

EASTERN SHORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY BOARD MEETING
FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA
APRIL 28, 2021
10:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE/INVOCATION.

- Chairperson Councilmember Jack Burrell called the meeting to order at 10:06 A.M.
- Invocation was said by Commissioner Billie Jo Underwood.
- Pledge was led by Commissioner Joe Davis.

ROLL CALL

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

- **Members present:** Mayor Sherry Sullivan, City of Fairhope; Councilmember Jack Burrell, City of Fairhope; Mayor Robin LeJeune, City of Daphne; Mr. Troy Strunk (Proxy for Councilmember Ron Scott), City of Daphne; Mayor Mike McMillan, City of Spanish Fort; Mayor Richard Teal, Town of Loxley; Commissioner Joe Davis, Baldwin County; Commissioner Billie Jo Underwood, Baldwin County; Mr. Matt Ericksen, ALDOT
- **Members absent:** None
- **Others present:** Mrs. Sarah Sislak, MPO Coordinator; Mrs. Katrina Taylor, ESMPO Technician; Mr. Scott Mosley; Mr. Edwin Callicutt; Mr. Wade Bonzon (Virtual); Ms. Brooke Flowers (Virtual); Ms. Lian Li (Virtual); Major Joe Womack (Virtual); Mr. Jimmy Carroll (Virtual); Mr. Edwin Perry, ALDOT; Mr. Guy Busby; Dr. Lou Campomenosi; Mr. Blake Brown; Mr. James Gordon; Mr. Collin Cahill; and Mr. James Watkins; Mr. Cliff McCollum

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: By Mayor Sherry Sullivan to approve the January 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mayor Robin LeJeune.

- Discussion: None
- Abstain: None
- 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 requested the use of Surface Funds for the following project:

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

MOTION: By Commissioner Billie Jo Underwood to amend the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. The motion was seconded by Mayor LeJeune.

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

Mrs. Sislak stated that MPO staff has prepared a Draft Amendment for the 2045 LRTP regarding the Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project. A second action is required. Sislak recommended not taking action and calling a Special Called Meeting on June 9th and a Public Meeting on May 19th regarding amending the 2045 LRTP regarding the Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project.

MOTION: By Commissioner Joe Davis to table amending the 2045 LRTP regarding the Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project until a Special Called Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Sullivan.

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

MOTION: By Commissioner Underwood to establish May 19, 2021, as the Public Meeting and June 9, 2021, as the Special Called Policy Board Meeting regarding amending the 2045 LRTP for the Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project. The motion was seconded by Mayor LeJeune.

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

Mrs. Sislak stated that MPO staff received the following project from the City of Spanish Fort to be added to the FY20-23 TIP:

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

Total:	\$143,678
ALDOT:	\$101,589.87
MPO:	\$40,635.87
City:	\$10,158.97

MOTION: By Mayor Richard Teal to amend the FY20-23 Transportation Improvement Program. The motion was seconded by Mayor Mike McMillan.

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

Mrs. Sislak stated that MPO staff received the following projects from The Baldwin County Commission to be added to the FY20-23 TIP:

- **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 Mayor Sullivan to amend the FY20-23 Transportation Improvement Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

- 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: 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 Mayor Teal to adopt the state amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program. The motion was seconded by Mayor Sullivan.

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

Mrs. Sislak stated that a second action is required for another Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) state requested amendment to the TIP:

- 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 Commissioner Underwood to adopt the state amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

- Discussion: None
- Abstain: None

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

4. Action – Appointing Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) (Policy Board)

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

MOTION: By Mayor Sullivan to appoint members to the Citizens Advisory Committee. The motion seconded by Mayor Teal.

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

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

Mrs. Sislak explained 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. The proposed criteria is available for public comment until May 20, 2021.

MOTION: By Commissioner Davis to adopt Resolution of Opposition Regarding Proposed Changes to Urban Area Designation Criteria. The motion was seconded by Mayor LeJeune.

- Discussion: Commissioner Davis requested a letter containing the key bullet points to share with citizens and constituents.
- Abstain: None
- In favor: All
- Opposed: None
- Result: Passed

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

- ALDOT Project Update:
 - 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:
 - 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

Mrs. Katrina Taylor gave an update for the 1st quarter of 2021. The data presented by Mrs. Taylor is available on our website (easternshorempo.org) under Other Planning Documents.

OTHER DISCUSSION: Board Members requested data regarding traffic flow improvements on US-98 with the Adaptive Traffic Signal. Mr. Matt Ericksen responded to the Board that he will have data prepared for the next quarterly Policy Board Meeting.

NEXT MPO MEETINGS (All)

- **Special Called Policy Board Meeting:** Wednesday, June 9, 2021; 10:00 AM; Daphne City Hall
- **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:** Commissioner Davis informed the Board that Baldwin County had 618 more building permits in March than Mobile County.

ADJOURNMENT (All)

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.


 Billie Jo Underwood, Vice Chairperson

08/02/2021
 Date