

EASTERN SHORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA
APRIL 21, 2021
10:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE/INVOCATION.

- Chairperson Richard Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:00.
- Invocation was said by Mr. Richard Johnson.
- Pledge was led by Mr. Vince Beebe.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Sislak called the roll.

- **Members present:** Mr. Richard Johnson, City of Fairhope; Mrs. Adrienne Jones (Virtual), City of Daphne; Mr. Hunter Simmons, City of Fairhope; Mr. Tyler Mitchell (as proxy for Mr. Joey Nunnally), Baldwin County Mr. Casey Raines (virtual), City of Spanish Fort; Mr. Bill Harbour, Baldwin County Board of Education; Ms. Tiffany Givens (as proxy for Mr. Matthew Brown) Baldwin Regional Area Transit System; Mr. Edwin Perry, ALDOT Southwest Region; Mrs. Lian Li (Virtual), Federal Highway Administration; Mrs. Casey Gay Williams, Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Scott Moseley (as proxy for Mr. Michael Hora), ALDOT Bureau.
- **Members absent:** Mr. Robert Davis, Town of Loxley; Mr. Patrick Northcutt, Central Baldwin Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Don Lagarde, City of Fairhope Airport Authority; Mr. Greg Smith, City of Robertsedale;
- **Others present:** Mrs. Sarah Sislak, MPO Coordinator; Mr. Vince Beebe, ALDOT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: By Mr. Bill Harbour to approve the January 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hunter Simmons.

- Discussion: None
- Abstain: Ms. Diane Burnett
- In favor: All
- Opposed: None
- Result: Passed

NEW BUSINESS

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

Mrs. Sislak stated that the City of Spanish Fort has submitted the following project for inclusion on the Financially Constrained List of the 2045 LRTP:

- Project Description: Installation of traffic signal at the intersection of US HWY 31 and Eastern Shore Blvd; Engineers Estimate: \$153,924.05

MOTION: By Mr. Harbour to recommend the Policy Board amend the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Simmons.

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

Mrs. Sislak stated that MPO staff prepared a Draft Amendment to the 2045 LRTP regarding the Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project. She explained the proposed Amendment includes a phased approach and a truck toll concept. Phase 1 of the concept would be included on the Financially Constrained List and Phase 3 on the Visionary List.

MOTION: By Mr. Simmons to recommend the Policy Board amend the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan to include the Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harbour.

- Discussion: Committee members had concerns regarding the proposal to restripe the existing Bayway to six lanes. They also shared safety and efficiency concerns regarding the merge point where truck traffic from the new Mobile River Bridge would meet the Bayway and merge with vehicle traffic exiting the Wallace Tunnel.
- Abstain: None
- In favor: All
- Opposed: None
- Result: Passed

2. Action – Amending the FY20-23 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (All)

Mrs. Sislak stated that MPO staff received a request from the City of Spanish Fort to fund the project listed below and amend the FY20-23 TIP.

- **City of Spanish Fort:** Install traffic signal at the intersection of US HWY 31 and Eastern Shore Blvd

Total:	\$153,924.05
ALDOT:	\$101,589.87
MPO:	\$40,635.87
City:	\$10,158.97

MOTION: By Mr. Harbour to recommend the Policy Board obligate funds to the City of Spanish Fort for a traffic signal at the intersection of US Hwy 31 and Eastern Shore Blvd and amend the FY20-23 Transportation Improvement Program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Simmons.

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

Mrs. Sislak stated that MPO staff received a request from the Baldwin County Commission to amend the FY20-23 TIP as follows:

- **Baldwin County**: CR 64 Widening Project (100069347 PE, 100070859 RW, 100070860 UT) - change the project scope description to CR 64 Widening/Resurfacing and Intersection Improvements from SR 181 to Montelucia Way
- **Baldwin County**: Remove the CR 68 Resurfacing project (100070867 PE, 100070868 CN) and transfer funds to the CR 44/CR 13 Roundabout project (100069294 PE, 100069297 CN)

MOTION: By Mr. Harbour to recommend the Policy Board amend the FY20-23 Transportation Improvement Program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Simmons

- 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) requested the following changes be made to the FY20-23 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). She explained that no MPO dollars are involved in these projects but are required to be in our documents due to federal funding sources.

