

Ouachita Council of Governments
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2024

Members Present:	Gretchen Ezernack Monroe City Council	Shane Smiley Ouachita Parish Police Jury
	Thom Hamilton City of West Monroe	Toni Bacon Ouachita Parish Police Jury
Staff Present:	Doug Mitchell Executive Director	Shelby Rybicki Planner I
	Jeff Maxwell CPA	Jeffrey Tyler Planner I
	Celine Flores-Robinson Planner I	

The Ouachita Council of Governments meeting was called to order by Shane Smiley. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers of the Monroe Government Plaza.

A roll call certified a quorum was present.

A motion was made by Toni Bacon and seconded by Thom Hamilton to approve the February 26, 2024, minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Gretchen Ezernack and seconded by Thom Hamilton to recess OCOG and enter into the Transportation Policy Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Transportation Policy Committee

A motion was made by Gretchen Ezernack and seconded by Toni Bacon to approve the Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and UPWP supporting documentation for advertisement. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Toni Bacon and seconded by Gretchen Ezernack to approve the Draft Safe Streets and Roads for All Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for advertisement. Motion carried unanimously.

Marc Keenan requested approval to adjust the Monroe Transit System (MTS) FY 25-29 Financial Plan to include additional projects that have received funding. A motion was made by Gretchen Ezernack and seconded by Toni Bacon to approve the TIP Amendment for advertisement. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Thom Hamilton and seconded by Toni Bacon to adjourn the Transportation Policy Committee and reconvene OCOG. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Thom Hamilton and seconded by Gretchen Ezernack to ratify the actions of the Transportation Policy Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Toni Bacon and seconded by Thom Hamilton to accept the Budget to Actual Report as presented by Jeff Maxwell. Motion carried unanimously.

Ambulance Advisory Board

Martin Bech, Vice President and General Counsel at Acadian Companies, explained that the Ambulance Service Agreement regarding air evacuation does not give exclusivity to Acadian. Concerning inter-facility transport, private facilities are allowed to call whomever they want. If necessary, the contract language can be changed to clear up any confusion. Elmer Noah reported that the contract will be discussed at the next Acadian Board Meeting.


Long-Term Recovery Board

No report.

Northeast Delta Human Services Board

No report.

There being no other business a motion was made by Gretchen Ezernack and seconded by Thom Hamilton to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.


Doug Mitchell
Executive Director, OCOG

5/2/2024
Date



OUACHITA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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MONROE GOVERNMENT PLAZA

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MARCH 25, 2024

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Action Item

RECESS OCOG

Action Item

TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

A. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) - INTRODUCTION

Action Item

1. UPWP SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

a) UPWP RESOLUTION

b) FY 24-25 OCOG CONTRACT

c) 2025 OCOG AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

B. SAFE STREETS FOR ALL ACTION PLAN – INTRODUCTION

Action Item

C. TIP AMENDMENT - INTRODUCTION

Action Item

1. MONROE TRANSIT FY 25-29 FINANCIAL PLAN

RECONVENE OCOG

Action Item

RATIFY ACTIONS OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Action Item

BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT

Action Item

AMBULANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT UPDATE

Mr. Elmer Noah

ADJOURNMENT

HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS REPORT

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**MONROE URBANIZED AREA
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY COMMITTEE**

(Adopting the 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program for the Monroe Urbanized Area MPO)

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Council of Governments (OCOG) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Monroe Urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Organization is charged with the overall responsibility of preparing the Unified Planning Work Program that serves to successfully coordinate and integrate transportation planning efforts with other comprehensive planning activities at both the state and local levels; and

WHEREAS, OCOG, acting in its capacity as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization, has given thorough review and consideration to the 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Transportation Policy Committee, acting in its capacity as the designated decision-making body for the Metropolitan Planning Organization, does hereby approve and adopt the 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program for the Monroe Urbanized Area.

THIS RESOLUTION BEING VOTED ON AND ADOPTED THIS 13th day of May 2024.

ATTEST

Doug Mitchell, Executive Director
North Delta RP&DD

Mayor Staci Mitchell, Chairperson
Ouachita Council of Governments

CONTRACT**BY AND BETWEEN THE OUACHITA
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS****UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF LOUISIANA****NORTH DELTA REGIONAL PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.****PARISH OF OUACHITA**

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into as of the date given at the conclusion of this contract, by and between the Ouachita Council of Governments, represented herein by Staci Mitchell, its Chairman, and hereinafter sometimes called OCOG and North Delta Regional Planning and Development District, Inc., domiciled in Monroe, Louisiana, represented herein by Doug Mitchell, duly authorized by a resolution of its Board of Directors, and herein sometimes called North Delta, as well as the Contractor.

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Council of Governments desires to engage North Delta Regional Planning and Development District, Inc. to render certain technical or professional services hereinafter described in connection with certain undertakings, one financed in part by the Federal Highway Administration and one by the Federal Transportation Administration under the provisions of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1973 and the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, respectively.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

I. EMPLOYMENT OF PLANNING CONSULTANT

The Ouachita Council of Governments hereby agrees to engage North Delta Regional Planning and Development District, Inc. North Delta hereby agrees to perform the services under this contract in connection with and respecting the OCOG hereinafter set forth in connection with the projects of the OCOG.

