



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

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING January 12, 2022

The Technical Committee of the Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization met in session **January 12, 2022** at 10:08 a.m. in the Community Room of the Hattiesburg Intermodal Facility in Hattiesburg, Mississippi and also remotely via the HPFL-MPO virtual room.

Technical Committee Members Present- In Person:

Hunter White, Project Manager	City of Hattiesburg	Voting
John Weeks, Engineer	City of Petal	Voting
Amy Heath, Planner	City of Petal	Voting
Perry Brown, P.E. Engineer	MDOT	Voting
Lee Federick, State LPA Engineer	MDOT	Voting
Mitchell Young, Asst. State LPA Engineer	MDOT	Non-Voting
April Fairley, Public Involvement Environment Division	MDOT	Non-Voting

Technical Committee Members Present- Virtual Room:

Nathan Satcher, Planner	City of Hattiesburg	Voting
Nick Connolly, Engineer	Forrest County	Voting
Michael Hershman, Senior County Planner	Lamar County	Voting
Shundreka Givan, Project Development Team Leader	FHWA	Non-Voting
Kim Thurman, Environmental Protection Specialist	FHWA	Non-Voting

MPO Staff

Jennifer Shows, Interim Executive Director of HPFL-MPO	City of Hattiesburg
Armendia Esters, MPO Division Manager	City of Hattiesburg
Deanna Chapman, MPO Division Administrative Assistant	City of Hattiesburg
Zach Jones, MPO Transportation Planner	City of Hattiesburg

Visitors-Virtual

Necole Baker, MDOT LPA Division	MDOT
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Visitors-In Person:

Ann Jones, Chief Administrative Officer	City of Hattiesburg
Dan Reid, Grove Transit	Citizen

Call to Order/Introductions:

Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar MPO Technical Committee Meeting was called to order by Armendia Pierce, MPO Division Manager. Voting Delegates were identified.

AGENDA SESSION:

There came the matter of Item III, Approval of the HPFL-MPO Technical Committee Meeting Agenda of January 12, 2022. A motion was made by John Weeks and seconded by Amy Heath to accept the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

There came the matter of Item IV, Approval of the HPFL-MPO Technical Meeting Minutes for October 13, 2021. A motion was made by Amy Heath and seconded by Hunter White to approve the minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

There came the matter of Item V, Approval of the HPFL-MPO Technical Committee Meeting Minutes for July 14, 2021. A motion was made by Michael Hershman and seconded by Hunter White to approve the minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

There came the matter of Item VI, Recommend the proposed TIP Amendments – Changes in the Lamar County and City of Hattiesburg Projects.

The proposed amendments included the following projects:

- Project Amendment, #415, Old Hwy 11 – Lamar County

- Increase in the total project cost for Right of Way (R.O.W.) acquisition

A motion was made by Hunter White and seconded by Perry Brown to recommend the following changes to the Policy Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Project Amendment, #419, Oak Grove Rd/Weathersby Rd. – Lamar County

- Increase in Federal Share STBG and increase in local match for the project
- New estimated Total Project Cost is \$3,718,057.00 (STBG \$1,749,057.00/Local \$1,968,057.00)

A motion was made by Hunter White and seconded by Perry Brown to recommend the following changes to the Policy Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Project Amendment, #421, Oak Grove Rd/Hegwood Rd/Lincoln Rd – Lamar County

- Decrease in Federal Share STBG of \$687,000.00
- Increase in local match for the project.
- New estimated Total Project Cost of \$735,422.50 (STBG \$50,938.00/Local \$684,484.50)

A motion was made by Michael Hershman and seconded by Hunter White to recommend the following changes to the Policy Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Project Amendment, #115, Martin Luther King Avenue Extension – City of Hattiesburg

- Total project cost increase of \$100,000.00 in Local Match funding for the Right of Way (R.O.W.) acquisition phase. Changes to the project schedule.
- Increased Local Match for the project.
- New estimated Total Project Cost is \$2,657,500.00 (STBG \$2,046,000.00/Local \$611,500.00)

A motion was made by Hunter White and seconded by Amy Heath to recommend the following changes to the Policy Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

- New Project, Edwards Street – City of Hattiesburg

- Construction of an 8-foot multi-use pathway along Edwards Street with median islands in the middle of the roadway to provide access for pedestrians and cyclist.
- Estimated Total Project Cost: \$2,700,000.00 Federal Share \$2,000,000.00 and \$700,000.00 Local match.

A motion was made to recommend the following changes to the Policy Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Project Amendment, #122, Lincoln Rd. – City of Hattiesburg
 - Decrease in Federal Share STBG of \$2,311,175.00
 - Total project cost increase for R.O.W. acquisition
 - Total Project Cost is \$9,636,948.00 (STBG \$676,910.00/Local \$8,960,038.00)

A motion was made to recommend the following changes to the Policy Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Project Amendment, #126, 4th St. Phase III (38th Ave. to Thornhill) – City of Hattiesburg
 - Renamed from 38th Continuation to 4th St. Phase III (38th Ave. and Thornhill are the termini)
 - Total Project Cost to be amended for funding from project #125 38th Ave. Pedestrian Improvements
- Discussion: John Weeks, City of Petal – Engineer, requested a funding breakdown between Old TIP Pages #125 & #126 that verifies the current funding on New TIP Page – Project #126, 4th St. Phase III (38th Ave. to Thornhill).

A motion was made by John Weeks and seconded by Hunter White to recommend the following changes to the Policy Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

There came the matter of Item VII, Recommend the proposed UPWP Amendment – Active Transportation Master Plan. A motion was made by Hunter White and seconded by Michael Hershman to table the UPWP Amendment to complete the follow up actions. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Follow Up Actions:
 - Emailing the Active Transportation Plan – Blueways and Pathways to LPAs
 - Conducting an email Poll Vote

There came the matter of Item VIII, Acknowledgement of the proposed Critical Urban Freight Corridors. A motion was made by John Weeks and seconded by Hunter White to acknowledge the proposed Critical Urban Freight Corridors. The motion was unanimously approved.

There came the matter of Item IX, Acknowledgement of the Proven Safety Countermeasures 2021-FHWA. A motion was made by John Weeks and seconded by Amy Heath to acknowledge the Proven Safety Countermeasures 2021-FHWA. The motion was unanimously approved.

There came the matter of Item VII, Public Comment Opportunity
No public comments were made.

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

Lee Frederick, State LPA Engineer – MDOT

- Requesting a Scheduled TIP Update.

Shundreka Givan, Project Development Team Leader – FHWA

- Follow up meeting with the LPAs regarding an update with the Project Schedule.

There came the matter of Item IX, Announcements

- Zach Jones – MPO Transportation Planner – New Member of the MPO Staff
- Request from the MPO Staff to update Proxy Forms if staff changes have occurred in the LPAs.

There came the matter of Item X, Meeting Adjournment. The next scheduled meeting is the Technical Committee meeting on April 13, 2022. There being no further business, a motion was made by Hunter White to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Michael Hershman. The meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer Shows, Interim – Executive Director of HPFL-MPO

Date: _____

Attest:

Deanna Chapman, Recording Secretary

Date: _____