

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

**Regular Meeting - August 28, 2019 - 3 p.m.**

**City Council Conference Room, Municipal Building  
Huntsville, Alabama**

**Committee Members Present:**

Mr. James Moore	City of Huntsville Planning Division
Mr. Chuck Faulkner	Madison County, County Engineer
Mr. Les Hopson	Alabama Department of Transportation
Mr. Allen Teague	Alabama Department of Transportation
Ms. Brandi Quick	City of Huntsville, Director of Huntsville-Madison County Marina and Port Authority

**MPO Staff Members Present:**

Ms. Shontrill Lowe  
Ms. Paige Colburn  
Mr. Steve Dinges

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The meeting was called to order by Mr. James Moore at the time and place noted above.

Mr. Moore stated that the first item on the agenda was Approval of Minutes.

Ms. Quick moved for approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Technical Coordinating Committee held on May 22, 2019, which motion was duly seconded by Mr. Hopson.

Mr. Moore called for the vote on the above motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Technical Coordinating Committee members present.

Mr. Moore stated that the next item on the agenda was Discussion - Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update.

Mr. Moore recognized Ms. Paige Colburn of the MPO staff.

Ms. Colburn made a PowerPoint presentation.

Ms. Colburn stated that the last time they had met, they had teased the fact that they had probably hired a consultant for the Long-Range Transportation Plan for the Year 2045. She stated that that consultant was with them at this time, that it was Croy Engineering, Inc. She asked the representatives of the company who were in the audience to raise their hands to be identified. She thanked them for being in attendance at the meeting and stated that the Technical Coordinating Committee members could speak with them about the project if they so desired.

Ms. Colburn stated that they would have a Public Comment period of 45 days after the Draft Long-Range Transportation Plan was adopted by the MPO in January of 2020. She stated that the Final would be due in March of 2020.

Ms. Colburn stated that they were discussing names at this time, as they went through the public involvement phase and talking to the public. She stated that they were thinking that "TRIP 2045" would be the name of the document, "Transportation Regionally Innovative Projects."

Ms. Colburn stated that they would like for the persons who were on the Technical Coordinating Committee to use the fact that they all wore many hats and let them take their TRIP 2045 show on the road. She stated that they had a wonderful interactive activity, the "Spend the MPO Money Board." She stated that they would give everyone \$500 million and tell them to put their \$500 million in any of the 10 large Regional Transportation Projects on the

board. She stated that they had some very popular ones, such as the Research Park Boulevard and I-565 Intersection Improvements; the widening of I-565; the Singing River Trail, the 80-mile Greenway; and the Northern Bypass.

Ms. Colburn stated that they were telling people to put all \$500 million in one envelope or they could spread it out amongst the 10 projects. She stated that they were keeping track of where all the money went at different events, which would help to inform the next 25 years of transportation projects. She stated that there were just these 10, but there would be many other projects that would be discussed in TRIP 2045.

Ms. Colburn stated that they were asking each of the members of the TCC to email either Ms. Lowe or her and tell them where they needed to go with this “Spend the MPO Money Board” and who they needed to talk to about the TRIP 2045 Transportation Plan. She stated that this could be churches, businesses, the Rotary Club or other organizations where persons were on board to volunteer with. She stated that they would very much appreciate being able to go to as many places as possible and gather as much information from the public as possible over the next 3 to 6 months.

Mr. Moore stated that the next item on the agenda was Adoption - MPO Self-Certification Question and Answer Form. He stated that Resolution No. 24-19 adopted the Huntsville-Area MPO Self-Certification Process required by the federal government, that questions be answered pertaining to the Statewide and Metropolitan Planning Process.

Mr. Moore recognized Ms. Lowe.

Ms. Lowe made a PowerPoint presentation.

Ms. Lowe stated that Resolution No. 24-19 was the MPO

Self-Certification Question and Answer Form. She stated that this was basically different questions pertaining to how the MPO was going through the Planning process, as it related to the statewide process and the federal government process for creating Long-Range Plans in the Transportation Improvement Program. She stated that these questions and answers were included in Appendix 3.7 of the Updated TIP 2020.

Ms. Quick moved to recommend approval of Resolution No. 24-19, amending the MPO Self-Certification Section in the Adopted FY 2020-2023 TIP to include the attached Self-Certification Form, ADA Compliance Spreadsheet, and letters from MPO member jurisdictions.

Said motion was duly seconded by Mr. Hopson.

Mr. Moore asked if there was any discussion.

Mr. Moore called for the vote on the above motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Technical Coordinating Committee members present.

Mr. Moore stated that the next item on the agenda was Adoption - Final FY2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). He stated that Resolution No. 25-19 approved and adopted the Final FY2020 UPWP program. He stated that the purpose of the UPWP was to outline Multimodal Transportation Planning Activities, within a financially constrained budget, to be conducted in the Huntsville-Area MPO Planning Area within the next fiscal year.

Mr. Moore recognized Ms. Lowe.

Ms. Lowe made a PowerPoint presentation.

Ms. Lowe stated that Resolution No. 25-19 was to adopt the Final FY2020 UPWP. She stated that this was updated every year to provide to

citizens and stakeholders transparency into what the MPO was doing, as far as spending federal, state, and local transportation dollars. She stated that there were different Tasks that were in the UPWP, and those Tasks were divided up. She stated that Administration was one of these, which basically covered Management, Contract Management with consultant firms, such as Croy, for the LRTP, and General Public Outreach and Maintenance of the MPO.

