



Date: October 15, 2018

Subject: Six (6) amendments to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-20 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); four (4) amendments to the Livability 2040: Regional Transportation Plan; approval of the 2019 MPO Meeting Calendar; approval of two (2) MPO Planning Agreements; approval of Performance Measure Targets related to Safety (PM1), Infrastructure Condition (PM2), and System Performance (PM3); and the approval of the FY 2020-23 TIP Criteria..

From: Pragati Srivastava, Administrator, Memphis MPO

In compliance with federal regulations 23 CFR 450, the Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is proposing to amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-20 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Livability 2040: Regional Transportation Plan.

Six (6) amendments to the Memphis MPO's FY 2017-20 TIP and four (4) amendments to the Livability 2040: Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) are being proposed for public review. An Air Quality Conformity Demonstration Report for Shelby County (3 amendments), Air Quality Conformity Demonstration Report for DeSoto County (2), and an Exempt Packet (1 amendment) have been prepared for the TIP amendments. As indicated in the Conformity Demonstration Reports for Shelby County and DeSoto County, the conformity determination meets the requirements of 40 CFR Part 93 and the FY 2017-20 TIP and RTP conform under the 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards. As indicated in the Air Quality Exempt Packet cover letter, the projects qualify as being exempt from transportation conformity determination as they meet exemption criteria outlined in 40 CFR 93.125 – Exempt Projects. The corresponding amended TIP pages follow this packet. The amendments will be considered for adoption by the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) of the MPO. The amended pages have been revised to indicate the changes, shown in red, should the projects be approved. If the Board decides not to amend the projects into the TIP, the changes reflected on the following pages will not be included.

At the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting, the Memphis MPO is also proposing the approval of the 2019 MPO Meeting Calendar; approval of two (2) MPO Planning Agreements; approval of Performance Measure Targets related to Safety (PM1), Infrastructure Condition (PM2), and System Performance (PM3); and the approval of the FY 2020-23 TIP Criteria.

The Memphis MPO, through FHWA guidance, believes that continued interaction with the entire community builds support and, more importantly, ensures that the public has the opportunity to help shape the substance of plans and projects. The Memphis MPO strives to enhance the impact of participation on transportation decision-making. In order to accomplish this task, the MPO works to improve the number of stakeholders participating in the transportation planning process through increased opportunities for feedback, improved education regarding transportation planning, and constant evaluation regarding the effectiveness of outreach.

Written public comments will be accepted until Wednesday, November 14, 2018. Comments may be submitted to Pragati Srivastava, Administrator of the Memphis MPO, 125 North Main Street, Suite #450 Memphis, TN 38103 or via email at Pragati.Srivastava@memphistn.gov. The TPB will hold a public hearing to accept oral comments and take action on the proposed items, including the amendments to the FY 2017-20 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 1:30 PM in the Student Alumni Building at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, 800 Madison Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38103.

November 2018 – TIP Amendments

TN Local Road Amendments

Note: The following one (1) TIP amendment was associated with a Shelby County Air Quality Conformity Determination Report (CDR) that was submitted to the Interagency Consultation (IAC) Group for review ending October 29, 2018.

- i. **TIP Amendment STBG-M-2017-04: Union Avenue (US-79)**
The City of Memphis is requesting to amend the FY 2017-20 TIP by removing the Union Avenue project.

MS Local Road Amendments

Note: The following two (2) TIP amendments were associated with a DeSoto County Air Quality Conformity Determination Report (CDR) that was submitted to the Interagency Consultation (IAC) Group for review ending October 29, 2018.

- ii. **TIP Amendment MS-LSTP-2015-02: Commerce Street Extension (SR-304)**
DeSoto County is requesting to amend the FY 2017-20 TIP by updating the project description.
- iii. **TIP Amendment MS-LSTBG-2017-01: McIngvale Road**
The City of Hernando is requesting to amend the FY 2017-20 TIP by applying construction funding to the project. The amendment will add \$4,177,668 in STBG federal funds and \$1,954,066 in local funds and \$557,506 in HIP federal funds and \$139,377 in local funds to FY 2019 for the construction phase of the project. Additionally, the state is providing a \$1,000,000 state match for the construction phase of the project.

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Amendments

Note: The following one (1) TIP amendment was associated with an Air Quality Exempt Packet that was submitted to the Interagency Consultation (IAC) Group for review ending on October 11, 2018. The IAC has completed the review and concurs with the Air Quality Exempt Packet.

- iv. **TIP Amendment CMAQ-2017-04: Greener Premier Taxis and Buses in Memphis**
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville is requesting to amend the FY 2017-20 TIP by adding the Greener Premier Taxis and Buses in Memphis Project, which was awarded a 2016 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) grant through the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). The amendment will add \$102,622 in CMAQ-S federal funds and \$108,912 in local funds to FY 2019 to the conversion to alternative fuel for vans and a propane fueling system.

Note: The following one (1) TIP amendment was associated with a Shelby County Air Quality Conformity Determination Report (CDR) that was submitted to the Interagency Consultation (IAC) Group for review ending October 29, 2018.

v. **TIP Amendment CMAQ-2019-01: Fixed-Route Bus Electrification and Aerotropolis Shuttle Service**

The Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) is requesting to amend the FY 2017-20 TIP by adding the Fixed-Route Bus Electrification and Aerotropolis Shuttle Service Project, which was awarded a 2017 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) grant through the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). The amendment will add \$4,800,000 in CMAQ-S federal funds and \$1,200,000 in local funds to FY 2019 for new transit service, which will serve the Memphis Aerotropolis/International Airport area.

Transit Amendments

Note: *The following one (1) TIP amendment was associated with a Shelby County Air Quality Conformity Determination Report (CDR) that was submitted to the Interagency Consultation (IAC) Group for review ending October 29, 2018.*

vi. **TIP Amendment 5309-2017-01: Memphis Innovation Corridor**

The Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) is requesting to amend the FY 2017-20 TIP by updating the project description and applying STBG funding to the Memphis Innovation Corridor Project, for the PE-N/PE-D phases of the project. The amendment will add \$4,800,000 in STBG federal funds and \$1,200,000 in local funds to FY 2019, which was applied from the City of Memphis Union Avenue (US-79) Project.