

EASTERN SHORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA
JANUARY 19, 2021
1:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE/INVOCATION

- Chairperson Mr. Andrew James called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M.
- Invocation was said by Mr. Richard Ullo.
- Pledge was led by all.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Sarah Sislak, MPO Coordinator, called the roll.

- **Members present:** Mr. Andrew James (Virtual), Baldwin County; Ms. Marissa Rennaker (Virtual), Baldwin County; Mr. Donald Ouellette (Virtual), City of Daphne; Mr. Richard Jaehne, City of Daphne; Mr. Greg Walker, City of Daphne; Mr. Richard Ullo (Virtual), City of Spanish Fort; Mr. Kevin Morgan (Virtual), City of Spanish Fort; Mr. David Stejskal (Virtual), City of Fairhope; Mr. Tom Granger (Virtual), City of Fairhope.
- **Members absent:** Mr. Rick Davis, Baldwin County; Mr. Stephen Pierce, City of Daphne; Mr. Johnny Chaney, Baldwin County; Ms. Bethany Johnston, Town of Loxley; Ms. Diane Burnett, Town of Loxley.
- **Others present:** Mrs. Sarah Sislak, MPO Coordinator; Mrs. Katrina Taylor, MPO Technician; Mr. Edwin Perry, ALDOT; Mr. Vince Beebe, ALDOT.

MOTION: By Mr. Ouellette to nominate Mr. Andrew James as Chairperson and Mr. Rick Davis as Vice Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Walker.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: By Mr. Ouellette to approve the July 2020 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Walker.

- Discussion: None
- Abstain: Mr. James
- In favor: All
- Opposed: None
- Result: Passed

NEW BUSINESS

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

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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. Walker to recommend the Policy Board adopt the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richard Jaehne.

- Discussion: None
- Abstain: Mr. James
- 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 Mr. Jaehne to recommend the Policy Board adopt the Statewide Performance Measures and Targets. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ouellette.

- Discussion: None
- Abstain: Mr. James
- 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 Mr. Walker to recommend the Policy Board adopt the state amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ouellette.

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- Discussion: The Committee had concerns regarding the I-10 widening project from east end of the Bayway to 0.5-mile east SR-181. They did not see the benefit of completing this project before the Bayway is widened because it would create a choke point onto the Bayway.
 - Abstain: Mr. James
 - 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 Mr. Ullo to recommend the Policy Board adopt the Amended FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jaehne.
- Discussion: None
 - Abstain: Mr. James
 - 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)**

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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

Mr. Vince Beebe 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: None

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)

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- **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 2:00 P.M.



Richard Jaehne, Acting Chairperson

Date: 10 Jun 21

