

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

Regular Meeting - December 4, 2024 - 3:00 p.m.

Huntsville, Alabama

Committee Members:

Ms. Quisha Bryant	City of Huntsville, Director of Parking and Public Transit
Mr. Nicholas Nene	City of Huntsville, Director of Traffic Engineering
Mr. James Bugg	City of Huntsville, Traffic Engineering
Ms. Jennifer Colee	City of Huntsville, Traffic Engineering
Ms. Darlene Elliott	City of Huntsville, Director of Natural Resources
Ms. Kathy Martin	City of Huntsville, Director of Engineering
Ms. Brandi Quick	City of Huntsville, Executive Director, Ditto Landing,
Ms. Michelle Jordan	TARCOG, Executive Director
Mr. Lee Terry	TARCOG, Director of Economic Development and Planning
Mr. Michael Johnson	City of Madison, City Engineer
Mr. Chuck Faulkner	Madison County, County Engineer
Mr. Marc Massey	Limestone County, County Engineer
Mr. Rodney Ellis	ALDOT
Mr. Charles Lynn Wood	ALDOT
Mr. Jud Young	ALDOT

MPO Staff Members:

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

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 August 7, 2024, were approved as submitted.

Mr. Moore said the next item on the agenda was a Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP 2050) Draft.

(Mr. James Vandiver made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Vandiver said the first resolution, No. 14-24, would adopt the Draft Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). He said the LRTP was their 25-year Transportation Plan for the Huntsville MPO area, and it was updated every five years, and the last time they had updated this was in March of 2020, so they were coming around for another five-year update.

Mr. Vandiver said this included both their funded and unfunded transportation projects, that like any visionary projects, it was basically a wish list of transportation projects in the MPO area. He said capacity projects had to be included in the LRTP to obtain federal funding, if they were to be constructed over the next 25 years.

Mr. Vandiver said they had added what was called a "System Performance Report." He said in previous meetings, they had talked about Performance Measures, such as Safety Performance Measures or Bridge and Pavement Conditions. He said they would have some updated numbers on this later in the meeting, and they now had to include these numbers in the Long-Range Transportation Plan, per federal regulations.

Mr. Vandiver said they were working on an MPO bike plan, otherwise known as "Bike the Rocket City," and he said some of the TCC members had participated in the public involvement on that. He said that should be wrapping up probably in the middle of the upcoming year, and they would be incorporating that bike plan in the LRTP.

Mr. Vandiver said they had added some new road and transit projects, that in all, there were almost 160 road projects in the LRTP, and about 30 of

these were funded, that about 20 percent of them were funded, and they had also added some Transit projects, some visionary Transit projects. He said some of these were at the request of the member jurisdictions, and others were based on their Travel Demand Model Outputs. He said they had put some significant growth in the MPO area, based on the historical growth they had seen in the past 5 to 10 years. He said they expected that to continue somewhat over the next 25 years, and they had updated their socioeconomic data and created a new Travel Demand Model, which had created some new results on congestion in the region.

Mr. Vandiver said, concerning some next steps, that if this were adopted by the MPO Board on this date, they would be submitting the Draft LRTP to their partners at ALDOT and FHWA for their review; and in January and February, they would be holding public comments and meetings throughout the MPO area, more like in-person meetings. He said they had an online survey going on at this time, that it was on their website, which was shown at the bottom of the displayed screen. He said this was a very quick survey, and it would be running until January 3rd. He said the week of March 3rd, they would have the final LRTP completed and online for public review. He said they would have about a two-week period for the public to review the plan before the MPO Board adopted it at their next meeting, which was scheduled for March 19th.

Mr. Vandiver said this was all to get in front of their mandated March 31, 2025, deadline for completing a new LRTP.

Mr. Vandiver said for more information, the TCC members could go on the MPO website, to view the draft plan, as well as take the online survey. He said the website was huntsvillempo.org/2050-lrtp.

Ms. Martin recommended approval of Resolution No. 14-24, adopting the Draft TRiP 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan.

Said motion was seconded by Ms. Jordan and was unanimously approved by the Technical Coordinating Committee members present.

Mr. Moore said the next item on the agenda was an FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendment, Resolution No. 15-24.

Mr. Moore recognized Mr. Kevin Bernard.

(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Bernard said Resolution No. 15-24 adopted and supported the addition of projects #100079446 and #100079447 to the Other State and Federal Aid Projects section of the 2024-2027 TIP. He said this was a road widening, accompanied by resurfacing and drainage improvements, on Bethel Road, extending from the intersection with Mooresville Road to the west, all the way to Old US 31 to the east.

