

AGENDA  
for the  
**Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)**  
**October 19, 2023**  
10:00 a.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Verification of Quorum
- III. Recognition of Guests
- IV. Old Business
  - A. Review and approve minutes from September 21, 2023
  - B. TBA
- V. New Business
  - A. Review FY 20-23 TIP Spreadsheet and Administrative Modifications
  - B. CAC Appointments
  - C. Safety Observations
  - D. TBA
- 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 16, 2023
- VIII. Adjourn

**MINUTES**

Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Thursday, September 21, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Those attending:

Mayor Alberta McCrory\*

Chris Gann

David Thompson

Fred Denney

Jana Monday

Jay Jenkins, Vice Chairman

Jules Moss\*

Libby Messick

Mathew Gilliland

Michael Bergh

Nick Bowles

Toby Bennington\*

\*Virtual attendees

Town of Hobson City

Calhoun County

JSU

City of Oxford

CDG

City of Anniston

MDA

EARPDC, MPO Coordinator

ALDOT

ALDOT

City of Weaver

City of Anniston

After roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present, Vice Chairman Jenkins called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The minutes of the August 17, 2023, meeting was approved on a motion made by Mr. Jay Jenkins and seconded by Mr. Chris Gann. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Vice Chairman Jenkins called for the Review of FY 20-23 TIP Spreadsheet and Administrative Modifications. Ms. Messick explained that there were two administrative modifications that created changes on the TIP spreadsheet and one administrative modification that did not create changes to the TIP spreadsheet.

Vice Chairman Jenkins then called for discussion of Resolution No. 859. Ms. Messick explained this resolution was to increase CN funds for project #48 100070250 Phase I- Wideing and Improvements on Friendship Rd from Cheaha Drive to Circle Drive. Discussion for Resolution 858 included moving phase II of this project to fiscal year 2026 to maintain fiscal constraint. The City of Oxford agreed and this will be done by administrative modification the following month. A motion was made by Mr. Fred Denney to approve this amendment with **Resolution No. 859**, which was seconded by Mr. Chris Gann. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Jenkins next called for discussion CAC Appointments. Ms. Messick reported that there was a list of the members in the agenda packet to review. The City of Anniston needs 9 appointments, 8 for the City of Oxford, and 2 for Jacksonville.

Next, Vice Chairman Jenkins continued with New Business by calling for discussion of Safety Observations. Ms. Messick explained that there was a handout in the agenda packet with the list of concerns from the CAC that had been discussed at previous meetings for review. There were two new items which included item 35 a suggestion for guardrails on the US-431 bypass near Henry Rd and issues with traffic lights blending with surroundings at the intersection of SR-21 and Anniston Beach Rd.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Vice Chairman Jenkins next called for discussion of Status Report of Pre-Construction projects. Mr. Michael Bergh reported project 41 was working on a design exception, plan in hand plans should follow soon as TS&L has been approved; 48 is addressing plan in hand comments; project 49 is awaiting TS&L approval; project 50 will have 30% plans soon after phase II wraps up their plans; plans have been received for project and are awaiting hard copy review; 57 will have a plan review soon and the final back check comments have been received; 33 just had plan in hand PS&E but needs bridge sheet approvals and bridge inspection updates, final backcheck will be done soon after. SR-21 will be let in November for resurfacing.

Vice Chairman Jenkins next called for discussion of Status Report of ALDOT projects. Mr. Shane Brown had sent an updated report in which Russell Drive resurfacing project is awaiting final acceptance; the reconfiguration of intersection at US 78 and Barry St including resurfacing, widening, and signals has utility conflicts; and US 431 resurfacing from just north of SR-144 to 0.28 miles south of SR-204 has begun permanent stripe and markers.

Vice Chairman Jenkins called for the Report on Urban Fixed Route and ADA Handicapped Transit Systems. Ms. Messick reported the ADA Paratransit Ridership for Anniston had 556 (increase) one-way trips, Jacksonville had 171 (increase) one-way trips, 12 trips for Weaver (decrease), and Oxford had 63 (decrease) one-way trips. For the Urbanized area 83 (increase) one-way trips and 26 (decrease) one-way trips for the Rural area. Fixed-route ridership had a total of 7,573 (increase) riders for the month of August.

Vice Chairman Jenkins called for discussion regarding ATRIP applications. Ms. Messick explained she had included a copy of the FAQs for this round of ATRIP applications which are due November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Vice Chairman Jenkins called for FY24 Chairman/Vice Chairman committee recommendation and vote. Ms. Messick submitted that the committee had respectfully nominated Mr. Jay Jenkins of the City of Anniston as Chairman and Mr. Nick Bowles of the City of Weaver as the Vice Chairman for the FY24 year. A motion was made by Mr. Fred Denney to approve this appointment which was seconded by Mr. Chris Gann. Motion Carried.