II. AREA COVERED

North Delta shall perform all necessary services provided under this contract in connection with and respecting the area known as Ouachita Parish herein called the "planning area." The planning area shall include the area within the limits of Ouachita Parish.

III. SCOPE OF SERVICE

North Delta shall do, perform and carry out in a satisfactory and proper manner as determined by the Ouachita Council of Governments and contained in the budget as approved by the OCOG and the transportation contracts. Further, North Delta hereby agrees to meet with the OCOG at each scheduled meeting to develop the Overall Program Design/Annual Work Program and perform other work as may be required by the Projects, for the year **2024-2025**.

IV. TIME OF PERFORMANCE

The services of North Delta Regional Planning and Development District, Inc., are to commence **July 1, 2024**, or soon thereafter, and shall be undertaken in a manner as to assure their expeditious completion in the sequence outlined in the Grant Contracts held by the OCOG.

V. PERFORMANCE OF CONTRACTOR

The Contractor shall satisfactorily and completely carry out the work activity or activities listed in the Current Unified Planning Work Program for the OCOG, in full accordance with the designated time schedule contained herein. The performance rendered hereunder shall be carried out in accordance with applicable handbooks, circulars, policies, procedures and requirements as may from time to time be prescribed by the applicable Federal Department or Departments. If any time during the period of this contract, any of

the aforementioned rules, circulars, policies, procedures and requirements are changed or modified in such a manner to affect any provision of this contract, Contractor shall render performance hereunder in accordance with all such changes or modifications.

The Contractor agrees to carry out all provisions of this contract in a manner so as to ensure that the Ouachita Council of Governments is in full and complete compliance with all contracts or agreements which the OCOG has with the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Authority, and any other applicable Federal Projects Agencies under which the OCOG is providing funds to the Contractor for the performance specified herein. It is expressly agreed and understood between the parties to this contract that nothing described in this section in any way relieves or excuses North Delta from the obligation to conform to any and all requirements of this contract.

VI. COMPENSATION

The Ouachita Council of Governments agrees to pay North Delta Regional Planning and Development District, Inc. the total sum of **Seven Hundred AND Thirty-One Thousand, Two Hundred AND Twenty-Seven dollars** for the services referenced in Section III and Appendix A of this Contract.

The total sum payable under this contract will be paid in the following manner:

1. Payment will be made in monthly increments beginning quarter commencing July 1, 2024. If for any reason, the necessary funds are not made available to North Delta, this contract is null and void and does not have any effect, North Delta being discharged and released from these obligations and liabilities herewith.

It is also expressly understood that the OCOG will suspend payment to Contractor if he fails to comply with any requirements contained in this Contract.

VII. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

North Delta agrees to maintain financial records which will provide accurate, current, separate, and complete disclosure of the status of funds received under this contract. Such records shall be adequate to identify:

- a. the funds made available
- b. the expenditures made out of the funds
- c. the resulting balances of funds

Such records must be maintained so as to facilitate the tracing of funds to source documentation of the unit transaction. Nothing in this Section shall be construed so as to relieve North Delta of fiscal accountability and responsibility under any other provision of this Contract.

VIII. LEGAL AUTHORITY

North Delta Regional Planning and Development District, Inc. assures and guarantees that it possesses the legal authority pursuant to any proper appropriate and official motion, resolution, or action passed or taken giving it legal authority to enter into this contract, receive the funds authorized by the contract and to perform the services the Contractor has obligated itself to perform under this contract.

The person or persons signing and executing this contract on behalf of North Delta warrant and guarantee to having been fully authorized by North Delta to execute this contract on of the Contractor and to bind North Delta validly and legally to all terms, performances, and provisions herein set forth.

IX. PERSONNEL

North Delta Regional Planning and Development District, Inc. represent that it has or will secure at its own expense all personnel required in performing the services under the contract.

All of the services required hereunder will be performed by the Contractor or under his Supervision and all personnel engaged in the work shall be fully qualified in accordance with policies and requirements of the North Delta Board of Directors.

X. PLAN PRESENTATION

During the period of this contract, North Delta has assigned as supervisor of the Planning Program described herein Doug Mitchell. The Administrative Assistant or other qualified representatives of North Delta shall attend the regular Ouachita Council of Governments meetings and at least the regularly scheduled meetings of the member governments of the OCOG, prepare the agenda for the OCOG meetings, and notify each member of said meeting location and time.

XI. FINDINGS CONFIDENTIAL

Any reports, information, data, etc., given to or prepared or assembled by the Contractor under this contract, which the Ouachita Council of Governments requests to be kept confidential shall not be made available to any individual or organization by North Delta without prior approval of the OCOG.

XII. IDENTIFICATION, PUBLICATION, REPRODUCTION AND THE USE OF MATERIALS

All documents must follow the report format of the OCOG or the appropriate Federal Agency requirements.

XIII. COPYRIGHT

No reports, maps or other documents produced in whole or in part under this contract shall be the subject of an application for copyrights by or on behalf of the Contractor. All matters regarding rights to inventories and materials generated under contract where the principal purpose of which is to create, develop, or improve products, processes, or methods, or for exploration into fields which directly concern public health, safety or welfare; or contracts in the field of science and technology in which there has been little significant experience outside of work funded by Federal Assistance, are subject to the regulations issued by the appropriate Federal Department.

XIV. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor will comply with all Federal regulations placed on the OCOG. The Contractor will also comply with all appropriate Federal guidelines and regulations outlined in appropriate Federal Handbooks.

