

AGENDA
for the
Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
October 16, 2025
11:00 a.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Verification of Quorum
- III. Recognition of Guests
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Review and approve minutes from September 18, 2025
 - B. TBA
- V. New Business
 - A. FY2026 Chair and Vice-Chair Voting
 - B. Review FY 24-27 TIP Spreadsheet and Administrative Modifications
 - C. Resolution 886: Amend FY2026 UPWP to include MySidewalk subscription
 - D. Resolution 887: Adopt Performance Measures – PM1, PM2
 - E. Resolution 888: Move three projects to different Fiscal Years
 - F. Safety Observations
- VI. Other Business
 - A. Status Report of ALDOT Pre-Construction Projects
 - B. Status Report on Other Local Projects from ALDOT
 - C. Report on Urban Fixed Route and ADA Handicapped Transit Systems
 - D. Comments or Issues from Member Jurisdictions or Attendees
 - E. TBA
- VII. Next MPO Meeting – November 20, 2025
- VIII. Adjourn

**Calhoun Area MPO – Policy Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Date: September 18, 2025

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Called to Order: 11:02 a.m.

Presiding: Chairman Nick Bowles, Weaver

Members Present:

Josh Barkley	Jacksonville	Chris Gann	Calhoun County
Toby Bennington	Anniston	Rusty Gann	Oxford
Michael Bergh	ALDOT	Matt Hawes	Three Notch Group
Don Chappell	ALDOT	Lori Sokol	EARPDC
Branton Cole	Anniston	Katie Herzberg*	Sterling Companies
Calvin Cook	ALDOT	Shontrill Lowe*	FHWA
Steven Corley	ALDOT	*Virtual Participant	

Guests: Mr. Johnnie Phillips, CAC member and Hobson City representative

Staff: Elizabeth Wright, EARPDC/CAMPO

Quorum: ☒ Yes ☐ No

1. Welcome & Introductions

- a. The Chair called the meeting to order and verified quorum. Guests were recognized, including Mr. Johnnie Phillips from the Citizens Advisory Committee representing Hobson City.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes (August 21, 2025)

- a. **Motion:** Mr. Toby Bennington moved to approve the August 21, 2025 meeting minutes as presented.
Second: Mr. Josh Barkley.
Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

3. Old Business

- a. None.

4. Review of TIP Spreadsheet and Administrative Modifications

- a. Staff reviewed the FY2024–FY2027 TIP. Updates since the previous meeting included:
 - i. Cost increases approved by resolution in August.
 - ii. Administrative date adjustments within the same fiscal year.
 - iii. No new MPO-funded projects added.
 - iv. The MPO remains in deficit for FY2027 as currently programmed. Administrative modifications were informational only. No committee action required.

5. New Business

- a. Resolution 885 – Adoption of 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
 - i. Staff presented the final 2050 LRTP, prepared by Skipper Consulting with Sain Associates as subconsultant. A minor revision will remove two

previously listed multi-use path projects (Baltzell Gate and Coldwater Mountain /Mulberry Street) that were eliminated from the plan.

- ii. **Motion:** Mr. Toby Bennington moved to adopt Resolution 885 – *Calhoun Area MPO Adoption of the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan*.

Second: Mr. Steven Corley.

Discussion: Members commended the plan's quality and thanked the consultants and MPO staff for their efforts.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

b. Safety Observations

- i. Safety concerns raised by the Citizens Advisory Committee were discussed.
- ii. Streetlighting Requests: CAC members were advised to contact their respective city councils regarding lighting requests.
- iii. Speed Limit Concerns: No speed limit adjustments are currently being considered. TAC and ALDOT determined no studies are warranted at this time.

c. Staff Report on Preconstruction and Other Local Projects

- i. Updates were provided on the following projects:
 - 1. Friendship Road (Oxford)
 - a. Phase I: ROW agreement transmitted to ALDOT for signature; authorization pending.
 - b. Phase II & III: City evaluating combining phases to coordinate bridge work. A meeting will be held once the City finalizes its approach.
 - 2. Airport Road Bridge (Oxford)
 - a. Environmental document approved. Proceeding to ROW authorization and utility coordination.
 - 3. No significant changes were reported for other local projects.

d. Transit System Reports

- i. Staff presented ridership statistics for both fixed route and ADA paratransit services.
- ii. Fixed Route: Slight decrease from previous month but trending above early-year averages.
- iii. Paratransit: Continuing to trend near monthly averages. No issues were reported.

e. Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan (HSCTP)

- i. Staff presented the regionwide HSCTP developed for all EARPDC counties. The plan identifies transit providers, service gaps, needs, and strategies to improve mobility for elderly, disabled, and low-income residents.
- ii. The plan will be forwarded to the EARPDC Board for final approval next week. Printed copies are available upon request. No objections or revisions were made.

f. Bylaws Discussion

- i. Staff noted that bylaw revisions will be postponed until after the November to allow inclusion of any new elected officials.
- ii. Additionally, staff is planning a “Super Meeting” bringing together the MPO, TAC, and CAC members to review projects, clarify committee roles, and discuss membership vacancies. The meeting is tentatively planned for November or January, depending on member availability.

