

# MEETING MINUTES

## Mississippi Gulf Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Committee Meeting

August 4, 2022

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1. Call to Order: 10:05 a.m.

Necole Baker-MDOT, LPA Division (Virtual Room)	Armendia Pierce- GRPC
Mayor George Bass – City of Long Beach	Sharron Perkins-City of D’Iberville (Virtual Room)
Wendy Barnes- Jackson County (Virtual Room)	Mayor Jimmy Rafferty – Pass Christian
Perry Brown III-MDOT, MPO Coordinator (Virtual Room)	David Seyfarth- MDOT, District 6
Kelly Castleberry – MDOT, District 6	Michael Silverman – City of Pascagoula (Virtual Room)
Jerry Creel-City of Biloxi	April Shiyou – Hancock County (Virtual Room)
Trent Curtis-OSRC (Virtual Room)	Richard Sullivan – Diamondhead (Virtual Room)
April Fairley-MDOT, Environmental Division	Chuck Starita- MDOT, District 6
Al Gombos- City of D’Iberville	April Stennett-City of Gautier (Virtual Room)
Jeff Loftus - GRPC	Jaclyn Turner- Harrison County
Carolyn Martin – Ocean Springs (Virtual Room)	Kim Thurman – FHWA (Virtual Room)
Wayne Miller- City of Gulfport (Virtual Room)	Sue Wright- City of Moss Point (Virtual Room)
Ed Ott- City of Biloxi	Paula Yancey- City of Gautier (Virtual Room)
Alderman Bernie Parker- City of Long Beach	Kenneth Yarrow - GRPC

2. Public Comment

No person from the Public was present and no public comments were received.

3. Approval of the Minutes from the May 26, 2022 meeting: Approve, Deny, or Amend

The minutes of the Mississippi Gulf Coast MPO Policy Committee meeting on May 26, 2022

**A motion was made by Mayor Bass and seconded by Mayor Rafferty. The motion passed. The May 26, 2022 Gulf Coast MPO TPC Meeting Minutes were approved.**

4. 2023-2026 Mississippi Gulf Coast MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The 2023-2026 Gulf Coast MPO Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

Discussion:

A description of the the next steps of the TIP draft approval process was given by Kenneth Yarrow.

**A motion was made by Mayor Bass and seconded by Kelly Castleberry. The motion passed. The 2023-2026 MS Gulf Coast MPO TIP was approved.**

5. Grant Opportunities-Armendia Pierce, GRPC

A summary of the FY2022-2023 open transportation grant programs was presented by Armendia Pierce in order to equip the MPO Members with a process and a tool for planning their U.S. DOT grant applications for the current fiscal year and also for the next fiscal year.

David Seyfarth, from MDOT-District 6, indicated that MDOT would provide information to the Gulf Coast MPO on the process that is required for the LPAs to acquire the new Unique Entity Identification (UEI) number, which has replaced the DUNS number for all U.S. DOT grant applicants.

All of the supplemental information that is related to this meeting item will be sent to the MPO Members.



6. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Plan-Kenneth Yarrow, GRPC

A explanation of the proposed creation of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (Action Plan) was presented by Kenneth Yarrow.

Members were informed that the new goal is the adoption a SS4A-approved Action Plan by the Gulf Coast MPO before the autumn of 2023 in order to qualify the Gulf Coast MPO's Members to apply for SS4A safety improvement construction grants in the next fiscal year.

7. FY2023-2024 Mississippi Gulf Coast MPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP):

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) draft. Discussion:

An overview of the proposed Work Program for the MPO was given by Kenneth Yarrow, with special emphasis on the following new projects:

- GRPC will hold a RFQ (Request For Qualifications) to form a pool of experts to which requests for proposals will be advertised for certain FY2023-2024 studies.
- The GRPC's Highway Functional Classification System (FCS) Modifications Task will begin around December 2022 when the U.S. Census information is released to the MPOs. Some roads within the Member's jurisdictions may be re-classified or added or eliminated from the National Highway System.
- Assistance is available to Members, upon request, for pre-engineering project technical support, in addition to grant application technical support.

A motion was made by Mayor Bass and seconded by Wayne Miller. The motion passed. The 2023-2024 MS Gulf Coast MPO UPWP was approved.

8. New Business

The deadline for FY22 construction projects completion is August 2022, and Kenneth Yarrow will be contacting the LPAs for a project status update in order to prepare for the MPO report to MDOT.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Bass and seconded by Kelly Castleberry. The motion passed; the meeting was adjourned.

