



Policy and Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting

September 14, 2023

Minutes

Members & Staff Present:

Marco McClendon, Mayor, City of West Memphis
Chad Bowman, City of West Memphis
Nick Coulter, City of West Memphis
Rhonda Standridge, Administrator, MPO Staff
Sunny Farmahan, ArDOT
Amy Heflin, FHWA (via web)

Tracy Brick, Mayor, City of Marion
Steve Johnson, City of Marion

Guy Sawyer, MPO Staff
Cannon Callicott, ArDOT
Anthony Hunter, ArDOT

Members & Staff Absent

Fred Thorne, City of Marion
Woody Wheelless, Crittenden County Judge
Brian Jackson, City of Marion
Trisha Bloodworth (Interim), City of Marion
Brad McCaleb, ARDOT (designated Sunny Farmahan as proxy)

Lensey Hayes, Mayor, City of Sunset
Tracy Catt, City of West Memphis

Guests

Chairman Mayor Brick called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. Quorum present.

Minutes

Mayor McClendon made a motion to approve the minutes from August 2, 2023 joint meeting of the MPO Policy and Technical Coordinating committees, motion was seconded by Sunny Farmahan. Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Technical Committee Reports

1. Progress Report on Current Projects
 - a. **Rich Road Bridge (Job 110815):** 90% Plans were submitted to ArDot. The City of West Memphis would like to thank ArDot for their help in moving this project forward.
 - b. **BNSF Marion Overpass (Job 110509):** The city is still waiting on the appraisal of the property for ROW acquisition.
 - c. **Ten Mile Bayou (Job 110731):** no update.
 - d. **South Loop Extension (Job 110676):** No update.
 - e. **Highway 191 Major Widening (Job 11720):** Scheduled for April 2024 letting.
 - f. **Lehr St. Bridge (Job CB1801):** Scheduled for 2024 construction.

- g. **Highway 64 Major Widening (Job 110614):** The numbers to relocate the sewer/water lines have been sent to ArDot. The City is waiting to hear back.
- h. **Missouri St. & Service Road Interchange (Job 110651):** Construction is set for late this year or next year.
- i. **Big River Trail Extension:** No update.
- j. **Walkable West Memphis:** No update.

Directors Report

Update Bylaws – Draft copies of the Bylaws were passed out to the committee for their review. Rhonda highlighted the major changes. They will be brought to next meeting for approval.

Other Business:

No other business was brought before the committee.

Announcements:

With no other business, Mayor McClendon made a motion to adjourn at 10:25 AM, seconded by Cannon Callicot. Upon voice vote, motion to adjourn was unanimous.

MINUTES APPROVED: 2-22-24

CHAIRMAN: Marco McClendon

SECRETARY: Rhonda Standridge