

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE
HUNTSVILLE-AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

MINUTES

Regular Meeting - November 17, 2025 - 5 p.m.

**City Hall
Huntsville, Alabama**

Committee Members:

Mr. Russ McDonald	Chairman, City of Huntsville
Mr. Matthew Brown	City of Huntsville
Mr. Todd Slyman	City of Huntsville
Mr. Gary Whitley	City of Huntsville

MPO Staff Members:

Mr. James Vandiver
Mr. Kevin Bernard
Mr. James Moore

Also Present:

Ms. Jo Beth Gleason	Planning Department, City of Huntsville
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Chairman McDonald called the meeting to order at the time and place noted above.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

The minutes of the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting on August 25, 2025, were approved as submitted.

JURISDICTION REPORTS.

There were no jurisdiction reports.

ACTION ITEMS.

FY 2024-2027 TIP AMENDMENT.

Chairman McDonald recognized Mr. Bernard.

(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Bernard said Resolution No. 2025-13 adopted and supported the 2026 Statewide Safety Performance Measurement (PM1) Targets as approved by ALDOT.

Mr. Bernard displayed a slide, and he said depicted were the Performance Safety Measures, with the various categories; for example, the number of fatalities, the rate of fatalities, miles traveled, et cetera.

Mr. Bernard said Performance Measures were updated annually, and this was the one they would like to adopt.

Chairman McDonald said he thought this was the first time they had put those up with the “less than” number, and he said that made a lot more sense.

Motion recommending approval of Resolution No. 2025-13, adopting and supporting the Statewide Safety Performance (PM1) Performance Measurements and Targets as approved by ALDOT.

Motion by Whitley/Second by Brown/Unanimously Approved by the Citizens Advisory Committee members present.

FY 2024-2027 TIP AMENDMENT.

(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Bernard said Resolution No. 2025-14 adopted and supported the addition of project #100080877 to the “Other State and Federal Aid Projects” section of the 2024-2027 TIP. He said this was a road resurfacing project, and it was within the Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge in southern Limestone County. He said this project was fully funded using Federal Lands Access Program funds, that no MPO or local funds would be used on the project.

Motion recommending approval of Resolution No. 2025-14, amending the "Other State and Federal Aid Projects" section of the

**FY 2024-2027 TIP to add project #100080877 (CN) for
“RESURFACING PENNY BOTTOMS ROAD IN THE WHEELER
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.”**

**Motion by Brown/Second by Whitley/Unanimously Approved
by the Citizens Advisory Committee members present.**

FY 2024-2027 TIP AMENDMENT.

(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Bernard said Resolution No. 2025-15 adopted and supported the addition of project #100081280 to the “Other State and Federal Aid Projects” section of the 2024-2027 TIP. He said this was the Governors Drive Corridor Study/Medical District Safety Action Plan. He said on the displayed slide, Governors Drive was depicted in light blue. He said the City of Huntsville had been awarded two grants, totaling \$21,640,000.00, from the U.S. Department of Transportation, which were initially listed as one grant awarded for Safe Streets for All. He said the first grant was for an implementation project which included improvements along Holmes Avenue, from downtown all the way to UAH/Sparkman Drive. He said this project was approved in December 2024, Resolution No. 16-24.

Mr. Bernard said this resolution was for the second part, the Governors Drive Corridor Study and Medical District Safety Action Plan. He said this was what was broken out from the initial approval. He said the City would be funding the required 20 percent local match, and no MPO funds would be used. He said on the display, there was a breakdown of the funding sources, as well as the cost estimate.

Mr. Slyman asked what they were supposed to determine from this study.

Mr. Bernard said it was a Corridor Study, along with the Medical District Safety Action Plan.

Ms. Gleason said they were going to assess safety measures along Governors Drive, looking at intersecting local roadways, and on the Medical District Safety Action Plan, they would look at safety countermeasures they could implement within the Medical District, looking at things like signal preemption for emergency vehicles, ADA upgrades for hospital patients, and also making it safer for medical professionals to get across Governors Drive.

