

RESOLUTION 21-009

**AMENDING the MOBILE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (MATS)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
BYLAWS**

WHEREAS, the South Alabama Regional Planning Commission is the organization designated by the Governor of the State of Alabama as being responsible, together with the State of Alabama, for implementing the applicable provisions of 23 USC 134 and 135 (amended by The FAST Act Sections 1201 and 1202, December, 2015); 42 USC 2000d, 7401; 49 USC 5303, 5304; 23 CFR Parts 450 and 500; 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation requires all urbanized areas, as established by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, doing area-wide urban transportation planning that involves more than one Department of Transportation to operate a MPO and to operate under agreed bylaws meeting the provisions of Title 23, U.S. Code, Section 134 and 135; and,

WHEREAS, consistent with the declaration of these provisions, the Mobile Area Transportation Study (MATS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), in cooperation with the Alabama Department of Transportation, modifies the Mobile MPO Bylaws to include a modification to article 5.1 MPO Chairperson, and include article 5.2 MPO Vice Chairperson and its contents.

WHEREAS, pursuant to its duties, functions, and responsibilities, the South Alabama Regional Planning Commission, in session this 10th day of March, 2021, did review and evaluated the aforementioned bylaws summarized on the attached pages; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mobile MPO that the same does hereby endorse and Modify the Mobile MPO Bylaws to allow for a Vice Chairperson position.

ATTEST:

Chairman, TCC

Chairman, MPO

Date

Date

Article 5 - Officers and Staff

5.1 MPO Chairperson:

The MPO Chairperson must be a voting member of the MPO, and an elected official. The MPO Chairperson will hold the position of Chairperson as long as they hold their publicly elected position, unless a majority of the MPO voting membership request a special election.

The chairperson shall have the responsibility to: ensure that the agenda items have followed the procedures for setting agendas as stipulated under Article 7 and preside over the business to come before the MPO.

When the position of Chairperson becomes vacant, nominations for the Chairperson are to be called upon by the TCC/CAC Chairperson, and by majority vote be selected by all voting members of the MPO. Nominations for a Chairperson can be made by any voting member of the MPO, but the Chairperson must be a voting member of the MPO, and an elected official.

5.2 MPO Vice Chairperson:

The MPO Vice Chairperson must be a voting member of the MPO, and an elected official. The MPO member will hold the position of Vice Chairperson as long as they hold their publicly elected position, unless a majority of the MPO voting membership request a special election.

The Vice Chairperson shall, during the absence of the Chair or the Chair's inability to act, have and exercise all of the duties and powers of the Chair, and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to the Chair by the MPO.

When the position of Vice Chairperson becomes vacant, nominations for the Vice Chairperson are to be called upon by the TCC/CAC Chairperson, and by majority vote be selected by all voting members of the MPO. Nominations for a Vice Chairperson can be made by any voting member of the MPO, but the Vice Chairperson must be a voting member of the MPO, and an elected official.

5.3 Technical Coordinating Committee/Citizen's Advisory Committee Joint Representative:

The MPO member representing the TCC/CAC as the TCC/CAC chairperson, shall be the Executive Director of the South Alabama Regional Planning Commission.