

RESOLUTION 2021-04

WEST MEMPHIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE WEST-MEMPHIS-MARION AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (WMATS) FY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND AMENDING THE 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)

WHEREAS, the West Memphis Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the organization responsible for planning an efficient transportation system in the West Memphis-Marion Area Transportation Study and for the appropriate use of federal transportation funds in that area; and

WHEREAS, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act and the Clean Air Act (CAA) Amendments of 1990 require the MPO to develop a regional Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Short-Range Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that conform with the applicable State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) requirements for air quality; and

WHEREAS, the WMATS 2050 MTP was developed to meet the requirements of the CAA and the current federal highway legislation, and to address the short and long term transportation needs of the Region; and

WHEREAS, the WMATS 2050 MTP was developed in compliance with 23 CFR 450.322, Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process through appropriate technical and review processes; and

WHEREAS, the Conformity Determination Report covering the 2050 MTP was developed to meet the requirements of 40 CFR 93; and

WHEREAS, the 2050 MTP was adopted as meeting transportation conformity requirements; and

WHEREAS, the WMATS FY 2021-2024 TIP includes only projects selected from the conforming 2050 MTP or exempt projects; and

WHEREAS, the WMATS FY 2021-2024 TIP was developed in compliance with 23 CFR 450.324, Transportation Improvement Program: General, through appropriate technical and review processes; and

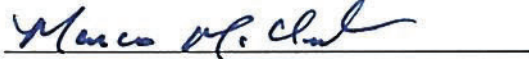
WHEREAS, the WMATS FY 2021-2024 TIP was developed in cooperation with the WMATS Interagency Consultation Committee, MPO's planning partners, Crittenden County, and ARDOT and reflects local commitment for transportation air quality conformity including project implementation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Policy Committee of the West Memphis MPO adopts the WMATS FY 2021-2024 TIP and hereby amends the 2050 MTP to include the WMATS FY 2021-2024 TIP where the TIP is referred to in the MTP including all air quality conformance references; and, to add the following clarifying statement to Section 10—Financial Summary and to Section 11—Transportation Improvement Program of the 2050 MTP:

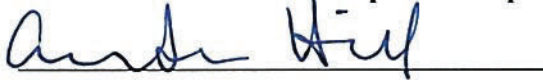
The MTP projects include all statewide generic projects including but not limited to IRP Debt Service; Various Project Development Activities; Various Roadway System Preservation Projects; Various Bridge Preservation, Rehabilitation and Replacement Projects; Various Safety Improvement Projects; Various Signal and Intersection Improvement Projects; Various Transportation Alternative Program Projects; and other Programs, Services, and Activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the West Memphis MPO Policy Committee authorizes staff, with approval of the Chairman of the Committee, to make non-substantive technical corrections to the final document as necessary.

Duly Adopted on the 29th Day of March 2021



**The Honorable Marco McClendon, Mayor of West Memphis
Chairman of the West Memphis Metropolitan Planning Organization**



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