



**Minutes of the  
Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 09, 2019**

The Technical Committee of the Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization met in session **JANUARY 09, 2019** at 10:00 a.m. in the Grand Hall of the Hattiesburg Intermodal Facility in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

**Technical Committee Members Present:**

Lamar Rutland, Director of Engineering	City of Hattiesburg	Voting
Ginger Lowrey, Planning Division Manager	City of Hattiesburg	Voting
Amy Heath, Planning	City of Petal	Voting
John Weeks, Engineer, Shows, Dearman & Waits	City of Petal – Forrest County	Voting
Corey Proctor, Planning Director	Forrest County	Voting
Michael Hershman, County Planner	Lamar County	Voting
Don Walker, Engineer, Walker & Associates	Lamar County	Voting
Perry Brown, Statewide MPO Coordinator	MDOT-Planning	Voting
Andrew Ellard, Executive Director of HPFL-MPO	City of Hattiesburg	
David Seyfarth, P.E., District LPA Engineer	MDOT- D6	
April Fairley, Public Involvement Coordinator	MDOT Environmental Division	
Geoffrey Crosby, P.E.	Neel-Schaffer	
Caroline Miles, Planning	City of Hattiesburg	
Joseph Waits, County Administrator	Lamar County	
Steve Lampton, District 1 Supervisor	Lamar County	

**MPO/HCT Staff**

Calvin Russell, MPO Division Manager	City of Hattiesburg
Addie West, MPO Administrative Assistant	City of Hattiesburg
Hema Gopalan, MPO GIS Specialist	City of Hattiesburg
Grant Hobgood, MPO GIS Technician	City of Hattiesburg
Stephanie Hall Campos, Office Manager & Public Engagement Coordinator	City of Hattiesburg

**Visitors**

None

**Called to Order/Introductions:**

Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar MPO Technical Committee meeting was called to order by Andrew Ellard, Executive Director of HPFL-MPO. Voting Delegates for each LPA were identified.

**AGENDA SESSION:**

**There came the matter of Item III, Approval of the JANUARY 9, 2019 HPFL-MPO Technical Committee Agenda.** On review of the agenda, the 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue Improvement Project should be 1.6 million and a typo (STP to TIP) was changed in item #6. A motion was made by Lamar Rutland and seconded by Corey Proctor to Approve the Agenda with the correction. The motion was unanimously approved. The motion carried.

**There came the matter of Item IV, Review and Approve the HPFL-MPO Technical Committee meeting minutes for OCTOBER 10, 2018.** A request was made to correct spelling SMPDD agency. A motion was made by Don Walker and seconded by Michael Hershman to Recommend to Approve the Minutes with the above request. The motion was unanimously approved. The motion carried.

**There came the matter of Item V, Transit Asset Management Plan.**

The committee reviewed the State Transit Asset Management Plan approval letter as it relates to Hub City Transit and decided they needed more time to review the approved plan. The decision was made to table it and information can be emailed out later for an electronic vote. No other action at this time.

**There came the matter of Item VI, FY 2019-2022 TIP Amendments**

After Review of applications for TIP projects, staff recommendation, and other considerations, Hattiesburg and Petal ranked the highest for the allocation of funds. The following projects were discussed:

- \*Lamar Rutland discussed the Hattiesburg 38th Avenue Improvements FY 2019 (\$1.6 million)
- \*John Weeks discussed Petal Old Richton at Evelyn Gandy (add'l funds) FY 2020 \$180,000
- \*Lamar Rutland discussed City of Hattiesburg TIP Project 122 to move its Lincoln Road project (\$2,300,000 in FY 2021) out one year to FY 2022.
- \*Perry Brown discussed that the original Carryover funds had to be adjusted to \$7,229,915 because of the late authorization of the Forrest County Pedestrian Bridge Overpass (\$246,400).
- \*Don Walker discussed the intersection improvements proposed in Lamar County's application. Recognizing that it would extend beyond the \$2 million call for STP projects, Mr. Walker proposed reducing their request from \$750,000 in federal funds to \$737,938 and to incorporate the same into this TIP amendment.

A motion was made by Lamar Rutland and seconded by Amy Heath to Vote to Recommend to Approve the Amendments. The motion was unanimously approved. The motion carried.

**There came the matter of Item VII, FY2019-2020 UPWP Amendments.**

Reviewed applications for PL projects, staff recommendation, and consideration for Flex-fund project:

- \*City of Hattiesburg to fund a Pavement Management Plan at \$50,000 – Lamar Rutland discussed the Pavement Management Plan with the committee and they decided to table this project to allow staff time to review available PL Funds & determine if there was capacity to expand to other jurisdictions.

A motion was made by Lamar Rutland and seconded by Michael Hershman to Vote to Table this plan. The motion was unanimously approved. The motion carried.

- \*City of Hattiesburg to fund a study of the existing drainage along Gordon's Creek in an amount of \$148,000 to determine the effect that widening of Lincoln Rd may have on the creek. Don Walker asked about how the houses in the area would be affected and Michael Hershman asked if this would affect storm water & the flood plain.

- \*FLEX funds – The Andrew Ellard discussed the 5305 funds and the study for potential pilot of micro-transit services to supplement fixed route system - \$20,000 flex, \$5,000 MDOT match with the Committee.

A motion was made by Lamar Rutland and seconded by Cory Proctor to Recommend to Approve both Studies. The motion was unanimously approved. The motion carried.

**There came the matter of Item VIII, Public Comment Opportunity.**

No public input or comments were made

**There came the matter of Item IX, Other Business/Local Business**

Don Walker asked about the selection and scoring of projects and how the more rural areas of the MPO could compete with others, pointing to a potential disadvantage in scoring. Don Walker had some questions about the selection process and how to make it reflective of all the MPO entities. Andrew Ellard responded that we could look at how we could make a cohesive selection process going forward. Andrew Ellard stated that there are some potential areas for improvement in the scoring format and suggested that prior to another call for projects, a working group or subcommittee should be formed to make preliminary recommendations. . No voting action required.

**There came the matter of Item X, Adjournment** – The next scheduled Technical Committee meeting is on **APRIL 10, 2019**. Being there was no further business, Andrew Ellard adjourned the meeting.

Attest:

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Andrew Ellard, Executive Director of HPFL-MPO

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Addie West, Recording Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_