



**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AGENDA  
FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 1:00 P.M.**

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

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. INTRODUCTION**

**C. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. OLD BUSINESS**

a) Agenda Approval

b) [Minutes – September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020](#)

c) [Public Participation Plan \(PPP\)](#)

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

a) [Performance Measures \(PM #2 & #3\)](#)

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

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

**D. MPO Reports/Announcements**

**E. ARDOT Reports/Announcements**

**F. Other Agencies Reports/Announcements**

**G. Public Comments**

**H. Adjourn**

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Office at (501) 525-7577 ext. 1010

*The next regular meeting of the Tri-Lakes Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021*



**Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting**

Virtual Via Zoom @ 1:00 PM

**MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Derrick Harris, MPO Study Director, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:05 PM

**B. INTRODUCTION (Quorum = 51% = 8 committee members; must include not less than four (4) from different jurisdictions/organizations)**

Mr. Harris introduced himself as the newest staff member of the MPO. The following voting members and proxies were present:

- a) Anthony Hunter – ARDOT – MPO Coordinator
- b) Gary Troutman – Chamber of Commerce – President
- c) John Rogers – B&F Engineering – Garland County Representative
- d) Jeff Carr – Garland County Representative
- e) Jack Fields (for Karl Lowry) – Town of Fountain Lake – Mayor\*

In addition to the members who were present, the following members voted remotely via email:

- a) Denny McPhate – City of Hot Springs – Public Works Director
- b) Keith Jones – Hot Springs Intracity Transit - Director
- c) Jim Patton – Hot Springs Village
- d) Ryan Richardson – Arkansas Midland Railroad – General Manager
- e) Glen Barentine – City of Hot Springs – Airport Director
- f) Gary Carnahan – City of Hot Springs – City Engineer
- g) Kathy Sellman – City of Hot Springs – Planning Director
- h) Karl Lowry – Town of Fountain Lake – Alderman\*

*\*Only one vote counted. Mr. Fields attended the meeting as Mr. Lowry's proxy. However, both participated via remote voting. Therefore, only vote counted.*

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

- a) Dwayne Pratt – WCAPDD – Executive Director
- b) Steve Frisbee – ARDOT – Division Engineer
- c) Travis Brooks – ARDOT
- d) Sunny Farmahan – ARDOT – Senior Transportation Planner
- e) Valera McDaniel – FHWA

**C. ACTION ITEMS**

**I. OLD BUSINESS**

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**a) Agenda Approval**

Mr. Harris briefly discussed the fact that a quorum wasn't present, but the bylaws allow for remote voting via email, in circumstances such as this. Therefore, he proposed going through each item, and allowing a vote via email after the meeting had concluded. Mr. Harris briefly summarized the agenda and the intent of the meeting.

*This item was approved via remote voting*

**b) Minutes – September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

A quorum wasn't present. Therefore, this item was tabled until new MPO Study Director Harris could compile a ballot and distribute to all committee members upon the conclusion of today's meeting.

*This item was approved via remote voting*

**c) Public Participation Plan**

Mr. Harris presented the revised Public Participation Plan. He mentioned that this was previously approved back in September 2020 as a DRAFT. Therefore, this document went through the federally required 45-day public comment period, and no comments were received. This item was tabled until a ballot could be distributed to all committee members, in order to receive their remote vote.

*This item was approved via remote voting*

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Performance Measures (PM #2 & #3)**

Mr. Harris briefly gave some background on the performance measures. Then, Steve Frisbee with the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT), gave a presentation highlighting all of the research that went in to revising these targets. The item was tabled until a ballot could be distributed to all committee members in order to receive their remote vote.

*This item was approved via remote voting*

**b) FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Draft**

Mr. Harris presented the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He mentioned that this year's document was a little behind schedule due to some administrative issues in central office. Therefore, this document is currently under a constrained timeline to obtain approval by mid-March. Mr. Harris mentioned that the projects displayed in this year's TIP were consistent with previous priorities. This item was tabled until a ballot could be distributed to all committee members in order to receive their remote vote.

*This item was approved via remote voting*

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

Mr. Harris presented the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Amendment and explained that the major changes were to update the performance measures which were previously discussed on this agenda, as well as to ensure

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consistency in the short/mid-term list of the MTP and the project list contained within the TIP. Mr. Harris explained how a few projects needed to be updated in terms of cost, and there were a few additional projects that were originally anticipated to be let by now. However, due to some project delays, these projects are just now getting ready to be let. Therefore, a revision to the MTP list is needed to ensure consistency with the TIP list.

*This item was approved via remote voting*

**D. MPO REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Harris mentioned that the MPO had approved the 2020 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (ALOP) which were sent out to committee members. He also mentioned that the list could be found on the website at <https://wcapdd.org/tri-lakes-mpo>

**E. ARDOT REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No reports were presented.

**F. OTHER AGENCIES REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No reports were presented.

**G. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were provided.

**H. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:52 p.m.