

**Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2023**

Voting Members

Mayor Steven Reed (City of Montgomery)
Mayor, William Gillespie (City of Prattville)
Councilman Charles Jinright (City of Montgomery)
Councilman CC Calhoun (City of Montgomery)
Mr. Josh Kervin (ALDOT)
Commissioner Henry Hines (Elmore County)
Mayor James Houston (Town of Coosada)
Mayor AL Kelley (Proxy Stuart Peters City of Millbrook)
Commissioner Doug Singleton (Proxy Kevin Boone)
Commissioner Isaiah Sankey (Montgomery County)
Mayor, Gordon Stone (Proxy Darrell Rigby Town of Pike Road)
Commissioner Jay Thompson (Autauga County)

Non-Voting Members

Mr. Robert Smith, Director of Planning, MPO Secretary/Staff
Mr. Samuel Tensley
Mr. Bryan Fair (ALDOT)

Guests

Mr. Luke McGinty (Elmore County) Mr. John Davis (Autauga County)
Mr. Eddie Compton(City of Montgomery) Mr. Scott Stephens (City of Prattville)
Mr. Tyler Ashmore (ALDOT) Ms. Candy Griffin (ALDOT
Conference Call)
Mr. Darryl Washington (City of Montgomery) Ms. Cornelia Sides (SSR
Consultant)
Mrs. Ashle Myrick (City of Montgomery) Mr. Jim Meads (Sain Associates)
Mr. Paul Gilliam (Sain Associates) Mr. Kindell Anderson (Montgomery
County)

MPO STAFF

Mrs. Nita Armstead

Mr. Casey Lewis
 Ms. Lisa Walters

At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on, March 16, 2023 at The Intermodal Conference Room at 495 Molton Street Montgomery Alabama

Agenda Item 2: A quorum assessment, with 11 voting members present / 2 Via Conference Call/ 3 Proxies. The MPO Meeting begin at 11:41 A.M.; Call to order by Chariman Mr. Jinright.

Agenda Item 3: Introduction of Guest(s): No New Guests

Agenda Item 4: Minutes from the Previous MPO Meeting (Action Item) Minutes from the previous MPO Meeting, A motion was made by Mr. Gillespie to adopt and accept the minutes following a second by Mr. Thompson. Therefore the agenda item passed unanimously and without any further discussion.

Agenda Item 5: FY 2020-2023 Montgomery MPO TIP Amendments; (Mr. Robert Smith)

- Page 2: State of Alabama, City of Montgomery, and Montgomery County Project for Wasden Road Improvement Project for Industrial Access/ Industrial Develeopment Projects- Widen from 750 ft. West of FedEx to US-31. Widen from 2 lanes to 4 lanes, to 4 lanes, realignment/relocate and install 3 new traffic signals. A distance of 1.3 miles; the funding source will be State of Alabama Discretionary Any Area Funds(STPAA)

Project Scope	Project Start Date	Fiscal Year	Federal Funds	Local Match	Total Funds
PE	4/1/23	2023	\$384,000	\$96,000	\$480,000
RW	7/1/24	2024	\$200,000	\$50,000	\$250,000
UT	5/1/25	2025	\$240,000	\$60,000	\$300,000
CN	9/26/25	2025	\$3,281,920	\$820,480	\$4,102,400
			\$4,105,920	\$1,026,480	\$5,132,400

- Page 3: State of Alabama Project for Intersection Improvements on SR-53/US-231 Troy Hwy and SR-6/US-82. The funding will be State of Alabama Discretionary Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Funds. **The Federal funds will cover \$1,405,131 State Match \$156,126 Total funds \$1,561,257**

Proposed Cost Increase from \$769,115 total funds to \$1,561,257 total funds

- Page 4: State of Alabama Project for Additional Roadway Lanes on SR-110/Vaughn Road from Chantilly Pkwy to CR-294/Bridlebrook Blvd; a distance of 1.03 miles. The funding source will be Surface Transportation Program Any Area (STPAA)

The Federal Funds will cover \$4,519,895 Local Match \$1,129,973 Total Funds \$5,649,868.

- Page 5: State of Alabama Project for Resurface SR-6/US-82 from West 4th Street to 0.8 miles east of SR-14; a distance of 4.5 miles. The funding source National Highway System (NHS) Funds

Federal Funds will cover \$1,938,982 State Match \$484,745 Total Funds \$2,423,727

Proposed cost increase from \$2,226,032 total funds to \$2,423,727.

After the discussion of the TIP Amendment Projects, all are in balance. A motion was made by Mr. Calhoun and following a second by Mr. Hines. Therefore the agenda item passed unanimously and without any further discussion.

Agenda Item 6: Approval of Draft 2023-2027 MPO Congestion Management Plan (Sain Associates Mr. Paul Gilliam. Mr. Gilliam went over a presentation of the Draft Congestion Management Plan in detail. He entertained and answered questions that MPO members had.

