

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

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

Staff/Others Present:
Stan Pilant, Planning Director
Melanie Murphy, FHWA-TN
Ashley Owens, TDOT-OCT
Thiera Taylor, TDOT-OCT
Cody Roberts, TDOT
Rachel Webb, TDOT
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 August 24, 2023 were unanimously approved on motion of Russ McKelvey and seconded by Mayor Tremblay. Mayor Conger then asked the Executive Board to begin review of the agenda business items.

Adoption of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Urban Boundary – Mr. Pilant stated that since 2020 Census were formed, the state has made changes to the urban boundary due to the entire urbanized population not being covered. In order for FHWA to approve the urban boundary, the adjusted boundary must be approved.

The Technical Staff recommended approval of the adjusted Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Urban Boundary.

Afterwards, a motion was made by Russ McKelvey, seconded by Ashley Owens to approve the adjusted Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Urban Boundary. The motion was unanimously approved.

Adoption of the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) Boundary – Mr. Pilant stated that that this boundary is considered the County line. This boundary has not changed. Comments were received by TDOT's staff that will be incorporated when it is modified.

The Technical Staff met and reviewed the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) Boundary.

Afterwards, a motion was made by Ashley Owens and seconded by Mayor Tremblay to approve the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) Boundary. The motion was unanimously approved.

Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects – Mr. Pilant briefly highlighted the obligation report from TDOT that provides a list of current ongoing projects that have federal funds. No action is required.

Adoption of the PM1 Safety Targets -- Mr. Pilant presented the PM1 Safety Targets to the Technical Staff. The safety targets are done on an annual basis that allows the MPO to create their own safety targets or adopt TDOT's safety targets. Mr. Pilant stated that the MPO has chosen to accept and adopt TDOT's safety targets because of their consistency. Mr. Pilant then briefly discussed the performance measures and safety targets.

The Technical Staff recommended approval of the PM1 Safety Targets to the MPO Executive Board.

Afterwards, a motion was made by Mayor Massey and seconded by Russ McKelvey to approve the PM1 Safety Targets. The motion was unanimously approved.

JTA Amendments -- Mr. Pilant presented two amendments to the Executive Board that will be added and removed from the TIP.

Amendment 46 - JTA is currently programming \$500,000 per year for 2024-2026 that totals up to \$1.5 million toward their ADA Paratransit Service. Since additional funds are being added to the project, an amendment is needed.

Amendment 47 – Projects for 5317 FY 2023 for \$450,000 and 5317 FY 2024 for \$450,000 used for purchasing paratransit vehicles will be removed due there not being a funding source. Since the funds were not available, an amendment is needed to remove the projects from the TIP.

The Technical Staff recommended approval of the JTA Amendment to the MPO Executive Board.

Afterwards, a motion was made by Russ McKelvey and seconded by Ashley Owens to approve the JTA Amendment. The motion was unanimously approved.

Updates – Ashley Owens, TDOT-OCT, mentioned that the Transportation Modernization Act SPP list is undergoing a final evaluation for the remaining 66 projects. There will also be a presentation at the end of the year as part of the overall 10-Year Project Plan.

The planning strategies to set the framework for the Carbon Reduction and Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative Efficient and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) funding are currently underway.

Also, the PM1 adoptions are due by February 27, 2024 and the Multimodal Access Grant announcements will occur during this quarter or next quarter.

Rachel Webb, TDOT, was present to give an update on the current projects in the preconstruction phase:

1. The interchange improvements on I-40 at Exit 68 (State Route 138) design is underway. The construction letting has not been scheduled.
2. The interchange improvements on I-40 at Christmasville Road planning, consultant selection and design are in the new stages.
3. The Interstate Access Request (IAR) is underway. The construction letting has not been scheduled.
4. State Route 18 from North of Medon Malesus Road to State Route 5 preliminary plans are complete. The design will continue when funding is secured.
5. State Route 18 from North of Jared Lane to North of Medon Malesus Road preliminary plans are complete. The design will continue when funding is secured.
6. The intersection improvements at State Route 20, which is US 412 at Old Bells Road, right of way acquisition process is underway. The construction letting has not been set.
7. The bridge replacement at State Route 152 Law Road over I-40 development has not yet initiated, but is on the radar.

Cody Roberts, TDOT, was present to give an update on the following current projects that are close to completion:

1. The I-40 expansion third phase has one overhead sign left that will go up next week. The project will hopefully be complete before Christmas depending on the weather.
2. The resurfacing project on 412 at North Parkway is estimated to be complete by December 15, 2023.
3. There will be an ITS SmartWay Expansion project coming to Jackson has already been let and will begin either Spring 2024 or early Summer 2024.

Mayor Conger then questioned the Multimodal Project from the Health Department to Lynwood on North Parkway and its impact on the intersection.

Mr. Pilant stated that the project will consist of adding crosswalks and sidewalk improvements from the Health Department to North Highland.

Mr. Pilant then mentioned that he met with TDOT to discuss the Christmasville interchange since the project is beginning to start. He stated that TDOT will involve the city as they move through the design of the bridge.

Afterwards, there was a brief discussion regarding maintenance for fencing along the bypass.

Melanie Murphy, FHWA-TN, congratulated the city for receiving the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant.

Melanie then mentioned that the US Department of Transportation (DOT) has Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) has the following grants available:

1. Accelerated Innovation Deployment (AID) Demonstration Program
 - Up to \$10 million available
 - Applications are due January 23, 2024
2. Saving Lives with Connectivity: Accelerating Vehicle-to Everything (V2X) Deployment Program
 - Up to \$40 million available
 - Applications are due January 17, 2024
3. Advanced Transportation Technologies and Innovative Mobility Deployment Program
 - Up to \$120 million available
 - Applications are due February 2, 2024

Lastly, she mentioned that the federal register has released that all MPOs will be expected to set performance measures for greenhouse gas emissions.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.