

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

MINUTES

Regular Meeting - May 20, 2026 - 4:00 p.m.

**City Hall
Huntsville, Alabama**

Members Present:

Mayor Ranae Bartlett, Vice Chair	City of Madison
Mr. Shane Davis (Proxy for Mayor Tommy Battle)	City of Huntsville
Mr. Rex Vaughn	Chairman, Madison County Commission
Mr. Rod Ellis (Proxy for Mr. Derrick Wilson)	ALDOT

Members Absent:

Mayor Mary Caudle	Town of Triana
Mayor Tony Craig	Town of Owens Cross Roads
Ms. Michelle Watkins	Huntsville City Council

MPO Staff Present:

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

Vice Chair Bartlett 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 February 11, 2026, were approved as submitted.

ACTION ITEMS

Huntsville Area MPO Bicycle Plan

Vice Chair Bartlett recognized Mr. James Vandiver, MPO Staff.

(Mr. Vandiver made a PowerPoint Presentation.)

Mr. Vandiver said he would first like to note for the record that if someone had an older agenda, Resolution No. 2026-13 had been removed from the agenda and would be considered at the August 2026 meeting.

Mr. Vandiver said Resolution No. 2026-08 adopted the Huntsville MPO Bike Plan. He said "Bike the Rocket City" was a plan that identified future bicycle routes, bike lanes, and/or greenways that connected residents and visitors to destinations and everyday needs. He said this plan included recommendations for easy, quick-win projects that created immediate impact, as well as long-term, visionary projects that might require additional funding, design, and coordination. He said the plan provided a phased set of implementation strategies to accomplish the stated project vision and goals.

Mr. Vandiver said this plan was on their website, and he said they were working with ALDOT on this, to make sure everything aligned with their vision and goals.

Resolution No. 2026-08, adopting the FINAL Huntsville Area MPO Bicycle Plan ("Bike the Rocket City").

Motion by Vaughn/Second by Davis/Unanimously Adopted by the MPO Policy Board members present.

2050 LRTP AMENDMENT

(Mr. Vandiver made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Vandiver said Resolution No. 2026-09 adopted and supported changes to the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan. He said the Long-Range Transportation Plan was a 25-year plan, and it was updated every five years, and the last time it was updated was in March of 2025, for the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan, that it included both funded and

unfunded transportation projects, and capacity projects must be included in order to obtain federal funding.

Mr. Vandiver said this amendment to the 2050 LRTP added the recommended Bike Plan projects, that they had 24 fiscally-constrained projects that were already in MPO plans, and they had also added another 500 visionary projects, that they had quite a few new recommendations from the Bike Plan. He said they had also expanded the language on Environmental Mitigation Strategies, as a result of their latest Transportation Management Area (TMA) Certification Review, from Federal Highway, that they had requested that they add that language, and they had included some grammar and graphics changes as well.

Mr. Vandiver said the LRTP could be found on their website, at huntsvillempo.org/2050-lrtp.

Resolution No. 2026-09, adopting the Amended FINAL TRiP 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan.

Motion by Davis/Second by Vaughn/Unanimously Adopted by the MPO Policy Board members present.

Draft FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Vice Chair Bartlett recognized Mr. Kevin Bernard, MPO Staff.

(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Bernard said Resolution No. 2026-10 adopted the Draft FY 2027 UPWP, Unified Planning Work Program.

Mr. Bernard said the UPWP was the annual budget for the day-to-day operations of the MPO. He said this year's budget included increased planning funding for the MPO, based on carryovers from previous years.

Mr. Bernard said what was displayed on the screen were comparisons of

the 2025 budget, the 2026 budget, and the proposed 2027 budget. He said highlighted in green were the tasks that were increased in funding greater than \$20,000, and the ones in yellow were less than a \$10,000 increase, and they had one particular category, which was at the bottom, 6.2, and that was decreased task funding.

Resolution No. 2026-10, adopting the DRAFT FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Motion by Davis/Second by Vaughn/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. 2026-11 adopted and supported changes to projects #100061838, #100061839, and #100061840 to the NHS/Interstate Maintenance/NHS/Bridge Projects section of the 2024-2027 TIP. He said this was Intersection Improvements for SR-53 and US-231, the South Parkway. He said what was displayed were cost comparisons for the old project cost and the new project cost, and he said this was 100 percent state funded, that no MPO funds or a local match would be used on this project.

Resolution No. 2026-11, amending the NHS/Interstate Maintenance/NHS/Bridge Projects section of the FY 2024-2027 TIP to amend projects #100061838 (UT), #100061839 (RW), and \$100061840 (CN) of the “ACCESS MANAGEMENT AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS ON SR-53 (US-231) project.”