XV. PAYMENT OF PREVAILING WAGES

It is hereby agreed by North Delta that it will comply with Louisiana R.S. 38:2301, 40 U.S.C. 276-2 to a-7 and 20 CFR, Part 6, as if copied herein in its entirety, regarding payment or prevailing wages. Further, the Contractor agrees to comply with Section 103 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, 40 U.S.C. 327-320, as supplemented by Department of Labor Regulations, 29 CFR Part 5, where applicable in all construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 or other contracts including employment or mechanics or laborers which exceed \$2,500. These requirements do not apply to purchase of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

XVI. ENVIRONMENT

The Contractor hereby agrees to comply with all applicable standards, order or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 1867 et. Seq.) and the Federal Water Pollution Contract Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et. Seq.) as amended. Violations shall be

reported to the grantor agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency. Additionally, all planning activities shall be carried out in accord with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and in full accord with the policies and provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

XVII. CHANGES

The Ouachita Council of Governments may, from time to time, require changes in the scope of services, time of performance of other requirements of North Delta. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of the Planning Consultant's compensation, which are mutually agreed upon by and between the OCOG and the Contractor, shall be incorporated in written amendments to this contract.

Any alterations, additions, or deletions to the terms of this contract which are required by changes in Federal Laws, State Laws, Federal Regulations or State Regulations promulgated pursuant thereto are automatically incorporated into this contract without written amendment hereto and shall go into effect on the date designated by the law or regulation.

If Contractor cannot conform to the changes required by new laws or regulations promulgated pursuant thereto; then Contractor shall notify the OCOG in writing no later than the effective date of such law or regulations that it cannot so conform. The Ouachita Council of Governments shall then establish the standards for the termination of Contractor's program and will terminate the contract as soon as practicable.

Any alterations, additions or deletions to the terms of this contract shall be amendment hereto in writing and executed by both parties hereto except as may be expressly provided for in some other manner by the terms of this contract.

XVIII. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF THE OCOG

The Ouachita Council of Governments may terminate this contract anytime resulting from a majority vote of the OCOG by a notice in writing from the OCOG to the Contractor. If the Contractor is terminated by the OCOG as provided herein, the Contractor will be paid an amount which bears the same ratio to the total compensation as the services actually performed bear to the total services of Contractor covered by this Contract.

XIX. AUDITS AND INSPECTIONS

It is expressly understood that an audit of the project account will be scheduled by the Contractor with reasonable frequency. Cost of audits necessary for the administration and management of functions related to the Contract is an allowable charge to the project. North Delta will obtain the services of a certified public accountant. North Delta will obtain an audit in accordance with the Single Audit Act of 1984.

The auditor or audit staff assigned to perform the audit must collectively possess adequate professional proficiency for the work required. The Contractor being a recipient of State Funds may employ the audit staff of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Office for the purpose of this paragraph. Copies of the audit reports will be submitted to the OCOG for review and comment.

Any time during normal business hours and as often as the OCOG, Louisiana Legislative Auditor, Department of Transportation, and/or the Comptroller General of the United States may deem necessary, there shall be made available to the OCOG, Louisiana Legislative Auditor, Department of Transportation, and/or representatives of the Comptroller General for examination of all of its records with respect to all matters covered by this Contract and will permit the OCOG, Louisiana Legislative Auditor, Department of Transportation and/or representatives of the Comptroller only to audit, examine, and make excerpts or transcripts from such records, and make audits of all contracts, invoices,

materials, payrolls, records of personnel, conditions of employment and other data relating to all matters covered by this Contract.

XX. FEDERAL GUIDELINES

The Contractor does hereby bind itself, certifies and gives its assurances that it will comply with all regulations, policies, guidelines, and requirements, as they relate to the application, acceptance and use of Federal Funds for those federally assisted projects.

XXI. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

1. NONDISCRIMINATION.

The Contractor assures that no person shall, on the grounds of race, creed, color, handicap, national origin, sex, political affiliation or beliefs, be excluded from, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part under this contract or otherwise under the Contractor's control.

2. NONSEGREGATED ACTIVITIES.

The Contractor certifies that all employee Facilities under its control are provided in such a manner that segregation, whether by habit, local custom, or otherwise, on the basis of race, religion, and color or national origin cannot result. Further, the Contractor will not assign or permit employees to perform services at any location under its control where facilities are segregated. Identical certifications from any proposed subcontractors will be obtained by the Contractor as a condition of subcontract award.

3. EMPLOYMENT

i. Race, Religion, Color, Sex or National Origin.

- a. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, religion, color, sex or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoffs or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the requirements of these nondiscrimination provisions.
- b. The Contractor will state in all solicitations or advertisement for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, sex, or national origin.
- c. The Contractor will send each labor union representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding a notice, advising the labor union or worker's representative of the Contractor's commitments to Equal Opportunity and affirmative action and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- d. The Contractor will comply with all applicable Equal Opportunity Laws, Rules, Regulations and Orders.
- e. The Contractor will furnish all the information and reports and will permit access to its books, records, and accounts for purpose of investigation to ascertain compliance with Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action.
- f. In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the Equal Opportunity Conditions of this Contract, this Contract may be cancelled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part, the Contractor may be declared ineligible for

further contracts and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as otherwise provided by law.

