

AGENDA
for the
Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
April 16, 2026
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 December 18, 2025
 - B. Ratification of Resolution 890: Increase CN Funds for Project #100077649
Widening and Pedestrian Improvements along SR-204 from Nisbet Lake Road to SR-21
 - C. TBA
- V. New Business
 - A. Review FY 24-27 TIP Spreadsheet and Administrative Modifications
 - B. Resolution 891: Amend the FY 24–27 TIP to Remove the Bynum-Leatherwood Rd Project and Reallocate Funding to the Old Gadsden Hwy Project
 - C. Resolution 892: Amend the FY 26 UPWP to add FY 25 Rollover Funds
 - D. Resolution 893: ADA Para-Transit Implementation Plan
 - E. 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. Calhoun Area MPO Title VI Program Update
 - E. FY 28-31 TIP Project Discussion
 - F. Comments or Issues from Member Jurisdictions or Attendees
 - G. TBA
- VII. Next MPO Meeting – June 18, 2026
- VIII. Adjourn

Calhoun Area MPO – Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: December 18, 2025

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Called to Order: 11:02 a.m.

Presiding: Chairman Jeff Clendenning, Weaver

Members Present:

Josh Barkley	Jacksonville	Chris Gann	Calhoun County
Michael Bergh	ALDOT	Jeff Hughes	Weaver
Greg Bomar	Sain Associates	Aaron Norris	Anniston
Stanley Carr	Jacksonville	Rodney McCain	Calhoun County
Lewis Downing	Anniston	Shontrill Lowe*	FHWA
Gillian Farmer	EARPDC	Albertha McCrory	Hobson City
Ken Free	Anniston	*Virtual Participant	

Staff: Elizabeth Wright, EARPDC/CAMPO

Quorum: ☒ Yes ☐ No

1. Welcome & Introductions

- a. The Chair called the meeting to order and verified quorum. Due to several new faces in attendance, the Chair requested introductions. The Chair acknowledged the passing of Fred Denney and offered a prayer for the Denney family.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes (November 20, 2025)

- a. **Motion:** Ms. Albertha McCrory
Second: Mr. Lewis Downing
Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

3. Old Business

- a. None.

4. Review of TIP Spreadsheet and Administrative Modifications

- a. Staff reviewed the FY 2024–FY 2027 TIP spreadsheet and administrative modifications.
 - i. The only change reflected in the TIP spreadsheet was a reduction for Friendship Road Phase I (right-of-way estimate reduced from approximately \$342,000 to \$132,000).
 - ii. Remaining listed items were non-MPO-funded projects within the MPO boundary and were provided for informational purposes only.
 - iii. No action was required.

5. New Business

- a. Resolution 889 – Adoption of Revised MPO Bylaws
 - i. Staff presented Resolution 889 for consideration and noted:
 1. The required review period was completed.
 2. The revised bylaws move the MPO committees to an every-other-month meeting schedule and stagger committee meetings across

different weeks (rather than TAC immediately preceding the Policy Committee on the same day).

3. **Motion:** Mr. Eric Wright

Second: Mr. Josh Barkley

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

b. Safety Observations

- i. Staff provided an update on safety observations previously discussed with the CAC.
- ii. No new safety observations were presented.
- iii. Previously discussed items were being removed from the active list due to a lack of funding and/or a lack of city council support.
- iv. Staff noted items may be brought back forward if additional support or funding becomes available.

c. Staff Report on Preconstruction and Other Local Projects

- i. Oxford Projects (City of Oxford) – Update Provided by Rusty Gann
 - 1. Friendship Road Phase I: Funding agreement has been received.
 - 2. Airport Road Bridge Replacement: FHWA approved a PE extension; work is resuming, and the City is working to expedite progress.
 - 3. Friendship Road Phase II/III: The City is pursuing a scope revision to remove a bridge component; additional detail expected after the first of the year.
 - 4. Discussion included clarification that Phase I status indicators in the packet may need adjustment to reflect that the project is not yet authorized to proceed, despite receipt of a funding agreement. Next steps noted included right-of-way authorization and submission to ALDOT's Office Engineer.
- ii. No significant changes were reported for other local projects.

d. Transit System Reports

- i. Fixed Route: November ridership decreased compared to October but is consistent with historical seasonal trends.
- ii. ADA Paratransit: Ridership also declined slightly but remains near recent averages.

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 February 19, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in the EARPDC Conference Room.

8. Adjournment

- a. **Motion:** Mr. Lewis Downing

Second: Mr. Chris Gann

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned at: 11:18 a.m.

