

**HUNTSVILLE-AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
POLICY BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting - February 11, 2026 - 4:00 p.m.**

**City Hall, City Council Chambers  
Huntsville, Alabama**

**Members Present:**

Mr. Mac McCutcheon, Chairman	Chairman, Madison County Commission
Mayor Tommy Battle	City of Huntsville
Mayor Ranae Bartlett	City of Madison
Mr. Derrick Wilson	ALDOT
Ms. Michelle Watkins	Huntsville City Council

**Members Absent:**

Mayor Mary Caudle	Town of Triana
Mayor Tony Craig	Town of Owens Cross Roads

**MPO Staff Present:**

Mr. Dennis Madsen  
Mr. James Vandiver  
Mr. Kevin Bernard  
Mr. James Moore

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**Chairman McCutcheon** called the meeting to order at the time and place noted above.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the MPO Policy Board held on November 19, 2025, were approved as submitted.

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendment.**

**Chairman McCutcheon recognized Mr. Kevin Bernard, MPO Staff.**

**(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint Presentation.)**

**Mr. Bernard** said Resolution No. 2026-01 adopted and supported the addition of projects #100081281 and #100081282 to the Transportation Alternatives Projects section of the 2024-2027 TIP.

Mr. Bernard said this project was the Miller Branch Greenway, Phase 2, extending from Beadle Lane to the Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge. He said with these two projects, the engineering and the construction costs totaled \$996,830.00.

**Resolution No. 2026-01, amending the "Transportation Alternatives Projects" section of the FY 2024-2027 TIP to add projects #100081281 and #100081282, "MILLER BRANCH GREENWAY PHASE 2."**

**Motion by Watkins/Second by Bartlett/Unanimously Adopted by the MPO Policy Board members present.**

**FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendment.**

**(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint presentation.)**

**Mr. Bernard** said Resolution No. 2026-02 adopted and supported the addition of projects #100081277 and #100081278 to the Transportation Alternatives Projects section of the 2024-2027 TIP. He said this was the Bailey Cove Multi-Use Path and Safety Improvements, that it was approximately 2.4 miles along Bailey Cove Road and Four Mile Post Road, between Weatherly Road and Jones Farm Park. He said both projects were estimated to cost \$1,830,750.00, to be funded by TAP grant funds and a match from the City of Huntsville.

**Resolution No. 2026-02, amending the "Transportation Alternatives Projects" section of the FY 2024-2027 TIP, to add projects #100081277 and #100081278 "MULTI-USE PATH AND**

**SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON BAILEY COVE ROAD IN THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE."**

**Motion by Watkins/Second by Battle/Unanimously Adopted by the MPO Policy Board members present.**

**FY 2024-207 TIP Amendment.**

**(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint presentation.)**

**Mr. Bernard** said Resolution No. 2026-03 adopted and supported the addition of project #100081456 to the Transit Projects section of the 2024-2027 TIP. He said this project was for the acquisition of Low-No Emission vehicles, that it was through a grant that was awarded to the Huntsville Transit System, in the amount of \$7,176,609.85, and the match would be from the City of Huntsville.

**Resolution No. 2026-03, amending the "Transit Projects" section of the FY 2024-2027 TIP to add project #100081456.**

**Motion by Battle/Second by Watkins.**

**Chairman McCutcheon** said he understood there were no MPO funds involved in this.

**Mr. Bernard** said that was correct. He said this was for new electric buses, to supplement the City's transit fleet, for the old buses.

**Unanimously Adopted by the MPO Policy Board Members Present.**

**FY 2024-2027 TIP AMENDMENT.**

**(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint presentation.)**

**Mr. Bernard** said Resolution No. 2026-04 adopted and supported updated Transit Safety Performance Measurements for the Huntsville Transit System. He said these were updated annually, and the targets were based on the previous year's performance, and it was a five-year rolling average, based

on records. He indicated on the display the FY 2025 Actual Safety Performance Results and the FY 2026 Safety Performance Targets.

**Resolution No. 2026-04, adopting and supporting the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Performance Measurements and Targets, as approved by Huntsville Transit.**

**Motion by Watkins/Second by Bartlett/Unanimously Adopted by the MPO Policy Board Members Present.**

**FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendment.**

**(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint presentation.)**

**Mr. Bernard** said Resolution No. 2026-05 adopted and supported updated Transit Asset Management (TAM) Performance Measurements for the City of Huntsville Transit System. He said like the previous item, for FY 2026, these were the Performance Measurements for the facilities and vehicles of the Transit System.