- g. The Contractor will include all clauses "a" to "g" inclusive in every eligible subcontractor or purchase order so that provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor.

ii. Physical or Mental Handicap.

- a. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employer or applicant for employment because of physical or mental handicap in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to employ, advance in employment and otherwise treat qualified handicapped individuals without discrimination based upon their physical or mental handicap in all employment practices such as the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
- b. The Contractor agrees to institute a complaint procedure to test implementation under this part and otherwise comply with all laws and regulations applicable to the employment of the handicap which are hereby incorporated by reference. Without limitation, this will include: (1) establishment of an affirmative action program, (2) appropriate promulgation, internally and externally. (3) annual program review and monitors, and (4) designation of program responsibility.

iii. Age

The Contractor will not discriminate in employment against any person because of their age or specify, in solicitations or advertisements, a maximum age limit except and unless it is based upon a bon fide occupational qualification, retirement plan, or statutory requirement.

iv. Minority and Female Entrepreneurship

Consonant with an in furtherance of Equal Opportunity under Law, the Contractor agrees to consider and make reasonable use of minority-owned and female-owned business in the procurement of goods and services.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement to take effect the 1ST day of July, in the year 2024.

OUACHITA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

WITNESSES:

BY _____
STACI MITCHELL, CHAIRMAN

NORTH DELTA REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.

WITNESSES:

BY _____
DOUG MITCHELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

WITNESSETH: THAT

WHEREAS, the DOTD has received transportation planning funds from Federal Highways Administration (FTA) for urbanized areas under 200,000 population; and

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Council of Governments is agreeable to rendering regional transportation planning services for the DOTD as set forth hereafter on an actual cost basis; and

WHEREAS, it is required by the U. S. Department of Transportation in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, the Ouachita Council of Governments gives assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U. S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the applicant that minority business enterprise be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definite procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that these objectives are met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Ouachita Council of Governments

1. That the Ouachita Council of Governments Executive Director is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Ouachita Council of Governments with the Department of Transportation and Development to aid in the financing of transportation planning projects.
2. That the Ouachita Council of Governments Executive Director is authorized to execute and file an assurance, or any other document required by the U.S. Department of Transportation effectuating the purpose of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
3. That the Ouachita Council of Governments Executive Director is authorized to execute such grant agreement on behalf of the Ouachita Council of Governments with the Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the partial financing of the transportation projects as detailed in the Unified Planning Work Program, FY 2024.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Ouachita Council of Governments and May 13, 2024.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 13th day of May 2024.

Doug Mitchell

Executive Director, OCOG



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SAFETY ACTION PLAN

Safe Streets and Roads for All

OCOg Meeting

March 25, 2024

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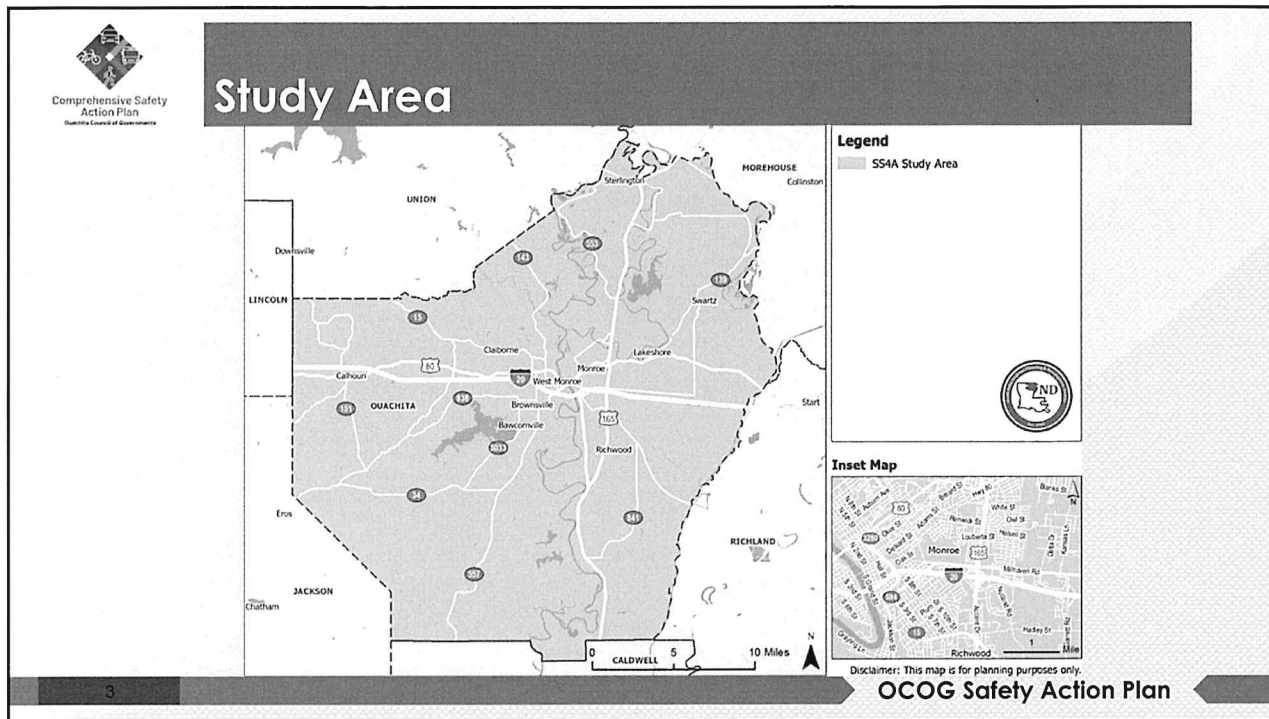
Agenda

