

AGENDA
for the
Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Thursday, August 20, 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 June 18, 2026
 - B. TBA
- V. New Business
 - A. Title VI Audit Review
 - B. Review FY 24-27 TIP Spreadsheet and Administrative Modifications
 - C. Resolution 895: Amending the 2050 LRTP and FY 2024-2027 TIP to Add Two Carbon Reduction Projects
 - D. Resolution 897: Adopting the FY2027 UPWP
 - E. Resolution 898: FY 2024 – 2027 STIP/TIP Amendments
 - F. 2028-2031 TIP Project List
 - G. 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 – Thursday, October 29, 2026
- VIII. Adjourn

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

Date: Thursday, June 18, 2026

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Called to Order: 11:04 a.m.

Presiding: Mayor Jeff Clendenning, Chairman

Members/Proxies Present:

Wiley Brooks	ALDOT	Rodney McCain	Calhoun County
Stanley Carr	Jacksonville	Aaron Norris	Anniston
Branton Cole	Anniston	Justin Rush	Calhoun County
Steven Corley	ALDOT	Eric Wright	EARPDC
Rusty Gann	Oxford	*Alberta McCrory	Hobson City
Jeff Hughes	Weaver	*Phill Gardner	Oxford
Pamela Johnson	Jacksonville	*Virtual Participant	

Guests: Jeff Stephenson, Sain Associates

*Jana Monday, Three Notch Group

*Katie Herzberg, Sterling

*Virtual Participant

Staff: Elizabeth Wright, EARPDC

Quorum: ☒ Yes ☐ No

1. Welcome & Introductions

a.

2. Old Business

a. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (April 16, 2026)

i. **Motion:** Mr. Branton Cole made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Second: Mr. Rusty Gann seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

3. New Business

a. Review of TIP Spreadsheet and Administrative Modifications

i. Staff reviewed administrative modifications to the FY 2024–2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

ii. Changes affecting the TIP spreadsheet included:

1. Friendship Road Phase III was moved to October 2026, placing the project activity in FY 2027.
2. Construction funding for the Old Gadsden Highway resurfacing project was increased in accordance with action taken through Resolution #891 at the previous meeting.

iii. Other administrative modifications that did not change the TIP spreadsheet included schedule changes for:

1. Airport Road right-of-way date moved forward.

2. Anniston bicycle lane striping and possible two-foot shoulder widening on South Noble Street and Chestnut Street date moved forward.
 3. Friendship Road Phase II right-of-way, utilities, and construction dates moved forward.
 4. Friendship Road Phase III utilities date moved forward.
- iv. Staff noted that the Friendship Road Phase II construction target date had been moved to September 24, 2027, placing it very near the end of FY 2027 and making a future shift into FY 2028 increasingly likely.
 - v. Several Section 5307 transit level-of-effort projects were also added to ALDOT's project management system.
 - vi. Staff further noted several schedule changes to projects located within the MPO planning area that do not use MPO funding.

b. Oxford Project Cost Overruns

- i. Staff discussed cost overruns associated with the Oxford Barry Street/US-78 intersection improvement project. The project is nearing closeout, and approximately \$518,000 in overruns across project phases had been identified.
- ii. The MPO has been asked whether it wishes to use MPO funds to cover the overruns. If the MPO declines, the City of Oxford would be responsible for the additional costs.
- iii. Staff explained that the overruns were already reflected in the current TIP spreadsheet. The FY 2027 funding balance was therefore already showing the effect of covering those costs.
- iv. The Committee discussed shifting the approximately \$3.7 million Friendship Road Phase II construction project from FY 2027 into FY 2028. Staff noted that moving the project to a later fiscal year would include the customary inflation adjustment but would also restore fiscal constraint in FY 2027.
- v. Oxford representatives indicated no objection to moving the Friendship Road Phase II construction phase to FY 2028 and covering the identified overruns.
- vi. Because no resolution had been prepared and the matter had not yet completed the appropriate committee process, the Committee did not take formal action. A straw poll indicated general support for covering the overruns.

c. Resolution 894 – Removal of Anniston CRP Project

- i. Staff presented Resolution #894 to remove the Anniston/Oxford Share the Road project on South Noble Street and Chestnut Street from the Carbon Reduction Program.
- ii. City of Anniston representatives explained that the project originally contemplated resurfacing and development of bicycle accommodations along the corridor. Further coordination with ALDOT determined that additional separation and right-of-way requirements would substantially

increase project costs. Uncertain right-of-way between the City and Norfolk Southern further complicated project development.

iii. The estimated cost had increased beyond available funding, and the City requested that the project be removed.

iv. **Motion:** Mr. Branton Cole made a motion to approve the resolution as presented.

