

AGENDA
for the
Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
February 15, 2024
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 January 18, 2024
 - B. TBA
- V. New Business
 - A. Review FY 20-23 TIP Spreadsheet and Administrative Modifications
 - B. Resolution 862: Certification of ADA Paratransit Plan
 - C. CAC Appointments
 - D. 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 – March 21, 2024
- VIII. Adjourn

MINUTES

Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Thursday, January 18, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Those attending:

Aaron Dawson	FHWA
Brady Whatley	ALDOT- Precon
Fred Denney	City of Oxford
Jana Monday*	CDG
Jay Jenkins, Chairman	City of Anniston
Jeff Clendenning	City of Weaver
Katie Herzberg*	Sterling
Libby Messick	EARPDC, MPO Project Director
Michael Bergh	ALDOT- Precon
Rodney McCain*	Calhoun County
Toby Bennington*	City of Anniston

*Virtual attendees

After roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present, Chairman Jenkins called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

The minutes of the November 16, 2023, meeting was approved on a motion made by Mr. Jeff Clendenning and seconded by Mr. Jay Jenkins. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Jenkins called for the Review of FY 20-23 TIP Spreadsheet and Administrative Modifications. Ms. Messick explained that four administrative modifications created changes to the TIP spreadsheet and five administrative modifications did not create changes to the TIP spreadsheet.

Chairman Jenkins next called for a discussion of 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. Ms. Messick also reported that the CAC had voted to meet every month instead of every other month.

Next, Chairman Jenkins continued with New Business by calling for a 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 was only one update where Mr. Branton Cole reported an update for item number 6 in which the City of Anniston would submit a formal lighting evaluation request to ALDOT.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Jenkins next called for a discussion of the Status Report of Pre-Construction projects. Mr. Micheal Bergh reported Project 33 is mostly done and waiting on the environmental document evaluation and local transportation since this will be a local let; Project 41 will need detour route signatures; Project 48 needs materials addendum, PS&E review will be soon, and needs design waiver from the City; Project 57 will let this month; and Project 61 and 62 needs to contact local transportation. Mr. Bergh also reported SR 21 access management will let in March, SR 9 north of 78 will have 2 bridge replacements near Iron City, and there will be public involvement February 15 at 2 pm at the Public Safety complex regarding SR-204 from Nesbit to 21 as well as the TAP project on 21.

Chairman Jenkins next called for a discussion of the Status Report of ALDOT projects. Mr. Shane Brown sent an updated report that the reconfiguration of the intersection at US 78 and Barry St has utility conflicts, and US 431 resurfacing from just north of SR-144 to 0.28 miles south of SR-204 just finished RPMS and is waiting on sweeping and acceptance with punch list items.

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 434 (increase) one-way trips, Jacksonville had 139 (decrease) one-way trips, 21 trips for Weaver (increase), and Oxford had 77 (decrease) one-way trips. For the Urbanized area 81 (increase) one-way trips and 32 (decrease) one-way trips for the Rural area. Fixed-route ridership had a total of 6,320 (decrease) riders for the month of December.

Finally, Vice Chairman Jenkins called for comments or issues from member jurisdictions or attendees. Mr. Aaron Dawson spoke to the committee regarding obligation authority. FHWA would like MPOs to spend as much if not all of their rollover funds by the end of this fiscal year if not the next.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m. The next meeting of the MPO will be tentatively Thursday, February 15th at 10:00 a.m.

February 2024 Administrative Modifications

That created changes on the TIP spreadsheet:

1. #57 (CN) Resurfacing George Douthit Dr from SR-21 to Brierwood Place SW
Previous allocated amount: \$1,464,490
Project Let for: \$741,617.45

CALHOUN AREA MPO

TIP LIST AS OF February 5, 2024

ALL FUNDS AVAILABLE (FED + LOCAL MATCH)
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (STP)