- Study Area
- Planning Process
- Goals and Objectives
- Project Prioritization Criteria
- Top Serious Injury Project Locations
- All Injury Project Locations

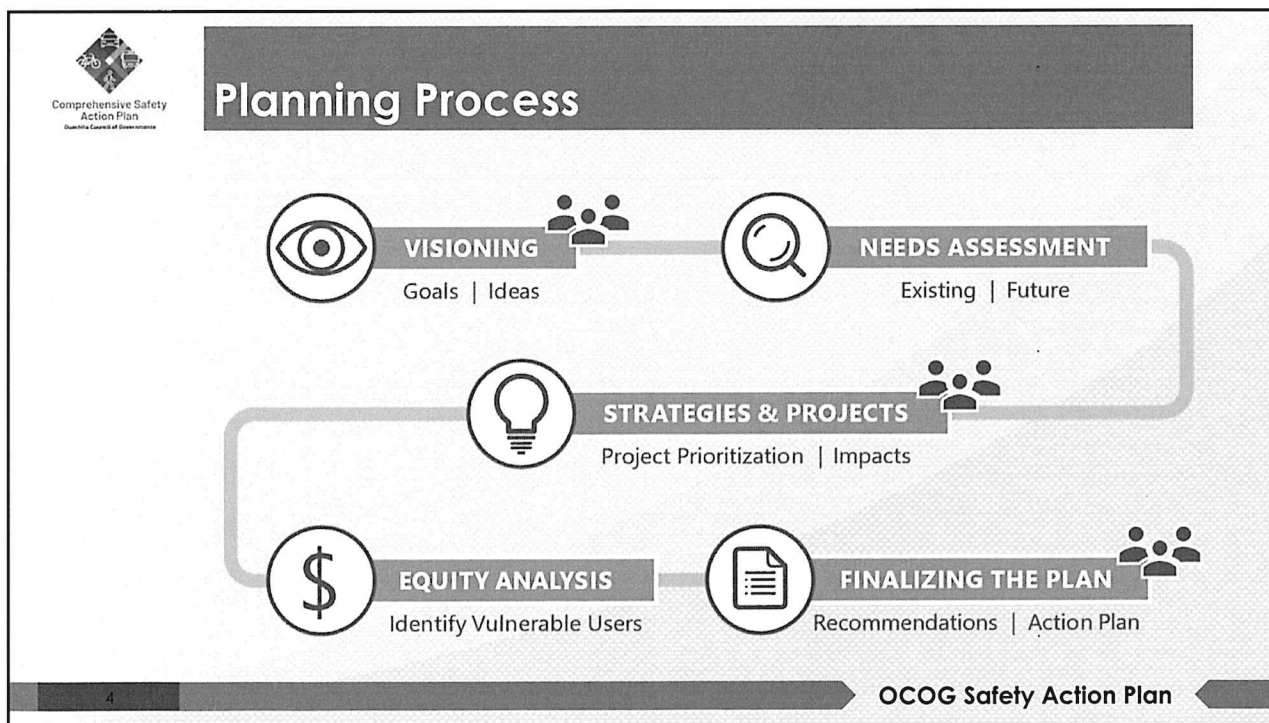
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OCOg Safety Action Plan

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Safety Action Plan's Vision and Goals

Vision Statement

Residents and workers in Ouachita Parish will be able to use a transportation system designed to accommodate all users safely, regardless of age and ability. Safety will be incorporated as part of the entire transportation network and ultimately achieve our long-term safety goal of zero fatalities and serious injuries.

Goals

- Goal 1: Educate residents about transportation safety
- Goal 2: Initiate campaigns to improve driver behavior
- Goal 3: Implement projects to improve transportation infrastructure

