

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

Regular Meeting - February 15, 2023 - 3:00 p.m.

Huntsville, Alabama

Committee Members:

Ms. Kathy Martin	City of Huntsville, City Engineer
Mr. John Autry	City of Huntsville, Public Transit
Mr. Nicholas Nene	City of Huntsville, Traffic Engineering
Mr. Garris Bugg	City of Huntsville, Traffic Engineering
Ms. Jennifer Colee	City of Huntsville, Traffic Engineering
Ms. Brandi Quick	City of Huntsville, Ditto Landing
Mr. Mark Huber	City of Huntsville
Mr. Michael Johnson	City of Madison, City Engineer
Mr. Jay Howell	Redstone Arsenal
Ms. Sara James	TARCOG
Ms. Phoenix Robinson	TARCOG
Mr. Chuck Faulkner	Madison County, County Engineer
Mr. Rodney Ellis	ALDOT
Mr. James Giles	ALDOT
Mr. Lynn Wood	ALDOT

MPO Staff Members:

Mr. James Moore
Mr. James Vandiver

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

The Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Coordinating Committee on November 9, 2022, were approved as submitted.

Mr. Moore stated the next item on the agenda was an FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment, Resolution No. 01-23.

Mr. Moore recognized Mr. Vandiver.

(Mr. Vandiver made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Vandiver stated that Resolution No. 01-23 adopted and supported Statewide Safety Performance Measurement (PM1) Targets, as approved by ALDOT. He stated that the PM1 set annual targets to measure the effectiveness of safety improvements along Alabama's roadways. He stated these were statewide targets, and the factors included Fatalities and Serious Injuries, both total and per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, and that this performance measurement included targets for both Motorists and Nonmotorists. He stated they had to approve this once a year, and all the MPOs approved the same targets as approved by ALDOT.

Mr. Nene recommended approval of Resolution No. 01-23, adopting and supporting the Statewide Safety Performance Measurement (PM1) Measures and Targets, as approved by ALDOT.

Said motion was seconded by Ms. Martin.

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 the next item was an FY 2020-2023 TIP amendment, Resolution No. 02-23.

Mr. Moore recognized Mr. Vandiver.

(Mr. Vandiver made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Vandiver stated that Resolution No. 02-23 adopted and supported the addition of a project to the Transportation Alternatives Section of the Transportation Improvement Program, that this was a project in the town of Gurley, that they were awarded ALDOT TAP funds for a sidewalk project along

five streets: Section Line Street, 4th Street, Church Street, Gurley Pike, and Walker Street, and that these were TAP funds that could be used anywhere in the state. He stated this was just for the preliminary engineering phase of this project, and the grant was \$68,897.24, and the town of Gurley would match \$17,224.31, to make up the remainder of the total cost of \$86,121.55.

Mr. Vandiver stated the construction phase of this would occur at a later date, which would be outside the scope of the current TIP, which would expire on September 30th.

Ms. James recommended approval of Resolution No. 02-23, amending the Transportation Alternatives section in the Adopted FY 2022-2023 TIP, to add FY 2023 Alabama Department of Transportation Transportation Alternatives (TA) grant project for the Town of Gurley.

Said motion was seconded by Ms. Martin.

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 the next item was an FY 2020-2023 TIP amendment, Resolution No. 03-23.

Mr. Moore recognized Mr. Vandiver.

(Mr. Vandiver made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Vandiver stated that Resolution No. 03-23 adopted and supported changes to the National Highway System/Interstate Maintenance section of the Transportation Improvement Program, that it modified a project, the Memorial Parkway interchange at Mastin Lake Road. He stated this was the construction phase of that project, and the total cost estimate had been

increased from \$38,961,108 to \$47,965,282.86.

Mr. Vandiver stated this was a new estimate, noting that, typically, ALDOT revised their estimates when they were getting close to a bid letting, and this bid letting would be occurring in April, so they were revising this estimate to reflect current costs of construction. He stated that the estimate had not been updated in several years, and the construction phase had been pushed back to allow for substantial utility work to be completed on this project. He stated that construction would probably start in the current summer.

Ms. Martin recommended approval of Resolution No. 03-03, amending the National Highway System/Interstate Maintenance section of the Adopted 2020-2023 TIP, with the total cost change on Project #100004926, "ADDITIONAL LANES ON SR-1 (MEMORIAL PARKWAY) FROM 0.31 MI S OF CR-75 (MASTIN LAKE RD) TO CR-65 (WINCHESTER RD) INCLUDING AN OVERPASS AT CR-75 AND ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS TO CR-65."

Said motion was seconded by Mr. Nene.

Mr. Moore asked if there was any discussion.

