

February 11, 2020

West Memphis MPO
Joint Policy and Technical Committees Meeting
10:00 AM West Memphis City Hall

Minutes

MPO Policy Committee Members Present

The Honorable Marco McClendon, Mayor, City of West Memphis, Chairman
The Honorable Frank Fogleman, Mayor, City of Marion, Vice-Chairman
Tracy Brick, City of Marion
Ed Cain, City of Marion
Sunny Farmahan, ARDOT (Proxy for Jessie Jones)
Cannon Callicot, ARDOT
Amanda Hicks, City of West Memphis
Paul Luker, City of West Memphis
Phillip Sorrell, City of West Memphis

MPO Technical Committee Members Present

The Honorable Marco McClendon, Mayor, City of West Memphis
Eddie Brawley, MPO Study Director
Tracy Brick, City of Marion
Ed Cain, City of Marion
Phillip Sorrell, City of West Memphis
Cannon Callicott, ARDOT
Paul Luker, City of West Memphis
Amanda Hicks, City of West Memphis

Others Present

Jim Carpenter, City of West Memphis
Judy Jackson, MPO
Steve Jones, Citizen
John Rech, Evening Times
Philip Rodgers, Crisp Contractors
Bobby Williams, MPO
Ward Wimbish, West Memphis Utilities

With a quorum present for both committees, Mayor McClendon called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and introductions were made.

Minutes—After review, a motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2019. **The motion was seconded and passed.**

Reports

- 1) Mr. Brawley gave the report on the MPO CAC meeting held on February 4, 2020. The following are areas of concern that the CAC would like the Technical and Policy Committees to address...
 - a. Signage on interstate directing people to Big River Crossing and Delta Regional Park Trail.
 - b. Way-Finding signs,
- 2) Progress report on current projects...
 - a. Delta Regional River Park Trail project number 10638 is complete. The overlay of Robinson Road will be let as a separate project.
 - b. Marion Overpass—100% design plans are complete. ROW acquisition has not begun.
 - c. Southloop Extension—geotechnical borings will be done as soon as the soybeans are harvested. Selling bonds to finance the entire project is on hold until the construction schedule is set. Bond financing takes about 90 days to complete.
 - d. Hwy. 191 System Widening (Hwy. 70—Hwy. 77). Job no. 110-72. This project is scheduled for letting in October 2020 with a public hearing scheduled for April 16, 2020.
 - e. Lehr St. Bridge—Design is complete. Utility relocation should begin soon.
 - f. Hwy. 64 Widening (Downtown Marion). Job no. 110614. This project is scheduled to be let in September 2020.
 - g. Missouri St./Service Rd. Interchange. No update. Scheduled for 2021.
- 3) Air Quality—Mr. Brawley stated that the study area remains in attainment for ozone with no significant problems during the ozone season.
- 4) I-55 Mississippi River Bridge closing update—Mr. Brawley reported that the Crump Blvd. interchange project is on the current Memphis TIP. TDOT has opted to keep one lane open in each direction during the construction of the interchange. The timeline for the project is proposed to be 5-6 years.

New Business

- 1) Election of officers. Upon agreement from the current officers, a motion was made to retain them in their positions. The motion was seconded and approved. Mayor McClendon, chairman; Mayor Fogleman, vice-chairman; and, Mr. Sorrell, secretary-treasurer.

- 2) Mr. Brawley reported that the MPO has not received any word on the 2020-2023 TIP from ARDOT. Mr. Farmahan added that ARDOT is now considering simply adding another year to the current TIP.
- 3) Mr. Brawley discussed the 2050 MTP update and presented a list of proposed projects for the MTP. The projects were defined and prioritized by funding type after which Mr. Brawley asked for a motion to approve the list. The motion was made, seconded and approved.

There was no other business brought before the committees.

Announcements...

- 1) There were no announcements.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Next meeting: May 12, 2020

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