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OCOG Safety Action Plan

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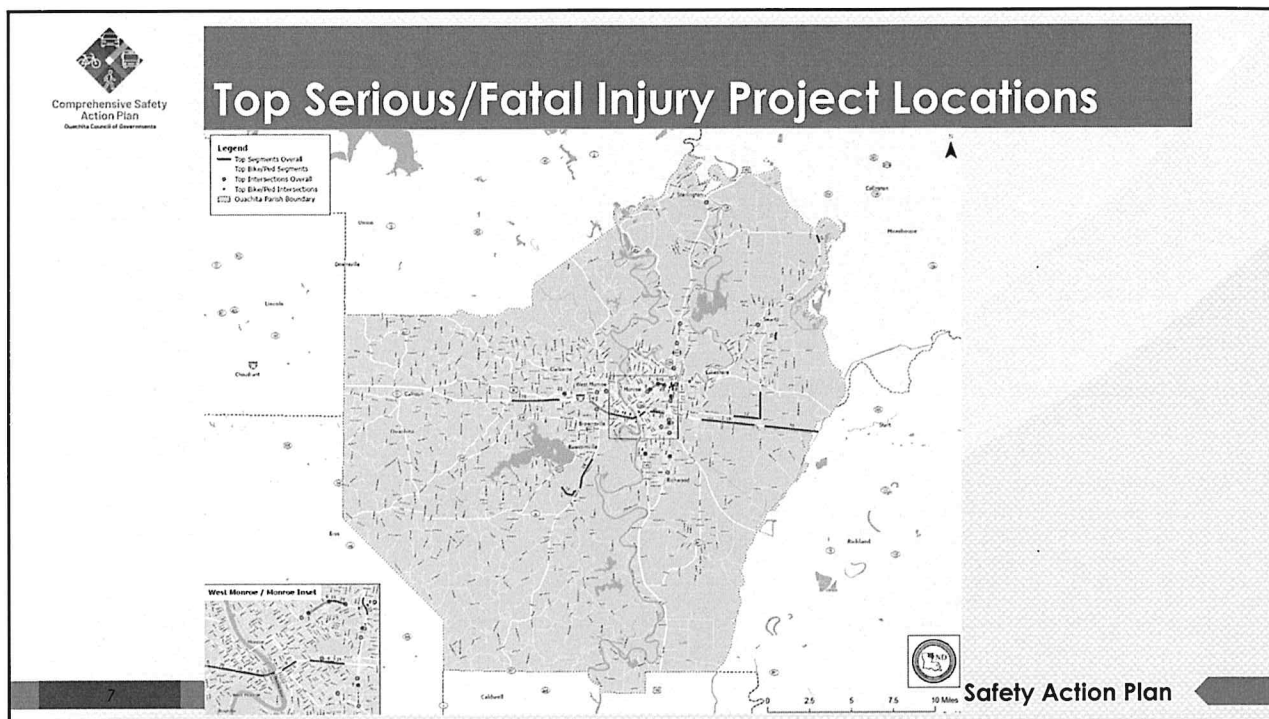
Project Prioritization Criterion

- Serious Injury Crash Frequency – 20 Points
- Bike/Ped Serious Injury Crash Frequency – 20 Points
- All Crash Frequency – 15 Points
- Equity (TDC, APP, CoC) – 15 Points
- Infrastructure Improvements Supporting Public Input – 10 Points
- Existing Plans – 10 Points
- Public Concerns – 10 Points

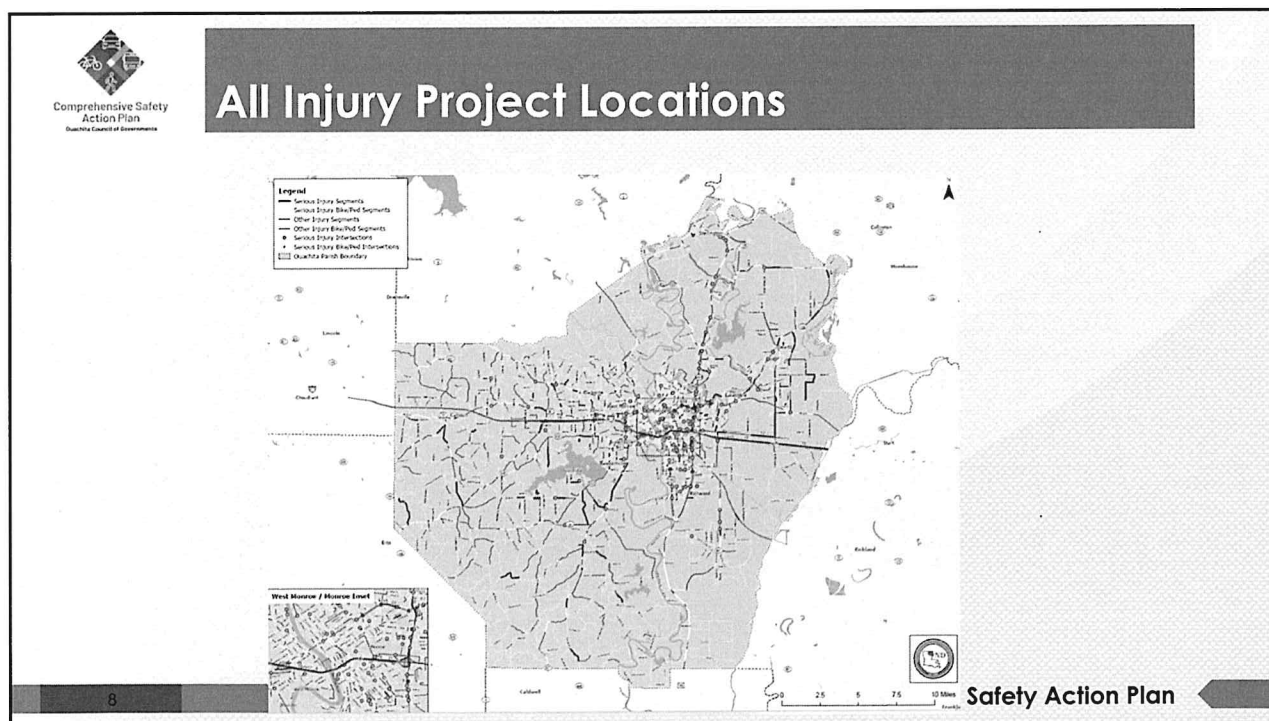
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OCOG Safety Action Plan

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**Comprehensive Safety
Action Plan**
Ouachita Council of Governments

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SAFETY ACTION PLAN
Safe Streets and Roads for All

