



**POLICY BOARD AGENDA  
MARCH 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 10:00 A.M.**

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

Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/93705181549?pwd=cTg5ZU1jVUk1ZnMxQk9MdHdTRUI1QT09>

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. INTRODUCTION**

**C. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. OLD BUSINESS**

a) Agenda Approval

b) [Minutes – February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021](#)

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

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

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

a) [Transit Performance Measures](#)

b) [FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program \(UPWP\)](#)

**D. MPO Reports/Announcements**

**E. ARDOT Reports/Announcements**

**F. Other Agencies Reports/Announcements**

**G. Public Comments**

**H. Adjourn**

If reasonable accommodations are needed for you to participate in this meeting, please call the MPO Office at (501) 525-7577 ext. 1010

*The next regular meeting of the Tri-Lakes Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 10:05 AM

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

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 Owen – Garland County – Justice of the Peace
- e) Chris Polychron – Chamber of Commerce – Transportation Committee
- f) Jack Fields – Town of Mountain Pine – Mayor
- g) Karen Garcia – City of Hot Springs – Board of Directors
- h) Mike Lipton – Chamber of Commerce – Transportation Committee

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

- a) Dwayne Pratt – WCAPDD – Executive Director
- b) Gary Troutman – Chamber of Commerce - President
- c) Valera McDaniel – FHWA

**C. ACTION ITEMS**

**I. OLD BUSINESS**

**a) Agenda Approval**

Mr. Harris briefly discussed the agenda for today and that the main purpose was to obtain approval on the FY 2021 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Chris Polychron made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mike Lipton. The motion was approved unanimously.

**b) Minutes – March 18, 2021**

Mr. Mahoney made a motion to approve the minutes from March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The motion was seconded by Jack Fields. The motion was approved unanimously.

**c) FY 2021 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

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Derrick Harris, MPO Study Director, gave a brief presentation over the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Harris mentioned that the TIP presented at this meeting was very similar to the one that was presented at the previous meeting. Mr. Harris highlighted that the TIP was presented at the previous meeting and it was approved to go out for public comment. Mr. Harris mentioned how no public comments were received. The only changes made from the previous version, was a statewide line item requested by ARDOT, and a reduction of transit funding which the City of Hot Springs was okay with. Therefore, Mike Lipton made a motion to approve the TIP as presented. The motion was seconded by Chris Polychron. The motion was approved unanimously.

**d) Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Amendment**

Derrick Harris, MPO Study Director, briefly discussed the proposed amendment to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Mr. Harris mentioned how this document was presented at the previous meeting and was approved to go out for public comment. The amendment received no public comments. Therefore, the MTP amendment would add projects to the short/mid-term project list to remain compliant with the projects included in the FY 2021-2024 TIP. Darryl Mahoney made a motion to approve the MTP Amendment. The motion was seconded by Karen Garcia. The motion was approved unanimously.

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Transit Performance Measures (TAM)**

Mr. Harris briefly provided some updates on the recent changes by Hot Springs Intracity Transit (HSIT) regarding their federally mandated Performance Measures. Mr. Harris mentioned how the changes presented are mainly due to the addition of new buses to HSIT's fleet. One of the performance measures analyzes the useful life of transit agencies fleet. Therefore, as new equipment (buses) is purchased, performance measures and targets need to be adjusted accordingly. Mike Lipton made a motion to approve the targets as presented. Karen Garcia seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**D. MPO REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Harris mentioned that the Office of Management & Budget (OMB) had issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in regard to a city's designation as a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). OMB is proposing on increasing the minimum population threshold from 50k to 100k people. Mr. Harris mentioned that the last day to comment on the NPRM is March 19<sup>th</sup>.

**E. ARDOT REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No reports were presented.

**F. OTHER AGENCIES REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No reports were presented.

**G. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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Approved –

No public comments were provided.

**H. ADJOURN**

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

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