

MINUTES
MPO TECHNICAL STAFF
JACKSON AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
CITY HALL – FIRST FLOOR BEN LANGFORD MEETING ROOM – 111 EAST MAIN STREET
AUGUST 10, 2023 – 10:30 A.M.

Staff/Others Present:

Stan Pilant, Planning Director
Shelton Merrell, SWTDD
Ashley Owens, TDOT OCT
Branden Garcia, TDOT
Daniel Kenagy, Region 4 (MPO & RPO)

Antoine Hawkins, TDOT OCT
Hannah Mathis, Planning Department
Melinda Clark, JTA
Maury Miles, JTA

Stan Pilant, Chairman of the MPO Technical Staff, called the meeting to order upon making a determination of a quorum of members present. Mr. Pilant welcomed the public and officials in attendance and opened the floor to any member of the public wishing to speak. There was no one present wishing to make a public comment. The minutes of March 9, 2023 were unanimously approved, contingent on correcting an error, on motion of Shelton Merrell and seconded by Ashley Owens. Afterwards, Mr. Pilant began reviewing the agenda business items.

Amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Airways Phase III – Mr. Pilant presented the amendment to the Technical Staff. He explained that Airways has been the recipient for the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant of Airways Phase I and II and has recently been awarded for Airways Phase III for improvements and restoration. This phase will go from Airways Boulevard to State Street. The amendment will be added to the TIP as a new project to provide funding.

Afterwards, a motion was made by Shelton Merrell and seconded by Hannah Mathis to recommend approval of amending the 2023-2026 TIP for Airways Phase III to the MPO Executive Board. The motion was unanimously approved.

Amendments to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for JTA – Mr. Pilant presented the amendments to the Technical Staff. The following amendments discussed are as follows:

1. TR-5-25 – Amendment #19 – Transit
2. TR-5-23 – Amendment #20 – Transit – Budget Increase
3. TR-5-36 – Amendment #21 – Transit – Budget Increase
4. TR-7-21 – Amendment #22 – Transit – Removing Project from TIP
5. TR-5-46 – Amendment #24 – Transit – Removing Project from TIP
6. TR-8-22 – Amendment #25 – Transit
7. TR-7-24 – Amendment #27 – Transit – New Project – Purchase 3 paratransit vehicles and spare components
8. TR-7-25 – Amendment #30 – Transit – New Project – Purchase 3 paratransit vehicles and spare components
9. TR-7-26 – Amendment #31 – Transit – New Project – Title and description change
10. TR-5-33 – Amendment #32 – Transit – Removing Project from TIP

11. TR-5-45 – Amendment #33 – Transit – Removing Project from TIP

Afterwards, a motion was made by Hannah Mathis and seconded by Maury Miles to recommend approval of amending the 2023-2026 TIP for JTA to the MPO Executive Board. The motion was unanimously approved.

Draft development and review for the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY 2024 & 2025 – Hannah Mathis presented the draft development and review for the UPWP for Federal Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025 (October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024) that will outline projects throughout the upcoming years. The draft has been submitted, reviewed and approved by TDOT and FHWA.

Afterwards, a motion was made by Shelton Merrell and seconded by Ashley Owens to recommend approval to adopt the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY 2024 & 2025 to the MPO Executive Board. The motion was unanimously approved.

Updates – Branden Garcia, TDOT, was present to give an update on the following current projects:

1. The I-40 widening project is ahead of schedule and projected to be complete by May 2024.
2. The tentative start date for construction signs will be August 28, 2023 for the resurfacing project on North Parkway.

Daniel Kenagy, TDOT, mentioned that TDOT has an upcoming Local Government Guidelines Manual and Right-of-Way/NEPA training that will be held on August 16th and 17th in Chattanooga and November 14th and 15th in Jackson.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.