



Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Hattiesburg Train Depot Community Room \* 308 Newman Street \* Hattiesburg, Mississippi

**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
January 27, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order Policy Committee Chairperson
2. Introductions/Identification of voting members
3. **Approve Agenda of the January 27, 2021 Policy Committee Meeting**  
Approve, Deny or Amend the HPFL-MPO Policy Committee Meeting Agenda of January 27, 2021
4. **Approve Minutes of the October 21, 2020 Policy Committee Meeting**  
Adopt, Deny or Amend the HPFL-MPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2020
5. **Approve Minutes of the December 29, 2020 Policy Committee Electronic Vote**  
Adopt, Deny or Amend the HPFL-MPO Policy Committee Minutes of the electronic vote for the approval of the 2045 MTP HPFL-MPO (Long Range Transportation Plan) and to acknowledge the 2045 MULTIPLAN (Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan)  
  
<https://www.mstransportationplan2045.com/plan/hpfl/mobile/index.html>  
  
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6. **Approve the proposed amendments to the HPFL-MPO 2021-2024 TIP**  
Adopt, Deny or Amend the proposed new projects and re-allocation of funds for projects in the 2021-2024 TIP. A Public Comment Period was held from December 24, 2020 until January 8, 2021 and advertising for the Public Comment period was published on December 24, 2020. No comments were received from the public. The HPFL-MPO Technical Committee has recommended the approval of the proposed amendments:
  - A. **Hall Ave. Western Overpass-new project**  
Construction of an overpass and improvements to Hall Avenue. The project will also include the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Hall Avenue and Bay Street.
  - B. **Bus Stop Improvements (BSI) -grouped sidewalk projects**  
Hub City Transit plans to create an ongoing sidewalk projects group to enhance pedestrian access and ADA accessibility across the service area. Improvements will include sidewalks, shelters and other bus stop amenities, pedestrian signals, and crosswalks to increase connectivity, accessibility, and safety along bus routes.



- C. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Phase III-allocation of unused federal earmark funds-new project  
Allocation of the unused funds of the completed 4<sup>th</sup> Street Phase III project to a new project which will include the construction of an 8' multiuse pathway along 4<sup>th</sup> Street from 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Thornhill Drive.
- D. Lincoln Road Project (TIP Project I.D. 122) partial re-allocation of funds to the Country Club Road Project (TIP Project I.D. 119)  
Partial re-allocation of funds from the Lincoln Road Project to the project at Country Club Road which includes the adaptation of the roadway to a typical urban roadway to increase traffic flow and pedestrian safety. Bicyclists will be accommodated with a shared-use pathway.
7. **Approve the proposed amendment to the HPFL-MPO 2021-2022 UPWP**  
Adopt, Deny, or Amend the proposed amendment to the 2021-2022 UPWP for additional planning and support of public transportation (Hub City Transit).  
The HPFL-MPO Technical Committee has recommended the approval of the proposed amendment.
8. **Approve the amendment of the HPFL-MPO Public Participation Plan (PPP)**  
Adopt, Deny or Amend the proposed amendment to the PPP that addresses the implementation of a new and safe electronic venue for public participation in HPFL-MPO public hearings that does not require physical attendance. This will address any future concerns or difficulties regarding the meeting location. The HPFL-MPO Technical Committee has recommended the approval of the proposed amendment.
- The Public comment period was November 16, 2020 through December 30, 2020.
  - A Virtual Public Hearing was scheduled on December 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
  - Publication Date of Notice: November 12, 2020
  - No public comments were received and no members of the public attended the hearing.
9. **Consider the proposed opening of the 2021-2024 TIP amendment application process.**  
Adopt, Deny or Amend the proposed opening of the 2021-2024 TIP amendment application process. The HPFL-MPO Technical Committee has recommended to *table* this item. Proposed timeline for the process:
- February 3, 2021-announce opening of application round
  - March 5, 2021-application deadline
  - March 18, 2021-publication date of notice
  - April 9, 2021-15-day public comment period expires
  - April 14, 2021- Technical Committee Meeting
  - April 28, 2021- Policy Committee Meeting



10. **Approve the new Safety Performance Targets, in cooperation with MDOT and the Hub City Transit division of the City of Hattiesburg.**  
Adopt, Deny, or amend the Safety Performance Targets that are to be incorporated into future transportation plans, in accordance with the FTA regulations 49 CFR 673.15. The HPFL-MPO Technical Committee has recommended the adoption of these Safety Performance Targets.
  
11. **Acknowledge the Hub City Transit Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (HCT-PTASP)** which includes the new implementation of federal safety standards for all transit agencies. The City of Hattiesburg adopted the HCT-PTASP on December 22, 2020. The HPFL-MPO Technical Committee has recommended the acknowledgement of the HCT-PTASP.
  
12. **Public Comment Opportunity**  
Discussion: This time is allotted for public input or comment.
  
13. **Other Business/Local Business**
  - A. Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects HPFL-MPO FY20
  - B. Discussion: RFP-Transit Master Plan
  - C. Discussion: Project Updates-LPAs
  
14. Meeting Adjourned