Resolution # 890
Amendment to the FY 2024–2027 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
Increase in Construction (CN) Funding for ALDOT Project #100077649
SR-204 Widening and Pedestrian Improvements (Nisbet Lake Road to SR-21)

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, Project #100077649, Widening and Pedestrian Improvements Along SR-204 from Nisbet Lake Road to SR-21, is an Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) administered project included in the adopted TIP; and

WHEREAS, this project does not utilize MPO-programmed funds, but is included in the TIP to ensure regional planning consistency and federal compliance; and

WHEREAS, ALDOT has identified a significant increase in construction (CN) costs for this project and has requested MPO action to amend the TIP to reflect the revised funding amount; and

WHEREAS, federal transportation planning regulations require MPO approval of TIP amendments when project scope, schedule, or cost changes exceed established thresholds, regardless of the funding source;

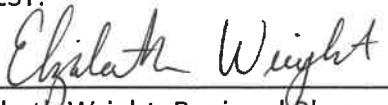
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby amends the FY 2024–2027 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) to reflect the revised construction funding for ALDOT Project #100077649 as follows:

Project Number	Project Start Date	Current Allocation	New Allocation
100077649	4/24/2026	\$8,959,128	\$10,431,936

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this amendment is administrative in nature, reflects updated project costs, and does not alter project scope, location, or funding responsibility, nor does it obligate MPO funds. Passed and adopted via expedited action pursuant to Section 6.5(4) of the MPO Bylaws this 26th day of February 2026.


Honorable Jeff Clendenning, Chairman
City of Weaver

ATTEST:


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

February 2026 Administrative Modifications

That created changes on the TIP spreadsheet:

Project : 100064889 (UT)
Federal aid number : STPSU 0815 (260)
County : CALHOUN
Project Description : BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON AIRPORT ROAD AT COLDWATER CREEK
BIN # 11215 CITY OF OXFORD, GRADE, DRAIN, BASE, PAVE AND BRIDGE
Old Target start date : August 01, 2026
New Target start date : November 01, 2026

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 : June 01, 2026
New Target start date : November 01, 2026

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 : July 01, 2026
New Target start date : February 01, 2027

Project : 100070257 (CN)
Federal aid number : STPSU 0819
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 : September 25, 2026
New Target start date : April 30, 2027

That did not create changes on the TIP spreadsheet:

Project : 100064888 (RW)
Federal aid number : STPSU 0815 (260)
County : CALHOUN

Project Description : BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON AIRPORT ROAD AT COLDWATER CREEK
BIN # 11215 CITY OF OXFORD, GRADE, DRAIN, BASE, PAVE AND BRIDGE
Old Target start date : June 01, 2026
New Target start date : September 01, 2026

LVOE Project Additions

OTHER

Project : 100077649 (CN)
Federal aid number : STPAA 0204 (516)
County : CALHOUN
Project Description : WIDENING AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS ALONG SR-204 FROM
NISBET LAKE ROAD TO SR-21
Old Target start date : March 27, 2026
New Target start date : April 24, 2026

Project : 100079355 (FM)
Federal aid number : NH-FMGR 0021 (586)
County : TALLADEGA
Project Description : RESURFACING, GUARDRAIL, GUARDRAIL END ANCHORS, AND
BRIDGE GUARDRAIL RETROFIT ON SR-21 FROM CR-135(MCINTOSH RD) TO THE
CALHOUN COUNTY LINE
Old Engineers Estimate : \$3,410,762.00
New Engineers Estimate : \$3,023,167.65

April 2026 Administrative Modifications

That created changes on the TIP spreadsheet:

Project : 100070250 (CN)

Federal aid number : STPSU 0819

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 : August 28, 2026

New Target start date : December 04, 2026

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, 2026

New Target start date : August 01, 2026

LVOE Project Additions

Project : 100077071 (TR)

Federal aid number : FTA9 TR26

County : CALHOUN

Project Description : LEVEL OF EFFORT - SECTION 5307, ARP - MOBILE (APPT. FY 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019)

Old Engineers Estimate : \$1,626,588.00

New Engineers Estimate : \$8,355,784.00

Project : 100077072 (TR)

Federal aid number : FTA9 TR27

County : CALHOUN

Project Description : LEVEL OF EFFORT - SECTION 5307 - ANNISTON (APPT. FY 2025)

Old Engineers Estimate : \$1,626,588.00

New Engineers Estimate : \$1,683,355.00

OTHER

Project : 100077649 (CN)

Federal aid number : STPAA 0204 (516)

County : CALHOUN

Project Description : WIDENING AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS ALONG SR-204 FROM NISBET LAKE ROAD TO SR-21

Old Target start date : April 24, 2026

New Target start date : May 29, 2026

Project : 100081119 (CN)

Federal aid number : TAPAA T26 (917)

County : CALHOUN

Project Description : PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG SR-21 (PELHAM ROAD) FROM COLLEGE STREET TO SR-204 (NISBET STREET) AT JASCKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

Old Target start date : September 15, 2026

New Target start date : November 15, 2026

Project : 100081236 (FM)

