



2017 Mississippi Gulf Coast MPO Annual Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2017

I. Welcome & Introductions: No Public Comments

Name	Agency	Name	Agency
Kris Riemann	CHAIRMAN - City of Gulfport	Bill Cork	Hancock Co Port Authority
Michael Smith	Jackson Co Port Authority	Brad Williams	MS Dept. Of Health
Amy Rishel	City of Pass Christian	David Seyfarth	MDOT
Don Shepley	GPT Airport	Chuck Starita	MDOT
Brian Fulton	Jackson County	David Perks	GCCDS
Doug Rackley	AGR	Kevin Coggin	CTA
Kini Gonsoulin	City of Long Beach	Jacquelyn Davis	City of Moss Point
Paula Yancey	City of Gautier	April Havens	City of Gautier
Mayor George Bass	City of Long Beach	Jenny Levens	City of Long Beach
Carlos Bell	Port at Gulfport	Jaclyn Turner	City of Pascagoula
Jeffrey Altman	MDOT	Win Ellington	Senator Cochran
Sedrick Durr	MDOT	Patrick Bonk	Harrison County
Jody Spires	Harrison County	Kelly Castleberry	MDOT
Toni Richardson	MS Dept. Of Health	Mark Thomas	MDOT
Tracy Wyman	GCCDS	Kevin Gillam	NCBC
Jeremy Harrison	City of Gulfport	Mayor Favre	City of Bay St Louis
Perry Brown	MDOT	Paul Waidhas	BKI
Carolyn Martin	City of Ocean Springs	David Muns	Memorial Hospital
Ed Elam	BKI	Stephanie Plancich	GRPC
Mark "Mo" Malone	Keesler AFB	Pamela Plancich	Keller Williams
Greg Pietrangelo	City of Gulfport	Adam Jackson	BKI
Wade Morgan	City of Ocean Springs	Chandra Nicholson	City of Pascagoula
Jason Zimmer	GRPC	Kenneth Yarrow	GRPC
Jeff Loftus	GRPC	David Taylor	GRPC
Ken Holland	GRPC	Sue Wright	City of Moss Point

II. Approval of Minutes

○July 27th TCC Minutes **MOTION** by **Kini Gonsoulin**.
Second by **Mayor George Bass**. **PASSED**

○May 25th TPC Minutes **MOTION** by **Jaci turner**. **Second**
 by **Mayor George Bass**. **PASSED**



III. Who We Are: MPO 101

Kenneth Yarrow, using a PowerPoint presentation, provided the attendees an overview of who the MPO is, are core planning functions, discussed the decision making processes, outlined the MS Gulf Coast MPO's planning process, funding mechanisms and highlighted the relationship between our regional work and local, state and federal goals. A copy of the presentation is saved in the files on the GRPC L Drive.



I. Kicking off the 2045 Long-Range Plan

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II. Building Healthy Communities on the Gulf Coast

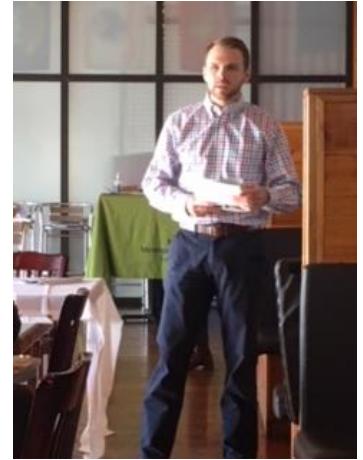
Tracy Wyman with GCCDS and Toni Richardson provided program handouts with attendee packets as well as gave an update presentation about progress on the Community Exchange project. The community exchange is a data repository for data, maps and other resources focused on the 7 key principles of community health which include transportation, housing, food system, economic development, etc. The next phase of programmatic development will include outreach to local leadership to show them how they and their staff can utilize the Exchange to bolster partnerships, set meaningful and realistic community health goals, plan events and most importantly gain a competitive edge when submitting grant and other funding applications. They hope to create Mayoral Health Coalitions in cities across the region and will be contacting city and county staff in the next couple of months with more information and demonstrations of the project capabilities.

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IV. Incorporating performance measures

Kenneth Yarrow explained that our current transportation funding bill, the FAST Act, imposes new emphasis on performance based planning that requires states and MPOs to adjust their processes to track and report on the performance of their investment decisions. There are 7 designated performance categories including pavement and bridge condition, asset management, freight performance, environmental sustainability, congestion reduction, system reliability and reduced project delays. The first one we must address is safety which will go into effect this February. Under the new rule, the MPO has the option to adopt its own safety goals and objectives or to adopt and support those developed by the State.



Mark Thomas (MDOT) provided an overview of the safety performance measures adopted by MDOT and David Taylor shared with the group that there are several safety related studies and hopefully a local safety improvement plan coming for the Coast in the next year or so. These activities would provide us specific regional information to develop our own safety goals in the future, but at this time the MPO staff recommend adopting and supporting the overall state goal. David Taylor emphasized the importance of keeping safety in all MPO roadway project decision making.

The Mississippi Gulf Coast MPO agrees to support the State of Mississippi's Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) targets. MOTION by Carolyn Martin. Second by Brian Fulton. No Comments. PASSED

V. TIP Update

David Taylor reviewed our 2017-2020 TIP program progress focusing on those projects obligated in 2017 and the roster of allocated projects scheduled in FY2018. The full color meeting brochure included project maps, the complete 17-20 TIP project listing, the safety program map for phase 1 and 2, our group project categories, alternative mode planning efforts, freight system development, congestion management program, and more.

In 2018, the MPO will be adopting the 2019-2022 TIP. Kenneth Yarrow explained that this means we will have an additional 2 years of federal funds to allocate. TIP application materials are available at <http://www.grpc.com/mpo-plans/tip/>. MPO members are encouraged to download and begin their applications now, but the official call for projects will occur in March 2018. Application reviews will occur in June/July with adoption of the new TIP planned for the August 30th TPC meeting. Call David Taylor to discuss project ideas, needs, priorities, etc.

VI. 2017-2020 TIP Amendment

The City of Pascagoula has requested additional STP funding in the amount of \$55,706 for Phase 1 and \$463,992 for Phase 2; totaling \$519,698 for their Hospital Road project. The total project increase of federal funding is over 20% requiring an amendment to the 2017-2020 TIP.

The MPO approves an STP funding increase from \$2,507,709 to \$3,027,407 for the Pascagoula Hospital Road projects. MOTION made by Patrick Bonck. Second by Mayor George Bass. No Comments. PASSED

VII. New/Old Business

David Taylor informed the TPC members that new leadership for the committee will be selected in the new year. Both the chair and vice-chair positions opened after last summer's elections. Call David or send him an email to nominate yourself or someone else for either role.

VIII. Adjournment *MOTION made by Jaclyn Turner. Second by Mayor George Bass. No Comments. PASSED*