Mr. Slyman asked if it was correct that this was not figuring out how to make it quicker to get across the mountain.

Ms. Gleason said it was not, but they wanted to go all the way to Caldwell Lane, that it went from 14th to Caldwell Lane, because that was the highest injury network in the city, that they had had nine fatalities in 2023. She said they were looking at that entire segment.

Motion recommending approval of Resolution No. 2025-15, amending the "Other State and Federal Aid Projects" section of the FY 2024-2027 TIP to add project #100081280 for the "GOVERNORS DRIVE CORRIDOR STUDY AND MEDICAL DISTRICT SAFETY ACTION PLAN."

Motion by Slyman/Second by Whitley/Unanimously Approved by the Citizens Advisory Committee members present.

FY 2024-2027 TIP AMENDMENT.

(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Bernard said Resolution No. 2025-16 adopted and supported the addition of projects #100077780 and #100080361 to the "NHS/Interstate Maintenance/NHS Bridge Projects" section of the 2024-2027 TIP. He said this

was for sign replacement along I-565, Way-Finding Signs along I-565 in Limestone County and the portion of I-565 in Madison County. He said these projects would be using Interstate Maintenance funds. He said even though this did not require a resolution, they had been asked to add this to the TIP. He said only federal and state funds would be used for this project, that no MPO or local funds would be used. He said as they could see on the displayed slide, the green signs were faded, and some of them were damaged.

Mr. Brown said, concerning the signage for exits for 19A and 19B, in particular, that he thought they had been modified a little bit, to indicate that now there was an Exit Only lane, but there were still a lot of people who got confused, and the signs were not exactly to the standard some of the other signs were, in terms of the size, et cetera. He said he assumed this would bring those up to that standard as well. He said perhaps he should ask which signs, specifically, were included in this.

Mr. Vandiver said they were looking at replacing a lot of the green signs that were faded, and he said they could certainly check with them on 19A and 19B. He said he knew ALDOT was aware of the confusion there along the Parkway. He said they were looking at replacing a lot of the signs, that some of them were very old, and they were looking at replacing them.

Mr. Vandiver said they wanted to make sure there was no confusion with the messaging signs.

Mr. Brown said he was aware they had used the signs to try to fix the issue, to say, "This lane is a South Parkway Only lane." He said he did not think that was a great substitute for the fact that the signs were not exactly what they were supposed to be. He said that, also, there was a point where it showed two lanes as Exit Only, where one of those lanes was not yet a lane, because it was

blocked off. He said he was assuming they would be looking into all those things.

Mr. Vandiver said they would be happy to remind ALDOT of that.

Motion recommending approval of Resolution No. 2025-16, amending the “NHS/Interstate Maintenance/NHS Bridge Projects” section of the FY 2024-2027 TIP to add projects #100077780 and #100080361 for “SIGN REPLACEMENT PROJECTS ALONG I-565 IN EACH COUNTY (LIMESTONE COUNTY AND MADISON COUNTY).”

Motion by Slyman/Second by Brown/Unanimously Approved by the Citizens Advisory Committee members present.

FY 2024-2027 TIP AMENDMENT.

(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Bernard said Resolution No. 2025-17 adopted and supported changes to projects #100077103, #100077104, #100077105, and #100077106, in the “Surface Transportation Attributable Projects” section of the 2024-2027 TIP. He said this was the widening and improvement of Old Big Cove Road, Phase 2. He said this project had been renamed, and the scope of it had changed, so they were bringing this back for approval. He said two segments were being removed, Old Big Cove Road, from Sutton Road to Claudia Drive, and Terry Drake Road. He said those were improvements that were in the original scope that had since been removed. He said the revised portion would be funded by MPO Surface Transportation Funds, with a 20 percent local match from the City of Huntsville. He said they had the old cost and the new cost comparison for each of the disciplines, the Engineering, Right-of-Way Acquisition, Utilities, and Construction.