Ms. Lowe stated that Task II was basically Data Development and Maintenance. She stated that this covered Collection and Analysis of Transportation Data, such as Socioeconomic Forecasts and the Travel Demand Models that Mr. Moore and Mr. Vandiver worked on from time to time.

Ms. Lowe stated that Tasks III and IV were Short-Range and Long-Range Planning programs. She stated that this consisted of certain things like their LRTP, Bike and Ped programs, Transit. She stated that they utilized this particular task when they helped Huntsville Transit update their comp plan the prior year.

Ms. Lowe stated that Task V was Special Studies. She stated that this covered other studies, such as Corridor Studies or Congestion Management plans.

Ms. Lowe stated, concerning the Budget difference between the prior year and the upcoming year, that the prior year's Budget would be ending September 30, 2019, and that totaled \$651,524. She stated that the 2020 program would fund over \$726,266 of Planning funds for the required Tasks she had just gone through, and then an additional \$325,000 on Jurisdictional Plans, such as the plans that Madison County and the City of Huntsville had applied for. She stated that those were the Transportation Master Plan and Implementation Study that Madison County had applied for

and the Memorial Parkway Intersection Safety Studies that the City of Huntsville had applied for. She stated that if adopted, the UPWP would total over \$1.2 million in federal, state, and local funds.

Mr. Hopson moved to recommend approval of Resolution No. 25-19, adopting the Final Unified Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2020.

Said motion was duly seconded by Ms. Quick.

Mr. Moore asked if there was any discussion.

Mr. Moore called for the vote on the above motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Technical Coordinating Committee members present.

Mr. Moore stated that the next item on the agenda was Adoption - Final FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He stated that Resolution No. 26-19 adopted the Final FY 2020-2023 TIP required by federal government that included transportation projects within an urbanized area. He stated that the TIP must be fully updated and approved by vote at least every four years by the MPO Board.

Mr. Moore recognized Ms. Lowe.

Ms. Lowe made a PowerPoint presentation.

Ms. Lowe stated that the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2020 was a prioritized list of approved projects developed by the MPO and its member jurisdictions. She stated that it was required by the federal government. She stated that these particular projects were taken from the Long-Range Transportation Plan, as well as some of the jurisdiction Capital Improvement Programs.

Ms. Lowe stated that taking a look at the changes that occurred from the Draft to the Final, the MPO included the FY19 TAP, which were the

Transportation Alternatives Projects. She stated that the City of Madison was awarded Mill Creek Greenway, Phase 2, and the City of Huntsville was awarded TAP funding for the Old Big Cove Pedestrian Bridge.

Ms. Lowe stated that they also had the Wall Triana Corridor Study moved into 2020, noting that she believed it had been further out, like, in 2023.

Ms. Lowe stated that the City of Madison had the Madison Heights/Slaughter Intersection Improvements, and that was moved up, from outside the TIP cycle, 2026-2028, somewhere in there, to 2023.

Ms. Lowe stated that the City of Huntsville's Church Street Bridge at Big Spring Park was moved out to 2023, while the City of Madison's Balch Road project was moved forward to 2020-2021.

Ms. Lowe stated that the City of Huntsville was also adding, from the LRTP, the Redstone Arsenal East Connector, Phase 1, from I-565 to Redstone Arsenal Gate 10, the Patton Road gate. She stated that that was like a Southern Bypass type of thing.

Mr. Hopson moved to recommend approval of Resolution No. 26-19, adopting the Final FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Said motion was duly seconded by Ms. Quick.

Mr. Moore asked if there was any discussion.

Mr. Moore called for the vote on the above motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Technical Coordinating Committee members present.

Mr. Moore stated that the next item on the agenda was Review of Administrative Modifications to MPO Documents Since Last MPO Meeting.

Ms. Lowe made a PowerPoint presentation.

Ms. Lowe stated that "Administrative Modifications" were routine edits that happened between MPO meetings, since the MPO met quarterly. She stated that ALDOT wanted them to practice reporting these changes to the CAC, the TCC, and the MPO.

Ms. Lowe stated that the change that had happened since their last meeting was the Right-of-Way phase for the Widening and Realignment of Church Street. She stated that this was about 50 percent or more completed. She stated that the change was basically to ask for the \$2 million due to purchasing the Sherman Concrete site, which was not originally in the agreement but was needed for Right-of-Way causes. She stated that the CAC had asked if this was for the duration of the project or if it was indefinite that profits might or might not be given back to the project if the site was leased out. She stated that that was still in question.

Mr. Moore stated that the next item on the agenda was Jurisdiction Reports.

Mr. Moore asked if anyone representing Madison County had a report at this time.

There was no response.

Mr. Moore asked if anyone representing the City of Huntsville had a report.

There was no response.

Mr. Moore asked if anyone representing the City of Madison had a report.

There was no response.

Mr. Moore asked if a representative of the Town of Triana had a report.

There was no response.

Mr. Moore asked if a representative of the town of Owens Cross Roads had a report.

There was no response.

Mr. Moore stated that the next item on the agenda was Agency Reports.

Mr. Moore asked if a representative of FHWA had a report.

There was no response.

Mr. Moore asked if a representative of FTA had a report.

There was no response.

Mr. Moore asked if a representative of the Alabama Department of Transportation had a report.

There was no response.

Mr. Moore asked if a representative of Public Transit had a report.

There was no response.

Mr. Moore stated that the next item on the agenda was TCC member comments. He asked if any of the members would like to comment at this time.

There was no response.

Mr. Moore stated that with no further business to come before the Technical Coordinating Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

**(Meeting adjourned on August 28, 2019, at 3:20 p.m.)**