

AGENDA

Technical Advisory Committee
of the
Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
October 11, 2023
10:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Review and approval of minutes from September 13, 2023
4. Old Business
 - A. TBA
5. New Business
 - A. Review FY 24-27 TIP Spreadsheet and Administrative Modifications
 - B. Status report of ALDOT Pre-Construction projects
 - C. Status report of ALDOT Construction projects
 - D. Safety Observations
 - E. TAB
6. Next TAC Meeting – November 8, 2023
7. Adjourn

MINUTES
Technical Advisory Committee
of the Metropolitan Planning Organization
Wednesday, September 13, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Those attending:

Brady Whatley	ALDOT-ECR
Chris Gann	Calhoun County
David Thompson	JSU
Fred Denney*	City of Oxford
Gary Smith*	ALDOT
James Jenkins	City of Anniston - CAC
Jana Monday	CDG
Jules Moss*	MDA
Libby Messick	EARPDC, MPO Coordinator
Mark Stephens	City of Jacksonville
Michael Bergh	ALDOT-ECR
Rodney McCain	Calhoun County
Stephen Corley	ALDOT-ECR
Sundae Ragland*	ALDOT
Toby Bennington*	City of Anniston

*Virtual attendees

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Ms. Libby Messick.

Upon reviewing the minutes of the August 9, 2023, meeting, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Mark Stephens and was seconded by Mr. Toby Bennington.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were no old business items to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Messick called for review of the FY 20-23 TIP Spreadsheet and Administrative Modifications. She gave the members handouts of the list of MPO projects. 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.

Ms. Messick then called for discussion of Resolution No. 858. Ms. Messick explained this resolution was to amend the 2045 Long Range Transportation Improvement Program (LRTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by adding 2 projects for the City of Anniston. Both of these projects would use Carbon Reduction Funds which are tracked on a separate spreadsheet. A motion was made by Mr. Mark Stephens to approve this certification with **Resolution No. 858**, which was seconded by Mr. Toby Bennington. Motion carried.

Ms. Messick then called for discussion of Resolution No. 859. Ms. Messick explained this resolution was to increase CN funds for project #48 100070250 Phase I- Widening 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. Toby Bennington to approve this amendment with **Resolution No. 859**, which was seconded by Mr. Stephen Corley. Motion carried.

Ms. Messick next called for discussion of Status Report of Pre-Construction projects. Mr. Michael Bergh reported project 41 was working on a design exception which would be followed by the TS&L and then plan in hand plans; 48 is addressing plan in hand comments; project 50 will have 30% plans soon after phase II wraps up their plans; 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.

Ms. Messick next called for discussion of Status Report of ALDOT projects. No report was received from Mr. Shane Brown.

Next, Ms. Messick continued by calling for discussion of Safety Observations. She 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.

Next, Ms. Messick called for the Report on Urban Fixed Route and ADA Handicapped Transit Systems. She 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.

Ms. Messick next called for discussion of the Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program II (ATRIP II) applications. She included a FAQ sheet in the agenda packet for review. Applications are due by November 17, 2023.

Ms. Messick next called for discussion for a Public Involvement Meeting for Resolution 858. It will be held in the Commission 3rd floor conference room Wednesday September 20th at 4 pm.

The next TAC meeting will be Wednesday, October 11, at 10:00 a.m.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:223 a.m.

October 2023 Administrative Modifications

That created changes on the TIP spreadsheet:

1. #49 CN (100070257) Friendship Rd Widening and Bridge Replacement – Phase II
Previously in FY 2025
Will move to FY 2026 to maintain fiscal constraint.
-Moved on internal TIP spreadsheet and increased by 1% from \$3,716,886 to \$3,754,055

CALHOUN AREA MPO

TIP LIST AS OF September 28, 2023

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
66 Francis St. Roadway Improvements		Jacksonville		PE CN								
PROGRAMMED					2,235,083	2,958,059	3,495,154	5,171,088	2,895,702	2,641,120	5,532,207	3,323,495
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					6,002,012	6,325,388	5,907,834	5,193,931	2,859,719	2,800,894	2,996,650	301,320
AVAILABLE					8,560,471	8,865,893	8,689,085	8,030,807	5,696,595	5,637,770	5,833,527	3,138,196
BALANCE					6,325,388	5,907,834	5,193,931	2,859,719	2,800,894	2,996,650	301,320	(185,299)

