

AGENDA

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

of the

CALHOUN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

February 26, 2025

10:00 am

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Old Business
 - a. Review and approval of CAC minutes from January 15, 2025 (pages 2-4)
4. New Business
 - a. Review FY 24-27 TIP and Administrative Modifications (pages 5-7)
 - b. Resolution 863: Increase CN funds for Project #48 Phase I Friendship Rd Widening and Improvements (page 8)
 - c. Resolution 868: Add Project 100077649 Add Center Turn Lane on SR-204 from Nisbet Lake Rd to SR-21 to the 2024-2027 TIP and 2045 LRTP (page 9)
 - d. Resolution 874: Add projects 100079877 and 100079878 to FY 24-27 TIP (page 10)
 - e. Status report of ALDOT Pre-Construction projects
 - f. Status report of ALDOT Construction projects
 - g. Safety Observations (pages 11-13)
5. Other Business
 - A. CAC Vacancies
 - B. Subcommittee Report
 - C. Anniston Express and ADA Para-Transit Ridership (pages 14-15)
 - D. Review Calhoun Area MPO Map from ALDOT
 - E. Next CAC Meeting – March 19, 2025 (page 16)
6. Adjourn

MINUTES
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
of the Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Wednesday, November 20, 2024
10:00 a.m.

Tim Huddleston, Vice Chairman	Calhoun County
Tony Ball	Anniston
Lem Burell	Oxford
Anne Key	Calhoun County
Richard Lindblom	Jacksonville
Johnnie Phillips	Hobson City
Theo Smart	Calhoun County
Bill Williams	Calhoun County
Eric Wright	EARPDC
Elizabeth Wright	EARPDC
Dwayne Goss*	Anniston Army Depot
Reuben Johnson*	Calhoun County
Lavoy Jordan*	Oxford
George Salmon *	Calhoun County
Cassandra Simmons*	Anniston Army Depot
*Virtual attendee	

Vice Chairman Tim Huddleston called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.
Eric Wright introduced Elizabeth Wright, EARPDC Regional Transportation Planner as the new MPO staff.

OLD BUSINESS:

The minutes of the CAC meetings from November 20, 2024, were approved on a motion by Mr. Lem Burell, seconded by Mr. Johnnie Phillips. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vice Chairman Huddleston called Eric Wright to review the FY 24-27 TIP Spreadsheet and Administrative Modifications. Mr. Wright explained that neither the TIP nor the Administrative Modifications were modified.

Mr. Huddleston reviewed the CAC's role in resolutions and reminded everyone that the CAC does not approve resolutions but makes recommendations to either adopt, reject, or review them.

Mr. Huddleston then called for a discussion of Resolution No. 863. Mr. Wright explained that this resolution has been discussed but is still tabled. This resolution pertains to expanding the budget for project 100070250, which involves widening and improving Friendship Road from Cheaha Drive to Circle Drive in the City of Oxford. No motion to pass or reject was made, as it is still tabled while we finalize budgeting.

Next, Mr. Huddleston called for a discussion of Resolution No. 870. Mr. Wright explained that this resolution was to adopt and support the statewide performance measurement targets for safety, bridge/pavement, and system performance. These targets are set by the ALDOT, and MPOs have the option to develop their own more stringent targets, but generally, the statewide requirements are adopted in each region. Bill Williams made a motion to pass Resolution #870, which Theo Smart seconded. The motion carried.

Next, Mr. Huddleston called for a discussion of Resolution No. 871. Mr. Wright explained that this resolution removed Carbon Reduction Fund PE project 100070238 and CN project 100070239 pertaining to the Baltzell Gate Connector Multi-Use Path. The City of Anniston added this project to the TIP in 2023, but they have now requested it be removed. Johnnie Phillips made a motion to pass Resolution #871, which Theo Smart seconded. The motion carried.

Next, Mr. Huddleston called for a discussion of Resolution No. 872. Mr. Wright explained that this resolution removed Carbon Reduction Fund PE project 100070241 and CN project 100070242 pertaining to the Coldwater Mountain to Mulberry Street Multi-Use Path. The City of Anniston also added this project to the TIP but has now requested it be removed. Anne Key made a motion to pass Resolution #872, which Lem Burell seconded. The motion carried.

Next, Mr. Huddleston called for a discussion of Resolution No. 873. Mr. Wright explained that this was the Certification of the FY25 ADA Paratransit Plan. He gave a short explanation distinguishing the difference between transit and paratransit and how this plan maintains compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Tony Ball made a motion to pass Resolution #873, which Lem Burell seconded. The motion carried.