**Resolution No. 2026-05, adopting and supporting the Transit Asset Management (TAM) Performance Measurements and Targets, as approved by Huntsville Transit.**

**Motion by Watkins/Second by Battle/Unanimously Adopted by the MPO Policy Board Members present.**

**FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendment.**

**(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint presentation.)**

**Mr. Bernard** said Resolution No. 2026-06 adopted and supported the addition of project #100081471 to the Transit Projects section of the 2024-2027 TIP. He said this project was using Carbon Reduction Funds to purchase new electric paratransit access vans and to install the charging infrastructure for those vans, at an estimated total of \$2,435,780. He said this

was funded through the MPO, with a City of Huntsville match.

**Motion by Watkins/Second by Bartlett.**

**Chairman McCutcheon** asked if when the vans were moving, they would perhaps get a report of the progress, how it was doing. He said they had had some discussions concerning Madison being interested in a project like this in their area.

**Mr. Madsen** said they would report back on this.

Chairman McCutcheon said everyone involved in local government was constantly getting requests for transit, for transportation, especially for those who were elderly and in need. He said that was why he was interested in how successful this would be.

**Unanimously Adopted by the MPO Policy Board Members present.**

**FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendment.**

**(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint presentation.)**

**Mr. Bernard** said Resolution No. 2026-07 adopted and supported the addition of project #100081473 to the Other State and Federal Aid Projects section of the 2024-2027 TIP. He said this was the Sparkman Bridge replacement, and the funding was coming through the Senate THUD Appropriations Act, through Senator Britt, in the amount of \$2,000,000, earmarked specifically for this bridge replacement.

**Resolution No. 2026-07, amending the "Other State and Federal Aid Projects" section of the FY 2024-2027 TIP to add project #100081473.**

**Motion by Watkins/Second by Bartlett.**

**Chairman McCutcheon** thanked Washington and Senator Britt for this project, noting it was one that needed to be done.

**Unanimously Adopted by the MPO Policy Board 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 cost increase to project #100054997, the Northern Bypass, from Pulaski Pike to US-231, and it was for the purchase of the balance of the mitigation credits to continue this project. He said the New Project Estimate was \$1,288,792.50, and the Old Project Estimate was \$1,047,792.50, with an increase of \$241,000.00 for this project.

Mr. Bernard said Administrative Modification (b) was a decrease in cost to project #100037275, for additional lanes and resurfacing along Highway 53. He said this was a difference of \$868,598.97.

Mr. Bernard said Administrative Modification (c) was also a cost decrease, to project #100079189. He said the Old Project Estimate was \$1,802,850.00, and the New Project Estimate was \$1,609,488.35, a difference of \$193,361.65. He said this was resurfacing and safety widening along US-72 East, from the end of I-565 to Moores Mill Road.

Mr. Bernard said Administrative Modification (d) was a cost increase to Project #100076253, which was for access management and signal modifications along US-72 East, from 0.25 miles west of Shields Road to 0.75 miles east of Brock Road. He said the New Project Estimate was \$6,356,560.30, and the Old Project Estimate was \$6,243,624.00, with a difference of \$112,936.30.

Mr. Bernard said Administrative Modification (e) was a decrease in cost for project #100079191, resurfacing along US-231/431 from Country Club

Avenue, NW to NW Cedarama Drive. He said the reduction in cost was \$1,130,019.00.

**Mayor Battle** said they were saving approximately \$2.28 million, and they were spending an extra \$353,000.00, and he asked where the remainder of the money went, if it went back in the pot.

**Mr. Bernard** said it would depend on which project, that if it was an MPO-sponsored project, an MPO-funded project, then it went back into the pot from which it came.

Mayor Battle asked if that would be for future spending.

Mr. Bernard replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Bernard said the last project, Administrative Modification (e), was not an MPO-funded project, and no local funds were to be spent, that it was an ALDOT project, so they did not have any monies in that.

#### **AGENCY REPORTS.**

**Chairman McCutcheon** recognized Mr. Lynn Wood for a report from the Alabama Department of Transportation, Huntsville MPO Project Update.