After the discussion and final details for the Congestion Management Plan; a motion was made by Mr. Calhoun to adopt the draft for the plan, following a second by Mr. Peters. Therefore the agenda item passed unanimously and without any further discussion. Mr. Smith said that the Plan would be put out for a 14 day public comment period and said that a public involvement meeting would be held before the next MPO meeting to present the final draft plan for approval.

Agenda Item 7: 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendments:

Mr. Smith went over 2045 LRTP amendments for proposed new transportation infrastructure for access improvements to the Downtown Montgomery I-65 interchange at Maxwell Blvd, a new roadway extension of Herron Street to include a bridge over the CSX railroad to Covington Street to the intersection of Maxwell Blvd and to add additional roadway capacity on Wasden Road from the CSX railroad to US-31 widening from two lanes to five lanes and re-align with US-31/Mobile Hwy.

After the discussion for the TIP Amendment projects, a motion was made by Mr. Gillispie; following a second by Mr. Peters. The agenda item passed unanimously and without any further discussion. (Action).

Agenda Item 8: Mr. Smith presented and discussed U.S. Census Bureau Federal Register Notice about New Urbanized Area Population Release and New Urbanized Area Map Boundary Review compared to 2010 urban area map boundary. He said that later in FY-2023 MPO staff would prepare proposed boundary adjustments and bring forward for review and approval. (NO ACTION)

(SEE ATTACHED PRINTOUT)

- The Census Bureau urban—rural classification is fundamentally a delineation of geographical areas, identifying individual urban areas as well as the rural portion of the nation.
- The Census Bureau’s urban areas represent densely developed territory and encompass residential, commercial, and other non-residential urban land uses.
- The boundaries of this urban footprint have been defined using measures based primarily on population counts and residential population density, and also on criteria that account for non-residential urban land uses, such as commercial, industrial, transportation, , and open space that are part of the urban landscape.

Agenda Item 9: Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Discussion and Consideration Decision on Where Charging Station Will be Located (Action/Consideration). Mr. Smith discussed and presented Montgomery MPO electric vehicle charging infrastructure funds distributed to the State of Alabama and Alabama MPOs. He said that the funds were from Covid Relief and required no match and were 100%. He said that the Montgomery MPO dedicated funds would only purchase a total of 3 charging stations and pay for a electrical engineer to do engineering and design work to get them installed. He said that the MPO needed to decide where to place the charging stations. Questions were asked about where the charging stations could go. Mr. Smith said that the charging stations had to be installed in the electric fuel charging corridors but didn’t know the distance and would have to research that and report back at the next MPO meeting. Other questions were asked about who had to pay the power bill. Initial recommendations were made to have charging stations installed on public property in order to not have to go through the long right of way process. Locations included public parking spaces in downtown Montgomery similar to existing charging stations, along the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights Trail, at the Cobbs Ford Road interchange on private property and at the new 17 Springs sports complex in Millbrook. Mr. Smith also discussed other available ALDOT/State of Alabama electric vehicle charging funds, but wasn’t sure on the availability of funds. MPO members ask for followup on the distance that chargers had to be in the alternative fuel corridor, the availability of state funds from the notice and who would have to pay the power bill at the next MPO meeting.

(NO ACTION OR DECISION WAS MADE ON THIS AGENDA ITEM, MORE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED)(Further Study Recommended)

Agenda Item 10: Kick-Off of FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The TIP is a short-range transportation infrastructure improvement program document that has included in it the transportation improvements that will be funded and constructed within a four year time frame. This document must be financially constrained in order to gain federal and

state approval. This means that any projects submitted must have funding sources clearly indentified inclusive of any required local match or State of Alabama matching funds. An estimated \$7,358,680 is available for FY -2024-2027 for Municipal and County government projects. He also said that the state of Alabama/ALDOT projects would be proposed in the TIP.

Agenda Item 11: Transportation Project Status Update (ALDOT) (Josh Kervin)

- (Montgomery County) Planning, resurfacing, and traffic stripe on SR-3 (US-31) from the junction of West Boulevard to the Elmore County Line. (Project has not started)
- (Montgomery County) (ATRIP) Widening, resurfacing, and traffic stripe on SR-3(US-31) and the I-65 southbound exit ramp from the junction of the I-65 interchange to the junction of Hyundai Boulevard(Project has not started. Waiting on procurement of overhead sign assemble.
- (Montgomery County) Planning, resurfacing, and traffic stripe on SR-110 from a point 0.370 mile west of the junction of SR-293 southeast of Montgomery to the Bullock County Line(waiting on Striping)
- (Montgomery County) Intersection improvements (Concrete Pavement, traffic signs. and traffic stripe) on SR-152 (Northern Boulevard) at Jackson Ferry Road in Montgomery (Working on Concrete Pavement)
- (Autauga County) Construction of the additional lanes (grading, drainage, pavement, bridges, traffic stripe. & traffic signals on SR-6(US-82) from the junction of SR-14 to the intersection of SR-31 (US-31) in Prattville. (Paving down- hill to creek bridge(Prattville Rebuild)

Agenda Item 12: Any Other Issues/ Concerns

Agenda Item 13: Adjournment: There were no other issues or matters that had to be discussed the MPO Meeting adjourned at 12:54 P.M.