

Ouachita Council of Governments
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2024

Members Present:	Mayor Friday Ellis City of Monroe	Mayor Staci Mitchell City of West Monroe
	Rodney McFarland Monroe City Council	Shane Smiley Ouachita Parish Police Jury
	Toni Bacon Ouachita Parish Police Jury	
Staff Present:	Doug Mitchell Executive Director	Shelby Rybicki Planner II
	Jeff Maxwell CPA	Celine Flores-Robinson Planner I
	Jeffrey Tyler Planner II	

The Ouachita Council of Governments meeting was called to order by Staci Mitchell. 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 Shane Smiley and seconded by Rodney McFarland to approve the July 22, 2024, minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Toni Bacon and seconded by Shane Smiley to recess OCOG and enter into the Transportation Policy Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Transportation Policy Committee

Marc Keenan presented an amendment to the TIP regarding the MTS Financial Plan. The MTS Financial Plan was initially approved at the May OCOG meeting; however, the FTA requested revisions prior to its approval for inclusion in the TIP. A motion was made by Shane Smiley and seconded by Friday Ellis to approve the ***Revised MTS Financial Plan*** for advertisement. Motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Shane Smiley and seconded by Friday Ellis to ratify the actions of the Transportation Policy Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Celine Flores-Robinson gave a progress update on the Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Plan. Items added to the Action Plan include a countermeasure toolbox and recommended policies.

A motion was made by Shane Smiley and seconded by Rodney McFarland to accept the Budget to Actual Report as presented by Jeff Maxwell. Motion carried unanimously.

Staci Mitchell reported that the City of West Monroe, in collaboration with Discover Monroe-West Monroe, the University of New Orleans, the North Delta Regional Planning and Development District, and local kayaker Steve Birmingham, is developing an Ouachita Parish Paddle Trail Map and website. This project aims to promote tourism and healthy living. Additionally, the City of West Monroe and the Ouachita Parish Police Jury have already acquired several kayak launches.

Ambulance Advisory Board

No report.

Long Term Recovery Board


No report.

Northeast Delta Human Services Board

No report.

Doug Mitchell reported that the MTP 2050 Update has commenced. The consultant, Alliance Transportation Group, conducted a kick-off meeting earlier this month. The updated plan is scheduled for adoption in October 2025.

There being no other business a motion was made by Shane Smiley and seconded by Friday Ellis to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.



Doug Mitchell
Executive Director, OCOG

9/26/24
Date



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Ouachita Parish

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AUGUST 26, 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. MTS REVISED FINANCIAL PLAN (TIP AMENDMENT) – INTRODUCE

Action Item

RECONVENE OCOG

Action Item

RATIFY ACTIONS OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Action Item

SS4A ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Ms. Celine Flores-Robinson

BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT

Action Item

OUACHITA PARISH PADDLE TRAIL PROJECT

Mayor Staci Mitchell

MTP 2050 UPDATE

Mr. Doug Mitchell

ADJOURNMENT

HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS REPORT

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Section 5307-Capital 80/20

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Project Description	Fed FY 24	Fed FY 25	Fed FY 26	Fed FY 27	Fed FY 28	
Bus Rolling Stock						
Bus Stations Stops & Terminals	350,000.00	20,000.00		50,000.00		
Mobile Fare Collection System		60,000.00	60,000.00			
Support Vehicle	400,000.00	-				
Metropolitan Planning			70,000.00			
Bus Support Equip/Facilities	600,000.00	64,000.00	104,000.00	40,000.00	-	
Federal Share	750,000.00	80,000.00	130,000.00	50,000.00	-	
TOTAL PROJECT	150,000.00	16,000.00	26,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	
City/Local Share						
Section 5307-Operating 50/50	Fed FY 24	Fed FY 25	Fed FY 26	Fed FY 27	Fed FY 28	
Federal	1,242,646.00	1,678,646.00	1,638,646.00	1,602,646.00	1,642,646.00	
City/Local Share	1,242,646.00	1,678,646.00	1,638,646.00	1,602,646.00	1,642,646.00	
Total	2,485,292.00	3,357,292.00	3,277,292.00	3,205,292.00	3,285,292.00	
Section 5307-Preventative Maintenance 80/20	Fed FY 24	Fed FY 25	Fed FY 26	Fed FY 27	Fed FY 28	
Federal	400,000.00	500,000.00	500,000.00	600,000.00	600,000.00	
City/Local Share	100,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	
Total	500,000.00	625,000.00	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	2,242,646.00	2,242,646.00	2,242,646.00	2,242,646.00	2,242,646.00	
Local Share	1,492,646.00	1,819,646.00	1,789,646.00	1,762,646.00	1,792,646.00	
Total Eligible Project	3,735,292.00	4,062,292.00	4,032,292.00	4,005,292.00	4,035,292.00	
Section 5339 Capital	Fed FY 24	Fed FY 25	Fed FY 26	Fed FY 27	Fed FY 28	
Project Description		0.00	0.00	0.00		
Bus Rolling Stock - Electric Bus						
Bus Technology upgrades	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00			
Transit Center Construction		0.00	0.00	0.00		
Electric Charging Station	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Curaway Bus Procurement						
Totals	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00	-	-	
Federal	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	-	-	
City	37,500.00	37,500.00	50,000.00	-	-	