6. Comments and Issues from Member Jurisdictions

- a. No additional comments or reports were presented.

7. Next Meeting

- a. The next MPO Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in the EARPDC Conference Room.

8. Adjournment

- a. **Motion:** Mr. Toby Bennington moved to adjourn.
Second: Mrs. Lori Sokol.
Vote: Motion carried unanimously.
Adjourned at: 11:13 a.m.

October 2025 Administrative Modifications

That created changes on the TIP spreadsheet:

That did not create changes on the TIP spreadsheet:

LVOE Project Additions

Project : 100080852 Federal aid number : FTA3C TR26 County : CALHOUN Scope : TR
Project Description : SECTION 5339 BUS: CAPITAL SUPPORT EQUIP AND FACILITIES - 11.44.01
REHAB/RENOVATE - ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITY 7408-2025-2-P1 114-00 (114-) 2022
APPORTIONMENT
Urban Area : 254 ANNISTON
Target Start Date : 10/1/2025
Engineers Estimate : \$127,121.00

OTHER

Project : 100079355 (FM)
Federal aid number : NH-FMGR 0021 (586)
County : TALLADEGA
Project Description : RESURFACING SR-21 FROM CR-135 TO THE CALHOUN COUNTY LINE
Old Target start date : February 27, 2026
New Target start date : January 30, 2026

Resolution # 886

Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Task 1.1 MPO Administration – Inclusion of MySidewalk Subscription

WHEREAS, the Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the organization designated by the Governor of the State of Alabama as being responsible, together with the State of Alabama, for implementing the applicable provisions of 23 USC 134 and 135 (as amended by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation [FAST] Act, Sections 1201 and 1202, December 2015); 42 USC 2000d-1, 7401; 23 CFR 450 and 500; 40 CFR 51 and 93; and,

WHEREAS, the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) requires all urbanized areas, as established by the US Bureau of the Census, to conduct area-wide transportation planning, and the designated planning organization to submit a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as a condition for meeting the provisions of Title 23 USC 134; and,

WHEREAS, consistent with the declaration of these provisions, the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission (EARPDC), as staff to the MPO, in cooperation with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) Local Transportation Bureau, has prepared a Unified Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2026; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to its duties, functions, and responsibilities, the Calhoun Area MPO proposes to allocate up to \$8,000 from Task 1.1 – MPO Administration to renew the subscription license for the **MySidewalk** data and visualization platform;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby amends the Fiscal Year 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as indicated above.

Passed and adopted this 16th day of October 2025.

Nick Bowles, Chairman
City of Weaver

ATTEST:

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

Resolution #887

Adoption and Support of Statewide Performance Measurement Targets: Safety (PM1) and Bridge/Pavement (PM2)

WHEREAS, federal regulations require that the Metropolitan Transportation Plans (MTPs) and Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) include System Performance Measurement Targets for urbanized areas; and

WHEREAS, the Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), has reviewed the requirement to adopt Performance Measurement Targets for use in the transportation planning and programming process as required by 23 CFR 490.105; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Transportation has established the following statewide performance targets for Safety (PM1) and Bridge/Pavement (PM2) performance measures, as shown below:

ALDOT Performance Measures & Targets for Reporting Years 2024 & 2026

FHWA Annual Targets - Safety Performance Measures (PM1) (Annual Targets)	Baseline 2022	Calendar Year Targets 2025	Calendar Year Targets 2026
Number of Fatalities	970	1000	1000
Rate of Fatalities (per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled)	1.392	1.400	1.400
Number of Serious Injuries	6817	6300	6200
Rate of Serious Injuries (per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled)	10.510	9.800	9.800
Number of Non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries	362	400	400
FHWA Bridge/Pavement Performance Measures (PM2)	Baseline 2022	2-Year Target 2024	4-Year Target 2026
% Of Pavements of the Interstate System in Good Condition	71.8%	>50.0%	>50.0%
% Of Pavements of the Interstate System in Poor Condition	1.2%	<5.0%	<5.0%
% Of Pavements of the Non-Interstate NHS in Good Condition	36.9%	>25.0%	>25.0%
% Of Pavements of the Non-Interstate NHS in Poor Condition	2.6%	<5.0%	<5.0%
% Of NHS Bridges in Good Condition by deck area	27.3%	≥25.0%	≥20.0%
% Of NHS Bridges in Poor Condition by deck area	0.5%	≤3.0%	≤3.0%

Adjusted 4-year targets are highlighted in yellow.

WHEREAS, the ALDOT requires the Calhoun Area MPO to implement a performance-based approach to planning and programming activities and to indicate its support of these Performance Measures and Targets within the MPO's urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), at its meeting held on October 15, 2025, and the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) at its meeting held on October 16, 2025, reviewed the proposed performance measures and targets and determined that their adoption is in the best interest of the Calhoun Area MPO region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby adopts and supports the aforementioned Statewide Performance Measures and Targets for Safety (PM1) and Bridge/Pavement (PM2), as established by the Alabama Department of Transportation. Adopted this 16th day of October 2025.

