



**NORTHEAST ARKANSAS
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING COMMISSION**

July 5, 2022

RE: Technical Advisory Committee Meeting of July 12, 2022

Dear Committee Members:

The agenda for the upcoming N.A.R.T.P.C. Technical Advisory Committee meeting is attached. This meeting will be hosted **in person and via Zoom 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 and live-streamed on Facebook and Channel 24 for Jonesboro City Council Chambers (located at 300 S. Church Street in Jonesboro, Arkansas)**

The main purpose of this meeting is to review and discuss updates/next steps regarding MPO plans and projects.

As always, all stakeholders to the regional transportation planning process are welcome to attend this meeting. Those in attendance are encouraged to speak on any matter related to transportation planning whether it is on the current agenda or not. Please call the MPO staff office at (870) 933-4623 if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Alan Pillow.

MPO Director



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N.A.R.T.P.C. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church Street, Jonesboro, Arkansas

July 12, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to speak at the conclusion of the meeting, or as otherwise specified by the Chairperson of the Technical Advisory Committee. It is requested that presentations be limited to three minutes, and that members of the audience identify themselves and state their point as briefly as possible when addressing the Committee.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services are requested to contact the Metropolitan Planning Organization office (Tel # (870) 933-4623) 48 hours in advance of the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

A. Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee to Call the Meeting to Order

B. Introductions

C. TAC Approval of Minutes from Joint Committee Meeting held on 5.10.2022

D. Staff Updates

A. MPO Digital Newsletter

E. Old Business

A. FY 2023-2026 STIP/TIP

B. Regional Safety Analysis Report

F. New Business

A. 2022 Safety Action Plan

B. Updated Arkansas Crash Analytics Tool (ACAT)

➤ <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/1911f992cab484a98f64e7c36c2b262/>

C. Updates from IJJA

D. 2022 Annual Performance & Expenditure Report

➤ Due by August 30th

G. Project Updates

H. Public Comments

I. Adjournment

Contact Lists (Emails, Faxes, and Postal Mail Addresses): Please update your information and give us the addresses of those you would like to be on the MPO mailing list.

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Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Minutes

Date May 10, 2022

Location City Council Chambers
Jonesboro Municipal Center
300 S. Church
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Time 10:00 a.m.

Opening Alan Pillow called the Technical Committee meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on May 10, 2022 in the City Council Chambers of the Jonesboro Municipal Center. A quorum of the Technical Advisory Committee was present. *Various members attended this meeting via ZOOM. As well, this meeting was streamed live via Facebook and Channel 24*

Roll Call Those in attendance are listed below.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Members

William Hall (Chair)
John Broadaway
George Jackson
Derrel Smith (Also proxy for Craig Light)
Anthony Hunter
Billy Holland
Danny Kapales

Staff

Alan Pillow
Nadia Hamdani

Others

Keith Inman
Annette Smalley
Harold Carter

Introductions

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the previous joint Technical Advisory (TAC) and Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) meeting held on April 14, 2022 were reviewed by the members. George Jackson made the motion to approve the minutes as written; the motion was seconded by Billy Holland. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Old Business

FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program

Alan informed the committee members that the UPWP is developed annually and outlines upcoming tasks and projects of the MPO as well as the projected budget for the given fiscal year. He notified members that the deadline for adoption of the FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is May 30, 2022. He added that UPWP released for a public comment period, which ended on May 6th and that The UPWP would need a recommendation for adoption in the next joint committee meeting.

John Broadway made the motion to recommend the FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for adoption; Billy Holland seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

MPO Regional Emissions Action Plan

Alan reminded committee members that the MPO staff had developed a new emissions action plan, which provides an overview about current air quality in Craighead County, and identifies actions and strategies to preserve future air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions caused by vehicles. Alan stated that the new bipartisan infrastructure bill has placed an emphasis on lowering emissions and combating climate change. He stated that a number of recent and future grants are expected to require a document such as this.

Alan added that at the previous meeting, it was requested to table the plan since there were some concerns in the language included in the resolution.

Billy Holland made the motion to recommend the regional emissions action plan for adoption; Anthony Hunter seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (STIP/TIP)

Alan provided the committee with an update on the development of the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Plan.

New Business

Safe Street For all Grant program

Alan informed the committee members that there is a new federal discretionary grant program known as the Safe Streets and Roads for All Program. The program is expected to allocate approximately 5 to 6 billion dollars in federal funds for roadway safety projects over the next 5 years. Alan stated that he is still awaiting the official notice of funding to come out, but preliminary webinars have indicated the requirement of a formally adopted regional safety action plan. He stated that MPO staff have developed a safety plan in the past, but it would need to be updated, upgraded, and adopted by the MPO Policy Committee before it could be used to apply for funding through this new program.

Alan added that MPO staff will begin updating the safety action plan as soon as possible as the first round of applications are expected to be due in only a couple of months.

Project Updates

Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

Adjournment

Billy Holland made the motion to adjourn the meeting; George Jackson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.