katrina Taylor, ESMPO Technician; Mr. Bill Hall, City of Fairhope Bike/Ped Committee.

MOTION: By Mrs. Katie Bolton to nominate Ms. Kathie LaRose as Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Nancy Johnson.

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

MOTION: By Mr. Jeff Hudson to nominate Mrs. Bolton as Vice Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Valery Smith.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: By Ms. LaRose to approve the July 2020 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Johnson.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Action – Adopting 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) (All)

Mrs. Sislak stated that J.R. Wilburn & Associates completed the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). She gave a presentation on the process of developing the LRTP and briefly went over data used and project lists. The LRTP was published for public comment from December 15, 2020 – January 5, 2021. MPO staff also held two public meetings regarding the 2045 LRTP. All comments received were formally addressed and included in the Appendix of the document.

MOTION: By Mr. Payton Rogers to recommend the Policy Board adopt the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. The motion was seconded by Ms. LaRose.

- Discussion: Members asked about bicycle and pedestrian proposals in the Plan. Mrs. Sislak informed the committee that staff will also be updating the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan in 2021.
- Abstain: None
- In favor: All
- Opposed: None
- Result: Passed

2. Action – Adopting Statewide Performance Measures and Targets (All)

Mrs. Sislak stated that the Fixing Americas Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) requires that MPO Transportation Plans, Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) include Performance Management Measures and Targets for urbanized areas. MPO staff had the option to develop their own targets, or adopt the statewide targets determined by ALDOT. MPO staff recommends the Policy Board adopt the statewide system performance measures and targets.

MOTION: By Mrs. Bolton to recommend the Policy Board adopt the Statewide Performance Measures and Targets. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Smith.

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

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

Mrs. Sislak stated the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) requests the following changes be made to the FY20-23 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

- Project: 100072628 (TR) Federal aid number: PDFTA98 TR21; County: Baldwin; Project Description: Section 5307 Transit Cares Act Apportionment for Operating FY 2021; Target Start Date: 11/1/2020; Engineers Estimate: \$165,433.00
- Project: 100055816 (CN) Federal aid number: NH 1010; County: Baldwin; Project Description: Widening on I-10 from East End of Bayway to 0.5 Mile East of SR-181; Target Start Date: 7/28/2023; Engineers Estimate: \$17,877,979.67

MOTION: By Mrs. Johnson to recommend the Policy Board adopt the state amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bolton.

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

4. Action – Amending FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (All)

Mrs. Sislak stated that the UPWP is the planning and administrative budget of the MPO and details the federally funded transportation planning activities to be undertaken in the Eastern Shore Urbanized Area in FY 2021 by the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) and the Eastern Shore MPO. The Eastern Shore MPO Policy Board approved Resolution 2019-30 on September 25, 2019, which authorized the use of MPO Planning Funds for the development of Traffic Calming Guidelines by the City of Daphne. The study is still on-going and should be included in the FY21 UPWP. The UPWP was published for public comment from September 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020; no comments were received.

MOTION: By Mrs. Johnson to recommend the Policy Board adopt the Amended FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bolton.

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

5. Action – Appointing Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) (All)

Mrs. Sislak stated that the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) has vacant positions and MPO staff had received one application for the vacancies. Mrs. Coley Boone submitted an application to represent the City of Fairhope.

MOTION: No action required.

- Discussion: None
- Abstain: N/A
- In favor: N/A
- Opposed: N/A

- Result: N/A

6. **Discussion – Twin Beech Road and Boothe Road Intersection Improvements (All)**

Mrs. Sislak explained that the City of Fairhope has requested the MPO discuss possible intersection improvements at the intersection of Twin Beech Road and Boothe Road.

- Discussion: The Committee supported the use of MPO Planning funds to complete a study on the intersection.

7. **Informational - MPO Coordinator's Report (All)**

- **ALDOT Project Update**

Mrs. Sislak provided ALDOT's project update:

- SR 181 Widening – northbound roadway work continuing with placing rock and earthwork south of SR-104, the traffic shift is anticipated in March/April, and the utility relocation is still underway. The project is expected to be complete end of 2021.
- US 31 – concrete items and subgrade work is ongoing. Anticipate having 4-lanes complete and open to traffic around middle of 2021. The current anticipated completion is August 2021.
- SR 181 and I-10, Diverging Diamond –operating since July 1. Continuing project items are placing permanent striping and RPM's, and inlet work at overpass, items should be completed in March 2021.
- Intersection Alignment at US 90/SR 59 – let to construction on 5/29/20. Utility relocations are ongoing and procuring signal poles expected late April. Anticipated intersection work will begin in March 2021.

- **MPO Project Update:**

- CR34 Signal – project is up and running on temporary poles, waiting for permanent poles to be installed.
- Fairhope Transit Project – MPO and City staff have been working with ALDOT and FTA to satisfy requirements before moving forward.
- Loxley Transit Project – MPO and City staff have been working with ALDOT and FTA on environmental and cultural document submissions. FTA has approved Loxley's NEPA and cultural analysis.

- Advisory Committee Vacancies
- Monthly Member "Spotlight"
- MPO Logo
- Planning and Development Update

Mrs. Katrina Taylor gave an update for 2020. The 2020 data presented by Mrs. Taylor is available on our website (easternshorempo.org) under Other Planning Documents.

OTHER DISCUSSION: The Committee questioned if the MPO could use funds to match the County during resurfacing projects to widen shoulders.

NEXT MPO MEETINGS (All)

- **Policy Board Work Session:** Wednesday, April 14, 2021; 10:00 AM; Baldwin County Satellite Courthouse (Fairhope)
- **BPAC Meeting:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021; 9:00 AM; Baldwin County Satellite Courthouse (Fairhope)

- **CAC Meeting:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021; 1:00 PM; Baldwin County Satellite Courthouse (Fairhope)
- **TAC Meeting:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021; 10:00 AM; Baldwin County Satellite Courthouse (Fairhope)
- **Policy Board Meeting:** Wednesday, April 28, 2021; 10:00 AM; Baldwin County Satellite Courthouse (Fairhope)

PUBLIC FORUM (All)

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

ADJOURNMENT (All)

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.

 Date: 11/15/21
Kathie LaRose, Chairperson