

**TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
HUNTSVILLE-AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting - March 20, 2024 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Huntsville, Alabama**

**Committee Members:**

Ms. Kathy Martin	City of Huntsville, City Engineer
Ms. Jennifer Colee	City of Huntsville, Traffic Engineering
Mr. Garris Bugg	City of Huntsville, Traffic Engineering
Mr. John Autry	City of Huntsville, Public Transit Manager
Mr. Nicholas Nene	City of Huntsville, Director of Traffic Engineering
Ms. Brandi Quick	City of Huntsville, Ditto Landing, Executive Director
Ms. Michelle Jordan	City of Huntsville, TARCOG, Executive Director
Mr. Michael Johnson	City of Madison, City Engineer
Mr. Chuck Faulkner	Madison County, County Engineer
Mr. James Giles	ALDOT
Mr. Lynn Wood	ALDOT
Mr. Jud Young	ALDOT

**MPO Staff Members:**

Mr. James Moore  
Mr. James Vandiver  
Mr. Kevin Bernard

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The meeting was called to order by Mr. Moore at the time and place noted above.

The minutes of the meeting of the Technical Coordinating Committee on November 15, 2023, were approved as submitted.

Mr. Moore said the next item on the agenda was MPO Functional Classification Updates.

(Mr. Vandiver made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Vandiver said this was Resolution No. 18-23, and it adopted the revised ALDOT Functional Classification Map for the Huntsville MPO Study Area. He said functional classifications were a categorization of road types, and those included arterials, collectors, interstates, and expressways. He said state and federal funding could be used only on functionally classified roads, so it was important for them to keep these maps updated.

Mr. Vandiver said it had been a while since they had done a comprehensive review of their functional classifications, that they had done incremental ones in the past, with the most recent one being in June of 2020, when they added Town Madison Boulevard to the Functional Classification Map. He said it had been a while since they had done a full comprehensive review of the entire MPO area, so he had asked during the TIP process the prior year for the jurisdictions to submit any changes they had for the Functional Classification Map, and of those changes that were submitted to ALDOT and FHWA, 30 were approved, and he would go through some of the changes.

Mr. Vandiver said the displayed map showed the Monrovia area, and he indicated on the map US 72; Alabama State Route 255, or Research Park Boulevard; and Alabama State Route 53, or Jordan Lane. He said those were in red, and they were considered major arterials. He said green roads, such as Old Railroad Bed Road and Slaughter Road, south of US 72, were considered minor arterials; that those in purple were major collectors, and they included Capshaw Road, Jeff Road, and Wall-Triana Highway; and the roads in orange were minor collectors. He said they could see there were more in purple on the 2024 map than there were in 2020. He said they had added quite a few major collectors in this area, including Douglass Road, Pettus Road, Nance Road,

Mount Zion Road, Pine Grove Road, and Sam Thomas Road. He said this was due to the traffic counts increasing in this area since the last time they had done a comprehensive review of the functional classifications and the rapid population growth in the area.

Mr. Vandiver said another area where they had made some changes was Southwest Madison County and Southeast Limestone County. He said this included Greenbrier Parkway, which at the time of the last update had not been completed, that it only went to the Mazda Toyota Plant and was classified as a minor collector. He said that since it had been completed, they had requested and gotten approval for a change to a minor arterial. He said it extended all the way from Interstate 65 to Interstate 565, reflecting that this was a major freight corridor.

Mr. Vandiver said the City of Madison had requested some changes in the Limestone County portion of their jurisdiction, including Hardiman Road, Segers Road, Powell Road, and Bowers Road, which were now minor collectors.

Mr. Vandiver said Zierdt Road, following the changes, the widening between Madison Boulevard and Martin Road, had been upgraded from a major collector to a minor arterial.

Mr. Vandiver said they had also downgraded some roads, at the request of the jurisdictions. He said Production Avenue in Madison was downgraded from a minor arterial to a major collector, that being because of the lack of traffic counts on that road. He said a "minor arterial" would put it in the same categorization as County Line Road and Madison Boulevard, even though it had much fewer traffic counts on that road.

Mr. Vandiver said the last area he wanted to show was Research Park and MidCity. He said due to the growth in that area, they had added a couple

of new functional classifications, including Old Monrovia Road, south of US 72; Sanderson Street; and Holmes Avenue, between Wynn Drive and Sparkman Drive. He said those had become minor collectors, upgraded from local. He said another street that was upgraded from local to a major collector was Governors West, between Old Madison Pike and Madison Boulevard.

Mr. Vandiver said there were some other changes, including Haysland Road, which was a new road in South Huntsville. He said that as a new road, it did not have a functional classification previously, but it was at this time a major collector.

Mr. Vandiver said Patterson Lane, in the Meridianville area, was upgraded to a major collector, due to population growth in that area.

Mr. Vandiver said they would have a couple of copies of this map signed by the Chairman, if it was approved, and they would be sending it off to ALDOT and FHWA for their signatures as well.