Ms. Quick recommended approval of Resolution No. 15-24, amending the Other State and Federal Aid Projects Section of the FY 2024-2027 TIP, to add projects #100079446 (PE) and #100079447 (CN), for "RESURFACING AND WIDENING OF CR-106 (BETHEL ROAD) FROM MOORESVILLE ROAD TO SR-251."

Said motion was seconded by Mr. Nene and was unanimously approved by the Technical Coordinating Committee members present.

Mr. Moore said the next item on the agenda was an FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendment, Resolution No. 16-24.

(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Bernard said Resolution No. 16-24 adopted and supported the addition of a project to the Other State and Federal Aid Projects section of the

2024-2027 TIP. He said this was Holmes Avenue, Safe Streets For All, Improvement. He said this project consisted of resurfacing, bike lanes, and new sidewalks on Holmes Avenue, from Spragins Street to Sparkman Drive. He said this was all within the city limits, and it was approximately 3.7 miles of improvement. He said the City of Huntsville was awarded a \$21.64 million grant, Safe Streets For All, from the Department of Transportation. He said this would go toward improving Holmes Avenue.

Ms. Martin recommended approval of Resolution No. 16-24, amending the Other State and Federal Aid Projects section of the FY 2024-2027 TIP, to add projects #TBD (PE Phase), #TBD (RW Phase), #TBD (UT Phase), and #TBD (CN Phase) of "RESURFACING, BIKE LANES, AND NEW SIDEWALKS ON HOLMES AVENUE FROM SPRAGINS STREET TO SPARKMAN DRIVE."

Said motion was seconded by Ms. Jordan and 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. 17-24.

(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Bernard said Resolution No. 17-24 adopted and supported the addition of projects #100079722 and #100079723 to the Transportation Alternatives section of the 2024-2027 TIP.

Mr. Bernard said this project included a new sidewalk and sidewalk improvements along Caldwell Lane and the Big Cove Creek Greenway Extension in the city of Huntsville. He said the total length was just under one mile. He said the City was awarded a TAP grant from the MPO, which would go toward extending the Big Cove Creek Greenway and for sidewalk improvements along Caldwell Lane.

Ms. Martin recommended approval of Resolution No. 17-24, amending the Transportation Alternatives section of the FY 2024-2027 TIP, to add projects #100079722 (PE Phase) and #100079723 (CN Phase) of "NEW SIDEWALKS ALONG CALDWELL LANE AND BIG COVE CREEK GREENWAY EXTENSION."

Said motion was seconded by Ms. Quick and was unanimously approved by the Technical Coordinating Committee members present.

Mr. Moore said the next item on the agenda was an FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendment, Resolution No. 18-24.

(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Bernard said Resolution No. 18-24 adopted and supported the addition of projects #100079537 and #100079538 to the Transportation Alternatives section of 2024-2027 TIP. He said this was funded by Statewide funding, for sidewalk improvements, and installation, along Wilson Mann Road, from Old Highway 431 to the Owens Cross Roads School in the city of Owens Cross Roads.

Mr. Bernard said this was a TAP grant that was awarded to the town of Owens Cross Roads, that they had applied for it, in the sum of \$148,437. He said the local match was being provided by the town of Owens Cross Roads, in the amount of \$37,109.

Ms. Jordan recommended approval of Resolution No. 18-24, amending the Transportation Alternatives section of the FY 2024-2027 TIP, to add #100079537 (PE Phase) and #100079538 (CN Phase), for "SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS AND INSTALLATION ALONG WILSON MANN ROAD FROM OLD HIGHWAY 431 TO THE OWENS CROSS ROADS SCHOOL."

Said motion was seconded by Ms. Martin and unanimously approved by

the Technical Coordinating Committee members present.

Mr. Moore said the next item on the agenda was a 2024-2027 TIP Amendment, Resolution No. 19-24.

(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Bernard said Resolution No. 19-24 adopted and supported the 2025 Statewide Safety Performance Measurement (PM1) Targets, as approved by ALDOT.

Mr. Bernard said that in accordance with 23 CFR 490.201, the Alabama Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, had established the Highway Improvement Safety Program, which was referred to as PM 1, their targets for calendar year 2025.

Ms. Quick recommended approval of Resolution No. 19-24, that the Huntsville Area MPO Policy Board concurs with the recommendation of the Technical Coordinating Committee and hereby adopts and supports the Statewide Safety Performance (PM1) Performance Measurements and Targets, as approved by ALDOT.

