



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

**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 23, 2019**

The **Policy** Committee of the Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization met in session **JANUARY 23, 2019** at 10:00 a.m. in the Grand Hall of the Hattiesburg Intermodal Facility in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Policy Committee Members Present:

Mayor Hal Marx	City of Petal	Voting
Lamar Rutland, Director of Engineering	City of Hattiesburg	Voting
Chris Bowen, District 5 Supervisor	Forrest County	Voting
Michael Hershman, County Planner	Lamar County	Voting
Perry Brown, Statewide MPO Coordinator	MDOT-Planning	Voting
Andrew Ellard, Executive Director of HPFL-MPO	City of Hattiesburg	

Other Staff:

Steve Lampton, District 1 Supervisor	Lamar County
Nick Connolly, Shows, Dearman & Waits	Forrest County
April Fairley, Public Involvement Coordinator	MDOT Environmental Division
Joseph Waits, County Administrator	Lamar County
Randy Jansen, P.E.	FHWA

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

Visitors

None

Called to Order/Introductions:

Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar MPO Technical Committee meeting was called to order by Mayor Hal Marx, Mayor of the City of Petal. Voting Delegates for each LPA were identified.

AGENDA SESSION:

There came the matter of Item III, Approval of the JANUARY 23, 2019 HPFL-MPO Policy Committee Agenda. A motion was made by Chris Bowen and seconded by Lamar Rutland to Approve the Agenda. The motion was unanimously approved. The motion carried.

There came the matter of Item IV, Review and Approve the HPFL-MPO Policy Committee meeting Minutes for OCTOBER 24, 2018. A motion was made by Chris Bowen and seconded by Lamar Rutland to Recommend to Approve the Minutes. 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 the Technical Committee recommendation to adopt after Electronic Vote. Andrew informed the Policy Committee that the Technical Committee had not completed the Electronic votes that were needed for the Policy Committee to Vote to adopt MDOT Transit Asset Management Plan. A motion was made by Chris Bowen and seconded by Lamar Rutland to allow the Technical Committee to complete their electronic voting before the Policy Committee would also be solicited for electronic vote. The motion was unanimously approved. The motion carried.

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

After Review of Technical Committee recommendations and other considerations:

- Move TIP Project 122 from FY 2021 to 2022 (City of Hattiesburg, Lincoln Road, \$2,300,000 federal)
- Approve New TIP Project (City of Hattiesburg, 38th Avenue Improvements, \$1,600,000 federal, FY 2019)
- Approve TIP Project 203 amendment (City of Petal, Old Richton at Evelyn Gandy, \$180,000 additional federal funds, FY 2020)
- Approve New TIP Project (Lamar County, Oak Grove Road Intersections, \$737,938 federal, FY 2021)
- Correction: edit STP Carryover funds to \$7,229,915

A motion was made by Chris Bowen and seconded by Lamar Rutland to Approve the Amendments as provided. Chris Bowen indicated that Forrest County elected not to submit its own application in this round because of the magnitude of some of the other applications that they sought to support. Lamar Rutland expressed appreciation for the support. The motion was unanimously approved. The motion carried.

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

The committee reviewed applications for PL projects, staff recommendation, and consideration for Flex-fund project:

- 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.
- FLEX funds – MPO to consider study and potential pilot of micro-transit services to supplement fixed route system - \$20,000 flex, \$5,000 MDOT match.

A motion for discussion was made by Chris Bowen and seconded by Michael Hershman. The motion was unanimously approved. The motion carried.

There came the matter of Item VII, FY2019-2020 UPWP Amendments. (Continue)

The committee discussed the tabled Pavement Management Plan from the Technical Committee and how it gave the other entities time to discuss how it could benefit each urbanized area vs MPO jurisdiction. Chris Bowen asked if we are leaving space for more additions and are more PL Funds available. Andrew Ellard told the committee that we have to look at what amount is available and that could take a couple of weeks. A special meeting may be called once MPO staff has the opportunity to review available PL funds for a pavement management project. Chris Bowen said that Forrest County Board is interested and Michael Hershman stated Lamar County is interested as well.

A motion was made by Chris Bowen and seconded by Michael Hershman to Approve the two New Projects. 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

Chris Bowen asked about the Beautification that began on Monday or Tuesday, however, he did not see any contractors at site. Lamar Rutland said he will follow up with Neel-Shaffer to see what happened.

Andrew Ellard reminded the committee that the Long Range Transportation Plan is on the way and meetings have been scheduled for March 26 and 28, 2019. No voting action required.

There came the matter of Item X, Adjournment – The next scheduled Technical Committee meeting is on **APRIL 17, 2019**. Being there was no further business, a motion was made by Chris Bowen and seconded by Lamar Rutland to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Andrew Ellard, Executive Director of HPFL-MPO

Date: _____

Attest:

Addie West, Recording Secretary

Date: _____