

**MINUTES**  
**MPO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**JACKSON AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)**  
**CITY HALL – 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR BEN LANGFORD ROOM – 101 EAST MAIN STREET**  
**AUGUST 24, 2023 – 10:30 A.M.**

**Members Present:**            **Mayor Scott Conger, City of Jackson**  
   **Mayor Mary Ann Tremblay, Three Way**  
   **Russ McKelvey, Jackson City Council**  
   **Antoine Hawkins, TDOT-OCT**

**Staff/Others Present:**  
**Stan Pilant, Planning Director**  
**Ashley Owens, TDOT-OCT**  
**Cody Roberts, TDOT-D48 Operations**  
**Hannah Mathis, Planning Department**  
**Austin Brown, Planning Department**  
**Shelton Merrell, RPO**

The MPO Executive Board meeting was called to order and a determination of a quorum was made by Mayor Scott Conger. Mayor Conger 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 March 23, 2023 were unanimously approved on motion of Russ McKelvey and seconded by Shelton Merrell. Mayor Conger then asked the Executive Board to begin review of the agenda business items.

**Amendment to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Airways Phase III** – Hannah Mathis presented the amendment to the Executive Board. She mentioned that funding has been received for Airways Phase I and II. By amending the TIP, a new project will be added to reflect funding for Airways Phase III. This project will cover Hollywood Drive to State Street.

The Technical Staff recommended approval of the amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP for Airways Phase III to the MPO Executive Board.

Afterwards, a motion was made by Shelton Merrell, seconded by Ashley Owens to approve the amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP for Airways Phase III. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Amendments to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for JTA** – Hannah Mathis presented the amendments to the Executive Board. She then briefly highlighted the list of amendments for JTA, which includes adding funding and removing projects.

The Technical Staff recommended approval of the amendments to the 2023-2026 TIP for JTA to the MPO Executive Board.

Afterwards, a motion was made by Ashley Owens and seconded by Russ McKelvey to approve the amendments to the 2023-2026 TIP for JTA. 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 is required by the MPO. The draft provides an overview of projects and goals to achieve that will be coordinated between the local government, state and federal throughout the upcoming years.

The Technical Staff recommended approval to adopt the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY 2024 & 2025 to the MPO Executive Board.

Afterwards, a motion was made by Russ McKelvey and seconded by Shelton Merrell to adopt the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY 2024 & 2025. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Updates** – Ashley Owens, TDOT-OCT, stated that the statewide Partnership Project Program applications are now in the review process and will end in a couple of weeks. The Multimodal Access Grant applications are also in the review process. Announcements will be made January 1, 2024.

The Tennessee Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (TEVI) applications has opened and will close on November 1, 2023. Also, a webinar will be available online on the TEVI website.

Cody Roberts, TDOT, was present to give an update on the following upcoming and current projects:

1. The interchange improvements on 1-40 at Exit 68 is currently in design. The construction will be scheduled next year.
2. The interchange improvements on 1-40 at Exit 85 on Christmasville Road has planning and consulting sessions underway and design will begin soon. The IAR, a new Project Delivery Network (PDN), is also underway. Construction has not been scheduled.
3. State Route 18 from North of Medon Malesus Road to US 45 field surveys and preliminary plans are complete. Further design development will proceed once funding is secured.
4. State Route 18 from North of Jared Lane to North of Medon Malesus Road field surveys and preliminary plans are complete. Further design development will proceed once funding is secured.

5. The intersection improvements at State Route 20, which is 412 at Old Bells Road, right of way is being bought currently. The construction let is not currently scheduled.
6. The bridge replacement at 152 Law Road over I-40 development has not initiated, but is on the horizon.
7. The resurfacing project on 412 at North Parkway from I-40 to Highway 70 and Highway 70 from Mobile Street to Whitehall Street contract was let and will begin to put construction signs up September 1, 2023. Construction and paving will begin soon. The estimated completion date is set for December 15, 2023.
8. The I-40 widening project at Exit 79 over 412 is ahead of schedule. The estimated completion date is set for May 31, 2024.

Mr. Pilant mentioned that a meeting has held with the National Wildlife Federation and Tennessee Wildlife Federation to discuss ways to secure money for preservation and restoration along the Southern Bypass Extension and recreation opportunities along the South Fork of the Forked Deer River. When talking with the consultants, design elements are still being worked on along the Southern Bypass Extension.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.