#### **Northern Bypass from Pulaski Pike to US Highway 231/431.**

**Mr. Wood** said the utility work was close to completion on this project, that the contractor was working east to west on the grading and drainage structure construction, and the project was approximately 70 percent complete, at a project cost of \$43,000,000.

#### **Martin Road between Zierdt Road and Laracy Drive.**

**Mr. Wood** said this was a two-phase project, and the first phase was complete, Martin Road, and the second phase was Martin and Record Road. He said the Phase II utility relocation was substantially complete, that the bridge work was under way and 75 percent complete, and the contractor was

working on paving on one side of the creek and subgrading and curb and gutter work on the other side. He said the project was approximately 65 percent complete, and the cost for both phases was \$42,000,000.

**North Parkway at Mastin Lake Road.**

**Mr. Wood** said the contractor was working on the southern approach and the bridge structure, and the project was approximately 66 percent complete, at a project cost of a little over \$44,000,000.

**Access Management on US 231 Between Weatherly Road and Hobbs Road.**

**Mr. Wood** said they were working on the plans for this project, and they were 85 percent complete, that the right-of-way acquisition would begin soon, and the estimated cost was \$15,000,000, with an anticipated start date in FY 2027.

**Winchester Road from Dominion Circle to Naugher Road.**

**Mr. Wood** said these plans were 90 percent complete, that right-of-way acquisition was ongoing, and the design for the utility relocation work was under way. He said the project cost was estimated at \$28,000,000, with an anticipated start date sometime in the current year.

**US 72 West Between Providence Main and County Line Road.**

**Mr. Wood** said this was a three-phase project, and the first phase was from Huntsville Memory Gardens to Providence Main, that they were currently addressing components of the Environmental documents, and the plans were 90 percent complete for this phase, with anticipated construction in FY 2027. He said the estimated cost of this project was \$18,000,000.

**US 72 West between Providence Main and County Line Road.**

**Mr. Wood** said Phase II of this project was from Walnut Street to

Huntsville Memory Gardens. He said they had recently had a 30 percent plan review on this project, and construction was scheduled for FY 2029, with an estimated cost of \$36,000,000.

**US 72 West between Providence Main and County Line Road.**

**Mr. Wood** said Phase III of this project was from County Line Road to Walnut Street, that preliminary engineering was scheduled to start in the current year, that construction was planned for FY 2030, and the estimated cost was a little over \$38,000,000.

**SR-53 Widening from Taurus Drive to Harvest Road.**

**Mr. Wood** said he believed this was one of their admin mods. He said bids were taken in January, and the estimated cost, for all phases, he thought was \$10,000,000.

**Madison Boulevard from Westchester Road to Flagstone Drive.**

**Mr. Wood** said he believed this was a local project, that it was complete, and the estimated cost was a little over \$4,000,000.

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

**Mr. Wood** said the contractor was working on this project, and it was approximately 30 percent complete. He said they were working on the bridge at Bradford Creek at this time, he believed, and the estimated cost was a little over \$41,000,000.

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

**Mr. Wood** said the plans were 85 percent complete, that the environmental document was approved, and right-of-way acquisition was anticipated to begin in the current year, with a projected start date of FY 2027

and an estimated cost of \$13,500,000.

**Widening Blake Bottom Road from Jeff Road to SR 255.**

**Mr. Wood** said the utility work was under way, that the construction project was to be bid by the County, and they were hoping it would be later in the current year. He said the estimated cost for the project was almost \$21,000,000.

**Arsenal East Connector.**

**Mr. Wood** said the preliminary engineering for this project was under way, that the cost was \$30,000,000, and the anticipated start date was FY 2028.

**I-565/Memorial Parkway Interchange Modification Study.**

**Mr. Wood** said they were working on constructing the traffic model simulation for this project, and the estimated cost for this study was \$1.5 million.

**Mr. Wood said the Total Amount of Work in Design and Construction was in excess of \$380,000,000.**

**Chairman McCutcheon** asked if when they were talking about 72 West and 2027, that was based upon an anticipated environmental, noting that they had been waiting and waiting on the environmental. He asked if they had any kind of date at all, noting that they had asked question after question about the environmental study.

**Mr. Wood** said they were addressing the study's comments, and hopefully they could get that done in the next month or so, and it would then be submitted to SHPO, which was the State Historic Preservation, for their review. He said they were diligently working on that.