Project Description	Implementing Agency	Federal FY	Funding Statute	Non- Federal Amount	Federal Amount	Obligation Year
Bus Fare Collection System	1513 - City of Monroe	FY 24	5307	\$70,000	\$280,000	2024
Metropolitan Planning - Route Planning for Potential Microtransit Study & Fixed Route Service Revision	1513 - City of Monroe	FY 25	5307	\$80,000	\$320,000	2024
Bus Stations Stops & Terminals - Bus Stop Covered Shelter Purchase	1513 - City of Monroe	FY 25	5307	\$4,000	\$16,000	2026
Support Vehicle Purchase - Replacement of Admin Staff Cars	1513 - City of Monroe	FY 26	5307	\$12,000	\$48,000	2026
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Bus Support Equip/Facilities - Floor Scrubber Replacement	1513 - City of Monroe	FY 26	5307	\$14,000	\$56,000	2026
Bus Stations Stops & Terminals - Bus Stop Covered Shelter Purchase	1513 - City of Monroe	FY 27	5307	\$10,000	\$40,000	2027
Transit Center Construction - Place Holder for Ongoing Project Based on Available Funding	1513 - City of Monroe	FY 24	5339	\$50,000	\$200,000	2025
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Budget to Actual August 26, 2024

	<u>Contract Budget</u>	<u>Y-T-D Budget</u>		<u>July 2024</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>		<u>June 2024</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>
Local	35,613	2,968	8.33%	-	-	0.00%	8,903	35,613
FTA	83,326	6,944	8.33%	5,961	5,961	7.15%	-	57,437
Human Svcs	15,000	1,250	8.33%	318	318	2.12%	-	12,018
FHWA	385,598	32,133	8.33%	33,300	33,300	8.64%	42,087	369,429
Safety	<u>1,373,022</u>	<u>137,302</u>	10.00%	<u>26,053</u>	<u>26,053</u>	1.90%	<u>14,656</u>	<u>196,827</u>
TOTAL	1,892,559	180,597	12.65%	65,632	65,632	3.47%	65,646	671,324

SS4A	July 2024		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>%</u>
	399,600	234,709	58.74%
Contracted	350,000	231,535	66.15%
North Delta	49,600	3,174	6.40%

Safety is a 5 year contract.

The new safety contract started February 1, 2024.

1	Budgeted amounts remaining on contract per month:			<u>Total Contract YTD</u>	<u>Contract End Date</u>
	Local	35,613	11	3,237.55	
	Safety	1,261,180	55	22,930.55	
	FTA	77,365	11	7,033.18	
	Human Svcs	14,682	11	1,334.73	
	FHWA	<u>352,298</u>	11	<u>32,027.09</u>	
		1,741,138		66,563.09	1/3/2029

DATE: **August 26, 2024**

ROLL CALL

	MEMBERS	PHONE #	EMAIL	PRESENT	ABSENT
✓	Mayor Friday Ellis	318-329-2227	lyndamcmahan@ci.monroe.la.us	✓	
✓	Mayor Staci Mitchell	318-396-2600	smitchell@westmonroe.la.gov	✓	
~	Mr. Thom Hamilton	318-235-5998	thomhamiltonemail@gmail.com		✓
✓	Mr. Rodney McFarland	318-512-0421	rodney.mcfarland@ci.monroe.la.us	✓	
·	Mrs. Toni Bacon	318-331-3188	toni.bacon@oppj.org	✓	
✓	Mr. Shane Smiley	318-267-8659	ssmiley@oppj.org	✓	

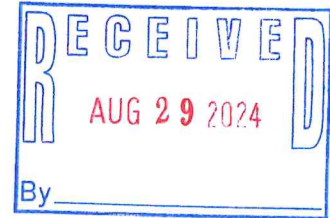
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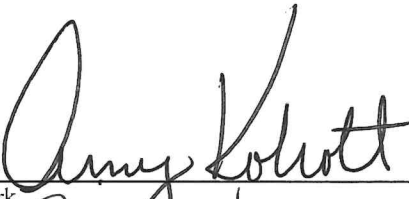


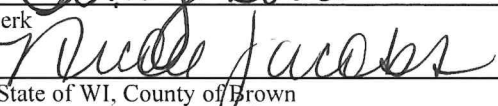
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