Authorized to Proceed

Moved from one FY to another FY

Funded by ATRIP or ARRA

New Project or Allocation Change

Project Description	ID#	Sponsor	Status	Scope	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
4 Signal Upgrade at SR-21 / Baltzell Gate Rd. ARRA \$ Re-assigned to Frank Akers Rd.	100047014	Anniston		CN	627,814							
Resurface CR-187 (Friendship Rd) From CR-193 (Boiling Springs Rd) to SR-21	100054996	Oxford	CLOSED	PE	24,468							
30 Barry Street/US 78 - Reconfigure Intersection	100057406	Oxford		UT			28,123					
	100057407			CN				2,700,504				
40 Church Ave Resurface from 11th St to SR-21	100064886	Jacksonville		CN		1,707,215						
41 Airport Rd. Bridge Replacement @ Coldwater Creek (BIN 11215)	100064888	Oxford		RW					10,721			
	100064889			UT					81,214			
	100064890			CN								2,275,850
44 Bynum Leatherwood/Old Gadsden Rd Roundabout (CN previously 100064897 (deleted))	100075806	Calhoun County		CN				1,951,829				
45 Russell Dr. Resurface from Alexandria Rd to Peaceburg Rd.	100064899	Weaver		CN			719,335					
48 Friendship Road Widening and Bridge Replacement Phase I	100070247	Oxford		PE	311,264							
	100070248			RW					335,765			
	100070249			UT					329,661			
	100070250			CN						2,641,120		
49 Friendship Road Widening and Bridge Replacement Phase II	100070253	Oxford		PE	349,181							
	100070254			RW					199,094			
	100070255			UT					195,473			
	100070257			CN							3,754,055	
50 Friendship Road Widening and Bridge Replacement Phase III	100070259	Oxford		PE	150,748							
Resurfacing Widening, and Upgrading existing turn signals, adding turn lanes	100070262			RW					111,704			
	100070269			UT							111,876	
	100070271			CN							817,915	
51 Alexandria/Jacksonville Rd. - Resurface (Cedar Springs Rd to Jacksonville) (PE developed by County Eng.)	100070224	Calhoun County		CN	685,866							
52 Whites Gap Rd and Whites Gap Rd SE - Resurfacing (PE developed by County Eng.)	100070226	Calhoun County		CN		1,113,827						
53 AL Hwy 202/Hunter St. - Signal Upgrade	100070695	Calhoun County		PE	28,634							
	100070228			CN		106,993						
54 Roy Webb Rd. - Resurfacing (PE developed by County Eng.)	100070230	Calhoun County		CN			1,276,108					
55 Eulation Gate Rd. - Resurfacing (PE developed by County Eng.)	100070232	Calhoun County		CN				518,755				
56 Resurfacing Henry Road and Country Club Dr SW to Fairway Dr SW	100070197	Jacksonville		PE			83,546					
	100070198			CN			1,284,353					
57 Resurfacing George Douthit Dr from SR-21 to Brierwood Place SW	100070203	Jacksonville		PE			103,689					
	100070208			CN					741,617			
61 Old Gadsden Highway Resurfacing from Railroad Ave to Hwy 431	100078095	Calhoun County		CN						600,000		
62 Bynum Leatherwood Resurfacing from Morrisville Rd to AL-202	100078096	Calhoun County		CN								1,000,000
65 Gadsden Rd. NW and Elm Ave NW Roadway Improvements	100078099	Jacksonville		PE								
	100078100			RW								
	100078101			UT								
	100078102			CN								
66 Francis St. Roadway Improvements	100077469	Jacksonville		PE								
	100077468			CN								
PROGRAMMED					2,177,974	2,928,035	3,495,154	5,171,088	2,005,251	3,241,120	4,683,846	3,275,850
APPORTIONMENT					2,558,459	2,540,505	2,781,251	2,836,876	2,836,876	2,836,876	2,836,876	2,836,876
CARRYOVER					5,903,855	6,284,340	5,896,810	5,182,906	2,848,695	3,680,320	3,276,077	1,429,107
AVAILABLE					8,462,314	8,824,845	8,678,061	8,019,783	5,685,571	6,517,196	6,112,953	4,265,983
BALANCE					6,284,340	5,896,810	5,182,906	2,848,695	3,680,320	3,276,077	1,429,107	990,133

CALHOUN AREA MPO

CARBON REDUCTION FUNDS AS OF November 28, 2023

ALL FUNDS AVAILABLE (FED + LOCAL MATCH)
CARBON REDUCTION FUNDS

PE Preliminary Engineering
RW Right of Way
UT Utilities
CN Construction

Authorized to Proceed
Moved from one FY to another FY
Funded by ATRIP or ARR
New Project or Allocation Change

