



## **POLICY BOARD AGENDA**

**February 17<sup>th</sup> 2022**

**@ 10:00 A.M.**

**via Zoom (link below)**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

**B. ACTION ITEMS**

1. [Minutes – October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021](#)
2. [FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment](#)
3. [FY 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan \(MTP\) Amendment](#)

**C. MPO Reports/Announcements**

**D. ARDOT Reports/Announcements**

**E. Public Comments**

**F. Adjourn**

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**Policy Board Meeting**  
**February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 10:00 AM**

**MINUTES**

**A. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Derrick Harris, MPO Study Director, called the meeting to order by officially confirming everyone present at the meeting. The following Policy Board members were present: **(Quorum = 51% = 6 committee members; must include at least three (3) elected officials)**

- 1) Anthony Hunter *Proxy for* Sunny Farmahan – ARDOT
- 2) Pat McCabe – City of Hot Springs – Mayor
- 3) Ray Owen – Garland County – Justice of the Peace
- 4) Karen Garcia – City of Hot Springs – Director District 5
- 5) Deric Wyatt – ARDOT – District 6 Engineer
- 6) Dennis Thornton – Hot Spring County – County Judge

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

- a) Dwayne Pratt – WCAPDD – Executive Director
- b) Valera McDaniel – FHWA
- c) Michael Hill – City of Hot Springs
- d) Gary Troutman – Chamber of Commerce
- e) Gary Carnahan – City of Hot Springs

**B. ACTION ITEMS**

**1) Minutes – October 21, 2021**

Ms. Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes from October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thornton. The motion was approved unanimously.

**2) FY 2021 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment**

Derrick Harris, MPO Study Director, gave a brief overview of the reason for the TIP Amendment. He mentioned that the next two items, including this one, would allow for the addition of an intersection improvement project at the corner of Higdon Ferry and Central Avenue, in front of the Oaklawn Casino. Mr. Harris highlighted how the project is not currently on the MPO's long-range and short-range project list and must be added in order to receive federal/state funding. Mr. McCabe made a motion to approve the item as presented. Ms. Garcia seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**3) FY 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment**

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Mr. Harris mentioned how this item would accomplish the same goal as the previous agenda item. Mr. McCabe made a motion to approve the item as presented. Ms. Garcia seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**C. MPO REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No reports were presented.

**D. ARDOT REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No reports were presented.

**E. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were provided.

**F. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:41 a.m.



## **Policy Board Meeting**

### **MINUTES**

To provide for expediency of this project, the committee suggested an email/ballot vote to finalize these amendments at their prior meeting (02/17/2022), where these items were discussed/proposed as DRAFT documents. Therefore, the following members participated in the below action items and recommended approval unanimously:

#### **A. Policy Board Members:**

- 1) Chris Polychron – Chamber of Commerce
- 2) Ray Owen – Garland County
- 3) Karen Garcia – City of Hot Springs
- 4) Pat McCabe – City of Hot Springs
- 5) Jack Fields – Town of Fountain Lake
- 6) Sunny Farmahan – ARDOT
- 7) Deric Wyatt - ARDOT

#### **B. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **1) FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment**

This was part of an email/ballot vote, where each member of the committee was provided a ballot/form to complete and return in order to have their vote recorded. This would satisfy their voting requirement and allow for the expediency of this project to move forward in the development process.

*This was unanimously approved via email vote/ballot*

##### **2) FY 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Amendment**

This was part of an email/ballot vote, where each member of the committee was provided a ballot/form to complete and return in order to have their vote recorded. This would satisfy their voting requirement and allow for the expediency of this project to move forward in the development process.

*This was unanimously approved via email vote/ballot*

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