Federal aid number : NH-FMGR 0021 (589)

County : TALLADEGA

Project Description : RESURFACING, GUARDRAIL, GUARDRAIL END ANCHORS, AND BRIDGE GUARDRAIL RETROFIT ON SR-21 FROM PRIEBES MILL ROAD TO CR-135 (MCINTOSH ROAD)

Old Engineers Estimate : \$3,364,369.00

New Engineers Estimate : \$3,389,638.58

Project Information :

Project : 100081506 Federal aid number : ST-008-000-014 County : CALHOUN Scope : SP

Project Description : CORRIDOR STUDY ALONG LEON SMITH PARKWAY FROM CHOCCOLOCCO CREEK TO JUST NORTH OF SR-4 (US-78) IN THE CITY OF OXFORD

Urban Area : 254 ANNISTON

Target Start Date : 3/1/2026

Engineers Estimate : \$300,000.00

RESOLUTION #891

Amend the FY2024–2027 TIP to Remove Project #100078096 Resurfacing on CR-109 (Bynum Leatherwood Rd.) from Morrisville Rd. to SR-202 and Reallocate Funding to Project #100078095 Old Gadsden Highway Resurfacing from Railroad Ave to Hwy 431

WHEREAS, the Calhoun Area MPO has adopted its FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on August 17, 2023 by Resolution #857; and

WHEREAS, the Calhoun Area MPO has programmed funding for the Bynum-Leatherwood Road project within the FY2024–2027 TIP; and

WHEREAS, Calhoun County has secured alternative funding through Congressionally Directed Spending (earmark) for the Bynum-Leatherwood Road project, eliminating the need for MPO-programmed funds; and

WHEREAS, the removal of MPO funding from the Bynum-Leatherwood Road project allows those funds to be reallocated to other priority projects within the MPO; and

WHEREAS, the Calhoun Area MPO proposes to reallocate these funds to the Old Gadsden Highway project to support its advancement; and

WHEREAS, said actions will result in the following changes to the FY2024–2027 TIP:

Project #100078096

Resurfacing on CR-109 (Bynum-Leatherwood Road) from Morrisville Rd. to SR-202

Current Allocation | New Allocation

CN: \$1,030,301 | \$0

Project #100078095

Old Gadsden Highway Resurfacing from Railroad Ave to Hwy 431

Current Allocation | New Allocation

CN: \$612,060 | \$1,642,361

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Calhoun Area MPO hereby amends the FY 2024–2027 TIP to remove MPO funding from Project #100078096 and reallocate those funds to Project #100078095 as indicated above.

ADOPTED this 16th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

Councilman Jeff Hughes, Vice-Chairman
City of Weaver

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

RESOLUTION #892

Amending the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to Add FY 2025 Rollover Funds

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), 23 CFR 450, and other applicable federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) requires all urbanized areas to conduct a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process and to develop a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); and

WHEREAS, consistent with these requirements, the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission (EARPDC), as staff to the MPO, in cooperation with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), has prepared the FY 2026 UPWP; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its duties, functions, and responsibilities, the Calhoun Area MPO has remaining FY 2025 federal planning (PL) funds available for rollover in the amount of \$340,503, with a corresponding local match of \$85,126, as reflected in the amended UPWP budget tables;

WHEREAS, the MPO proposes to amend the FY 2026 UPWP to incorporate these rollover funds to support ongoing planning activities and future project development; and

WHEREAS, the allocation of FY 2025 rollover funds (combined federal and local totals) within the FY 2026 UPWP is summarized as follows:

- Task 1.1 MPO Administration: \$20,000
- Task 1.2 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP): \$6,000
- Task 1.3 Education and Training: \$10,000
- Task 1.4 Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP): \$2,500
- Task 2.0 Data Collection and Analysis: \$40,000
- Task 3.2 Public Participation Plan (PPP): \$2,500
- Task 3.3 Title VI: \$2,000
- Task 5.1 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP): \$3,500
- Task 5.2 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): \$3,500
- Task 6.3 Future Planning Activities: \$335,629; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Calhoun Area MPO hereby amends the Fiscal Year 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to incorporate FY 2025 rollover funds as indicated above.

ADOPTED this 16th day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

Councilman Jeff Hughes, Vice-Chairman
City of Weaver

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

2026 ADA PARATRANSIT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

PURPOSE

The ADA Paratransit Plan ensures compliance with the **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)** by providing complementary transportation service for individuals unable to use fixed-route transit.

