



**Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Transportation Policy Board Meeting
Thursday, February 23, 2017 1:35 PM**

UT Health Science Center – Student Alumni Building
800 Madison Avenue - Memphis, Tennessee

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr. called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. In addition to Mayor Luttrell the following voting members were present at the meeting:

Calvin Abram	TDOT/ Rep. Gov.	Jason Baker	TDOT
Jim Flanagan	Rep. Gov.	Perry Brown	MDOT
Austin Cardosi	Desoto County	Jared Darby	Hernando
Keith Briley	Horn Lake	B J Page	Olive Branch
Mayor Rhea Taylor	Fayette County	Christopher Pate	Oakland
Harvey Matheny	Piperton	Mayor Judy Watters	Rossville
Steve Hill	Arlington	Rick McClanahan	Bartlett
Frank McPhail	Collierville	Tim Gwaltney	Germantown
Tom Skehan	Lakeland	Mayor Jim Strickland	Memphis
Jason Dixon	Millington	John Lancaster	MATA

The following Interested Individuals were present:

Dustin Whitworth	TDOT	Frank Hornsby	TDOT
Nichole Lawrence	TDOT	Nicole Seymour	TDOT
Tom Doherty	TDOT	Josh Suddath	TDOT
Michael Welch	TDOT	Scott Fox	MATA
Manny Belen	Memphis	Stephen Edwards	Memphis
Nicholas Oyler	Memphis	Kristen Duggan	Hernando
Tom Word	MLGW	Sonja Owens	Health Dept./ Air Quality
Jonathan Whitfield	Gresham Smith & Partners	Steven Wayne	U of Memphis
John Hochstein	U of Memphis	Kenny Monroe	Kimley-Horn
James Collins	Kimley-Horn	Suzanne Carlson	Innovate Memphis
Sara Studdard	Explore Bike Share	Cara Greenstein	Explore Bike Share
Doug Carpenter	DCA	David Bowman	Neel-Schaffer, Inc.
Gregory Dotson	Neel-Schaffer, Inc.	Ben Ledsinger	SSR
Chris Triplett	BWSC	Wain Gaskins	Cannon & Cannon
Patrick Lantrip	Daily News	Ashvin Singh	Citizen

The following MPO Staff members were present:

Kwasi Agyakwa	Kate Horton	Sajid Hossain	Mitchell Lloyd
Alvan Sanchez	Jordan Smith	Parker Sherwood	Pragati Srivastava
Betty Turner	Zylavian Watley		

A quorum was present.

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1. Call to Order @ 1:35 PM

In recognition of Mr. Art Wolff's passing, Mayor Luttrell asked for a moment of silence.

2. Approval of November 17, 2016 Minutes

Mayor Rhea Taylor moved to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Tim Gwaltney seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

3. Transportation Policy Board Election

a. Chairman

Mayor Jim Strickland moved to elect Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr. as the Transportation Policy Board Chairman; Mr. B J Page seconded the motion and the motion carried out without dissent.

b. Vice Chairman

Mayor Jim Strickland moved to elect Mayor A. Keith McDonald as the Transportation Policy Board Vice Chairman; Mr. B J Page seconded the motion and the motion carried out without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

4. Election of Transportation Policy Board Representative for Freight Committee

Mayor Judy Watters moved to elect Mayor Rhea Taylor as Transportation Policy Board Representative for the Freight Committee; Mr. B J Page seconded the motion and the motion carried out without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

5. TDOT Commissioner John Schroer IMPROVE Act Presentation

Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr. introduced TDOT Commissioner John Schroer to the TPB.

Commissioner John Schroer gave a presentation on the IMPROVE Act: "Improving Manufacturing, Public Roads & Opportunities for a Vibrant Economy."

DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

Mayor Judy Watters asked if the IMPROVE Act cuts on business taxes for manufacturers, sales tax for groceries, and the Hall income tax would reduce the portion of taxes that the cities received.

