Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Meeting Minutes July 20, 2023

Voting Members

Mayor Steven Reed (City of Montgomery) (Proxy Jerime Reid)

Mayor, William Gillespie (City of Prattville)

Councilman Charles Jinright (City of Montgomery)

Mr. Tyler Ashmore (ALDOT)

Commissioner Henry Hines (Elmore County)

Mayor AL Kelley (City of Millbrook)

Commissioner Doug Singleton (Proxy Kevin Boone)

Mayor Jerry Willis (City of Wetumpka)

Mayor, Gordon Stone (Town of Pike Road)

Commissioner Jay Thompson (Autauga County)

Non-Voting Members

Mr. Robert Smith, Director of Planning/Secretary

Mr. Samuel Tensley (The M)

Guests

Mr. Rob Ellzey (Autauga County)

Mr. Scot Kramer (Autauga County)

Mr. Derek Handy(Intern/Montgomery)

Mr. David Bollie (ALDOT)

Mr. Darrell Rigsby(Pike Road)

Mr. Kindell Anderson(Mtgy County)

Ms. Sheron Rose(Mtgy Chamber of Commerce)

Mr. Justin Barnett (City of Wetumpka)

Mr. Josh McDougald (Elmore County)

Mr. Crews Reeves (CAC Member)

MPO STAFF

Mrs. Nita Armstead

Mr. Casey Lewis

Ms. Lisa Hart

Mr. Paul Gilliam(Sain Assoc.)

Mr. Scott Stephens(Prattville)

Mr. Stuart Peters(Millbrook)

Mr. Chris Conway(Mtgy)

Mr. Nathan Currie (Sain)

At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on, July 20, 2023 at The Intermodal Conference Room at 495 Molton Street, Montgomery Alabama

Agenda Item 2: Mr. Jinright asked Mr. Robert Smith if a quorum was present. Mr Smith said that a quorum was present, with 11 voting members present / 2 Via Conference Call/ 2 Proxies. The MPO Meeting begin at 11:42 A.M; Call to order by MPO Chairman Mr. Jinright.

Agenda Item 3: Introduction of Guest(s): Mr Jerime Reid w/ City of Montgomery, Ms. Sheron Rose w Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Nathan Curry w/ Sain Associates.

Agenda Item 4: Minutes from the Previous MPO Meeting (Action Item) Minutes from the previous MPO Meeting, A motion was made by Mr. Stone to adopt and accept the minutes following a second by Mr. Kelley; 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: A Town of Pike Road Project for Intersection Improvements at Wallahatchie Road at Pike Road. The Funding source will be Surface Transportation Program Maintenance Funds (STPMN)

Federal Funds will cover \$280,000 Local Match \$70,000 Total Funds \$350,000 (Cost increase from \$47,000 to \$350,000 (\$303,000 total increase) total dollars. Project was supposed to have been increased to \$350,000 in Covid Relief funds but was not, and now that Covid Relief funds are no longer available this request is for the balance of project funds needed for preliminary engineering (PE)

 Page 3: A State of Alabama Project for Intersection Improvement and signal installation at SR-14 and 17 Springs Entrance. The funding source Surface Transportation Program Any Area Funds (STPAA). The federal funds will cover \$ 80,000 State Match \$20,000 Total Funds \$100,000. After the discussion of the TIP Amendment projects a motion was made by Mr. Gillispie following a second by Mr. Kelley; therefore the agenda item passed unanimously and without any further discussion.

