



**Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC)**

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 3:30PM
GoToMeeting Webinar Conference

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Ms. Zylavian Watley called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. In addition to Ms. Watley the following committee members were present via webinar conference:

Antoine Hawkins	TDOT, Region 4
Calvin Abram	TDOT, Region 4
Barbara McClanahan	University of Memphis
Scott Fox	MATA
Sylvia Crum	Revolutions Bicycle Coop
Colin McDonald	Innovate Memphis
Sean MacInnes	Christian Brothers University
Brad Corey	Mid-South Trails
Gene Carkeet	Citizen
Vivian Ekstrom	Shelby County Office of Sustainability
Dennis Lynch	Sierra Club
Sandi Klink	Memphis Center for Independent Living
Darren Sanders	Shelby County Government
Bob Wenner	Wolf River Conservancy

MPO Staff members present:

Kate Horton

Additional Attendees:

Glenn Gadbois – MMDC



Welcome and Introduction

Ms. Zylavian “Zay” Watley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1) Bicycle and Pedestrian Initiatives with PRESENTATION by Sarah Goralewski, Planner, City of Germantown

Ms. Sarah Goralewski presented on Planning Initiatives in the City of Germantown. She mentioned the efforts of the Mayor’s Bicycle/Pedestrian/Walkability (BPW) Task Force, noting that Germantown received recognition for being a bicycle friendly community. The Task Force identified areas of improvements for bicycle and greenway paths. Some takeaways from the Task Force mentioned that formal recommendation letter to Parks Master Plan consultants and the establishment of cross-city relationships with other organizations in our community.

Ms. Goralewski mentioned Healthy Germantown which is an initiative that is part of the Healthier Tennessee to encourage healthy living within the community. The initiative promotes physical activity (bicycle and walking), healthy eating, and stopping the use of tobacco. Residents can track walking in groups and receive giveaways and other publications and social media makes this effort visible across the entire city.

Next, the Central Business District that includes Old Germantown is part of the streetscape design and is an example of what to include as undergoing a streetscape project. The project will include sidewalk treatments, plantings, benches, trees, and increase walkability. It will also address safety affecting walking routes and bike paths. Lastly, Germantown will launch their new bike share program at two locations at Germantown Athletic Club and Cameron Brown Park with ten bikes. Residents and visitors in the city can check the availability and reserve the bikes via Zagster smartphone app and then return the bikes to either station. The program is in the pilot phase.

Mr. Scott Fox asked if the Germantown Bikeshare stations are connected or close to local transit stations for allowing those to utilize both bus and bicycles? Ms. Gorwasleki mentioned that the bike station at the Germantown Athletic Club was possibly closest to the transit line at Exeter/Neshoba Rd. Ms. Goralewski will reach out to see if there will be more accessible and connectable locations to transit soon.

2) Announcements and Briefings

Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Report

Ms. Zylavian Watley gave a briefing on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Report that provides an updated jurisdictional and agency report on efforts of education, encouragement, planning and construction projects related to bicycle and pedestrian facilities and amenities. The report also focuses on 2014-2017 crash data analysis, MPO Counter Program, TIP projects related to active transportation, a map is provided of bicycle and pedestrian facilities indicated in the TIP, as well some examples of best practices.



Ms. Watley provided an example of what the jurisdiction report includes and stated that the report can be accessed on the Memphis MPO website. Safety included a crash data analysis from 2014-2017, where the last Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan provided crash analysis from 2009-2013. Reported crash data was provided by Mississippi and Tennessee Department of Transportation that included crashes, incidents, and fatalities. Crash events by year, severity of crashes, and crash density map were covered in the presentation and Ms. Watley mentioned if ATAC has any questions to feel free to look over the report and contact the MPO office.

Mr. Dennis Lynch asked if there were any specific areas (i.e. midblock crossings) that showed the crash information in the report and asked if there were any other analysis done besides the eight areas that are provided in the report. Ms. Watley stated that the report only covers regional areas of crash data but can obtain specific crash areas, if needed. All crash data area covered is provided in the bicycle and pedestrian plan and the report is the update to that data from years 2014-2017.

3) FY 2019 Transportation Alternatives

Ms. Watley provided a timeline for the next cycle of Transportation Alternatives. ATAC will be scoring the projects from September 5-19 and will review the project recommendation in October 16th at the next scheduled ATAC Meeting. MPO staff will be working on updating the criteria and will update ATAC as changes come.

Mr. Colin McDonald asked if ATAC can retrieve the criteria prior to the scoring timeframe indicated by MPO Staff. Ms. Zylavian Watley responded that she agrees to submitting a draft of the criteria to ATAC so that they will have a chance to provide feedback prior to scoring.

4) New Business

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 16th. The meeting location will be sent out closer to date.

5) Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 4:16 PM.

NOTE: The meeting minutes are a summary of the meeting. If you would like to review the tape recording of the entire meeting you may so do by scheduling an appointment with Zylavian Watley at (901) 636-7146.