Mr. Moore called for the vote on Resolution No. 03-23, and it was unanimously approved by the Technical Coordinating Committee members present.

Mr. Moore stated the next item on the agenda was an FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment, Resolution No. 04-23.

Mr. Moore recognized Mr. Vandiver.

(Mr. Vandiver made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Vandiver stated that Resolution No. 04-23 adopted and supported the addition of a new project to the Other Surface Transportation Program

Projects section of the TIP, that this was a TSMO project, a Transportation Systems Management & Operations project, on I-65 between the Priceville exit, Exit 334, and the US-31 exit in Athens, Exit 354, and the reason this was coming before the Huntsville MPO Board was that I-65 made up the western boundary of the MPO, so a portion of that affected corridor was within the MPO boundary. He stated this was the PE phase of this TSMO project, and the \$500,000 total cost included cameras, message signs, and other motorist information tools, and that the funding was State funds, that no local funds or MPO funds were being used on this project.

Ms. Martin recommended approval of Resolution No. 04-23, amending the Other Surface Transportation Program Projects section of the Adopted FY 2020-2023 TIP to add Project #100075426 - PE phase of Advanced Corridor Management TSMO on I-65 from SR-67 (MP 334.000) to SR-3 (US-31) (MP 354.000).

Said motion was seconded by Mr. Ellis.

Mr. Moore asked if there was any discussion.

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

Mr. Moore stated the next item on the agenda was Nonaction Items.

Mr. Moore recognized Mr. Vandiver.

(Mr. Vandiver made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Vandiver stated that these were TIP Administrative Modifications, that no action was needed on these projects, that this was for information only to the TCC.

Mr. Vandiver stated that Administrative Modification A was a cost

increase to a level of effort project, resurfacing on State Route-53 in Huntsville, from Blake Bottom Road to one-half mile north of State Route-255, Research Park Boulevard, that the old cost estimate of this project was \$2.2 million, and the new cost estimate was \$2,404,429.09, and there were no local or MPO funds involved in this project.

Mr. Vandiver stated that Administrative Modification B was a cost increase to a project in the City of Madison, a two-foot safety widening and resurfacing of Balch Road, from one-half mile south of Browns Ferry Road to north of Gooch Lane in the city of Madison, that the old cost estimate was \$2,049,330, and the new cost estimate was \$2,325,432.39, and the cost of this would be split between MPO, State, and Federal, and a local match for MPO and State funds.

Mr. Vandiver stated that the City of Madison and ALDOT were working on modifications to this project which would be announced at a future meeting.

Mr. Vandiver stated that Administrative Modification C was a new level of effort safety project in Madison County, that it was the installation of guardrail and guardrail end anchors at two bridges on Elkwood Section Road over the Brier Fork Flint River and a bridge on Pulaski Pike over Beaver Dam Creek, that the total cost of these installations would be \$400,142.60, and the bid date was August 2023.

Mr. Vandiver stated that Administrative Modification D was a cost increase to a level of effort project in Madison County, in the Meridianville area, resurfacing on US-231/431, from Cedarama Drive to Grimwood Road/Walker Lane, that the old estimate was \$5,732,743, and the new estimate was \$6,446,795.17, and there were no MPO funds involved in this project.

Mr. Vandiver stated that Administrative Modification E was a new level

of effort safety project in Madison County, that it was Safety Improvements, including Rumble Strips, Striping, Pavement Markers Signs, and Guardrail, along Countess Road, and the total cost of the project was \$131,657, with a bid date of August 2023.

Mr. Vandiver stated that Administrative Modification F was a cost increase to a railroad crossing project in the city of Huntsville, Railroad Crossing Improvements on Martin Road and James Record Road at the Huntsville-Madison County Airport Authority, that the old cost estimate was \$300,000, and the new cost estimate was \$600,000, and there were no local or MPO funds involved in this project.

Mr. Vandiver stated that Administrative Modification G was a cost increase to another level of effort safety project in the city of Huntsville, that it was another railroad crossing improvement, two gates, LEDs, pavement markings, and delineators, on Pratt Avenue at Norfolk Southern Railroad, that the old cost estimate was \$50,000, and the new cost estimate was \$700,000. He stated that in discussion with ALDOT, they had learned this was due to new requirements by Norfolk Southern Railroad on this project, that that was the reason for the cost increase. He stated this was a railroad safety project so no local or MPO funds were involved.

Mr. Moore stated the next item on the agenda was Opportunity for Public Comments. He stated that if anyone wanted to make a public comment, they should go to a microphone and state their name and address.

There was no response.

Mr. Moore stated that next item on the agenda was TCC Member Comments, and he asked if there were any comments.

There was no response.

Mr. Moore stated that with nothing further to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m. on February 15, 2023.)