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Next, Mr. Huddleston called for a review of new safety observations. Mr. Wright reviewed the additions made from the previous meeting and explained that the TAC is reviewing them. No major updates. In regards to the stacking issue on Quintard Avenue, it has been presented to both the TAC and ALDOT and while they understand the concerns, the retiming process needs to be carried out before they can do anything further.

Mr. Theo Smart raised a potential safety observations on the 2200 block of West McDaniel Avenue where two different speed bumps are present. One is made of rubber and the other is asphalt. When a vehicle drives over the asphalt speedbump, vehicles make contact with the asphalt. Mr. Wright questioned if this observation truly met the qualifications of a safety observation. Mr. Wright agreed to pass the information along to the City of Anniston but not add an official safety observation to the list.

Mr. Richard Lindblom offered a safety observation for the I20 West exit to the 431 Bypass. He mentioned the heavy traffic during rush hours and the need for additional lighting and possible improvements made to the entry lane from I20 to the 431 bypass. Mr. Huddleston agreed that the

area is laid out in a somewhat confusing manner and there could be room for some improvement. There was discussion on ownership of the exit ramp and Mr. Wright agreed to research the issue and report back.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Huddleston called for a review of CAC vacancies and reminded everyone about the membership subcommittee's role in appointing new members. A request was made to resume attendance tracking to ensure members are active and engaged. Mr. Huddleston requests the subcommittee review its members in our next meeting to assess the need to fill spots and resume working toward filling the CAC vacancies.

Mr. Huddleston called for a review of the transit ridership reports. Mr. Eric Wright reviewed the tables and gave a short overview of trends. Numbers are up and approaching pre-Covid numbers. Mr. Wright gave an update on questions about shelters to explain that financial constraints and right-of-way restrictions often limit the ability to build shelters at every stop. If specific locations have increased need or property owners are willing to partner with a shelter being built, he will pass the information to the transit team.

Mr. Huddleston gave a short review of the maps displaying the ALDOT construction projects on AL-21 from Lenlock area to George Douthit in Jacksonville. Mr. Wright reminded that this is an ALDOT project and not an MPO project.

The next CAC meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, February 26, at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Huddleston called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Theo Smart made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Tony Ball. The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

February 2025 Administrative Modifications

That created changes on the TIP spreadsheet:

Corrected rounding errors across the entire TIP Spreadsheet to match ALDOT Urban Area Funding Availability Report

Project : 100063226 (PE) FY2015

Project Description : Chief Ladiga Trail - Anniston - ± 5.8 mi (Cane Ck. To 4th St.)

Old Estimate on TIP Spreadsheet : \$67,925

Updated Estimate on TIP Spreadsheet : \$679,625.35

Project : 100063208 (CN) FY2019

Project Description : Noble/4th St. Intersection Improvements

Old Estimate on TIP Spreadsheet : \$879,328

Updated Estimate on TIP Spreadsheet : \$858,448.75

Project : 100064898 (PE) FY2022

Project Description : Russell Dr. Resurface from Alexandria Rd to Peaceburg Rd.

Old Estimate on TIP Spreadsheet : \$81,024

Updated Estimate on TIP Spreadsheet : \$74,330.00

Project : 100070230 (CN) FY2022

Project Description : Roy Webb Rd. - Resurfacing (PE developed by County Eng.)

Old Estimate on TIP Spreadsheet : \$1,276,108

Updated Estimate on TIP Spreadsheet : \$1,215,378.75

Project : 100070203 (PE) FY2022

Project Description : Resurfacing George Douthit Dr from SR-21 to Brierwood Place SW

Old Estimate on TIP Spreadsheet : \$103,689

Updated Estimate on TIP Spreadsheet : \$212715.00

That did not create changes on the TIP spreadsheet:

Project : 100070249 (UT)

Federal aid number : STPSU 0819 (251)

County : CALHOUN

Project Description : PHASE I - WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS ON FRIENDSHIP ROAD FROM CHEAHA DRIVE TO CIRCLE DRIVE IN THE CITY OF OXFORD

Old Target start date : June 01, 2025

New Target start date : July 01, 2025

Project : 100070262 (RW)

Federal aid number : STPSU 0819 (253)

County : CALHOUN

Project Description : RESURFACING, WIDENING AND UPGRADING EXISTING TURN SIGNALS AND ADDING TURN LANES ON FRIENDSHIP ROAD AT CHEAHA DRIVE - PHASE 3

Old Target start date : April 01, 2025

New Target start date : June 01, 2025

Project : 100070255 (UT)

Federal aid number : STPSU 0819 (252)