Agenda Item 6: Approval of Draft FY -2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS SUMMARY

- \$749, 383 in Federal Highway and Federal Transit Administration Planning (PL) Federal Funds only. \$507,869 in FY-2024 apportionment funding; \$241,514 unused carry over funds from FY-2022 available for FY-2024.
- Total FY-2024 Final UPWP budget estimate is \$936,729 with \$749,383 federal and \$187,346 local match, funding includes two (2) planning projects.
- MPO Proposed Plans
 - a. Safety Action Plan \$120,000 federal, \$30,000 local match
 - b. Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Action Plan: \$100,000 federal; \$25,000 local match
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5303 Planning Funds have been combined with Federal Highway Administration Planning Funds to be (1) fund for better management.
- Funds pay for 5 full-time staff person's salaries, planning and programming work related to required documents, MPO administration and other federal requirements, general operating costs for meetings, advertising for meetings, public hearings and various other activities.
- Fiscal Years 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be amended as needed for FY-2024.
- Various other transportation planning duties such as, prior year authorized projects list report and advertisement, overall GIS database update and maintenance and other associated GIS work related to planning and programming activities, traffic count updates, report writing, grant writing, etc....

After the Summary Highlights for the UPWP a motion was made by Mr. Boone to adopt and accept the Draft UPWP FY-2024 for approval following a second by Mr. Hines; therefore the agenda item passed unanimously and without any further discussion.

Agenda Item 7: Explanation of Federal Rescission of MPO Covid Relief Funds: Mr. Robert Smith explained that a recission of MPO Covid Relief funds had been done by the ALDOT due to the federal debt reduction deal passed by Congress. Congress had recalled all unobligated balances of Covid Relief funds. He said that the MPO received \$2.7 million in funds and had originally decided to evenly split the funds at \$235,000 for each MPO member government. He

said that only two projects had been fully completed with the funds in Elmore County on the Chapman Road project and on the South Court Street project. He said that the ALDOT informed him that ALDOT had 24-48 hours to get the unobligated balance of funds obligated on a project that was termed to be ready to go and that the only project that ALDOT found in the Montgomery MPO area that was ready to go was the Perry Hill Road capacity project for the right of way scope. He said that the ALDOT made the decision to obligate the balance of MPO Covid Relief funds on the Perry Hill Road right of way project. After this was explained Mr. Smith asked MPO members if they had a desire to move forward with the previous Covid Relief funded projects with regular MPO dedicated funds. All MPO members in attendance whose project was impacted said that they had a desire to continue with their project. Mr. Smith said that he would respond to ALDOT with the MPO's desire to change funding to regular MPO dedicated funds for the prior Covid Relief funded projects.

Agenda Item 8: Transportation Project Status Update (Mr. Tyler Ashmore/ALDOT & David Bollie)

- (Montgomery County) 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 Blvd.
- (Montgomery County) Intersection improvements (concrete pavement, traffic signs, and traffic stripe) on SR-152 Northern Blvd) at Jackson Ferry Road
- (Montgomery County) Planning, resurfacing, and traffic stripe on SR-3 (US-31) from the junction of West Blvd to the Elmore County line (Installing Guard rails)
- (Montgomery County) Intersections improvements (Planning, resurfacing, traffic signals, and traffic stripe) On SR-53 (US-231 at SR-6 (US-82) South of Montgomery

Agenda Item 9: Any Other Issues/ Business/ Concerns

Mr. Smith reminded all MPO member governments to submit their project proposals for the FY-2024-2027 TIP. He said that he had a firm cutoff date and would need to begin formulating the document. Mayor Gordon Stone said that he would have Pike Roads project submitted as well did Mayor Jerry Willis. Mr. Smith said that the total dollar amount in projects far exceeded the amount of funds that were available.

Agenda Item 10: Adjournment: There were no other important issues or matters for discussion; the MPO Meeting adjourned at 12:25 P.M.