Motion recommending approval of Resolution No. 2025-17,

amending the "Surface Transportation Attributable Projects" section of the FY 2024-2027 TIP, with changes to projects #100077103 (PE), #100077104 (RW), #100077105 (UT), and #100077106 (CN) for "ADDITIONAL LANES ON OLD BIG COVE ROAD FROM CLAUDIA DRIVE TO TAYLOR ROAD, GRADE, DRAIN, BASE AND PAVE TO INCLUDE SIDEWALKS, BIKE LANES AND STREET LIGHTS."

Motion by Slyman/Second by Brown/Unanimously Approved by the Citizens Advisory Committee members present.

FY 2024-2027 TIP AMENDMENT.

(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Bernard said Resolution No. 2025-18 adopted and supported the addition of projects #100081283 and #100081284 to the "Transportation Alternatives Projects" section of the 2024-2027 TIP. He said Madison County was awarded two TAP grants in 2025 that were to construct Phases 3A and 3B of the Railroad Branch Greenway. He said these phases would extend the greenway along a County-owned, abandoned railroad approximately 1.3 miles, from County Lake Road to Maysville Road in Northeast Madison County.

Chairman McDonald asked if it was correct that this was an extension.

Mr. Bernard replied in the affirmative.

Ms. Gleason said this was the third phase, that they had funded Phase 1 in 2023 with MPO TAP funds, and it went from the Flint River to Smokey Hills Court, and they had gotten an RTP grant for the segment between that and this phase the prior year, so these two phases were for this year, with MPO funding. She said eventually this would go all the way to Sharon Johnson Park.

Motion recommending approval of Resolution No. 2025-18, amending the “Transportation Alternative Projects” section of the FY 2024-2027 TIP, ”to add projects #100081283, RAILROAD BRANCH GREENWAY PHASE 3A, AND #100081284, RAILROAD BRANCH GREENWAY PHASE 3B.”

Motion by Slyman, Second by Brown/Unanimously Approved by the Citizens Advisory Committee members present.

FY 2024-2027 TIP AMENDMENT.

(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Bernard said Resolution No. 2025-19 adopted and supported changes to project #100075911, in the “Other Federal and State Aid Projects” section of the 2024-2027 TIP. He said this was Component 1 of what was known as the “Skybridge,” in the Pinhook Creek area, channel improvements. He said the old cost estimate was \$18 million, and the new cost estimate was \$31,017,400, an increase of \$13,017,400. He said this was funded by a RAISE grant, with a local match from the City of Huntsville.

Mr. Slyman asked if Mr. Bernard had said this was the Skybridge.

Mr. Bernard said it was not the Skybridge, but it was in conjunction with it. He said this was for the Pinhook Creek channel improvements.

Ms. Gleason said this was Phase 1 of the PARC project, that this was for the channel improvements along Pinhook Creek, and the land design for the Skybridge. She said the Skybridge was Phase II.

Mr. Slyman asked what kind of improvements they were doing to the channel, if they were concreting the whole thing.

Ms. Gleason said they were widening the creek and making a linear park, so it would be more naturalized and have more flood-control measures.

Mr. Brown noted a green area on the displayed map, and he asked if this was just the area that connected right there, noting he was aware there was also a northern Pinhook.

Ms. Gleason said Pinhook Creek went farther north, and she said the yellow line on the display showed what the City called the "PARC Corridor," the Pedestrian Access and Redevelopment Corridor. She indicated on the display where the Skybridge would start, and she said it would go across Governors and across Memorial Parkway, and the landing would be around the Constellation area, and she said the northern segment there was where the channel improvements would be.

Chairman McDonald asked if the north end was Cleveland Avenue.

Mr. Vandiver said it was Holmes.

Chairman McDonald asked if this would take some adjacent land out of the flood plain, if that was part of it.

Ms. Gleason replied in the affirmative.

