



Policy Board Meeting
February 15th, 2024 @ 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 (*and as PROXY for Sunny*)
- 3) Darryl Mahoney – Garland County – County Judge
- 4) Bruce Caverly – Hot Springs POA – Board Director
- 5) Mike Lipton – Hot Springs Metro Partnership
- 6) Ray Owen – Garland County – Quorum Court
- 7) Karen Garcia – City of Hot Springs – Board of Directors
- 8) Pat McCabe – City of Hot Springs - Mayor

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

- a) Dwayne Pratt – WCAPDD – Executive Director
- b) Lance Spicer – City of Hot Springs – Deputy City Manager
- c) Truett Smith – Federal Highway Administration – Transportation Planner
- d) Keith Jones – City of Hot Springs – Intracity Transit
- e) Gary Troutman – Chamber of Commerce – CEO
- f) Jim Randle – Resident/Citizen
- g) Ken Alton – Resident/Citizen
- h) Morris Costo – Resident/Citizen
- i) Sherri Cocton – Resident/Cizen
- j) Greer Cory – Resident/Citizen

B. ACTION ITEMS

- 1) **Minutes – October 26th, 2023** – The committee was presented with the previous meeting minutes. Karen Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Tony Evans. The item passed unanimously.
- 2) **Safety Performance Measures** – Mr. Harris presented the newly proposed 2024 Safety Performance Measures released by the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT). Mr. Harris explained that MPO's had the choice to set their own targets, or support the state DOT's targets, in this case ARDOT. After

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some discussion, Karen Garcia made a motion to support ARDOT’s targets as presented. The item was seconded by Judge Mahoney. The item passed unanimously.

- 3) **FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** – Mr. Harris presented the Fiscal Year 2025 UPWP. He highlighted that was essentially the MPO’s budget, which records the funds and activities MPO staff plans to tackle in the upcoming FY, July 1st, 2024, thru June 30th, 2025. Mr. Harris highlighted that this would require a 14-day public comment period and then would be brought back before this committee. Judge Mahoney made a motion to approve the item to go out for public comments. The item was seconded by Chris Polychron. The item passed unanimously.
- 4) **FY 2023 – 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** – Mr. Harris informed the committee of a walk-on item to accommodate a request from Intracity Transit. Mr. Harris highlighted that the request would allow for previously appropriated funds, such as prior fiscal years, to be moved into the current fiscal year, to allow for expenditure. **Judge Mahoney made a motion to approve the amendment. The motion was seconded by Karen Garcia. The item passed unanimously.**

C. MPO REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No additional reports or announcements were made.

D. ARDOT REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No additional reports or announcements were made.

E. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No additional reports or announcements were made.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following residents of the City of Hot Springs came to speak in support of the same matter. They spoke on behalf of the Forest Lakes Property Owner’s Association and was requesting what could be done about the newly created intersection directly across from their main entrance at Forest Lakes Boulevard and Twin Points Road. They highlighted how it was already difficult to take a left turn out of their property onto Twin Points Road, and once the new development is complete along the newly created road, it would create even more traffic backup at peak hours, both a.m. and p.m.

- A. Jim Randle – Resident/Citizen
- B. Ken Alton – Resident/Citizen
- C. Morris Costo – Resident/Citizen
- D. Sherri Cocton – Resident/Cizen
- E. Greer Cory – Resident/Citizen

G. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:12 a.m.

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