

**Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (TAC)
Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2023**

Members

Mr. Robert Smith, (Planning Director) (MPO Staff)
Mr. David Bollie (Proxy Brent Jones ALDOT)
Mr. Justin Barrett(Proxy Chapel Brown Wetumpka)
Mr. Kevin Boone (Montgomery County)
Mr. Wesley Cox(City of Montgomery)
Mr. Darrell Rigsby (Pike Road)
Mr. Patrick Dunson
Mr. Brad Flowers (Town of Pike Road)
Mr. Luke McGinty (Elmore County)(Proxy Josh McDougald)
Mr. Scott Stephens (City of Prattville)
Mr. Samuel Tensley (General Manager The M)

Guests

Ms. Shardae King (Sain Associates)
Mr. Wilbert Wilson (FHWA)
Mr. Nathan Gregg (Sain Associates)
Mrs. Holly Olsen (City of Montgomery)
Mr. John McDougald (Elmore County)
Ms. Shontrill Lowe (FHWA)

STAFF

Mr. James Askew (Transportation Planning/ MPO)
Mr. Casey Lewis (Transp. Planning/ MPO)
Ms. Lisa Walters (Transp. Planning/MPO)

At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) March 17, 2023 at 10 a.m. at the City of Montgomery Intermodal Transfer Facility in the conference room, 495 Molton Street, Montgomery, AL 36104,) the aforementioned members were present. The meeting was called to order at 10:20 A.M. by Mr. Robert Smith

Agenda Item 2: Quorum Assessment: Yes Quorum (10) Voting Members and 2 Proxies

Agenda Item 3: Introduction of Guest: Sharda King and Nathan Gregg with Sain Associates,
Chapell Brown, Wilbur Wilson

Agenda Item 4: Minutes from the Previous TAC Meeting (Action Item) Mr. Tensley made a motion to adopt and accept the Minutes from the previous TAC Meeting, following with a second from Mr.Rigsby; therefore the agenda item passed unanimously and without any further discussion required.

Agenda Item 5: Fiscal Years 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Project Proposals

- Page 2: State of Alabama, City of Montgomery, and Montgomery County Project for Wasden Road Improvement Project for Industrial Access/ Industrial Deveelopment 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)

<u>Project Scope</u>	<u>Project Start Date</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Local Match</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
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, The Constraint Table did not change all projects are in balance. A motion was made by Mr. Boone to adopt and approve the TIP Projects following a second by Mr. Dunson. 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.

After the discussion of the Final Draft and with edits to be made a motion was made by Mr. Stephens to adopt and accept the Final Draft following a second by Mr. Tensley. Therefore the agenda item passed unanimously and without any further discussion required.

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

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 LRTP Amendment projects, a motion was made by Mr. Dunson to adopt and accept the projects, following by a second by Mr. Stephens. Therefore the agenda item passed unanimously and without any further discussion.

Agenda Item 8: U.S. Census Bureau Federal Register Notice New Urbanized Area Population Release and New Urbanized Area Map Boundary Review: (SEE PRINTOUT)

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)

Agenda Item 9: Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Discussion and Consideration Decision. 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 an 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 TAC/MPO meeting. TAC members recommended a proposal process to consider who gets funds and where they should go as a recommendation to MPO. No formal action was taken on this item.

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

Mr. Smith discussed the general info on the TIP. He said that 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 identified 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 did not set a deadline but said that governments could begin to prepare TIP priorities and send to MPO staff for inclusion into TIP and said that it had to be completed by September 30, 2023 to be in place for October 1, 2024 in FY-2024.

Agenda 11: Transportation Projects Status Update (ALDOT) (Brent Jones)

- The resurfacing on Wasden Road @ U.S 31 will start April 1st.
- The asphalt work on Jackson Ferry Road is about 75% complete.
- The additional lanes on US-82 at Highway 14 is about 90% complete

Agenda Item 12: Any Other Issues / Business/Concerns: There were no other issues for discussion.

Agenda Item 13: Adjournment: There were no other issues or matters to discuss, therefore the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting adjourned at 11:39 A.M.