CALHOUN AREA MPO

CARBON REDUCTION FUNDS AS OF September 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												
63 Quintard Ave Signal Timing from 8th to 22nd St Update and Implemntation CRF to be used*		Anniston		PE CN					22,518					28,408			
64 AL-21 Pedestrian Crossing at McClellan Blvd. CRF to be used*		Anniston		PE CN										28,408			
PROGRAMMED					17,356	0	0	0	22,518	0	0	0	0	85,223	170,445	0	0
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	771,443	942,218	1,283,438
AVAILABLE					0	-17,356	-17,356	-17,356	-17,356	-39,874	-39,874	174,225	515,445	856,665	1,112,663	1,283,438	1,624,658
BALANCE					-17,356	-17,356	-17,356	-17,356	-39,874	-39,874	-39,874	174,225	515,445	771,443	942,218	1,283,438	1,624,658

Current Pre-Construction Projects

TIP Spreadsheet Number	Description	Municipality	Project Number & Scope	FY & Planning Status	Status
33	Chief Ladiga Trail	Anniston	100074029 CN		Need bridge sheet approvals; plan in hand PS&E had recently; need updated bridge and utility submittals; final back check soon after
41	Bridge Replacement on Airport Rd at Coldwater Creek	Oxford	100064888 RW	2024 Planned	Waiting on a design exception; TS&L approved; plan in hand soon
			100064889 UT	2024 Planned	
48	Widening on Friendship Rd from Cheaha Dr to Circle Dr; Phase I	Oxford	100070248 RW	2024 Planned	Addressing plan in hand comments
			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; then environmental
			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	30% 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	Plans received; CN to review hard copy; Plan review soon; final back check comments received.
58	Baltzell Gate Connector Multi-use Path	Anniston	100070238 PE	2024 Planned	
			100070239 CN	2026 Planned	
59	Coldwater Mountain/Mulberry St. to Legarde, multi-use path	Anniston	100070241 PE	2024 Planned	
			100070242 CN	2026 Planned	
60	Anniston to Oxford Bike Lane; S Noble and Chestnut	Anniston	100070244 PE	2024 Planned	
			100070245 CN	2027 Planned	
61	Old Gadsden Highway Resurfacing from Railroad Ave to Hwy 431	Calhoun County	CN	2026 Planned	

TIP Spreadsheet Number	Description	Municipality	Project Number & Scope	FY & Planning Status	Status
62	Bynum Leatherwood Resurfacing from Morrisville Rd. to AL-202	Calhoun County	CN	2027 Planned	
63	Quintard Ave Signal Timing from 8 th to 22 nd St Update and Implementation *CRF funds*	Anniston	PE	2024 Planned	
			CN	2024 Planned	
64	AL-21 Pedestrian Crossing at McClellan Blvd *CRF funds*	Anniston	PE	2024 Planned	
			CN	2025 Planned	

CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

<u>PROJECT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
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 Contractor addressing Punch List

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	✓	✓	The City of Anniston has opted to not proceed further. 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

Item #	Jurisdiction	Location	Suggestion	Date-Original	Date-Recent	TAC	MPO	Response	Status
21	Anniston/ ALDOT	10 th and Quintard intersection	Left turn signal timing seems short. Traffic backs up at this light. Could turn lane length be increased	5/20/20	07/08/20	✓	✓	The signals from 8 th to 21 st 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 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
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

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

ADA Paratransit Ridership						
Fiscal Year 2022-2023	Anniston	Jacksonville	Weaver	Oxford	Section 5307 CC Urban	Section 5311 CC Rural
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
	6043	1848	282	745	1078	802
2023 Avg./Mo.	504	154	24	62	90	67

Fiscal Year 2023 Meeting Dates

TAC	CAC	MPO
11 October		19 October
8 November	15 November	16 November
13 December		21 December
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