

AGENDA

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

of the

CALHOUN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

November 20, 2024

10:00 am

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Old Business
 - a. Review and approval of CAC minutes from October 17, 2024
4. New Business
 - a. Review FY 24-27 TIP and Administrative Modifications
 - b. Status report of ALDOT Pre-Construction projects
 - c. Status report of ALDOT Construction projects
 - d. Safety Observations
5. Other Business
 - A. CAC Vacancies
 - B. Subcommittee Report
 - C. Anniston Express and ADA Para-Transit Ridership
 - D. Next CAC Meeting – January 14
6. Adjourn

MINUTES
Citizen's Advisory Committee
of the Metropolitan Planning Organization
Wednesday, October 16, 2024
10:00 a.m.

Those attending:
Reuben Johnson *
James Jenkins*
Lavoy Jordan*
Tim Huddleston
Bruce Britton
Miller Parnell
Anne Key
Jonathon Williams
Elizabeth Harkert
Theo Smart
Gerald Lyons
Bill Williams
Johnnie Phillips
Eric Wright

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Miller Parnell.

Mr. Wright introduced Mr. Williams and Ms. Harkert as the newest planners at EARPDC

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes of the CAC Meeting September 18, 2024 were approved on a motion by Tim Huddleston and seconded by Mr Theo Smart. Motion Carried

Chairman Parnell called for discussion of September 2024 Administrative Modifications and Resolutions. Mr. Wright explained that there was a list of modifications in the agenda packet to review that were discussed during the month of October to keep the members of the CAC up to date. There were no modifications that created changes to the TIP and four modifications that did not create changes to the TIP spreadsheet during these months. Mr. Wright also reported there was only one resolution adopted in September, the adoption of the new FY25 UPWP.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Parnell called for the Review of 24-27 TIP Update and Administrative Modifications. Mr. Wright gave the members a copy of the current TIP. There were two administrative modifications, including date changes on components of two projects, along with a modification that led to a change on the TIP spreadsheet, consolidating the PE and CN phases of project #63 into a single SP project, with no net change in funding.

Chairman Parnell asked for clarification on project #39, and Mr. Wright reported that it was an older project and he would get additional information.

Chairman Parnell next called for a discussion of the Status Report of Preconstruction projects. Mr. Wright explained that the TAC would be reporting on preconstruction projects to keep the MPO updated on how the projects were progressing. Mr. Wright reported that there weren't many changes to the preconstruction list, but several projects, including #63 and #64, were getting consultant selection letters and man-day rates. Additionally, new estimates were developed on project #48 and submitted to the City of Oxford for consideration.

Chairman Parnell next called for a discussion of the Status Report of ALDOT projects. Mr. Reported that he hadn't received an update from ALDOT.

Chairman Parnell continued by calling for a discussion of Safety Observations. Mr. Wright reported that the Main Street pothole in Oxford was reported as closed by Mr. Stanley. Mr. Wright also reported that there was not an update on the Jacksonville Alabama 21 request – that it was in the hands of the ALDOT maint. Division and that the safety study would be released to the City of Jacksonville and they could release further, but that the relevant parties were notified. Mr. Wright shared that he would notify the respective communities on items 41-48 and ask about updates on Item 1 and closed item 10 to the TAC for review.

Chairman Parnell next addressed the subcommittee item on the agenda and suggested that it be reviewed when new staff for the MPO is identified.

Chairman Parnell called for a review of Ridership numbers. Mr Wright reviewed the reported numbers for ACTS and Paratransit numbers. Mr. Huddleston asked about the role of CAC in relation to transit numbers. Mr. Wright explained that some portion of MPO funds were paying for transit services. Mr. Huddleston asked if they could receive an overview of the transit system at the next meeting.

There was no other business, and Mr. Smart made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Huddleston seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Current Pre-Construction Projects 2024-11-11

TIP Spreadsheet Number	Description	Municipality	Project Number & Scope	FY & Planning Status	Status
41	Bridge Replacement on Airport Rd at Coldwater Creek	Oxford	100064888	2024	TS&L approved; plan in hand comments being addressed; need detour route signatures; had site visit; need CE approval; working on RW approval
			RW	Planned	
			100064889 UT	2024 Planned	
48	Widening on Friendship Rd from Cheaha Dr to Circle Dr; Phase I	Oxford	100070248	2024 Planned	Need design waiver from City; need materials addendum; addressing PS&E comments; working on RW doc; needs utility cert
			RW		
			100070249 UT	2024 Planned	
49	Bridge Replacement on Friendship Rd over Choccolocco Creek; Phase II	Oxford	100070254	2024 Planned	TS&L awaiting approval – issue with bridge; working on hydro; enviro approved; working on RW doc
			RW		
			100070255 UT	2024 Planned	
50	Resurfacing, Widening, and Upgrading existing turn signals and adding turn lanes on Friendship Rd at Cheaha Dr; Phase III	Oxford	100070262	2024	Plan in hand plans received Jan 31; working on comments; design waiver to be signed; need 71 and 72 for RW authorization, PS&E to follow
			RW	Planned	
			100070269 UT	2024 Planned	
58	Baltzell Gate Connector Multi-use Path	Anniston	100070238 PE	2024 Planned	Need PE agreement and then consultant selection after
			100070239 CN	2026 Planned	
59	Coldwater Mountain/Mulberry St. to Legarde, multi-use path	Anniston	100070241 PE	2024 Planned	Need PE agreement and then consultant selection after
			100070242 CN	2026 Planned	