Second: Mr. Rodney McCain seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

d. Resolution 896 – FY 2024–2027 STIP/TIP Amendments

i. Staff presented Resolution #896 to amend the FY 2024–2027 STIP/TIP to include several projects that do not use MPO-attributable funds but are located within the MPO planning area.

ii. Projects included:

1. Preliminary engineering and construction for extending left-turn lanes on SR-21 at 10th Street and 11th Street in Anniston.
2. Resurfacing of nine streets within the City of Hobson City.
3. Preliminary engineering and construction for pipe rehabilitation along I-20 from the St. Clair County line to the Georgia state line.

iii. City of Anniston representatives explained that the SR-21 turn-lane improvements are supported through an ATRIP-II award. The City plans to fully fund preliminary engineering, estimated at approximately \$380,000, as its contribution toward the project, while the grant will support construction.

iv. Staff noted that Hobson City's resurfacing project is supported through a Rebuild Alabama Annual Grant.

v. **Motion:** Mr. Branton Cole made a motion to approve the resolution as presented.

Second: Mr. Rusty Gann seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

e. Review of Draft FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program

i. Staff presented the draft FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and announced the initiation of the required public review process.

ii. The review period began with the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting earlier in June and will continue through the summer. Staff expects to present a resolution adopting the FY 2027 UPWP at the August meeting.

iii. Staff explained that several tasks had been reorganized from prior UPWPs to better reflect anticipated planning work. ALDOT had also requested that tasks with no anticipated activity or expenditures not continue to carry unnecessary funding.

iv. A new Local Technical Assistance task was added to support Staff assistance to member governments with grant development, planning studies, and similar technical assistance.

- v. Committee members were asked to review the draft and provide comments or requested revisions before final adoption.

f. Jacksonville Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

- i. Staff also discussed the federal requirement to dedicate a portion of PL funding toward Complete Streets and active transportation planning.
- ii. The FY 2026 UPWP includes Complete Streets funding that has not yet been assigned to a specific project. Similar funding is included in the proposed FY 2027 UPWP.
- iii. Staff reported ongoing coordination with the City of Jacksonville regarding development of a citywide bicycle and pedestrian plan. Complete Streets planning funds are 100% federally funded, meaning the City would not be responsible for a local match for the planning effort.
- iv. With general support from the Committee, Staff will continue coordinating with Jacksonville, obtain consultant scope and cost information, and return with any necessary UPWP amendment or authorization.

g. Carbon Reduction Program Projects

- i. Staff presented two potential Carbon Reduction Program projects for consideration.
- ii. **Anniston – Chief Ladiga Trail Spur to Regional Training Center**
 - 1. City of Anniston representatives described a proposed conversion of an existing abandoned railroad spur extending from the Chief Ladiga Trail to the Anniston Regional Training Center.
 - 2. The proposed trail spur would provide direct trail access for trainees using the Chief Ladiga Trail for physical training and would improve emergency access from the Training Center to the trail. The City owns the corridor, and access into the secured Training Center would be controlled separately by the Fire Department.
- iii. **Oxford – Traffic Signal Modernization**
 - 1. Oxford representatives described proposed modernization of traffic signals within the City.
 - 2. Improvements would include upgraded signal equipment, battery backup systems, improved monitoring capabilities, and technology intended to improve signal operations and emergency-vehicle preemption.
- iv. Staff reported that sufficient Carbon Reduction Program funding is currently available to support both proposed projects.
- v. Both projects would require amendments to the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan and FY 2024–2027 TIP. Public involvement would also be required before adoption.
- vi. The Committee expressed support for Staff moving forward with the amendment process. Both projects are anticipated to be programmed in

FY 2027, with formal resolutions expected at the August meeting following completion of public involvement.

h. Safety Observations

- i. No new safety observations were received.
- ii. Staff reported that the Citizens Advisory Committee again expressed interest in street lighting along US-431 at Henry Road.
- iii. Staff reiterated that the project cannot advance without a local government sponsor and an identified funding source. Committee members noted that the issue is primarily one of available funding rather than opposition to the proposed improvement.