Motion by Vaughn/Second by Davis/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. 2026-12 adopted and supported the addition of projects #100081908 and #100081909 to the Other State and Federal Aid Projects section of the 2024-2027 TIP.

Mr. Bernard said this project included the widening of Mooresville Road, from US Highway 72 to Greenbrier Parkway. He said this was approximately 3.25 miles of widening Mooresville Road, and the proposed typical section would be a continuous three-lane roadway, with one northbound lane and one southbound lane, and one two-way left-turn lane, as well as sidewalk infrastructure in the northern part of the project.

Mr. Davis said the reason this was before the Board was that it was in the MPO Study Area, but there were no MPO funds for this project.

Mr. Bernard said that was correct.

Resolution No. 2026-12, amending the "Other State and Federal Aid Projects" section of the FY 2024-2027 TIP to add projects #100081908 and #100081909.

Motion by Davis/Second by Vaughn/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. 2026-14 adopted and supported the addition of project #100081995 to the Carbon Reduction Attributable Projects section of the 2024-2027 TIP. He said this project included pedestrian crossing improvements and new vehicular turn lanes at Madison Boulevard, and the funding sources for the project were Carbon Reduction Funds,

controlled by the MPO, with a local match from the City of Madison.

Resolution No. 2026-14 amending the Carbon Reduction Attributable Projects Section of the FY 2024-2027 TIP to add project #100081995 (CN) for “PEDESTRIAN & INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS ON TOWN MADISON BOULEVARD AT THE ENTRANCE & EXIT RAMPS FOR I-565 (EXIT 10) IN THE CITY OF MADISON.”

Motion by Vaughn/Second by Davis/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. 2026-15 adopted and supported the addition of a project entitled "Wall-Triana Highway Additional Lanes in the City of Madison" to the Regionally Significant Projects section of the 2024-2027 TIP.

Mr. Bernard said the City of Madison was requesting that this project be added to the Regionally Significant Projects list, to apply for federal funding. He said this project would widen Wall-Triana Highway to three lanes, from Midtown Elementary School to Gooch Lane, including a continuous center turn lane and right-turn lanes at major intersections and into residential and commercial developments where possible.

Mr. Bernard said on this project, there would be no local match except for the City of Madison, and there would be no MPO funding attributed to this project. He said the reason the City of Madison was requesting that this be added was so they could seek grant funding, from the federal government and other sources.

Resolution No. 2026-15, amending the "Regionally Significant Projects" section of the FY 2024-2027 TIP to add the "WALL TRIANA HIGHWAY ADDITIONAL LANES project."

Motion by Davis/Second by Vaughn/Unanimously Adopted by the MPO Policy Board members present.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

FY 2024 TIP ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS

(Mr. Bernard made a PowerPoint presentation.)

Mr. Bernard said Administration Modification (a) was a decrease in cost to project #100080568, that it was intersection improvements at SR-1 (US-231/431) and Walker Lane/Grimwood Road. He said there was an old cost estimate of \$315,679, and the new cost estimate was \$312,554, for a difference of \$3,125. He said no MPO funds would be used on this project. He said there was some clarification that needed to be made for this particular start date, and he would get that to the Board.

Mr. Bernard said Administrative Modification (b) was an increase in cost to project #100081473. He said this was a Sparkman Drive bridge replacement over Pinhook Creek, that the original resolution for this was passed in February of the current year, with a total cost of \$2 million, and this new estimate reflected the local match that was added to the total cost, which brought it to \$2.5 million.

Mr. Bernard said Administrative Modification (c) was a funding clarification for project #100062255. He said the scope of this project was intersection improvements at Slaughter Road and Madison Boulevard, that this was another project that had been approved by the Board, and they were at this time just delineating the monies that were appropriated for this project, in

the sum of \$2.7 million, and he said that reduced the cost of the contribution from the MPO, that the project cost remained at \$4 million.

Mr. Bernard said Administrative Modification (d) was a decrease in cost to project #100071157, and it was for intersection safety improvements at SR-2 (US-72) and Cambridge Lane. He said between the old cost and the new cost estimate, there was a difference of \$402,864.46.

AGENCY REPORTS

Vice Chair Bartlett 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 continuing to work on the new roadway, and the curb and gutter section had been completed for the eastern part. He said the project was approximately 75 percent complete, and the budget was \$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, and on the second phase, the construction was substantially complete, that they had opened the roadway from Wall Triana to Zierdt Road, and they were working with the inside lanes open. He said the project was approximately 75 percent complete, and both phases were budgeted at \$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 75 percent complete. He said the project cost was in excess of \$44,000,000.