Finally, Vice Chairman Jenkins called for comments or issues from member jurisdictions or attendees. There were none.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 am. The next meeting of the MPO will be tentatively Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

## October 2023 Administrative Modifications

*That created changes on the TIP spreadsheet:*

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| Vacancies           |   | <u>Name</u>                       | <u>Jurisdiction</u> |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Anniston            | 9 | Miller Parnell, <b>Chairman</b>   | Anniston            |
| Jacksonville        | 2 | Phillip Keith                     | Anniston            |
| Calhoun County      | 0 | James Jenkins                     | Anniston            |
| Oxford              | 8 | Tony Ball                         | Anniston            |
| Weaver              | 0 | <b>Vacant</b>                     | Anniston            |
| Anniston Army Depot | 0 | <b>Vacant</b>                     | Anniston            |
| Hobson City         | 0 | <b>Vacant</b>                     | Anniston            |
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|                     |   | Jarrod Simmons                    | Jacksonville        |
|                     |   | David Thompson                    | Jacksonville        |
|                     |   | Richard Lindblom                  | Jacksonville        |
|                     |   | Jamie 'Red' Etheredge             | Jacksonville        |
|                     |   | Matthew Boone                     | Jacksonville        |
|                     |   | <b>Vacant</b>                     | Jacksonville        |
|                     |   | <b>Vacant</b>                     | Jacksonville        |
|                     |   | Rodney Cox                        | Calhoun County      |
|                     |   | George Salmon                     | Calhoun County      |
|                     |   | Theodore Smart                    | Calhoun County      |
|                     |   | Edward Sturkie, Sr.               | Calhoun County      |
|                     |   | Tim Huddleston, <b>Vice Chair</b> | Calhoun County      |
|                     |   | Reuben Johnson                    | Calhoun County      |
|                     |   | Dr. David West                    | Calhoun County      |
|                     |   | Julie Borelli                     | Calhoun County      |
|                     |   | Anne Key                          | Calhoun County      |
|                     |   | Bill Williams                     | Calhoun County      |
|                     |   | Darryl League                     | Oxford              |
|                     |   | Lem Burrell                       | Oxford              |
|                     |   | Lavoy Jordan                      | Oxford              |
|                     |   | Bruce Britton                     | Oxford              |
|                     |   | Terry Parker                      | Oxford              |
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|                     |   | Frank Thomas                      | Weaver              |
|                     |   | Danielle Presley                  | Weaver              |
|                     |   | Greg Pierce                       | Weaver              |
|                     |   | Mike Matthews                     | Anniston Army Depot |
|                     |   | Dustin Gillihan                   | Anniston Army Depot |
|                     |   | Kevin Ashley, P.E.                | Anniston Army Depot |
|                     |   | Regina Jones                      | Hobson City         |
|                     |   | Johnnie C. Phillips, Jr.          | Hobson City         |
|                     |   | Melissa Malone                    | Hobson City         |

## 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      | 12/15/22    | ✓   | ✓   | 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   | OPEN      |
| 6      | Anniston       | Henry Road intersection at the Bypass | Addition of street lighting  | 11/14/18      | 05/18/2023  | ✓   | ✓   | <del>The City of Anniston has opted to not proceed further.</del><br>Councilman Jay Jenkins asked for this item to be reopened and will investigate further.   | 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 take it into consideration when looking at upcoming traffic counts and updating the incoming LRTP.   | OPEN      |
| 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      |



Safety Observations

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|--------|--------------------|--|---|---------------|-------------|-----|-----|---|--------|
| 21     | Anniston/<br>ALDOT | 10 <sup>th</sup> and Quintard intersection                                     | Left turn signal timing seems short. Traffic backs up at this light.<br><br>Could turn lane length be increased | 5/20/20       | 07/08/20    | ✓   | ✓   | The signals from 8 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> are on a coordinated system. Signal timing update and installation has been added to the FY24-27 TIP. Should signal timing correction not correct the issue at this intersection, a request for evaluation will be made. | OPEN   |
| 26     | Jacksonville       | 204/Nesbit Lake Rd intersection  | Increased safety measures   | 11/17/21      | 01/11/23    | ✓   | ✓   | Libby provided crash information for the intersection. Development for housing on Nesbit will proceed. Access will be @ Nesbit only. Warrant study will be done after development and traffic reflects.   | OPEN   |
| 31     | Calhoun County     | Bynum Leatherwood Rd.  | Speed limit increase to 55 on Hwy 202 approach  | 01/18/23      | 02/08/23    | ✓   | ✓   | Rodney McCain with Calhoun County will investigate  | OPEN   |
| 34     | City of Anniston   | Moore Ave from the intersections of 15 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> 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   |
| 35     | ALDOT              | US-431 bypass  | Guardrails  | 07/26/23      |             | ✓   | ✓   |   | OPEN   |
| 36     | Calhoun County     | Intersection of SR-21/Anniston Beach Rd  | Traffic light blends in with surroundings and is difficult to see   | 07/26/23      |             | ✓   | ✓   |   | OPEN   |