Chairman McCutcheon said he knew they were, but it was just that they

kept waiting and waiting, and he was just wondering if at this point, they had any idea on this. He said they would get a little hope, that somebody would give them something positive, but they would never hear anything else.

Mr. Wood said they were hoping to finalize that document in the current year so they could progress forward with the right-of-way in all three of those phases.

**Mayor Bartlett** said she had just a general question. She said she was new to the MPO, and she had watched her second update report, and this report seemed to be strikingly similar to the last report, and she, too, had an interest in the 72 West project, getting it going, and she was a little concerned with hearing the same thing and waiting for some progress on environmental comments. She asked if there was anything they could do or anyone they could speak to to help move that along. She said she knew they were doing their best.

**Mr. Wood** said he did not think so, that it was just part of their process, and, unfortunately, it was a tedious one.

## **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT REVIEW.**

### **Presentation by Mr. James Vandiver, MPO Staff.**

**Mr. Vandiver** said he wanted to tell the board about the Regional Development Review, which would be available soon on the Huntsville MPO website. He said they were still waiting on a few data points that should be available in a few weeks, that he did not have any numbers for them yet.

Mr. Vandiver said the Review highlighted residential construction and real estate data for all the jurisdictions of the Huntsville MPO area, that they combined all the data they received from the different jurisdictions into one cohesive report. He said this was a report for travel demand modeling and forecasting potential congestion and travel demand needs in the region.

Mr. Vandiver said this was modeled after a report the City of Huntsville had been doing for the past 40 years that was very similar.

Mr. Vandiver said he wanted to thank the City of Madison, Madison County, and the City of Huntsville for their help in collecting the data. He said this should be on the website in a couple of weeks, and he looked forward to answering any question the Board members might have once the report was released.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.**

There were no public comments.

**MPO POLICY BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS.**

**Mayor Battle** said to Mayor Bartlett that she had just joined a long line of mayors who had asked about how to speed up an EA, that every one of them had asked about this or pulled their hair out about one. He said they took a while, that that was the process, that he wished he could tell her better.

Mayor Battle said this was their last meeting with their Chairman, Mac McCutcheon, and he had something for him.

Mayor Battle said he had a long proclamation from the City of Huntsville, and he read from the proclamation, noting that Mr. McCutcheon had been a lifelong resident of Madison County and had served honorably for 25 years with the Huntsville Police Department, contributing to public safety, and that he was first elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in 2006, representing House District 25, and during his legislative tenure, he had provided leadership as Chairman of the Rules Committee and Chairman of the Joint Transportation Committee, and he had served as Speaker of the House. He continued that Governor Ivey had appointed Mr. McCutcheon as the Madison County Commission Chairman, and he had prioritized public safety,

transportation, infrastructure development, and economic growth, and his civic involvement had included leadership roles with the MPO and the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce. He said his dedication to family, faith, and community, alongside his wife, Debbie, their children and grandchildren, reflected the values of service, integrity, and leadership that enriched Madison County and the city of Huntsville.

Mayor Battle said with this proclamation, he was recognizing and commending Mr. McCutcheon for his outstanding service, leadership, and lasting contributions to the citizens of Madison County and the state of Alabama, and he was naming March 1, 2026, as “Mac McCutcheon Day” in the city of Huntsville.

**Chairman McCutcheon** thanked the members for their friendship and their leadership, noting this was very special. He said transportation had always been very important to him, that it was his platform from Day 1 in running for public office. He said many people in the room had been very instrumental in their transportation achievements and would be in successes in the future. He thanked them, saying it was a team effort, that they all worked together.

**Mayor Battle** said Chairman McCutcheon had been a great leader.

**Ms. Watkins** thanked Chairman McCutcheon for his leadership in the County, his leadership on the MPO board, and his leadership with the State. She said they were going to miss him, and he was welcome to come visit anytime, and anytime he needed them, to pick up the phone and call.

**Mayor Bartlett** thanked Chairman McCutcheon, stating she was so lucky she had gotten elected to this position under his leadership, that she had learned so much, and she treasured every moment of serving alongside him.

**ADJOURN.**

**Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. on February 11, 2026.**

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**Chairman, Metropolitan  
Planning Organization**

**ATTEST:**

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**Secretary, Metropolitan  
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