Said motion was seconded by Ms. Martin and unanimously approved by the Technical Coordinating Committee members present.

Mr. Moore said the next item on the agenda was a 2024-2027 TIP Amendment, Resolution No. 20-24.

(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Bernard said Resolution No. 20-24 adopted and supported the 2025 Statewide Pavement/Bridge Condition Performance Measurement (PM2) Targets, as approved by ALDOT. He said that similar to PM1, these targets were performance targets set by ALDOT. He said there was the Baseline, and

2-Year targets, and 4-Year targets.

Ms. Martin recommended approval of Resolution No. 20-24, that the Huntsville Area MPO Policy Board concurs with the recommendation of the Technical Coordinating Committee and hereby adopts and supports the Statewide Pavement/Bridge Condition Performance (PM2) Performance Measurements and Targets, as approved by ALDOT.

Said motion was seconded by Ms. Jordan and was unanimously approved by the Technical Coordinating Committee members present.

Mr. Moore said the next item on the agenda was an FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendment, Resolution No. 21-24.

(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Bernard said Resolution No. 21-24 adopted and supported the addition of project #100079740 to the NHS/Interstate Maintenance/NHS Bridge Projects section of the 2024-2027 TIP.

Mr. Bernard said this project was for an Interchange Modification Study, and it was being funded by both the federal and state governments, for a total of \$1.5 million. He said this was to conduct a study of the interchange at the 565 and Memorial Parkway junction, for future development and redesign.

Ms. Martin recommended approval of Resolution No. 21-24, amending the NHS/Interstate Maintenance/NHS Bridge Projects section of the FY 2024-2027 TIP, to add project #100079740 (SP Phase), "STUDY TO DEVELOP CONCEPTS FOR CONSIDERATION TO MODIFY THE INTERCHANGE ON I-565 AT SR-1 (US 231/431 MEMORIAL PARKWAY)."

Said motion was seconded by Mr. Nene and unanimously approved by the Technical Coordinating Committee members present.

Mr. Moore said that next on the agenda was Non-Action Items,

FY 2024-2027 TIP Administrative Modifications.

(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Bernard said item 10.(a) was an increase in cost to resurfacing for this project. He said the Old Project Estimate was \$4,971,745, and the New Project Estimate was a\$6,796,178, a difference of \$1,824,433

Mr. Bernard said item 10.(b) was an increase in the cost of additional lanes for this project, that the Old Project Estimate was \$900,000, and the New Project Estimate was \$1,150,000, which was a difference of \$250,000.

Mr. Bernard said item 10.(c) was an increase in a resurfacing project, that the Old Project Estimate was \$4,241,364, and the New Project Estimate was \$4,710,000, a difference of \$468,636.

Mr. Bernard said item 10.(d) was an increase in cost for additional lanes on the project, and the Old Project Estimate was \$510,050, and the New Project Estimate was \$1,707,560, with a difference of \$1,197,510.

Mr. Bernard said item 10.(e) was an increase in cost and a funding source change of a project, the Huntsville Northern Bypass, Phase 1. He said the Old Project Estimate was \$38,524,721, and the New Project Estimate was \$40,375,000, a difference of \$1,850,279. He said an important notation on this project was that there were some earmarked funds they had received, and this would replace the funding the MPO had contributed toward this particular phase, so they were swapping out the funding source for this project.

Mr. Bernard said item 10.(f) was an increase in cost to intersection improvements, that the Old Project Estimate was \$300,000, and the New Project Estimate was \$375,000, a difference of \$75,000.

Mr. Bernard said item 10.(g) was a decrease in costs for additional lanes being proposed. He said the New Project Estimate was \$8,750,000, and the

old Project Estimate was \$10,058,025, a difference of approximately \$1.3 million.

Mr. Bernard said that was all of the Administrative Modifications.

Mr. Moore said the next item on the agenda was Opportunity for Public Comment, and he asked if there was anyone from the public who would like to address the Technical Coordinating Committee.

Mr. Moore said the next item was TCC Member Comments, and he asked if there were any comments from any of the TCC members.

Mr. Moore said the next item on the agenda was 2025 TCC Meeting Dates.

Mr. Bernard said he believed they had sent this out to everyone, and if someone had not received it in their email, to please let them know. He said the four dates that had been established for the upcoming year were March 19th, May 21st, August 20th, and November 19th, of 2025.

Mr. Moore said the meeting was adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. on December 4, 2024.)