### Current Pre-Construction Projects

| TIP Spreadsheet Number | Description   | Municipality   | Project Number & Scope | FY & Planning Status | Status   |
|------------------------|---|----------------|------------------------|----------------------|--|
| 33                     | Chief Ladiga Trail  | Anniston       | 100074029<br>CN        |                      | Need bridge sheet approvals; need updated bridge and utility submittals; final back check soon after |
| 41                     | Bridge Replacement on Airport Rd at Coldwater Creek   | Oxford         | 100064888<br>RW        | 2024<br>Planned      | Waiting on a design exception; TS&L approved; plan in hand soon                                      |
|                        |   |                | 100064889<br>UT        | 2024<br>Planned      |  |
| 48                     | Widening on Friendship Rd from Cheaha Dr to Circle Dr; Phase I  | Oxford         | 100070248<br>RW        | 2024<br>Planned      | Addressing plan in hand comments   |
|                        |   |                | 100070249<br>UT        | 2024<br>Planned      |  |
| 49                     | Bridge Replacement on Friendship Rd over Choccolocco Creek; Phase II  | Oxford         | 100070254<br>RW        | 2024<br>Planned      | TS&L awaiting approval – issue with bridge; then environmental                                       |
|                        |   |                | 100070255<br>UT        | 2024<br>Planned      |  |
| 50                     | Resurfacing, Widening, and Upgrading existing turn signals and adding turn lanes on Friendship Rd at Cheaha Dr; Phase III | Oxford         | 100070262<br>RW        | 2024<br>Planned      | Plan in hand plans soon after phase II   |
|                        |   |                | 100070269<br>UT        | 2024<br>Planned      |  |
| 57                     | Resurfacing on George Douthit Drive SW from SR-21 to Brierwood Place  | Jacksonville   | 100070208<br>CN        | 2023<br>Planned      | Waiting on CN comments   |
| 58                     | Baltzell Gate Connector Multi-use Path  | Anniston       | 100070238<br>PE        | 2024<br>Planned      | Need PE agreement and then consultant selection after  |
|                        |   |                | 100070239<br>CN        | 2026<br>Planned      |  |
| 59                     | Coldwater Mountain/Mulberry St. to Legarde, multi-use path  | Anniston       | 100070241<br>PE        | 2024<br>Planned      | Need PE agreement and then consultant selection after  |
|                        |   |                | 100070242<br>CN        | 2026<br>Planned      |  |
| 60                     | Anniston to Oxford Bike Lane; S Noble and Chestnut  | Anniston       | 100070244<br>PE        | 2024<br>Planned      | Need PE agreement and then consultant selection after  |
|                        |   |                | 100070245<br>CN        | 2027<br>Planned      |  |
| 61                     | Old Gadsden Highway Resurfacing from Railroad Ave to Hwy 431  | Calhoun County | CN                     | 2026<br>Planned      | Need PE agreement  |

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|------------------------|--|----------------|------------------------|----------------------|---|
| 62                     | Bynum Leatherwood Resurfacing from Morrisville Rd. to AL-202   | Calhoun County | CN                     | 2027 Planned         | Need PE agreement                                     |
| 63                     | Quintard Ave Signal Timing from 8 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> St Update and Implementation *CRF funds* | Anniston       | PE                     | 2024 Planned         | Need PE agreement and then consultant selection after |
|                        |  |                | CN                     | 2024 Planned         |   |
| 64                     | AL-21 Pedestrian Crossing at McClellan Blvd *CRF funds*  | Anniston       | PE                     | 2024 Planned         | Need PE agreement and then consultant selection after |
|                        |  |                | CN                     | 2025 Planned         |   |

**CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

| <b><u>PROJECT NO.</u></b> | <b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>   | <b><u>STATUS</u></b>  |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| STPSU-0818(250)           | Russell Drive resurfacing and traffic stripe from the junction of Peaceburg Rd. to the junction of Alexandria Rd. | Project accepted  |
| STPSU-0004(536)           | Reconfiguration of intersection at US 78 & Barry St. including resurfacing, widening and signals                  | Utility Conflicts   |
| NH-HSIP-0001(626)         | US 431 resurfacing from just north of SR-144 to 0.280 miles south of SR-204                                       | Permanent Stripe & Pavement Markers<br>Contractor addressing Punch List |

## Fixed-Route Ridership

|     | FY 16-17 | FY 17-18 | FY 18-19 | FY 19-20 | FY 20-21 | FY 21-22 | FY 22-23 |
|-----|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Oct | 9,011    | 9,560    | 9,993    | 8,871    | 5,541    | 7,679    | 7,483    |
| Nov | 9,481    | 9,225    | 8,504    | 7,665    | 5,425    | 7,272    | 7,024    |
| Dec | 9,459    | 8,205    | 8,082    | 7,596    | 5,266    | 7,745    | 7,184    |
| Jan | 8,019    | 7,510    | 8,239    | 7,614    | 5,177    | 7,114    | 7,151    |
| Feb | 8,462    | 8,960    | 7,800    | 7,262    | 4,773    | 7,305    | 7,301    |
| Mar | 9,707    | 9,493    | 8,979    | 7,185    | 5,512    | 8,757    | 8,230    |
| Apr | 8,240    | 8,942    | 9,045    | 4,285    | 6,263    | 8,965    | 7,090    |
| May | 9,900    | 9,502    | 8,774    | 5,141    | 6,498    | 9,012    | 7,509    |
| Jun | 9,977    | 9,905    | 7,993    | 5,852    | 7,197    | 10,500   | 6,979    |
| Jul | 8,971    | 8,820    | 8,626    | 6,160    | 7,836    | 9,141    | 6,648    |
| Aug | 10,511   | 10,617   | 9,314    | 6,111    | 7,771    | 10,763   | 7,573    |
| Sep | 9,280    | 8,607    | 7,868    | 5,923    | 8,019    | 10,645   | 7,046    |

2022 Avg./Mo.      552                      137                      25                      125                      127                      97

| <b>ADA Paratransit Ridership</b> |                 |                     |               |               |                                  |                                  |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Fiscal Year<br/>2022-2023</b> | <b>Anniston</b> | <b>Jacksonville</b> | <b>Weaver</b> | <b>Oxford</b> | <b>Section 5307<br/>CC Urban</b> | <b>Section 5311<br/>CC Rural</b> |
| October                          | 474             | 117                 | 43            | 65            | 118                              | 114                              |
| November                         | 524             | 107                 | 43            | 67            | 134                              | 98                               |
| December                         | 537             | 113                 | 41            | 61            | 122                              | 119                              |
| January                          | 482             | 112                 | 32            | 62            | 94                               | 86                               |
| February                         | 456             | 182                 | 27            | 52            | 68                               | 74                               |
| March                            | 636             | 217                 | 17            | 71            | 86                               | 87                               |
| April                            | 518             | 187                 | 15            | 47            | 81                               | 65                               |
| May                              | 529             | 169                 | 15            | 54            | 58                               | 31                               |
| June                             | 474             | 168                 | 13            | 88            | 87                               | 45                               |
| July                             | 424             | 155                 | 14            | 68            | 76                               | 29                               |
| August                           | 556             | 171                 | 12            | 63            | 83                               | 26                               |
| September                        | 433             | 150                 | 10            | 47            | 71                               | 28                               |

|               |                     |                     |                    |                    |                     |                    |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
|               | <small>6043</small> | <small>1848</small> | <small>282</small> | <small>745</small> | <small>1078</small> | <small>802</small> |
| 2023 Avg./Mo. | 504                 | 154                 | 24                 | 62                 | 90                  | 67                 |

**Fiscal Year 2023 Meeting Dates**

| <b>TAC</b>                  | <b>CAC</b>   | <b>MPO</b>   |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 11 October                  |              | 19 October   |
| 8 November                  | 15 November  | 16 November  |
| December meetings Cancelled |              |              |
| 10 January                  | 17 January   | 18 January   |
| 7 February                  |              | 15 February  |
| 13 March                    | 20 March     | 21 March     |
| 10 April                    |              | 18 April     |
| 8 May                       | 15 May       | 16 May       |
| 12 June                     |              | 20 June      |
| 10 July                     | 17 July      | 18 July      |
| 7 August                    |              | 15 August    |
| 11 September                | 18 September | 19 September |