60	Anniston to Oxford Bike Lane; S Noble and Chestnut	Anniston	100070244 PE	2024 Planned	Need PE agreement and then consultant selection after
			100070245 CN	2027 Planned	
61	Old Gadsden Highway Resurfacing from Railroad Ave to Hwy 431	Calhoun County	CN	2025 Planned	Contact local trans
62	Bynum Leatherwood Resurfacing from Morrisville Rd. to AL-202	Calhoun County	CN	2027 Planned	Contact local trans
TIP Spreadsheet Number	Description	Municipality	Project Number & Scope	FY & Planning Status	Status
63	Quintard Ave Signal Timing from 8 th to 22 nd St Update and Implementation *CRF funds*	Anniston	SP	2024 Planned	SP is authorized; waiting on consultant selection letter approval
64	AL-21 Pedestrian Crossing at McClellan Blvd *CRF funds*	Anniston	PE	2024 Planned	PE agreement and then consultant selection after

Current Construction Projects 2024-11-11

Project Number	Description	Status
STPSU-0004(536)	Reconfiguration of intersection at US 78 & Barry St. including resurfacing widening and signals	Permanent Striping, permanent vegetation & punch list work
NH-HSIP-0021(581)	SR 21 resurfacing, bridge rail retrofit County line to just north of Snow Street	Project has been accepted
NH-HSIP-0021(576)	Resurfacing, Traffic Striping and Access Management on SR 21 from just north of Summerall Gate Rd (Anniston) to George Douthitt Dr (Jacksonville)	Construction of inside left turn lanes and outside U-turn bubbles

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1	MPO CAC Safety Observations 2024-11-11									
2	Item #	Jurisdiction	Location	Suggestion	Date-Original	Date-Recent	TAC	MPO	Response	Status
3	1	Oxford	Bynum Blvd/Hwy 202 Intersection	Incorporate a light at this intersection to see it better at night	9/19/18	11/15/23	✓	✓	Solar may be approved by ALDOT for this location as it may be a while before Alabama Power gets power to the intersection. The City of Oxford is hoping to add this as an MPO project in the TIP; News report 11/1/23 states Delavis Leonard, ALDOT Regional Engineer will revisit the intersection to see if there is something that can be adjusted to help with the situation.	OPEN
4	6	Anniston	Henry Road Intersection at the Bypass	Addition of street lighting	11/14/18	2/14/24	✓	✓	The City of Anniston has submitted a formal lighting evaluation request with ALDOT.	RE-OPENED Update: Anniston is searching for
5	15	Calhoun County	Saks Road @ 43rd street	Road is narrow, school buses make wide turns at this intersection, difficult for 2 cars to pass, school children walk in the ditch (photos)	7/24/19	10/25/22	✓	✓	Widening: This suggestion would be a major undertaking. We will consider it when looking at upcoming traffic counts and updating the incoming L RTP.	OPEN
6	18	Calhoun County	Bynum Leatherwood Road/Eulaton Gate	Extend turn lane/deceleration lane on the Southbound side of Bynum Leatherwood from Eulaton Gate to begin at Hutto Hill Road. This will allow adequate stacking for ANAD workers during morning entry times and allow egress for travelers heading south towards SR202	1/14/20	10/25/22	✓	✓	Stacking for entrance to ANAD should occur on their property. Another solution would be a joint project to redesign the intersection of Bynum Leatherwood and Eulaton Gate to create more storage on Eulaton Gate and not on the main roadway. Will revisit for L RTP update.	OPEN
7	26	Jacksonville	204/Nesbit Lake Rd intersection	Increased safety measures	11/17/21	1/11/23	✓	✓	ALDOT to complete safety study to share with Jacksonville. Currently reviewing options to address access. Development for housing on Nesbit will proceed. Access will be @ Nesbit only. Warrant study request from Jacksonville may not warrant a signal; developer will create new entrance off Smith Circle NW	OPEN
9	34	City of Anniston	Moore Ave from the intersections of 15 th – 10 th Street	Resurfacing suggested	5/17/23	8/17/23	✓	✓	All resurfacing goes through City Council. Libby has contacted Councilwoman Ciara Smith for Ward 3 regarding the matter.	OPEN
10	38	Calhoun County	The intersection at 431/Saks Rd.	Light timing reconfiguration/turn signal	2/14/24	3/20/24	✓	✓	The County will take a look. The signal was restudied and retimed when 431 was resurfaced recently.	OPEN