Commissioner Schroer responded that the state portion is what is being proposed to be reduced for both the cuts on business taxes for manufacturers and on the sales tax for groceries. The Hall income tax is currently planned to be phased out.

Mr. Steve Hill asked if there was a list of the IMPROVE Act Projects available for review.

Commissioner Schroer responded that there is a link on the homepage of TDOT's website to an interactive map where you can search the IMPROVE Act projects by County, Region, and Project Type.

Ms. Pragati Srivastava added that a list of projects for Shelby and Fayette County is included in the iPads.

Mayor Luttrell stated that Commissioner Schroer would be back in Memphis to attend the Shelby County Commission meeting and Memphis City Council meeting in the next couple of weeks.

6. Memphis MPO Administrator's Report

Ms. Pragati Srivastava gave an overview of the following items:

- a. 2016 Annual Outreach Report
- b. 2016 CMP Biennial Report
- c. FY 2018-19 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Major Planning Activities List
- d. 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
- e. FY 2017-20 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Final Approval January 6, 2017
- f. FY 2016-17 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Call for Applications – MS
- g. Transportation Alternatives (TA) Call for Applications – FY 2018 onwards
- h. Final Rulemaking Concerning Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination
- i. New Employee Introduction: Jordan Smith, Parker Sherwood, and Alvan-Bidal Sanchez

NO DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

7. Approval of Roadway Functional Classification Amendments

Ms. Pragati Srivastava gave an overview on the following requests that have been made to amend the Urban Functional Classification Map to designate:

- i. **McIngvale Road** – Pleasant Hill Road to Green T Road as a Rural Minor Arterial Green T to Byhalia Road as an Urban Minor Arterial
- ii. **Commerce Street** - McIngvale Road to Jaybird Road as an Urban Major Collector
- iii. **Nail Road** - Airways Boulevard to Swinnea Road as Urban Major Collector
- iv. **Swinnea Road** – Goodman Road to Church Road as an Urban Major Collector

Mr. Steve Hill moved to approve the Roadway Functional Classification Amendments as presented; Mayor Rhea Taylor seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

8. FY 2016-17 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Projects – TN

Ms. Zylavian Watley gave a presentation on the FY 2016-17 TA Projects for TN.

The following nine projects have been selected as the recipients for the Memphis MPO FY 2016-17 Transportation Alternatives (TA) grant funding. The Memphis MPO's TA FY 2016-17 federal fund allocation of \$2,397,508 is included in the FY 2017-20 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) under the Transportation Alternatives Grouping, TAP-2014-01.

- i. **ADA Transition Plan – Bartlett** (Federal Funds - \$120,000)
- ii. **Canada Road Pedestrian and Bike Trail Improvements – Lakeland** (Federal Funds -\$380,280)
- iii. **Crosstown Corridor Superstop Enhancements – MATA** (Federal Funds -\$400,000)
- iv. **Bicycle Access to Transit Project – MATA** (Federal Funds -\$120,000)
- v. **CBU Pedestrian Access Improvements – Memphis** (Federal Funds -\$600,000)
- vi. **Shelby Farms Greenline Crossing Enhancements – Memphis** (Federal Funds -\$340,200)
- vii. **Kirby Parkway and Timber Trail Crossing Update – Memphis** (Federal Funds -\$176,000)
- viii. **Mullins Station Road Pedestrian Improvements – Memphis** (Federal Funds -\$85,280)
- iv. **Town of Rossville Greenbelt – Rossville** (Federal Funds -\$175,748)

Mr. Christopher Pate moved to approve the FY 2016-17 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Projects – TN as presented; Mr. Rick McClanahan seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

9. FY 2017-20 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments

Ms. Pragati Srivastava gave an overview of this item.