4. Other Business

a. Staff Report on Preconstruction and Other Local Projects

- i. No detailed ALDOT preconstruction report was available during the meeting.
- ii. The Committee briefly discussed ongoing work along SR-21 and interest in completion of permanent pavement striping.
- iii. No additional project status updates were provided.

b. Transit Systems Report

- i. Staff reviewed fixed-route and ADA paratransit ridership.
- ii. Fixed-route ridership remained generally steady, with 8,131 trips reported for April.
- iii. Staff noted continued increases in ADA paratransit use across several jurisdictions. The City of Weaver showed one of the more significant increases, rising from a 2025 monthly average of approximately 36 trips to a 2026 average of approximately 55 trips, with 68 trips reported in April.
- iv. Jacksonville's average had declined, while Anniston, Oxford, Section 5307 Urban, and Section 5311 Rural services generally showed increases compared with prior averages.

5. Comments and Issues from Member Jurisdictions

- a. No comments were made.

6. Next Meeting: Thursday, August 20, 2026

7. Adjournment

- a. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made.
 - i. **Motion:** Mr. Branton Cole made a motion to adjourn.
 - ii. **Second:** Mr. Rusty Gann seconded the motion.
 - iii. **Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.
 - iv. **Adjourned at:** 11:27 a.m.

April 2026 Administrative Modifications

That created changes on the TIP spreadsheet:

Project : 100078095
Federal aid number : STPSU 0826 (250)
County : CALHOUN
Project Description : RESURFACING ON OLD GADSDEN HIGHWAY FROM SR-1 (US-431) TO SHAW STREET
Urban Area : 254 ANNISTON
Current Funding : \$1,642,361.00 Requested Funding : \$888,764.88
Reason for Request : decrease construction (adjust contract prices)

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

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 : December 04, 2026
New Target start date : March 26, 2027

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

Project : 100070269 (UT)
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 : November 01, 2026

New Target start date : December 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 Engineers Estimate : \$10,431,936.00

New Engineers Estimate : \$10,891,090.37

Project : 100079878 (CN)

Federal aid number : DEMO A219 (958)

County : CALHOUN

Project Description : RESURFACING ON CR-109 (BYNUM-LEATHERWOOD ROAD)
FROM SR-202 TO MORRISVILLE ROAD WITH INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS (LEFT
AND RIGHT TURN LANES) AT OLD COLDWATER ROAD, EULATON GATE ROAD AND
GATE 8 ROAD

Old Engineers Estimate : \$4,545,000.00

New Engineers Estimate : \$4,500,000.00

Project : 100080721 (RW)

Federal aid number : HSIP 0004 (553)

County : TALLADEGA

Project Description : INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS (ROUNDBOUT) ON SR-4
(US-78) AND JOHN N WILLS AVE (MUDD ST)

Old Target start date : September 01, 2026

New Target start date : December 01, 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 Target start date : November 06, 2026

New Target start date : December 04, 2026

Project : 100081983 (CN)

Federal aid number : IM I020

County : CLEBURNE

Project Description : PIPE REHABILITATION ON I-20 FROM ST. CLAIR COUNTY LINE
TO GEORGIA STATE LINE

Old Target start date : January 29, 2027

New Target start date : March 26, 2027

Resolution # 895

Amending the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Add Two Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Projects

WHEREAS, the Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) adopted the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) on September 18, 2025, through Resolution #885; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Anniston requests the addition of the following project to be funded with Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds:

Chief Ladiga Trail Spur Extension to the Anniston Regional Training Center

Project Number	Scope	Fiscal Year	Estimated Cost
100082402	Preliminary Engineering (PE)	2027	\$72,000
100082401	Construction (CN)	2027	\$478,400

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford requests the addition of the following project to be funded with Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds:

Oxford Traffic Signal Modernization

Project Number	Scope	Fiscal Year	Estimated Cost
100082400	Signal Project (SP)	2027	\$682,240

WHEREAS, the Calhoun Area MPO has provided opportunities for public review and comment in accordance with its adopted Public Participation Plan and applicable federal requirements; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Calhoun Area MPO hereby amends the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan and the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program to add the project indicated above.

Mayor Jeff Clendenning, Chairman
City of Weaver

ATTEST: _____

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

Resolution # 897

Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Adopting the FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

As prepared by the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission (EARPDC)

WHEREAS, the Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the organization designated by the Governor of the State of Alabama as responsible, in cooperation with the State of Alabama, for carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process in accordance with 23 U.S.C. §§ 134 and 135, as amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA); 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d-1 and 7401; 23 CFR Parts 450 and 500; and 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) requires each urbanized area, as designated by the U.S. Census Bureau, to conduct a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3C) metropolitan transportation planning process and to prepare a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as a condition of receiving federal metropolitan planning funds; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with these requirements, the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission (EARPDC), as staff to the MPO and in cooperation with the Alabama Department of Transportation, has prepared the Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); and

WHEREAS, the Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Committee, at its meeting on August 20, 2026, reviewed and evaluated the Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Committee hereby adopts the Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Fiscal Year 2027.