SYSTEM OVERVIEW

- Operated by **EARPDC** through the Areawide Community Transportation System (ACTS)
 - Includes:
 - 4 fixed routes (North, South, East, West)
 - ADA complementary paratransit
 - Rural demand response service
- Annual Ridership:**
- Fixed Route: ~94,700 trips
 - Paratransit/Demand Response: ~10,000 trips

ADA SERVICE REQUIREMENTS (FTA)

ACTS meets all federal ADA requirements:

- Service within **¾ mile of fixed routes**
- **Next-day service availability**
- **Comparable fares and hours**
- **No trip purpose restrictions**
- **No capacity constraints**

PARATRANSIT SERVICE DETAILS

Service Area:

- Required ADA corridor plus expanded coverage across Calhoun County

Service Hours:

- Monday–Friday: 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM
- Saturday: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Fare:

- \$1.00 per trip (same as fixed route)
- Personal Care Attendants ride free

Reservations:

- Must be made at least **one day in advance**
- No same-day service

Fleet:

- 6 lift-equipped ADA vehicles

ELIGIBILITY & USERS

- Must meet ADA eligibility criteria (inability to use fixed-route service)
- Application + medical certification required

Approved Riders:

- Anniston: 1,013
- Jacksonville: 396
- Oxford: 232
- Weaver: 48
- Hobson City: 15

KEY SERVICE POLICIES

- **Pickup Window:** 30 minutes
- **Driver Assistance:** Limited, non-medical
- **Guests:** 1 allowed (additional based on space)
- **Subscription Trips:** Limited to 50% of capacity
- **Cancellations:** ≥1 hour prior to trip

FUNDING & BUDGET

- Funded through **FTA Section 5307** with local match:
 - 50% operations
 - 20% capital
- FY 2026 Operating Budget: **\$1.24 million**
- Projected annual increase: **0.75%**

DEMAND & OUTLOOK

- ~26,400 residents with disabilities in Calhoun County
- Demand for service is **expected to grow**

OVERSIGHT & PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

- **Transit Advisory Board (TAB)** and **Paratransit Advisory Committee (PAC)** meet monthly
- Ongoing outreach through:
 - Public meetings and hearings
 - Website and printed materials
 - Coordination with local agencies

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Fully **ADA compliant** system
- **Expanded service area** beyond minimum requirements
- **Consistent and equitable service standards**
- **Increasing demand** will require continued funding support
- No major service issues identified

RESOLUTION #893

Certification of the FY 2026 ADA Para-Transit Implementation Plan Update

WHEREAS, the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission (EARPDC) has updated and developed a FY 2026 ADA Para-Transit Implementation Plan for the urbanized area of Calhoun County; and

WHEREAS, the draft plan has been provided to the ACTS Transit Advisory Board (TAB) for review and comment; and public comments were solicited through published notices in *The Anniston Star* on December 20, 2025 and December 27, 2025 announcing the availability of the draft document; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 13, 2026 to receive public review and comment on the draft plan; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Calhoun Area MPO hereby certifies that it has reviewed the draft FY 2026 ADA Para-Transit Implementation Plan prepared by the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission as required under 49 CFR 37.139(j) and finds it to be in conformance with the transportation plan developed under 49 CFR Part 613 and 23 CFR Part 450 (the FTA/FHWA joint planning regulation). This certification is valid for one year.

ADOPTED this 16th day of April 2026.

Councilman Jeff Hughes, Vice-Chairman
City of Weaver

ATTEST:

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

Fixed-Route Ridership

	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26
Oct	8,871	5,541	7,679	7,483	7,033	8,450	9,560
Nov	7,665	5,425	7,272	7,024	6,404	7,706	7,275
Dec	7,596	5,266	7,745	7,184	6,320	7,527	8,353
Jan	7,614	5,177	7,114	7,151	6,047	6,831	7,181
Feb	7,262	4,773	7,305	7,301	7,234	7,784	7,473
Mar	7,185	5,512	8,757	8,230	7,292	7,680	
Apr	4,285	6,263	8,965	7,090	6,660	7,925	
May	5,141	6,498	9,012	7,509	6,927	8,001	
Jun	5,852	7,197	10,500	6,979	6,347	7,369	
Jul	6,160	7,836	9,141	6,648	7,627	8,722	
Aug	6,111	7,771	10,763	7,573	8,546	8,346	
Sep	5,923	8,019	10,645	7,046	6,903	8,395	

2025 Avg./Mo.	381	153	36	122	143	51
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ADA Paratransit Ridership						
Fiscal Year 2025-2026	Anniston	Jacksonville	Weaver	Oxford	Section 5307 CC Urban	Section 5311 CC Rural
October	365	116	35	186	153	49
November	314	87	37	128	146	55
December	392	102	56	161	141	55
January	328	103	62	162	110	45
February	352	118	76	117	86	176
March						
April						
May						
June						
July						
August						
September						
2026 Avg./Mo.	350	105	53	151	127	76

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
February 4	February 12	February 19
April 1	April 8	April 16
June 3	June 10	June 18
August 5	August 12	August 20