



## **POLICY BOARD AGENDA**

**MAY 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 10:00 A.M.**  
**WCAPDD Conference Room**  
**1000 Central Avenue**  
**Hot Springs, AR**

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

### **B. ACTION ITEMS**

1. [Minutes – February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023](#)
2. [FINAL - FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program \(UPWP\) \(budget\)](#)  
This will include the last and final presentation of the fiscal year 2024 UPWP.
3. [Performance Measures \(PM\) 2 & 3](#)  
ARDOT's most recent performance measures for bridge/pavement condition, and travel time reliability will be presented.
4. [FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\) Amendment](#)  
This item will amend the current TIP to add the Central Avenue and Higdon Ferry Intersection Project. Without this amendment the project is currently on pause.
5. [2023 Short – Range Project List](#)  
This will include any projects to be submitted for federal funding in the next Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) cycle. Projects not included in this list, will require additional arrangements with ARDOT for inclusion and/or funding.

### **C. MPO Reports/Announcements**

### **D. ARDOT Reports/Announcements**

### **E. Policy Board Member Reports/Announcements**

### **F. Public Comments**

### **G. Adjourn**

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



**Policy Board Meeting**  
**May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 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) Sunny Farmahan – ARDOT – Senior Transportation Planner
- 2) Tony Evans – ARDOT – District 6 Engineer
- 3) Darryl Mahoney – Garland County – County Judge
- 4) Jack Fields – Fountain Lake – Mayor
- 5) Bruce Caverly – Hot Springs POA – Board Director
- 6) Mike Lipton – Hot Springs Metro Partnership

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

- a) Dwayne Pratt – WCAPDD – Executive Director
- b) Gary Troutman – Chamber of Commerce – CEO/President
- c) Chris Polychron – Chamber of Commerce – Technical Committee Member
- d) Gary Carnahan – City of Hot Springs – Engineer
- e) Bob Pettey – HSVPOA – Governmental Affairs Committee

**B. ACTION ITEMS**

- 1) **Minutes – February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023** – The committee reviewed the minutes as presented. Mr. Farmahan made a motion to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Mr. Fields. The item passed unanimously.
- 2) **FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** – Mr. Harris presented the final Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 UPWP for approval. Mr. Harris mentioned how this underwent a two-week public comment period, with no comments submitted. Mr. Mahoney made a motion to approve the motion as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lipton. The item passed unanimously.
- 3) **Performance Measures (PM) 2 & 3** - Staff from the Arkansas Department of Transportation presented on the proposed statewide targets for PM 2 and PM 3. These correspond to Bridge and Pavement condition, and Travel Time Reliability. Mr. Mahoney made a motion to approve the item as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caverly. The item passed unanimously.

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- 4) **FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment -**  
Mr. Harris presented a TIP Amendment to amend our current TIP to include the intersection improvement project at the convergence of Higdon Ferry and Central Avenue in front of Oaklawn Racing Resort and Casino. Mr. Harris highlighted how this project isn't currently in the TIP and is a requirement to receive federal funds. Mr. Mahoney made a motion to approve the amendment as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fields. The item passed unanimously.
- 5) **2023 Short-Range Project List -** Mr. Harris presented the project list and discussed how the list was created. He highlighted that these projects would be the ones submitted to the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) for consideration into the next Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Some discussion ensued, but the project list remained the same. Joint consensus on the project list.

#### **C. MPO REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Harris informed the committee that the Hot Springs Urbanized Area would be getting a newly formed pot of money for reducing the carbon footprint in our area. This Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) could be utilized for trails, transit, electric vehicle infrastructure, etc..., and wanted to gain committee feedback on best use cases. The committee overwhelming agreed, that trails would be the best use of those funds.

#### **D. ARDOT REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ARDOT staff informed the committee of the upcoming Arkansas Transportation Conference to be held in North Little Rock beginning September 19<sup>th</sup> and continuing through the 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### **E. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No additional reports or announcements were made.

#### **F. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were provided.

#### **G. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:01 a.m.