County : CALHOUN

Project Description : REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING BRIDGE ON FRIENDSHIP RD (BIN 004773) OVER CHOCCOLOCCO CREEK RELIEF AND REMOVAL OF EXISTING BRIDGE (BIN 004774) OVER CHOCCOLOCCO CREEK RELIEF WITH A CULVERT (PHASE II)

Old Target start date : June 01, 2025

New Target start date : July 01, 2025

Project : 100070254 (RW)

Federal aid number : STPSU 0819 (252)

County : CALHOUN

Project Description : REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING BRIDGE ON FRIENDSHIP RD (BIN 004773) OVER CHOCCOLOCCO CREEK RELIEF AND REMOVAL OF EXISTING BRIDGE (BIN 004774) OVER CHOCCOLOCCO CREEK RELIEF WITH A CULVERT (PHASE II)

Old Target start date : April 01, 2025

New Target start date : June 01, 2025

Project : 100078909 (FM)

Federal aid number : NH-FMGR 0001 (645)

County : CALHOUN

Project Description : RESURFACING, TRAFFIC STRIPING, AND GUARDRAIL END ANCHORS ON SR-1 (US-431) FROM HENRY RD. TO IRON MOUNTAIN ROAD.

Old Target start date : March 28, 2025

New Target start date : May 30, 2025

LVOE Project Additions

None

OTHER

Project : 100078983 (CN)

Federal aid number : IM I020

County : TALLADEGA

Project Description : RESURFACING ON I-20 FROM BEGINNING OF 6 LANE (MP 173.218) TO H J BENTLEY JR PARKWAY

Old Target start date : May 30, 2025

New Target start date : August 29, 2025

Project : 100078909 (FM)

Federal aid number : NH-FMGR 0001 (645)

County : CALHOUN

Project Description : RESURFACING, TRAFFIC STRIPING, AND GUARDRAIL END ANCHORS ON SR-1 (US-431) FROM HENRY RD. TO IRON MOUNTAIN ROAD.

Old Engineers Estimate : \$2,952,958.00

New Engineers Estimate : \$2,870,710.25

Resolution # 863

Increase CN Funds for Project #48 (100070250)

PHASE I - WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS ON FRIENDSHIP ROAD FROM CHEAHHA DRIVE TO CIRCLE DRIVE IN THE CITY OF OXFORD

WHEREAS, the Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has adopted its FY 2024-27 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) on August 17, 2023 with Resolution #857; and

WHEREAS, the ALDOT has requested that the MPO allocate an additional \$1,050,020.61 in CN for project #48, Phase I – Widening and Improvements on Friendship Rd from Cheaha Dr to Circle Drive.

Project Number	Current Allocation	New Allocation
100070250	\$2,641,119	\$3,691,139.61

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Calhoun Area MPO, that the FY24-27 TIP be amended to change the allocations for the Calhoun County projects as indicated above. Passed and adopted this 18th day of April 2024.

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Wright, Regional Planner
East Alabama Regional Planning and
Development Commission

Councilman Nick Bowles, Chairman
City of Weaver

RESOLUTION #868

Add Project 100077649 Add Center Turn Lane on SR-204 from Nisbet Lake Rd to SR-21 to the 2024-2027 TIP and 2045 LRTP

WHEREAS, the Calhoun Area MPO has adopted its FY 24-27 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) on August 17, 2023 with Resolution #857; and

WHEREAS, the Calhoun Area MPO has adopted its 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) on October 15, 2020 with Resolution #810; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) has requested that the transportation plans above be amended to include the following project:

100077649 CN, Add Center Turn Lane on SR-204 from Nisbet Lake Rd to SR-21
Program Fiscal Year: 2025
ALDOT – State Project
Total Programmed Amount: \$4,186,646.38

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Calhoun Area MPO, that the Calhoun Area MPO FY 24-27 TIP and 2045 LRTP be amended to include the above projects.

Passed and adopted this 27th day of February 2025.

Councilman Nick Bowles, Chairman
City of Weaver

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Wright, Regional Planner
East Alabama Regional Planning and
Development Commission

RESOLUTION #874

Add Project 100079877 and 100079878 Resurfacing and Intersection Improvements Along CR-109/Bynum Leatherwood Road to the 2024-2027 TIP and 2045 LRTP

WHEREAS, the Calhoun Area MPO has adopted its FY 24-27 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) on August 17, 2023 with Resolution #857; and

WHEREAS, the Calhoun Area MPO has adopted its 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) on October 15, 2020 with Resolution #810; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) has requested that the transportation plans above be amended to include the following project:

100079877 PE and 100079878 CN Resurfacing and Intersection Improvements Along
CR-109/Bynum Leatherwood Road from SR-202 to Morrisville Road
Program Fiscal Year: 2025
ALDOT – State Project
Total Programmed Amount: \$5,000,000.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Calhoun Area MPO, that the Calhoun Area MPO FY 24-27 TIP and 2045 LRTP be amended to include the above projects.