- Project: 100071218 (CN) County: Baldwin; Project Description: Resurfacing on 1st Street, 2nd Street, 3rd Street, 4th Street, 7th Street, 9th Street, and South Ave along SR-104; Target Start Date: 11/2/2021; Revision Date: 12/16/2020; Engineers Estimate: \$250,000.00
- Project: 100072755 (CN) Federal aid number: IAR-002-000-008; County: Baldwin; Project Description: Widening and Resurfacing on Industrial Park Drive from SR-59 to CR-49 and Intersection Improvements Including Turn Lanes at the Intersection of CR-49 and Industrial Park Drive; Target Start Date: 5/15/2021; Engineers Estimate: \$793,200.00
- Project 100072669 (CN) Federal aid number: TAPNU-TA21(99) County: Baldwin; Project Description: Sidewalks on Magnolia Street from just south of US-90 to West Relham Drive; Target Start Date: 12/15/2021; Engineers Estimate: \$284,900.00

MOTION: By Ms. Adrienne Jones to recommend the Policy Board adopt the state requested amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harbour.

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

Mrs. Sislak stated that the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) had an additional request to amend the FY 2022-2023 TIP to be handled as separate action and resolution:

- Project: 100048102 (CN) County: Baldwin; Project Description: Four Laning SR-983 (Baldwin Beach Express) from CR-32 (Dixie Road) to SR-16 (US-90); Target Start Date: 9/30/2018; Revision Date: 3/2/2018; Engineers Estimate: \$277,604.90

MOTION: By Mr. Simmons to recommend the Policy Board adopt the state amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Edwin Perry.

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

4. Action – Appointing Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Member (BPAC) (Policy Board)

Mrs. Sislak stated that MPO staff had received two applications for the vacancies on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). Mr. Gary Gover to represent the City of Fairhope, and Ms. Brooke Flowers to represent the Town of Loxley.

MOTION: No action required.

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

5. Action – Resolution of Opposition Regarding Proposed Changes to Urban Area Designation Criteria (All)

Mrs. Sislak stated that the U.S. Census Bureau defines urban areas based on certain criteria that is reviewed with each decennial Census. For the 2020 Census, the Bureau is proposing changes to the Urban Area Designation Criteria that could potentially impact the Eastern Shore MPO in a negative way. Ms. Sislak went through the proposed changes and how they would impact the Eastern Shore MPO planning area and/or funding. She explained that the proposed criteria is available for public comment until May 20, 2021. MPO staff collected resolutions of opposition from all member governments.

MOTION: By Ms. Jones to recommend Policy Board adopt a resolution of opposition regarding proposed changes to urban area designation criteria. The motion was seconded by Mr. Simmons.

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

6. Informational - MPO Coordinator's Report (All)

- ALDOT Project Update
Mr. Vince Beebe updated the Committee on the following projects:
 - SR 181 Widening
 - US 31
 - SR 181 and I-10, Diverging Diamond
 - Intersection Alignment at US 90/SR 59
 - SR 181 and Corte Road Signal
- Project Update
Mrs. Sislak updated the Committee on the following projects:
 - CR34 Signal
 - Fairhope Transit Project
 - Loxley Transit Project
 - Realign Intersection of US 31 and Old HWY 31
- Open Contract for Travel Demand Model
- Alabama Transportation Infrastructure Bank
- Advisory Committee Vacancies
 - Citizens Advisory Committee
 - City of Fairhope
 - Baldwin County
 - Town of Loxley
- Planning and Development Update

NEXT MPO MEETINGS (All)

- **Policy Board Work Session:** Wednesday, July 14, 2021; 10:00 AM; Baldwin County Satellite Courthouse (Fairhope)
- **BPAC Meeting:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021; 9:00 AM; Baldwin County Satellite Courthouse (Fairhope)
- **CAC Meeting:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021; 1:00 PM; Baldwin County Satellite Courthouse (Fairhope)
- **TAC Meeting:** Wednesday, July 21, 2021; 10:00 AM; Baldwin County Satellite Courthouse (Fairhope)
- **Policy Board Meeting:** Wednesday, July 28, 2021; 10:00 AM; Daphne City Hall

PUBLIC FORUM (All)

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

ADJOURNMENT (All)

Motion: By Mr. Harbour to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 PM.



Robert Davis, Acting Chairperson

Date: _____

7/22/2021