Motion recommending approval of Resolution No. 2025-19, amending the "Other Federal and State Aid Projects," section of the FY 2024-2027 TIP with changes to project #100075911 (CN) for "PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AND RE-DEVELOPMENT CORRIDOR ALONG PINHOOK CREEK, COMPONENT 1: CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS."

Motion by Whitley/Second by Brown/Unanimously Approved by the Citizens Advisory Committee members present.

NON-ACTION ITEMS.

FY 2024-2027 TIP ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS.

(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Bernard said Administrative Modification (a) was a decrease in cost and a clarification, in terms of an update to Resolution No. 16-24. He said he had mentioned the Governors Drive Study, and there was a merging of funds, that initially it was thought that was only for SS4A implementation for Holmes Avenue. He said they were now clarifying that, that because this resolution had already been passed, this was a clarification of the breakdown, how much money was allocated for that specific project, and between the two. He said they had a total cost of \$30 million for the SS4A implementation, the improvements along Holmes Avenue, from Spragins Street on the east side all the way across to Sparkman Drive on the west.

Mr. Bernard said Administrative Modification (b) was a decrease in cost to project #100079815, that it was road resurfacing along SR-255, with a \$168,054.54 decrease in the cost of the project.

Mr. Bernard said Administrative Modification (c) was a decrease in cost, also on SR-255, much higher up, crossing Jordan Lane. He said this was a decrease of \$192,838.20.

Mr. Bernard said Administrative Modification (d) was an increase in cost, for resurfacing and two feet of shoulder widening on US-72, from the end of I-565 to Moores Mill Road. He said this was a difference of \$409,785.00.

Mr. Bernard said Administrative Modification (e) was an intersection modification at East Limestone Road and Capshaw Road. He said the old project estimate was \$828,466.00, and the new project estimate was \$1,190,745.26, with a difference of \$362,279.26.

Mr. Bernard said Administrative Modification (f) was a decrease in project cost, that the cost that was anticipated for right-of-way acquisition, for acquiring pedestrian easements, had gone away, that the estimate was

\$500,000.00, but the property owners had elected to donate the easements to accommodate this project.

AGENCY REPORTS.

Mr. Vandiver said he would be providing an MPO Projects Update from ALDOT.

(Mr. Vandiver made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Northern Bypass From Pulaski Pike to US Highway 231/431.

Mr. Vandiver said the utility work on this project was close to completion, that the contractor was working on the eastern end of the project, near Memorial Parkway, and they should begin paving as weather allowed. He said some of the lanes had shifted over to the new lanes, and the intersection had been shifted, that the intersection at Bob Wade had been shifted south. He said the grading work and drainage structure construction was continuing, and the project was approximately 65 percent complete.

Martin Road between Zierdt Road and Laracy Drive.

Mr. Vandiver said Phase II was still ongoing, that utility relocation was almost complete, and bridge construction was under way at Bradford Creek, and grading and drainage work was under way east of Bradford Creek. He said the project was approximately 55 percent complete.

North Parkway at Mastin Lake Road.

Mr. Vandiver said this project was under construction, that the lanes had been shifted over to the service roads, and it was also 65 percent complete.

Access Management on US 231 between Weatherly Road and Hobbs Road.

Mr. Vandiver said the plans were 85 percent complete and

right-of-way acquisition should begin soon. He said the estimated cost was \$15 million.

Winchester Road from Dominion Circle to Naugher Road.

Mr. Vandiver said the plans were 90 percent complete, that right-of-way acquisition was ongoing, that there were just a few parcels left, and the utility relocation design work was under way. He said the estimated cost was \$28 million, with an anticipated start date within 2026.

US 72 West between Providence Main and County Line Road.

Mr. Vandiver said Phase I was from Huntsville Memory Gardens to Providence Main, that that was the bridge at Indian Creek, and he said they were addressing comments on the EA, and the construction of Phase I was expected in FY 2027, at an estimated cost of \$18 million.

**US 72 West between Providence Main and County Line Road,
Phase II, Walnut Street to Huntsville Memory Gardens.**

Mr. Vandiver said Walnut Street was in between Hughes Road and Wall-Triana in Madison. He said the plans were 30 percent complete, and construction was currently scheduled for FY 2029 for that segment, at an estimated cost of \$36 million.