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MONROE TRANSIT PROJECTED FINANCIAL PLAN FOR 2025-2029

Section 5307-Capital

Project Description	Fed FY 24	Fed FY 25	Fed FY 26	Fed FY 27	Fed FY 28
Bus Rolling Stock	75,000.00		225,000.00		
Bus Engines	280,000.00			50,000.00	
Bus Stations Stops & Terminals		50,000.00			
Mobile fare Collection System	750,000.00				
Security Fence	160,000.00	160,000.00			
Parking Lot Extension	190,000.00	190,000.00			
Support Vehicle	160,000.00	30,000.00	60,000.00		
Install Solar Panels to Admin Fac	156,000.00	160,000.00			
Bus Transit Enhancements	50,000.00	760,000.00			
Other Capital Items (Bus)		280,000.00	250,000.00		
Metropolitan Planning	400,000	-			
Bus Support Equip/Facilities			70,000.00		
Federal Share	1,776,800.00	1,304,000.00	484,000.00	40,000.00	-
TOTAL PROJECT	2,221,000.00	1,630,000.00	605,000.00	50,000.00	-
City/Local Share	444,200.00	326,000.00	121,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Section 5307-Operating	Fed FY 24	Fed FY 25	Fed FY 26	Fed FY 27	Fed FY 28
Federal Operating Assistance	1,600,000.00	700,000.00	800,000.00	900,000.00	900,000.00
City/Local Share	1,600,000.00	700,000.00	800,000.00	900,000.00	900,000.00
Total	3,200,000.00	1,400,000.00	1,600,000.00	1,800,000.00	1,800,000.00
Section 5307-Operating	Fed FY 24	Fed FY 25	Fed FY 26	Fed FY 27	Fed FY 28
Preventative Maintenance	900,000.00	400,000.00	500,000.00	600,000.00	600,000.00
City/Local Share	100,000.00	100,000.00	125,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00
Total	1,000,000.00	500,000.00	625,000.00	750,000.00	750,000.00
Section 5307 TOTALS	Fed FY 24	Fed FY 25	Fed FY 26	Fed FY 27	Fed FY 28
Federal Share	3,376,800.00	2,004,000.00	1,284,000.00	940,000.00	900,000.00
Local Share	2,044,200.00	1,026,000.00	921,000.00	910,000.00	900,000.00
Total Eligible Project	5,421,000.00	3,030,000.00	2,205,000.00	1,850,000.00	1,800,000.00
Section 5339 Capital	Fed FY 24	Fed FY 25	Fed FY 26	Fed FY 27	Fed FY 28
Project Description					
Bus Rolling Stock - Electric Bus	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	
Bus Technology upgrades	200,000.00	200,000.00		250,000.00	
Electric Charging Station					
Terminal Replacement	1,300,000.00	2,500,000.00			
Totals	2,500,000.00	3,700,000.00	1,250,000.00	1,250,000.00	-
Federal	2,000,000.00	3,145,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,062,500.00	-
City	500,000.00	555,000.00	250,000.00	187,500.00	-

Budget to Actual March 25, 2024

	<u>Contract Budget</u>	<u>Y-T-D Budget</u>		<u>February 2024</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>		<u>January 2024</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>
Local	35,613	23,742	66.67%	-	17,807	50.00%	8,093	35,613
FTA	72,437	48,291	66.67%	5,863	41,850	57.77%	9,499	86,615
Human Svcs	15,000	10,000	66.67%	651	11,170	74.47%	285	15,000
FHWA	373,260	248,840	66.67%	34,396	234,997	62.96%	24,886	371,275
Safety	<u>1,373,022</u>	<u>22,884</u>	1.67%	<u>11,762</u>	<u>11,762</u>	0.86%	<u>15,196</u>	<u>901,250</u>
TOTAL	1,869,332	353,757	24.78%	52,672	317,586	16.99%	57,959	1,409,753

SS4A	January 31, 2024		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>%</u>
	399,600	98,395	24.62%
Contracted	350,000	95,221	27.21%
North Delta	49,600	3,174	6.40%

Safety is a 5 year contract. Spent the prior contract in January 2024.
The new safety contract started February 1.

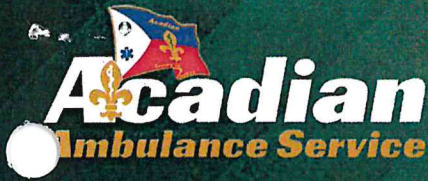
1 Budgeted amounts remaining on contract per month:

Local	17,806	4	4,451.50
Safety	1,361,260	59	23,072.20
FTA	30,587	4	7,646.75
Human Svcs	3,830	4	957.50
FHWA	<u>138,263</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>34,565.75</u>
	1,551,746		70,693.70

Eight months into the year we should be around 67% in our programs.

Not considering safety, we are at 63%. We should continue to gain until we are back on budget.

Our budgets are close to where we should be through February.



REPORT TO OUACHITA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Acadian Ambulance affirms its commitment to sustained investment in Ouachita Parish, the cities of Monroe and West Monroe, and all the communities it proudly serves.