Passed and adopted this 27th day of February 2025.

Councilman Nick Bowles, Chairman
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ATTEST:

Elizabeth Wright, Regional Planner
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MPO CAC Safety Observations

Item #	Jurisdiction	Location	Suggestion	Date-Original	Date-Recent	TAC	MPO	Response	Status
1	Oxford	Bynum Blvd/Hwy 202 Intersection	Incorporate a light at this intersection to see it better at night	09/19/18	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 DeJarvis Leonard, ALDOT Regional Engineer will revisit the intersection to see if there is something that can be adjusted to help with the situation.	OPEN
6	Anniston	Henry Road intersection at the Bypass	Addition of street lighting	11/14/18	02/14/24	✓	✓	The City of Anniston has submitted a formal lighting evaluation request with ALDOT.	RE-OPENED
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)	07/24/19	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 LRTP.	OPEN
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 LRTP update.	OPEN

Item #	Jurisdiction	Location	Suggestion	Date-Original	Date-Recent	TAC	MPO	Response	Status
26	Jacksonville	204/Nesbit Lake Rd intersection	Increased safety measures	11/17/21	01/11/23	✓	✓	Libby provided crash information for the intersection. 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
34	City of Anniston	Moore Ave from the intersections of 15 th – 10 th Street	Resurfacing suggested	05/17/23	08/17/23	✓	✓	All resurfacing goes through City Council. Libby has contacted Councilwoman Ciara Smith for Ward 3 regarding the matter.	OPEN
39	Oxford/Calhoun County	Intersections at 202/Bynum Leatherwood and 202/Bynum Blvd	Similar design at these intersections as there was implemented at 431/Bynum Leatherwood Rd,	02/14/24	3/21/24	✓	✓	Would need to request study from ALDOT. Unsure if Bynum Leatherwood intersection would warrant change/update.	OPEN
40	Hobson City	Thomason Street	Fill in potholes	3/20/24	4/18/24	✓	✓	Manhole collar is busted and leaves dip in road.	OPEN
41	Hobson City	Thomason Street Across from Grey Street	Pothole Resurfacing/patch needed	7/17/24					OPEN
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					OPEN
43	Hobson City	Thomason Street at traffic light	Drainage issues and dangerous drop off	7/17/24					OPEN
44	Hobson City	.9 miles on MLK drive from Thomason St	Lower manhole cover hazard	7/17/24					OPEN

45	Hobson City	2.6 miles on MLK at 1691 MLK drive (both sides of the street)	Pothole Resurfacing/patch needed	7/17/24					OPEN
46	Hobson City	3.9 miles on MLK	Pothole Resurfacing/patch needed	7/17/24					OPEN
47	Hobson City	MLK and Rock Quarry Rd intersection	Pothole Resurfacing/patch needed	7/17/24					OPEN
48	Hobson City	.04 miles on Rock Quarry Rd/MLK intersection on Rock Quarry Rd	Pothole Resurfacing/patch needed	7/17/24					OPEN
49	Oxford	Snow St and Hwy 78 intersection	Traffic light visibility issues	11/20/24					Open
50	Anniston	Lenlock Ln	Pedestrian safety, lack of sidewalks, lighting	11/20/24					Open

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	7,706
Dec	8,082	7,596	5,266	7,745	7,184	6,320	7,527
Jan	8,239	7,614	5,177	7,114	7,151	6,047	6,831
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
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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	382	148	17	83	104	40
December	363	165	28	69	135	27
January	371	165	31	75	98	46
February						
March						
April						
May						
June						
July						
August						
September						
2025 Avg./Mo.	1548	636	103	316	487	149
	387	159	26	79	122	37

MPO Fiscal Year 2025 Meeting Dates

TAC All meetings are at 10:00 AM	CAC All meetings are at 10:00 AM	MPO All meetings are at 11:00 AM
November 21	November 20	November 21
December meetings Cancelled		
January 16	January 15	January 16
February 27	February 26	February 27
March 20	March 19	March 20
April 17	April 16	April 17
May 22	May 21	May 22
June 19	June 18	June 19
July 17	July 16	July 17
August 21	August 20	August 21
September 18	September 17	September 18
October 16	October 15	October 16