ADOPTED this 20th day of August, 2026.

Mayor Jeff Clendenning, Chairman
City of Weaver

ATTEST:

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

Resolution # 898

FY 2024 – 2027 STIP/TIP Amendments

WHEREAS, the Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has adopted its FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) on August 17, 2023 with Resolution #857; and

WHEREAS, the ALDOT has requested that the following amendments be made to the FY 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and subsequent FY 2024 – 2027 TIP for the Calhoun Area MPO to add the following two projects that have been placed in PLAN status:

Project: 100082298

Federal aid number: 26-RT-53-01

County: CALHOUN

Scope: SP

Project Description: CONSTRUCT AN 8-FOOT-WIDE, 950-LINEAR-FOOT CONNECTIVE CONCOURSE TRAIL LINKING THE BERMAN MUSEUM TO THE LONGLEAF EVENT CENTER

Urban Area: 254 ANNISTON

Target Start Date: 8/3/2026

Engineers Estimate: \$248,975.00

Project: 100082160

Federal aid number: IAR-008-000-019

County: TALLADEGA

Scope: CN

Project Description: GRADE, DRAIN, BASE, AND PAVE OXFORD WEST INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD EXTENSION TO BENEFIT PROJECT SABLE

Urban Area: 254 ANNISTON

Target Start Date: 11/15/2026

Engineers Estimate: \$2,622,600.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Calhoun Area MPO, that the FY 2024-2027 TIP be amended to include the projects identified above as indicated.

Passed and adopted this 20th day of August 2026.

ATTEST: _____

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

Mayor Jeff Clendenning, Chairman
City of Weaver

MPO CAC Safety Observations

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MPO Project Pre-Construction Updates

TIP Spreadsheet Number	Project Description	Municipality	Project Number	Scope	Fiscal Year	Status	Update
41	Airport Rd. Bridge Replacement @ Coldwater Creek (BIN 11215)	Oxford	100064887	PE	2018	Authorized	PS&E scheduled for August 19, 2026
			100064888	RW	2026	Approved	One remaining utility location to be verified before ROW activities can proceed
			100064889	UT	2027	Approved	
			100064890	CN	2027	Approved	
48	Friendship Road Widening and Bridge Replacement Phase I	Oxford	100070247	PE	2020	Authorized	
			100070248	RW	2026	Authorized	ROW agreement to be presented to City Council
			100070249	UT	2026	Approved	
			100070250	CN	2027	Approved	moved to the March 2027 letting based on the progression of the right of way acquisition
49	Friendship Road Widening and Bridge Replacement Phase II	Oxford	100070253	PE	2020	Authorized	
			100070254	RW	2027	Approved	
			100070255	UT	2027	Approved	
			100070257	CN	2027	Approved	
50	Friendship Road Widening and Bridge Replacement Phase III Resurfacing Widening, and Upgrading existing turn signals, adding turn lanes	Oxford	100070259	PE	2020	Authorized	
			100070262	RW	2026	Approved	
			100070269	UT	2026	Approved	
			100070271	CN	2028	Approved	
61	Old Gadsden Highway Resurfacing from Railroad Ave to Hwy 431	Calhoun County	100078095	CN	2026	Approved	Project has been awarded. Preconstruction meeting complete. Construction to begin in August.

MPO Project Construction Updates

Project Number	Project Description	Municipality	Update

Other Project Construction Updates

Project Number	Project Description	Municipality	Update
100077649	SR-204 Widening and Pedestrian Improvements	Jacksonville	Received early award. UT nearing completion. Construction anticipated within two to three months.

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	8,199
Apr	4,285	6,263	8,965	7,090	6,660	7,925	8,131
May	5,141	6,498	9,012	7,509	6,927	8,001	7,327
Jun	5,852	7,197	10,500	6,979	6,347	7,369	7,924
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

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	500	141	51	193	213	79
April	495	137	68	181	184	90
May	456	124	50	163	189	81
June	420	161	43	176	186	64
July						
August						
September						
2026 Avg./Mo.	3622 402	1089 121	478 53	1467 163	1408 156	694 77

MPO Fiscal Year 2027 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 7	October 21	October 29
December 2	December 9	December 17
February 3	February 10	February 18
April 7	April 14	April 22
June 2	June 9	June 17
August 4	August 11	August 19