



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

TECHNICAL and Policy COMMITTEE MEETING December 13, 2017

The Technical & Policy Committees of the Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization met in session **December 13, 2017** at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the Hattiesburg Intermodal Facility in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Technical & Policy Committee Members Present:

Andrew Ellard, Executive Director of HPFL-MPO	City of Hattiesburg	
Toby Barker, Mayor of City of Hattiesburg	City of Hattiesburg	Voting
Perry Brown, P.E., MDOT	MDOT	Voting
Lamar Rutland, Director of Engineering	City of Hattiesburg	
Don Walker, Engineer	Walker & Associates	
Michael Hershman, County Planner	Lamar County	Voting
Nicholas Connolly, Shows, Dearman & Waits	Forrest County	

MPO/HCT Staff

Calvin Russell, MPO Division Manager
Grant Hobgood, MPO GIS Technician
Addie West, MPO Administrative Assistant
Hema Gopalan, MPO GIS Specialist
Katie Weeks, Grant Writer
Vincent Nelms, HCT Division Manager
Maryann Adams, Senior Community Service Employee

Visitors

Sedric Durr, MDOT Environmental	MDOT
Doug Wimberly	Neel & Schaffer

Called to Order/Introductions:

Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar MPO Technical & Policy Committees meeting was called to order by Mayor of City of Hattiesburg, Toby Barker. Then, Introductions were given by the group and LPA Voting Delegates were identified.

AGENDA SESSION:

There came the matter of Item III, approval of the HPFL-MPO joint meeting of Technical & Policy Committees Meeting Agenda of December 13, 2017. A motion was made by Michael Hershman and seconded by Perry Brown to accept the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

There came the matter of Item IV, review and approve the HPFL-MPO Technical & Policy meeting minutes for October 25, 2017. Nick Connolly asked to be taken off voting for Forrest County in this meeting because Chris Bowen was present and the voting member at the meeting. A motion was made by Michael Hershman and seconded by Perry Brown to approve the minutes and take Nick Connolly off as a voter for Forrest County at this meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

There came the matter of Item V, Western Beltway Phase II Feasibility Study Discussion

Nick Connolly of Shows, Dearman and Waits presented an update on the Western Beltway Phase II Feasibility Study. The study is complete and 99% of the draft is ready and should be complete by January 15, 2018. Andrew Ellard asked that they have meeting for input. Nick Connolly said they would organized and schedule some dates for input.

No voting action required.

There came the matter of Item VI, TIP Amendment #3

Discussion: Amend TIP to include reconstruction of the Hub City Administrative and Maintenance Transit Facility that was destroyed in the January 21, 2017 EF-3 tornado. The existing destroyed facility will be demolished and a new facility will be constructed in the existing facility’s footprint (Demolition will not be completed with FTA funds). The 2017-2020 TIP currently includes the renovation of the Hub City Transit Facility as a project; this project is no longer able to be completed. The destroyed facility was declared structurally unsound by a structural engineer and proclaimed a total loss. The city of Hattiesburg is requesting \$239,673 from Section 5339 FTA federal funds and \$375,961 from Section 5307 FTA federal funds. A motion was made by Michael Hershman and seconded by Perry Brown to Vote to Approve Amendment #3 to the HPFL-MPO TIP pending any adverse public comments for the addition of the reconstruction of the Hub City Administrative and Maintenance Transit Facility. The motion was unanimously approved.

There came the matter of Item VII, Other Business/Local Business

Opportunity for the HPFL-MPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects or requests. During the discussion about the Hub City Transit bus routes, Andrew Ellard, Executive Director of HPFL-MPO stated that there will be two new routes to bring the total of bus routes to six. No voting action required.

There came the matter of Item VIII, Meeting Adjournment. Next scheduled meeting is the Technical Committee meeting on January 10, 2018. Being there was no further business, a motion was made by Michael Hershman and seconded by Perry Brown to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Andrew Ellard, Executive Director of HPFL-MPO

Date: _____

Attest:

Addie West, Recording Secretary

Date: _____