

MINUTES

- A. Mr. Owen called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 am.
- B. Introductions:
1. The following voting members & proxies were present: *Quorum = 6 (must include at least 3 elected officials)*
 - a) Darryl Mahoney - Garland County - County Judge
 - b) Karl Lowry - Town of Fountain Lake - Alderman (Proxy for Jack Fields)
 - c) Mark Headley - ARDOT - District 6 Engineer
 - d) Mike Lipton - Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce - Member of Transportation Committee
 - e) Mike Medica - Hot Springs Village - POA Board Member
 - f) Ray Owen - Garland County - Quorum Court/MPO Policy Board Chairman
 - g) Sunny Farmahan - ARDOT - MPO Coordinator
 2. There were no members of the press; the following Ex-Officio members/guests were present: *Dwayne Pratt* - WCAPDD - Executive Director; *Emmily Tiampati* - Tri-Lakes MPO - Study Director; *Gary Carnahan* - CHS - Engineer; *Gary Troutman* - Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce - President; *Jesse Konstanzer* - ARDOT - Engineer; *Michael Watson* - Half & Marlar - Business Development Manager; *Traci Berry* - Visit Hot Springs - Northwoods Trails Coordinator.
- C. Action (voting) Items
1. Mr. Lipton made the motion to approve the agenda; Mr. Farmahan seconded the motion; the motion was approved unanimously.
 2. Mr. Medica made the motion to approve the minutes of October 17, 2019; Mr. Lipton seconded the motion; the motion was approved unanimously.
- D. Emmily made the following MPO reports/announcements:
1. She presented the MPO's 2020 meeting calendar. She mentioned that in May, she will request the Policy Board for approval to publish the draft MTP for public comments; and in September, she plans to present the MTP for adoption by the Policy Board.
 2. She mentioned that she had previously emailed the Policy Board the SFY 2021 UPWP draft, and that any comments/questions should be submitted to her by February 21st 2020. After which the UPWP will be released for public comments before adoption by the Policy Board in May 2020.
 3. ARDOT and its planning partners launched a crash dashboard which is accessible to the public. The dashboard is a resourceful tool for analyzing crash data at a local, regional or State level. She provided this link [Arkansas Crash Dashboard](#) for more information.
 4. ARDOT will host a public meeting on February 20th at 5:30 pm at Crossgate Church in Hot Springs, AR. She provided this link [ARDOT's Public Meetings on Funding Options](#) for more information.
 5. ARDOT's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant cycle is now open, and applications are due on May 1, 2020. She also provided this link [ARDOT's TAP & RTP 2020 Applications](#) for seminar registration and more information.
 6. Federal regulations require that MPO projects support the performance measures and targets that the MPO's have chosen to adopt or support. Therefore, she provided this link [FHWA TPM Videos](#) for an overview of Transportation Performance Management (TPM) requirements.
 7. She also mentioned that she'll be hosting a Value Capture Workshop in Hot Springs, AR, in coordination with FHWA. She provided this link [Value Capture Workshop](#) for more information.

8. Emmily mentioned that on October 28, 2019, she emailed the full 2045 MTP Draft & Appendices to both the TAC and the Policy Board for their review and comments. Because a lot of the recent efforts have been on the projects section, she encouraged the Policy Board to review the narrative & appendices sections in particular and let her know if they have any comments.
 - a) She presented the draft 2045 MTP development schedule, which highlights the milestones that the MPO needs to take towards the MTP's adoption in September 2020.
 - b) She presented the 2045 MTP survey summary. She mentioned that as part of the MPO's public involvement strategy in the MTP development process, she developed a voluntary and anonymous MTP survey on Survey Monkey in August 2019, whose [link](#) was shared widely.
 - c) She also presented the draft MPO's project prioritizations guidelines for internal consideration during MTP or TIP development/updates.
 - d) Mr. Farmahan had no updates on the MLK interchanges study (061555). The Policy Board requested that ARDOT should provide them with more information/update on the study including public comments from previous meetings, in order for the Policy Board to be able to make informed decisions.
 - e) In regard to transit projects, Emmily presented the list of 2045 MTP transit projects as developed in coordination with Mr. Jones of HSIT. She mentioned that she'd requested Mr. Jones to help her fill out the blanks i.e. FTA funding program areas, performance measures/targets, and the financial plan, akin to the highway projects tables. In regard to non-transit projects, i.e. highways, bicycle and pedestrian projects, etc., she presented an updated projects list and corresponding Google Earth map. Although she recommended combining a few projects as a money saving strategy, the Policy Board chose to keep the projects separate as they were before; in order to avoid delaying the projects and also to be able to implement the projects in phases due to financial constraints.
 - f) Emmily presented the draft 2045 MTP financial plan for reference as we develop the draft MTP list of projects. The financial plan includes fund marks by FHWA funding program areas, as provided by ARDOT in 2018. It also includes the State Turnback Funds to counties and municipalities, as provided by ARDOT in 2019. Judge Mahoney made the motion to approve the 2045 MTP fund marks table; Mr. Medica seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Judge Mahoney made the motion to approve the 2045 MTP turnback funds table; Mr. Lipton seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

E. ARDOT reports/announcements:

1. Mr. Farmahan presented a list of upcoming projects in the planning phase.
2. Mr. Konstanzer and Mr. Headley presented a list of upcoming or ongoing projects in the construction phase.

F. There were no other agencies reports/announcements.

G. There were no public comments.

H. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15 am.

Approve:

Policy Board Chairman
Ray Owen

Attest:

MPO Study Director
Emmily Tiampati

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