Workforce Development

- Currently, we have 161 Acadian employee-owners residing in Ouachita Parish, with a \$6.5 million dollar annual payroll contributing to the local economy
- 194 students have participated in our local training program since 2021
- Acadian has allocated approximately \$308,000 towards workforce development training since 2021
- Acadian is committed to continue its efforts to train manpower and allocate the financial resources necessary to continue the success of the training program
- Acadian's goal is to train another 200 students over the next four years through our ad hoc class and "Earn as you Learn" program, allocating the necessary resources and funds to accomplish this goal

Financial Resources and Commitment to Manpower

- From 14 ambulance units operating in 2019, we've expanded with an additional six units, for a total of 20 current units. Further, we're currently operating five vans in the parish
- Over the next four years, Acadian intends to expand the number of units, as the need arises, to ensure continued compliance with the requirements of the contract and ensure proper medical care and coverage for the citizens of Ouachita Parish
- We make continuous realignment of posting points around Monroe and West Monroe, and other areas of the parish, in order to better serve your citizens and be readily available for emergency response
- We are actively assessing the need and opportunity to increase our presence in the area we serve, through investing in set stations for our resources
- Keeping costs in check with a 3% annual increase as provided in the contract; any increase above 3% requires recommendation of the ambulance committee and approval of OCOG

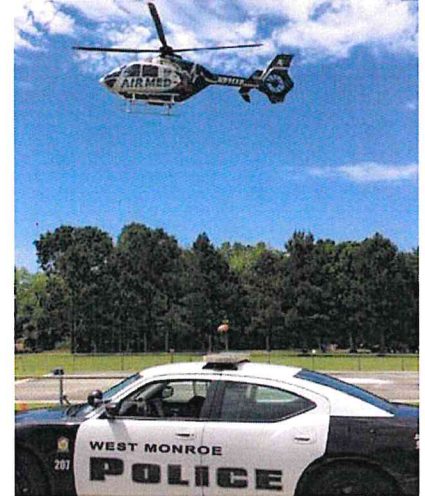


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Healthcare Partnerships

- Acadian is dedicated to continuing to foster strong partnerships with all healthcare institutions: nursing homes, fire departments, law enforcement agencies, educational institutions and other healthcare providers
- We maintain partnerships in educating the public on healthcare issues, prevention, and care, including CPR, Stop the Bleed, mock crashes, and active shooter drills. We partner with agencies to educate and prepare for issues that we hope never happen. These services are provided at no charge to agencies or the public
- We continue to work with area hospitals on initiatives where we can contribute and assist, such as stroke accreditation, chest pain accreditation and trauma accreditation, all of which greatly enhance the hospitals' ability to provide high-quality healthcare



Public Education and Standby Services

- Continue to provide standby EMS services, at no charge, for public and nonprofit organizations, such as fairs, festivals and other community events
- Participate in community health fairs to help educate the general public on various healthcare issues and provide life-saving skills through CPR and first aid
- EMS coverage for high school football and ULM home football games
- Participate in high school career fairs to assist and promote education and career opportunities in EMS. We have an active Explorer program at West Monroe and West Ouachita high schools



Other

- We participate with: Monroe, West Monroe/West Ouachita Chambers of Commerce; Region 8 LERN Board; West Monroe Economical Planning Committee; Traffic Safety Committee; West Monroe, West Ouachita Ambassadors; NOVA committee; ULM Hero Community Advisory Board; Ouachita Parish 911 Advisory Board; Leadership Ouachita; and the Monroe Regional Black Chamber of Commerce



DATE: **March 25, 2024**

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS	PHONE #	EMAIL	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Friday Ellis	318-329-2227	lyndamcmahan@ci.monroe.la.us		X
Mayor Staci Mitchell	318-396-2600	smitchell@westmonroe.la.gov		X
Mr. Thom Hamilton	318-235-5998	thomhamiltonemail@gmail.com	✓	
Mrs. Gretchen Ezernack	318-366-1675	gretchen.ezernack@ci.monroe.la.us	✓	
Mrs. Toni Bacon	318-331-3188	toni.bacon@oppj.org	✓	
Mr. Shane Smiley	318-267-8659	ssmiley@oppj.org	✓	

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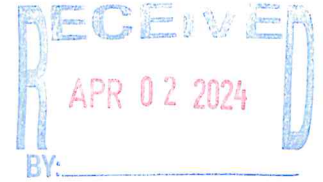
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Elmer Noab	Ambulance Board Advisory
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Keisha Sparks	AASI
Jill Kennard	AASI
Megan Talbot	Monroe Fire
Shane Terra	Acadian Air Med
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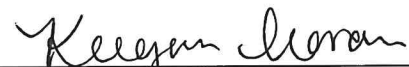


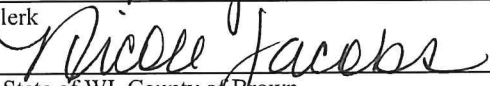
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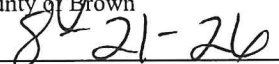
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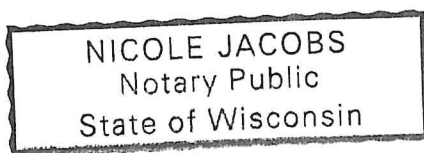
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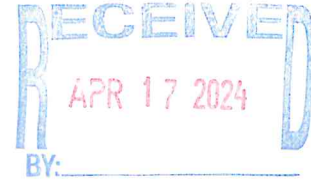
The Ouachita Council
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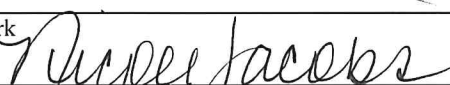
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