	Project Description	ID#	Sponsor	Status	Scope	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
35	Noble/4th St. Intersection Improvements	100063207 100063208	Anniston		PE CN	17,356				22,518								
58	Baltzell Gate Connector Multi-use path CRF to be used*	100070238 100070239	Anniston		PE CN										18,497		188,695	
59	Coldwater Mountain/Mulberry St. to Legarde, multi-use path CRF to be used*	100070241 100070242	Anniston		PE CN										33,632		171,541	
60	Anniston to Oxford Bike Lane; S Noble and Chestnut CRF to be used*	100070244 100070245	Anniston		PE CN										5,781			47,645
63	Quintard Ave Signal Timing from 8th to 22nd St Update and Implemntation CRF to be used*	100077730 100077731	Anniston		PE CN										28,408		28,408	
64	AL-21 Pedestrian Crossing at McClellan Blvd. CRF to be used*	100077728 100077729	Anniston		PE CN										28,408		172,149	
	PROGRAMMED					17,356	0	0	0	22,518	0	0	0	0	143,133	172,149	360,236	47,645
	APPORTIONMENT					0	0	0	0	0	0	0	214,099	341,220	341,220	341,220	341,220	341,220
	CARRYOVER					0	-17,356	-17,356	-17,356	-17,356	-39,874	-39,874	-39,874	174,225	515,445	713,533	882,604	863,588
	AVAILABLE					0	-17,356	-17,356	-17,356	-17,356	-39,874	-39,874	174,225	515,445	856,665	1,054,753	1,223,824	1,204,808
	BALANCE					-17,356	-17,356	-17,356	-17,356	-39,874	-39,874	-39,874	174,225	515,445	713,533	882,604	863,588	1,157,163

RESOLUTION # 862

CERTIFICATION OF THE FY 24 ADA PARA-TRANSIT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN UPDATE

WHEREAS, the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission (EARPDC) has updated and developed a FY 2024 Para-Transit Implementation Plan update for the urbanized area of the Calhoun County, and

WHEREAS, the draft plan has been provided to the ACTS Transit Advisory Board (TAB) for review and comment at its meeting held on January 9, 2024 and public comments were solicited through an ad in the Anniston Star on December 15, 2023 announcing the availability of the draft document online, for mailing upon request, or for review in the EARPDC lobby, local libraries, and on the EARPDC website; and a public review and comment meeting to be held virtually at 9:00am on January 9, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Calhoun Area MPO, hereby certifies that it has reviewed the draft FY 23 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. Passed and adopted this the 15th day of February, 2024.

Councilman Jay Jenkins, Chairman
City of Anniston

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Messick, MPO Project Director
East Alabama Regional Planning and
Development Commission

Vacancies		<u>Name</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>
Anniston	9	Miller Parnell, Chairman	Anniston
Jacksonville	2	Phillip Keith	Anniston
Calhoun County	0	James Jenkins	Anniston
Oxford	8	Tony Ball	Anniston
Weaver	0	Vacant	Anniston
Anniston Army Depot	0	Vacant	Anniston
Hobson City	0	Vacant	Anniston
		Vacant	Anniston
		Vacant	Anniston
		Vacant	Anniston
		Vacant	Anniston
		Vacant	Anniston
		Vacant	Anniston
		Jarrod Simmons	Jacksonville
		David Thompson	Jacksonville
		Richard Lindblom	Jacksonville
		Jamie 'Red' Etheredge	Jacksonville
		Matthew Boone	Jacksonville
		Vacant	Jacksonville
		Vacant	Jacksonville
		Rodney Cox	Calhoun County
		George Salmon	Calhoun County
		Theodore Smart	Calhoun County
		Edward Sturkie, Sr.	Calhoun County
		Tim Huddleston, Vice Chair	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
		Vacant	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; News report 11/1/23 states DeJarvis Leonard, ALDOT Regional Engineer will revisit the intersection to see if there is something that can be adjusted to help with the situation.	OPEN
6	Anniston	Henry Road intersection at the Bypass	Addition of street lighting	11/14/18	11/16/23	✓	✓	The City of Anniston has opted to not proceed further. Councilman Jay Jenkins asked for this item to be reopened and will investigate further. The City of Anniston will submit a formal lighting evaluation request with ALDOT.	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

Item #	Jurisdiction	Location	Suggestion	Date-Original	Date-Recent	TAC	MPO	Response	Status
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
34	City of Anniston	Moore Ave from the intersections of 15 th – 10 th 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

