



Policy Board Meeting
August 21st, 2025 @ 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) Mike Lipton – Hot Springs Metro Partnership - *Chair*
- 2) Jeremy Brown – Garland County – *Vice Chair*
- 3) Darryl Mahoney – Garland County - Judge
- 4) Karen Garcia – City of Hot Springs – Board Member
- 5) Karl Lowry as proxy for Jack Fields – City of Fountain Lake – Mayor
- 6) Bruce Caverly – Hot Springs Village
- 7) Malinda Henson – Town of Mountain Pine – Mayor
- 8) Hunter Lake - ARDOT

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

- a) Gary Troutman – Chamber of Commerce – President

B. ACTION ITEMS

- 1) **Minutes – August 21st, 2025** – The committee was presented with the previous meeting minutes. Bruce Caverly made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Karen Garcia. The item passed unanimously.

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1) **2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Project Discussion** – Mr. Harris informed the board that it was time to present the new DRAFT of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Mr. Harris highlighted the new plan layout, the list of needed projects, funding sources, and an eventual constrained project list. There was some discussion regarding projects and getting the anticipated revenues to align with the constrained project list. Mr. Harris mentioned that this would be opened for public comment period on Sunday August 24th, anyone could email, call, or submit their comments online via the MPO's website, at www.trilakesmpo.org, where the plan can also be viewed. Mr. Harris mentioned that this would be brought back on September 25th for a final vote, with any changes, or comments submitted throughout the process.

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D. MPO REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Harris indicated that he will be presenting this plan to the Forest Lakes Property Owners Association, in the presence of Board Member Garcia from the City of Hot Springs.

Furthermore, the MPO will be hosting a public hearing at the library on Saturday morning to enhance accessibility for individuals who may be employed during the week and face challenges in attending daytime or weekday meetings.

E. ARDOT REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No additional reports or announcements were made.

F. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No additional reports or announcements were made.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made and/or recorded.

H. ADJOURN

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