Ms. Martin recommended approval of Resolution No. 18-23, adopting the revised Functional Classification Map as prepared and presented.

Said motion was seconded by Mr. Nene.

Mr. Moore called for the vote on the above motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Technical Coordinating Committee members present.

Mr. Moore said the next item was an FY 2024-2027 TIP amendment, Resolution No. 01-24, which adopted and supported the addition of Project #100076466.

Mr. Kevin Bernard introduced himself, and he said he was not new to the Planning Department, but he was new to the MPO, that he was the newest member of the MPO staff.

(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Bernard said this resolution supported an addition to the TIP, an amendment to the TIP, that it was a new project. He displayed a map, and he said this was just south of Martin Road, and he indicated Beadle Lane and Barren Fork Creek. He indicated where a bridge crossed, and he said that would be the area where the guardrail would be located. He said this was in the Madison County jurisdiction, and it was funded by a 2023 Rebuild Alabama grant, that \$250,000 was the grant funding, and the remainder would be a local match.

Mr. Faulkner recommended approval of Resolution No. 01-24, amending the Other Federal and State Aid Projects section of the FY 2024-2027 TIP, to add Project #100076466, "GUARDRAIL INSTALLATION ON ZIERDT ROAD AT BARREN FORK CREEK BETWEEN BEADLE LANE AND NATURE VALLEY DRIVE."

Said motion was seconded by Ms. Martin.

Mr. Moore called for the vote on Resolution No. 01-24, and it was unanimously approved by the Technical Coordinating Committee members present.

Mr. Moore said the next item was an FY 2024-2027 TIP amendment, Resolution No. 02-24.

(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Bernard said this resolution adopted and supported updated Safety Performance Measurements for Huntsville Transit. He said every year they were required, by the FTA, to implement and monitor these performance measures. He said these measures measured the safety of the ridership on the fixed-route buses, et cetera, the vehicles that were in circulation.

Mr. Bernard said these were the latest that had been supplied, and the MPO usually adopted these measures as provided.

Mr. Autry recommended approval of Resolution No. 02-24, concurring with the recommendation of the Technical Coordinating Committee and adopting and supporting the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Performance Measurements and Targets, as approved by Huntsville Transit.

Said motion was seconded by Mr. Nene.

Mr. Moore called for the vote on the above motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Technical Coordinating Committee members present.

Mr. Moore said the next item was an FY 2024-2027 TIP amendment, Resolution No. 03-24.

(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Bernard said this item was another performance measure that was being adopted, Transit Asset Management Performance Measurements. He said this was basically the fleet and the facilities, including the new intermodal, the new facility that was located on Pratt and Church. He said this basically set measures for fleet utilization and reports, and how the fleet was doing in terms of its age and performance.

Ms. Quick recommended approval of Resolution No. 03-24, concurring with the recommendation of the Technical Coordinating Committee and adopting and supporting the Transit Asset Management (TAM) Performance Measurements and Targets, as approved by Huntsville Transit.

Said motion was seconded by Mr. Autry.

Mr. Moore called for the vote on the above motion, and it was

unanimously approved by the Technical Coordinating Committee members present.

Mr. Moore said the next item was an FY 2024-2027 TIP amendment, Resolution No. 04-24.

(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Bernard said this resolution adopted and supported changes to the National Highway System/Interstate Maintenance section of the TIP, on Project #100068982. He said this TIP amendment was for the I-565 widening and resurfacing, extending from west of County Line Road to east of Wall-Triana Highway. He said this was coming before the Committee because a revised estimate had been provided. He said the old estimate was \$46,548,662, and the new estimate was rounded down by \$5,187,353. He said the scope of work had not changed, the distance was still the same, that it was just that this was pre-bid, and a new estimate was reflected here.

Ms. Martin recommended approval of Resolution No. 04-24, amending the National Highway System/Interstate Maintenance section of the FY 2024-2027 TIP, with the total cost change on Project #100068982, "ADDITIONAL LANES AND RESURFACING ON I-565 FROM WEST OF COUNTY LINE ROAD TO EAST OF WALL-TRIANA HIGHWAY."

Said motion was seconded by Ms. Jordan.

Mr. Moore called for the vote on the above motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Technical Coordinating Committee members present.

Mr. Moore said the next item was FY 2024-2027 TIP Administrative Modifications.

(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Bernard said Administrative Modification A contained 17 projects, including three level of effort projects, and other Transit projects, that had expended their budget, and they were being removed from the books because they had been completed.

Mr. Bernard said Administrative Modification B. was a clarification of two items, Item 1 and Item 2. He said the clarification was on the match. He said the total cost of the project for #100077415 was \$8,122,850, and 85 percent was federal funding and 15 percent was a local match. He said that Item 2, 100077419, was a 50/50 split, in terms of funding and match, for a total of \$3,211,887.

Mr. Moore said the next item on the agenda was Opportunity for Public Comment.

Mr. Moore said the next item was TCC Member Comments.

Mr. Moore said the meeting was adjourned.

**(Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. on March 20, 2024.)**