Current Pre-Construction Projects

TIP Spreadsheet Number	Description	Municipality	Project Number & Scope	FY & Planning Status	Status
33	Chief Ladiga Trail	Anniston	100074029 CN		Waiting on enviro doc eval and local trans since local letting
41	Bridge Replacement on Airport Rd at Coldwater Creek	Oxford	100064888 RW	2024 Planned	TS&L approved; plan in hand soon; need detour route signatures
			100064889 UT	2024 Planned	
48	Widening on Friendship Rd from Cheaha Dr to Circle Dr; Phase I	Oxford	100070248 RW	2024 Planned	Need design waiver from City; need materials addendum; PS&E review soon
			100070249 UT	2024 Planned	
49	Bridge Replacement on Friendship Rd over Choccolocco Creek; Phase II	Oxford	100070254 RW	2024 Planned	TS&L awaiting approval – issue with bridge; working on hydro; enviro approved
			100070255 UT	2024 Planned	
50	Resurfacing, Widening, and Upgrading existing turn signals and adding turn lanes on Friendship Rd at Cheaha Dr; Phase III	Oxford	100070262 RW	2024 Planned	Plan in hand plans soon after phase II;
			100070269 UT	2024 Planned	
57	Resurfacing on George Douthit Drive SW from SR-21 to Brierwood Place	Jacksonville	100070208 CN	2023 Planned	January Let
58	Baltzell Gate Connector Multi-use Path	Anniston	100070238 PE	2024 Planned	Need PE agreement and then consultant selection after
			100070239 CN	2026 Planned	
59	Coldwater Mountain/Mulberry St. to Legarde, multi-use path	Anniston	100070241 PE	2024 Planned	Need PE agreement and then consultant selection after
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60	Anniston to Oxford Bike Lane; S Noble and Chestnut	Anniston	100070244 PE	2024 Planned	Need PE agreement and then consultant selection after
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63	Quintard Ave Signal Timing from 8 th to 22 nd 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

<u>PROJECT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
STPSU-0004(536)	Reconfiguration of intersection at US 78 & Barry St. including resurfacing, widening and signals	Utility Conflicts
NH-HSIP-0021(581)	SR 21 resurfacing, bridge rail retrofit & 2' safety widening from Talladega County line to just north of Snow Street	Awaiting Pre-Construction meeting

Fixed-Route Ridership

	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24
Oct	9,560	9,993	8,871	5,541	7,679	7,483	7,033
Nov	9,225	8,504	7,665	5,425	7,272	7,024	6,404
Dec	8,205	8,082	7,596	5,266	7,745	7,184	6,320
Jan	7,510	8,239	7,614	5,177	7,114	7,151	6,047
Feb	8,960	7,800	7,262	4,773	7,305	7,301	
Mar	9,493	8,979	7,185	5,512	8,757	8,230	
Apr	8,942	9,045	4,285	6,263	8,965	7,090	
May	9,502	8,774	5,141	6,498	9,012	7,509	
Jun	9,905	7,993	5,852	7,197	10,500	6,979	
Jul	8,820	8,626	6,160	7,836	9,141	6,648	
Aug	10,617	9,314	6,111	7,771	10,763	7,573	
Sep	8,607	7,868	5,923	8,019	10,645	7,046	

2023 Avg./Mo. 504 154 24 62 90 67

ADA Paratransit Ridership						
Fiscal Year 2023-2024	Anniston	Jacksonville	Weaver	Oxford	Section 5307 CC Urban	Section 5311 CC Rural
October	450	131	21	70	96	31
November	416	147	18	56	104	42
December	434	139	21	77	81	32
January	382	144	22	70	71	42
February						
March						
April						
May						
June						
July						
August						
September						
2024 Avg./Mo.	421	140	21	68	88	37

Public Involvement Meeting

Public Safety Complex

Thursday, February 15, 2024

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

911 Public Safety Drive - SW

Jacksonville, Alabama 36265

Project Number: TAPAA-TA24() - Pedestrian Safety Improvements at various locations along SR-21 (Pelham Rd N/S) from a point 200 ft south of Jacksonville Public Square to 11th St. NW

Project Number: STPAA-0204() - Add a Center Turn Lane and Pedestrian Improvements along SR-204 (Nisbet St. NW) from Nisbet Lake Rd to the Intersection of SR-21(Pelham Road N)

Fiscal Year 2024 Meeting Dates

TAC	CAC	MPO
11 October		19 October
8 November	15 November	16 November
December meetings Cancelled		
10 January	17 January	18 January
7 February	14 February	15 February
13 March	20 March	21 March
10 April	17 April	18 April
8 May	15 May	16 May
12 June	19 June - EAC office closed *reschedule*	20 June
10 July	17 July	18 July
7 August	14 August	15 August
11 September	18 September	19 September