Councilman Nick Bowles, Chairman
City of Weaver

ATTEST:

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

Resolution # 888

Amending the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to move
Three (3) project to different Fiscal Years

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 Calhoun Area MPO requests to move the following one (1) project to new fiscal year in order to complete this project in coordination with the existing DEMO A219 project 100079878 - RESURFACING ON CR-109 FROM SR-202 TO MORRISVILLE ROAD WITH INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS (LEFT AND RIGHT TURN LANES AND SIGNAL UPGRADE) AT OLD COLDWATER ROAD, EULATON GATE ROAD AND GATE 8 ROAD:

- Project: 100078096 (CN)
Project Description: RESURFACING ON CR-109 (BYNUM LEATHERWOOD ROAD) FROM MORRISVILLE RD TO SR-202
Old Target Start Date: April 30, 2027
New Target Start Date: April 30, 2026

WHEREAS, the Calhoun Area MPO requests to move the following two projects to new fiscal years in order to further constrain the FY26 planned projects:

- Project: 100070250 (CN)
Project Description: Friendship Road Widening and Bridge Replacement Phase I
Old Target Start Date: 8/28/2026
New Target Start Date: 8/28/2027
- Project: 100070257 (CN)
Project Description: Friendship Road Widening and Bridge Replacement Phase II
Old Target Start Date: 7/31/2026
New Target Start Date: 7/31/2027

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 project as indicated above.
Passed and adopted this 16th day of October 2025.

Councilman Nick Bowles, Chairman
City of Weaver

ATTEST:

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

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	03/20/25	✓	✓	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. Update March 2025: Not currently on their radar but Oxford will investigate this.	OPEN
6	Anniston	Henry Road intersection at the Bypass	Addition of street lighting	11/14/18	03/20/25	✓	✓	The City of Anniston has submitted a formal lighting evaluation request with ALDOT. Update March 2025: ALDOT Local District is open to any plans the city wants to submit. The council member who brought this forward is no longer on the council, and it is no longer a priority for any sitting council member to approach the MPO or allocate any city funding.	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

Item #	Jurisdiction	Location	Suggestion	Date-Original	Date-Recent	TAC	MPO	Response	Status
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
26	Jacksonville	204/Nesbit Lake Rd intersection	Increased safety measures	11/17/21	03/20/25	✓	✓	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. Update March 2025: ALDOT has plans for some work to be done on 204, including widening and the possibility of signalizing that intersection and adding a hawk signal to the Chief Ladiga Trail crossing.	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

Safety Observations

Item #	Jurisdiction	Location	Suggestion	Date-Original	Date-Recent	TAC	MPO	Response	Status
51	Calhoun County	431 from the intersection of Pelham Lane to Hwy 144	Reduce speed limit from 65mph to 55mph	5/21/25		✓		ALDOT will do a speed study if requested, but a posted speed limit will not slow down drivers. Local authorities will need to enforce the speed limit to see improvement. Local officials did not request a study.	Re-Opened
52	Anniston/Calhoun County	All areas of Hwy 202 with 55mph speed limit	Increase speed limit from 55mph to 65 mph	5/21/25		✓		ALDOT will do a speed study if requested. Traffic was studied in a recent project in this area and no change was determined necessary. Local officials did not request a study.	Re-Opened
53	Anniston	AL-21 and Iron Mountain Rd	Street Lighting	9/17/2025					NEW
54	Oxford	Coleman Rd and US-78	18-wheelers making the turn from or on to Coleman Rd. do not have enough space and sometimes cause cross traffic to miss their green light	9/17/2025					

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	340	158	25	93	110	47
March	368	183	31	96	166	40
April	415	158	44	137	150	70
May	420	143	47	102	160	74
June	372	159	41	156	149	42
July	372	141	47	167	168	58
August	374	130	53	191	170	62
September	360	125	44	205	160	68
2025 Avg./Mo.	4569 381	1833 153	435 36	1463 122	1720 143	610 51

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	7,784
Mar	8,979	7,185	5,512	8,757	8,230	7,292	7,680
Apr	9,045	4,285	6,263	8,965	7,090	6,660	7,925
May	8,774	5,141	6,498	9,012	7,509	6,927	8,001
Jun	7,993	5,852	7,197	10,500	6,979	6,347	7,369
Jul	8,626	6,160	7,836	9,141	6,648	7,627	8,722
Aug	9,314	6,111	7,771	10,763	7,573	8,546	8,346
Sep	7,868	5,923	8,019	10,645	7,046	6,903	8,395

MPO Fiscal Year 2026 Meeting Dates

CAC All meetings are at 10:00 AM (unless noted otherwise)	TAC All meetings are at 10:00 AM (unless noted otherwise)	MPO All meetings are at 11:00 AM (unless noted otherwise)
October 15	October 16	October 16
November 19	November 20	November 20
December 17	December 18	December 18
January 14	January 15	January 15
February 18	February 19	February 19
March 18	March 19	March 19
April 15	April 16	April 16
May 20	May 21	May 21
June 17	June 18	June 18
July 15	July 16	July 16
August 19	August 20	August 20
September 16	September 17	September 17