Access Management on US 231 between Weatherly Road and Hobbs Road

Mr. Wood said the plans were 85 percent complete, and they hoped to have a right-of-way map and start acquisition within the next six months. He said the estimated cost for this project was in excess of \$16,000,000, with an anticipated start date in FY 2028.

Winchester Road from Dominion Circle to Naugher Road

Mr. Wood said the plans were 90 percent complete, that right-of-way acquisition was ongoing, and the utility relocation design work was under way. He said the budget was \$28,000,000, with an anticipated start date in 2027.

US 72 West between Providence Main and County Line Road

Mr. Wood said this was a three-phase project, with Phase I being from Huntsville Memory Gardens to Providence Main, that they were still waiting on the final EA draft for all three phases, and they hoped to have approval of that very soon. He said construction of Phase I was anticipated for FY 2027, that the plans were 90 percent complete, and it was an \$18,000,000 project.

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, and they were working toward a 65 percent plan review, and it was scheduled for FY 2029, with an estimated cost of \$36,000,000.

US 72 West between Providence and County Line Road

Mr. Wood said Phase III was the final phase, from County Line Road to Walnut Street. He said preliminary engineering was scheduled to start in the current year, and construction was planned for 2030, at an estimated cost in excess of \$38,000,000.

SR-53 Widening from Taurus Drive to Harvest Road

Mr. Wood said they had received bids on this back in January, that the work should be starting at any time, and the estimated cost was \$10,000,000.

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

Mr. Wood said the contractor was working west to east on this project, and the bridge contractor was working on the bridges over Bradford Creek, and the project was approximately 35 percent complete, with an estimated cost of \$41.8 million.

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 start in the current year, with a project start date of FY 2027, at an estimated cost of \$13.5 million.

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 in the summer of the current year, at an estimated cost of \$20,800,000, with a start date of FY 2026.

Arsenal East Connector

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

I-565/Memorial Parkway Interchange Modification Study

Mr. Wood said the traffic model simulation for this project should be completed by the following month, and the model would be submitted to

ALDOT for traffic design and FHWA for review and approval. He said the estimated cost for this study was \$1.5 million.

I-565/Madison Boulevard Interchange, Phase I

Mr. Wood said the design was under way, that the surveys were wrapping up and plan development should begin soon. He said this project was estimated at \$10,000,000.

Mr. Wood said the Total Amount of work in design and construction was in excess of \$393 million.

SPECIAL ELECTION

Vice Chair Bartlett said the floor was open for nominations for Chair of the Huntsville-Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board.

Mr. Davis nominated Madison County Chairman Rex Vaughn.

Vice Chair Bartlett asked if there were any further nominations, and she said that hearing none, nominations were closed, and she said Chairman Rex Vaughn got the position by acclamation, that he was the Chair of the Huntsville-Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board

Chairman Vaughn said Mayor Bartlett had done an outstanding job with the meeting, and he thanked her.

Chairman Vaughn said the floor was now open for nominations for the Vice Chair of the Huntsville-Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board.

Mr. Davis nominated Mayor Ranae Bartlett.

Mr. Davis moved that nominations be closed, which motion was seconded by Chairman Vaughn.

Chairman Vaughn said Mayor Bartlett was Vice Chair of the Huntsville-Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Gary Cloyd appeared before the Board, saying he was a resident of Huntsville, and he said with this being Infrastructure Week, he wanted to point out a few things. He said with all the projects that had been brought forward at this meeting, one of the challenges for any city was that counties, municipalities, and cities alike were always competing for funding, and he said these projects they had brought to light were helping tremendously.

Mr. Cloyd said something that was noted earlier in the week was about road investments and pedestrian safety and greenways, sidewalks, and everything else, and when they had all these projects, someone had to look at it, and with this growing population, with all the jobs moving to the city, they were putting themselves in a position where they were gaining attention, the National League of Cities, the National Association of Counties, and making all those trips to Washington, D.C., with the come and go, getting that necessary funding.

Mr. Cloyd wished them good luck and thanked them.

Chairman Vaughn said they appreciated Mr. Cloyd's comments.

MPO POLICY BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no comments.

Chairman Vaughn said he had some big shoes to fill, with former Chairman Mac McCutcheon retiring. He thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting.

Chairman Vaughn asked if it was correct that their next meeting would be in August.

Mr. Bernard replied in the affirmative, stating it would be August 26, 2026.

Chairman Vaughn said the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman, Metropolitan
Planning Organization

ATTEST:

Secretary, Metropolitan
Planning Organization

(Meeting adjourned on May 20, 2026, at 4:25 p.m.)