

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

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING January 13, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order/ Invocation Andrew Ellard
- 2. Introductions/Identification of the LPA's voting delegates
- 3. <u>Approve Agenda of the January 13, 2021 Technical Committee Meeting</u>
 Approve, Deny or Amend the HPFL-MPO Technical Committee Meeting
 Agenda of January 13, 2021
- 4. <u>Approve Minutes of the October 14, 2020 Technical Committee Meeting</u>
 Approve, Deny or Amend the HPFL-MPO Technical Committee Meeting
 Minutes of October 14, 2020.
- 5. Approve Minutes of the 12/28/2020 Technical Committee Electronic Vote Adopt, Deny or Amend the HPFL-MPO Technical Committee Minutes of the electronic vote for the recommendation to approve the 2045 MTP HPFL-MPO (Long Range Transportation Plan) and the recommendation to acknowledge the 2045 MULTIPLAN (Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan)

https://www.mstransportationplan2045.com/plan/hpfl/mobile/index.html

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6. Recommendation on the proposed amendments to the 2021-2024 TIP of the HPFL-MPO Recommend to 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. The proposed TIP amendments are as follows:

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. 4th St. Phase III-allocation of unused federal earmark funds-new project Allocation of the unused funds of the completed 4th Street Phase III project to a new project which will include the construction of an 8' multiuse pathway along 4th Street from 38th Avenue to Thornhill Drive.
- D. <u>Lincoln Road Project (TIP Project I.D. 122) partial re-allocation of funds to the Country Club</u> <u>Road Project (TIP Project I.D. 119)</u>

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. Recommendation on the proposed amendment to the HPFL-MPO 2021-2022 UPWP Recommend to Adopt, Deny, or Amend the proposed amendment to the 2021-2022 UPWP for additional planning and support of public transportation (Hub City Transit).
- 8. Recommendation on the proposed amendment to the HPFL-MPO Public Participation Plan (PPP)

Recommend to 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 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. Recommendation to open the 2021-2024 TIP amendment application process.

 Recommend to Approve, Deny, or Amend the opening of the 2021-2024 TIP

 Amendment application. 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. Recommendation on the new Safety Performance Targets, in cooperation with MDOT and the Hub City Transit Division of the City of Hattiesburg

Recommend to 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

11. Recommendation to acknowledge the Hub City Transit Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (HCT-PTASP)

The HCT-PTASP includes the new implementation of federal safety standards for all transit agencies.



- Public Comment Opportunity Discussion: This time is allotted for public input or comment. 12.
- Other Business/Local Business 13.
 - A. Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects HPFL-MPO FY20
 B. Discussion: RFP-Transit Master Plan
 C. Discussion: Project Updates-LPAs
- Meeting Adjourned 14.