

MINUTES
MPO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
JACKSON AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
CITY HALL – 1ST FLOOR BEN LANGFORD ROOM – 101 EAST MAIN STREET
AUGUST 26, 2021 – 10:30 A.M.

Members Present: Alex Reed, City of Jackson
Mayor Larry Sanders, Three Way
Stan Pilant, Madison County Representative
Antoine Hawkins, TDOT-OCT

Staff/Others Present:
Cody Roberts, TDOT
Rachel Webb, TDOT
Ashley Owens, TDOT
Ellen Williams, Jackson Police

The Executive Board meeting was called to order and a determination of a quorum was made by the MPO Madison County representative, Stan Pilant. Stan Pilant welcomed the public and officials in attendance and opened the floor to any member of the public wishing to speak. With no one present from the public, the minutes of December 17, 2020 were unanimously approved on motion of Mayor Larry Sanders and seconded by Alex Reed. Stan Pilant then asked the group to begin review of agenda business items.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY 2022 & 2023 – Mr. Pilant presented the final draft of the UPWP for Federal Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 (October 2021 – September 2023). He noted that this document is a fundamental component of the Transportation Planning Process. It is also a requirement to develop a work program that outlines the tasks that the MPO will be involved in for the specified period.

Afterwards, Mr. Pilant briefly highlighted the Statewide Planning Priorities, which includes Virtual Public Involvement (VPI), Alternative Fuels and Project Delivery. He also highlighted the Regional Planning Priorities, which will help to find ways to link communities together to document the needs and concerns on the regional level.

He then discussed the Cooperative Development of the UPWP. This would allow the MPO to communicate between all partners that are a part of the planning process.

Mr. Pilant stated that a Background Budget was added to depict where all resources of funding comes in and what funds are available.

In addition, Work Program Tasks were added in an effort of standardize tasks as we work toward the implementation of an electronic version of the UPWP.

A motion was made by Mayor Larry Sanders and seconded by Antoine Hawkins to approve the draft development for the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY 2022 & 2023.

Status report of current transportation projects – Antoine Hawkins, TDOT-OCT, mentioned that the 2021 Multimodal Access Grant was approved and the application deadline will be on October 1, 2021.

Cody Roberts, TDOT, stated that the widening project from 79A ended in June. He also stated that a project from 82-87 is ahead of schedule and will be completed in two years. He mentioned that Henderson Road should be opening within the next month, as well as Watson Road, that will consist of traffic shifts.

Rachel Webb, TDOT, stated that the next section of I-40 West of 412 has construction plans turned in and is currently waiting on railroad acquisitions and permits. She also mentioned that there are hopes of having right of way plans submitted for SR-18 (North of Medon-Malesus Road to SR-5).

Afterwards, there was some discussion about updates on the Southern Bypass. Mr. Pilant stated that they are still in design and should be completed sometime in 2023.

Mr. Pilant then questioned if there will be a public safety vehicle that will operate in our area.

Cody Roberts stated that there has been some discussion relative to having a public safety vehicle, but the problem is having a budget for a station. TDOT hopes to have a public safety vehicle within the next five to six years.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.