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2	39	Oxford/	Intersections at 202/Bynum Leatherwood and 202/Bynum Blvd	Similar design at these intersections as there was implemented at 431/Bynum Leatherwood Rd,	2/14/24	3/21/24	✓	✓	Would need to request study from ALDOT. Unsure if Bynum Leatherwood intersection would warrant change/update.	OPEN		
12	40	Hobson City	Thomason Street	Fill in potholes	3/20/24	4/18/24	✓	✓	Manhole collar is busted and leaves dip in road.	OPEN		
13	41	Hobson City	Thomason Street	Pothole Resurfacing/patch needed	7/17/24	10/18/24	✓	v	Submitted to Hobson City	OPEN		
14	42	Hobson City	Thomason Street in front of the HC 1 stop convenience store (both sides of the street)	Pothole Resurfacing/patch needed	7/17/24	10/18/24	✓	✓	Submitted to Hobson City	OPEN		
15	43	Hobson City	Thomason Street at traffic light	Drainage issues and dangerous drop off	7/17/24	10/18/24	✓	✓	Submitted to Hobson City	OPEN		
16	44	Hobson City	.9 miles on MLK drive from Thomason St	Lower manhole cover hazard	7/17/24	10/18/24	✓	✓	Submitted to Hobson City	OPEN		
17	45	Hobson City	2.6 miles on MLK at 1691 MLK drive (both sides of the street)	Pothole Resurfacing/patch needed	7/17/24	10/18/24	✓	✓	Submitted to Hobson City	OPEN		
18	46	Hobson City	3.9 miles on MLK	Pothole Resurfacing/patch needed	7/17/24	10/18/24	✓	✓	Submitted to Hobson City	OPEN		
19	47	Hobson City	MLK and Rock Quarry Rd intersection	Pothole Resurfacing/patch needed	7/17/24	10/18/24	✓	✓	Submitted to Hobson City	OPEN		
20	48	Hobson City	.04 miles on Rock Quarry Rd/MLK intersection on Rock Quarry Rd	Pothole Resurfacing/patch needed	7/17/24	10/18/24	✓	✓	Submitted to Hobson City	OPEN		
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22	49		Anniston		Henry Road and Bypass intersection		Additional Lighting at intersection needed		10/16/24		10/18/24		✓		✓		City looking for funding to support study		Closed - duplicate of #1	
23	50		Anniston		10 th and Quintard		Traffic stacking lane expansion consideration – previous issue was with tree? Now dead.		10/16/24		10/18/24		✓		✓		Will be reevaluated after signal timing per ALDOT		OPEN	
24	51		Anniston		8 th and Leighton		Consideration of intersection redesign or improved signage, etc		10/16/24		10/18/24		✓		✓		City has studied in the past and not warranted redesign – need more info?		OPEN	
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Fixed-Route Ridership									
	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25		
Oct	9,993	8,871	5,541	7,679	7,483	7,033	8,450		
Nov	8,504	7,665	5,425	7,272	7,024	6,404			
Dec	8,082	7,596	5,266	7,745	7,184	6,320			
Jan	8,239	7,614	5,177	7,114	7,151	6,047			
Feb	7,800	7,262	4,773	7,305	7,301	7,234			
Mar	8,979	7,185	5,512	8,757	8,230	7,292			
Apr	9,045	4,285	6,263	8,965	7,090	6,660			
May	8,774	5,141	6,498	9,012	7,509	6,927			
Jun	7,993	5,852	7,197	10,500	6,979	6,347			
Jul	8,626	6,160	7,836	9,141	6,648	7,627			
Aug	9,314	6,111	7,771	10,763	7,573	8,546			
Sep	7,868	5,923	8,019	10,645	7,046	6,903			

2024 Avg./Mo. 421 154 23 93 111 37

ADA Paratransit Ridership

Fiscal Year 2024-2025	Anniston	Jacksonville	Weaver	Oxford	Section 5307 CC Urban	Section 5311 CC Rural
October	432	158	27	89	150	36
November						
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2025 Avg./Mo. 432 158 27 89 150 36

MPO Fiscal Year 2025 Meeting Dates

TAC	CAC	MPO
11/21/24 10:00 AM	11/20/24 10:00 AM	11/21/24 11:00 AM
12/17/25 10:00 AM	12/16/24 10:00 AM	12/17/24 11:00 AM
1/16/25 10:00 AM	1/15/25 10:00 AM	1/16/25 11:00 AM
2/27/25 10:00 AM	2/26/25 10:00 AM	2/27/25 11:00 AM
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