



**POLICY BOARD AGENDA
FEBRUARY 18th, 2021 @ 10:00 A.M.**

Note: Due to restrictions and advisories associated with the Coronavirus pandemic, this meeting will be held via Zoom

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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INTRODUCTION

C. ACTION ITEMS

1. OLD BUSINESS

a) Agenda Approval

b) [Minutes – September 30th, 2020](#)

c) [Public Participation Plan \(PPP\)](#)

2. NEW BUSINESS

a) [Performance Measures \(PM #2 & #3\)](#)

b) [FY 2021 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\) DRAFT](#)

c) [Metropolitan Transportation Plan \(MTP\) Amendment](#)

D. MPO Reports/Announcements

E. ARDOT Reports/Announcements

F. Other Agencies Reports/Announcements

G. Public Comments

H. Adjourn

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The next regular meeting of the Tri-Lakes Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will be held on March 18th, 2021



Policy Board Meeting
Virtual Via Zoom @ 10:00 AM
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Derrick Harris, MPO Study Director, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:05 PM

B. INTRODUCTION (Quorum = 51% = 6 committee members; must include at least three (3) elected officials)

Mr. Harris introduced himself as the newest staff member of the MPO. The following voting members and proxies were present:

- a) Sunny Farmahan – ARDOT – Senior Transportation Planner
- b) Darryl Mahoney – Garland County – County Judge*
- c) Pat McCabe – City of Hot Springs – Mayor
- d) Ray Own – Garland County – Justice of the Peace

**Mr. Mahoney was also a proxy for Dennis Thorton. Therefore, his vote counted twice.*

In addition to the members who were present, the following members voted remotely via email:

- a) Jack Fields – Town of Fountain Lake – Mayor

Additionally, the following guests or non-voting members were present:

- a) Dwayne Pratt – WCAPDD – Executive Director
- b) Gary Troutman – Chamber of Commerce - President
- c) Steve Frisbee – ARDOT – Division Engineer
- d) Travis Brooks – ARDOT
- e) Valera McDaniel – FHWA

C. ACTION ITEMS

I. OLD BUSINESS

a) Agenda Approval

Mr. Harris briefly discussed the fact that a quorum wasn't present, but the bylaws allow for remote voting via email, in circumstances such as this. Therefore, he proposed going through each item, and allowing a vote via email after the meeting had concluded. Mr. Harris briefly summarized the agenda and the intent of the meeting. Mr. Owen suggested that the Policy Board members who were present vote during the meeting and let Mr. Harris obtain the additional votes via email, as proposed. This was the consensus of the board. Therefore, Mr. Mahoney made

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a motion to approve, and it was seconded by Mr. Farmahan. The motion approved unanimously.

This item was finalized and approved via remote voting. Mr. Fields was the last needed vote, as there were five members present during the meeting.

b) Minutes – September 30th, 2020

Mr. Mahoney made a motion to approve the minutes from September 30th, 2020. The motion was seconded by Mr. Farmahan. The motion approved unanimously.

This item was finalized and approved via remote voting. Mr. Fields was the last needed vote, as there were five members present during the meeting.

c) Public Participation Plan

Mr. Harris presented the revised Public Participation Plan. He mentioned that this was previously approved back in September 2020 as a DRAFT. Therefore, this document went through the federally required 45-day public comment period, and no comments were received. Mr. Mahoney made a motion to approve the Public Participation Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Farmahan. The motion approved unanimously.

This item was finalized and approved via remote voting. Mr. Fields was the last needed vote, as there were five members present during the meeting.

II. NEW BUSINESS

a) Performance Measures (PM #2 & #3)

Mr. Harris briefly gave some background on the performance measures. Then, Steve Frisbee with the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT), gave a presentation highlighting all of the research that went in to revising these targets. Mr. McCabe made a motion to approve the revised performance measures as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mahoney. The motion approved unanimously.

This item was finalized and approved via remote voting. Mr. Fields was the last needed vote, as there were five members present during the meeting.

b) FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Draft

Mr. Harris presented the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He mentioned that this year's document was a little behind schedule due to some administrative issues in central office. Therefore, this document is currently under a constrained timeline to obtain approval by mid-March. Mr. Harris mentioned that the projects displayed in this year's TIP were consistent with previous priorities. Mr. Harris stated that this approval would allow the TIP to proceed to the public comment portion of the development process and would be brought back before this committee after the public comment period had concluded. Mr. Mahoney made a motion to approve the FY 2021-2024 TIP for public comments. The motion was seconded by Mr. Farmahan. The motion approved unanimously.

This item was finalized and approved via remote voting. Mr. Fields was the last needed vote, as there were five members present during the meeting.

c) Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Amendment

Mr. Harris presented the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Amendment and explained that the major changes were to update the performance measures which were previously discussed on this agenda, as well as to ensure consistency in the short/mid-term list of the MTP and the project list contained within the TIP. Mr. Harris explained how a few projects needed to be updated in terms of cost, and there were a few additional projects that were originally anticipated to be let by now. However, due to some project delays, these projects are just now getting ready to be let. Therefore, a revision to the MTP list is needed to ensure consistency with the TIP list. Mr. Harris explained that this would allow the MTP Amendment to go out for public comments and would be brought back before the board for final approval after the public comment period had concluded. Mr. McCabe made a motion to approve the MTP Amendment for public comments. The motion was seconded by Mr. Farmahan. The motion approved unanimously.

This item was finalized and approved via remote voting. Mr. Fields was the last needed vote, as there were five members present during the meeting.

D. MPO REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Harris mentioned that the MPO had approved the 2020 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (ALOP) which were sent out to committee members. He also mentioned that the list could be found on the website at <https://wcapdd.org/tri-lakes-mpo>

E. ARDOT REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No reports were presented.

F. OTHER AGENCIES REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No reports were presented.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were provided.

H. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:47 a.m.