Montgomery MPO Resolution

To Amend the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) To Add the Following Projects by Addendum

TIP Project Number: PR-1-AM Sponsor: Town of Pike Road State Project Code: 100074241

Functional Classification: Major Collector

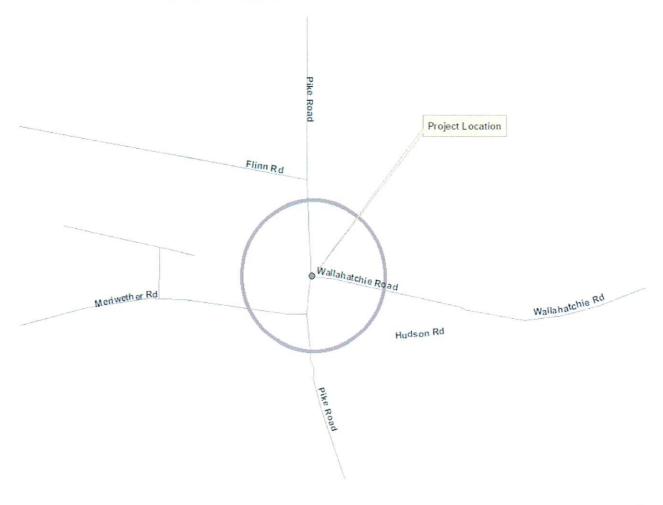
Project Description: Intersection Improvements at Wallahatchie Road at Pike Road

Distance: 0 miles

Funding Source: Surface Transportation Program Maintenance Funds (STPMN)

STPMN	CN	3/2/23	2023	\$280,000	\$70,000	\$350,000
CODE:	SCOPE:	DATE:	YEAR	FUNDS:	MATCH:	FUNDS:
PROJECT	PROJECT	START	FISCAL	FEDERAL	LOCAL	TOTAL
FEDERAL		PROJECT				

Cost increase from \$47,000 to \$350,000 (\$303,000 total increase) total dollars. Project was supposed to have been increased to \$350,000 in Covid Relief funds but was not, and now that Covid Relief funds are no longer available this request is for the balance of project funds needed for preliminary engineering (PE).



TIP Project Number: ST-51-AM Sponsor: State of Alabama State Project Code:100077277

Functional Classification: Principal Arterial

Project Description: Intersection improvements and signal installation at SR-14 and 17

Springs Entrance

Distance: 0 miles

Funding Source: Surface Transportation Program Any Area Funds (STPAA)

STPAA	PE	8/1/23	2023	\$80,000	\$20,000	\$100.000
CODE:	SCOPE:	DATE:	YEAR	FUNDS:	MATCH:	FUNDS:
PROJECT	PROJECT	START	FISCAL	FEDERAL	STATE	TOTAL
FEDERAL		PROJECT				



ADOPTED THIS THE 20th DAY OF MAY, 2023

Mr. Charles Jinright, MPO Chairman

ATTEST:

Mr. Robert Smith, Planning Director/MPO Secretary

RES-21-2020-2023 – 22ST FOR FY-2020-2023 TIP

Montgomery MPO Resolution Adopting The Draft Fiscal Year 2024 UPWP

Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Resolution Adopting The Draft Fiscal Year 2024 Unified Planning Work Program

WHEREAS, the Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the organization designated by the Governor of the State of Alabama as being responsible, together with the State of Alabama, for implementing the applicable provisions of 23 USC 134 and 135 (amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, November 2021); Section 11201, 42 USC 2000d-1, 7401; 23 CFR 450 and 500; 40 CFR 51 and 93; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Transportation requires all urbanized areas, as established by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, doing area-wide urban transportation planning, to submit a Unified Planning Work Program as a condition for meeting the provisions of Title 23, U.S. Code, Section 134 and 135; and

WHEREAS consistent with the declaration of these provisions, the Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Planning Staff, in cooperation with the Alabama Department of Transportation, has prepared a Draft Unified Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2024 and,

WHEREAS pursuant to its duties, functions, and responsibilities, the Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on this the 20th Day of July, 2023, did review and evaluate the aforementioned Draft Fiscal Year 2024 Unified Planning Work Program, summarized on the attached pages; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) that the same does hereby endorse and adopt said Draft Fiscal Year 2024 Unified Planning Work Program as written.

Chairman Charles Jinright, MPO Chairman

Date: July 20, 2023

Robert Smith, MPO Secretary

ATTEST:

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