**US 72 West between Providence Main and County Line Road,
Phase III, County Line Road to Walnut Street.**

Mr. Vandiver said the preliminary engineering was expected to start in this fiscal year, and construction was planned for FY 2030, at an estimated cost of \$38,200,000.

SR-53 Widening from Taurus Drive to Harvest Road.

Mr. Vandiver said everything was pretty much complete, that they were working on Utility Relocation. He said the anticipated start date was the

spring or summer of 2026, with an estimated cost of \$10 million.

Madison Boulevard from Westchester Road to Flagstone Drive.

Mr. Vandiver said this was a resurfacing project and signal improvements on Madison Boulevard in the city of Madison, and the project was substantially complete, at an estimated cost of approximately \$4.2 million.

I-565 Additional Lanes from County Line Road to Wall-Triana Highway.

Mr. Vandiver said the contractor was working west to east on the project, that the bridge contractor was working on Bradford Creek bridges near the airport, and the project was approximately 30 percent complete. He said the estimated cost was approximately \$42 million.

Mr. Slyman asked when Mr. Vandiver thought that would be completed.

Mr. Vandiver said it would probably be early 2027. He said it was about a three-year project, and he thought it was started in late 2024, so it would probably be 2027 for completion.

Jeff Road Additional Lanes from South of Capshaw Road to North of Douglass Road.

Mr. Vandiver said the plans were 85 percent complete, that the environmental document had been approved, and right-of-way acquisition was anticipated to begin in FY 2026. He said the projected start date for construction was FY 2027.

Widening Blake Bottom Road from Jeff Road to SR 255.

Mr. Vandiver said the right-of-way acquisition was complete, and Utility work was under way. He said the County was planning to bid this project in the spring of 2026, with construction starting a few months after

that. He said the estimated cost was a little over \$20 million.

Intersection Improvements at SR 53 at Harvest, McKee, and Old Railroad Bed Roads.

Mr. Vandiver said this was north of the widening portion they had talked about earlier. He said the project was complete, and the total project cost was \$3.7 million.

Arsenal East Connector.

Mr. Vandiver said the preliminary engineering design was still under way, and the estimated cost was \$30 million. with an anticipated start date of FY 2028.

I- 565/Memorial Parkway Interchange Modification Study.

Mr. Vandiver said they were collecting traffic data, that the Origin/Destination Study had been completed, and they were looking at a traffic model for the Modification Study. He said the cost of the Study was \$1.5 million.

Mr. Vandiver said the total amount of work in design and construction was just under \$390 million.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

A speaker said it appeared that the Holmes Avenue Safe Streets For All project had been cut back to UAH, and it no longer went up along Bradford. He said he was very disappointed to see that, as a UAH student and a Madison resident. He said it was very hard to get across currently, that there were only one or two safe crossings.

Ms. Gleason said it went from Spragins downtown to Sparkman.

The speaker said that back when the grant was announced by the DOT, it went across to 255.

Mr. Vandiver said that may have been an early design, or goal, for the City, but this had been the design for Holmes Avenue for several years. He said this had been kind of Phase I, that they would love to do improvements farther west.

CAC MEMBER COMMENTS.

Mr. Slyman asked if they could get some more members to show up for the meetings.

Mr. Vandiver said he and Mr. Bernard were working on that, that they had the attendance records of every CAC member, and they had been talking about a letter to some of the members.

Mr. Slyman said he was sure there were other interested people somewhere.

2026 MPO Meeting Dates.

Mr. Bernard said the members had received calendar invites for the dates for the following year for CAC meetings, February 9, May 18, August 24, and November 16. He said they were working diligently to have improved attendance for the February 9, 2026, meeting, that if their plans went well, they should at least double in size. He said they had plans to improve attendance and participation.

ADJOURN.

Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m. on November 17, 2025.)