Mr. Steve Hill moved to approve the FY 2017-20 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments as presented; Mr. John Lancaster seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) Amendments

- i. **TIP Amendment CMAQ-2008-02: Air Quality Outreach**
The Shelby County Health Department is requesting to amend the FY 2017-20 TIP by adding the Air Quality Outreach project, CMAQ-2008-02, which was awarded a 2016 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) grant through the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). The amendment will add \$80,000 in CMAQ-S federal funds and \$20,000 in local funds to FY 2017 to continue the public education and outreach campaign focused on clean air.
- ii. **TIP Amendment CMAQ-2017-01: ITS Expansion**
The City of Millington is requesting to amend the FY 2017-20 TIP by adding the ITS Expansion project, CMAQ-2017-01, which was awarded a 2016 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) grant through the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). The amendment will add \$917,559 in CMAQ-S federal funds to FY 2017 for the expansion of the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) in Millington.
- iii. **TIP Amendment CMAQ-2017-02: Explore Bike Share System Expansion**
Explore Bike Share is requesting to amend the FY 2017-20 TIP by adding the Explore Bike Share System Expansion project, CMAQ-2017-02, which was awarded a 2016 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) grant through the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). The amendment will

add \$1,818,360 in CMAQ-S federal funds and \$454,595 in local funds to FY 2017 to expand the bike share system in the Memphis area.

iv. TIP Amendment CMAQ-2017-03: Express Delivery with Autogas in Memphis

The University of Tennessee at Knoxville is requesting to amend the FY 2017-20 TIP by adding the Express Delivery with Autogas in Memphis project, CMAQ-2017-03, which was awarded a 2016 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) grant through the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). The amendment will add \$264,959 in CMAQ-S federal funds and \$307,139 in local funds to FY 2017 to replace 16 gasoline-powered vehicles with propane powered vans.

v. TIP Amendment CMAQ-2017-04: Greener Premier Taxis and Buses in Memphis

The University of Tennessee at Knoxville is requesting to amend the FY 2017-20 TIP by adding the Greener Premier Taxis and Buses in Memphis project, CMAQ-2017-04, which was awarded a 2016 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) grant through the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). The amendment will add \$447,398 in CMAQ-S federal funds and \$454,948 in local funds to FY 2017 to fund 7 taxi Premier van replacements, 6 bus replacements and the upfit of 1 shuttle-bus with a hydraulic-hybrid system.

vi. TIP Amendment CMAQ-2017-05: Georgia Avenue at Riverside Drive Intersection Improvements

The City of Memphis is requesting to amend the FY 2017-20 TIP by adding the Georgia Avenue at Riverside Drive Intersection Improvements project, CMAQ-2017-05, which was awarded a 2016 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) grant through the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). The amendment will add \$498,800 in CMAQ-S federal funds to design and construct a roundabout at the intersection of Georgia Avenue and Riverside Drive.

vii. TIP Amendment CMAQ-2017-06: Vehicle Emissions Reduction Program

The University of Memphis is requesting to amend the FY 2017-20 TIP by adding the Vehicle Emissions Reduction Program, CMAQ-2017-06, which was awarded a 2016 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) grant through the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). The amendment will add \$372,648 in CMAQ-S federal funds and \$85,106 in local funds to FY 2017 to fund multiple strategies including establishing a propane fueling station, converting 6 fleet trucks from gasoline to propane fuel, adding 14 bicycle racks, providing 2 alternate fuel workshops, and installing the first electric charging station on campus

Transit Amendment

i. TIP Amendment 5339-2013-01: Fixed-Route Buses

The Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) is requesting to amend the FY 2017-20 TIP by adding \$5,360,000 in 5339 federal funds, \$135,000 in state funds and \$1,205,000 in local funds to FY 2017 for the purchase of up to 27 fixed route vehicles to replace up to 27 diesel buses that have met their useful service life. The changes to FY 2017, are requested to match the amendment to the FY 2014-17 TIP that was approved on November 17, 2016.

DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

Mr. Rick McClanahan asked for clarification, on the following TIP Amendments: CMAQ 2017-03: Express Delivery with Autogas in Memphis and CMAQ-2017-04: Greener Premier Taxis and Buses in Memphis. Mr. McClanahan was concerned if all entities were given an equal opportunity to apply for the grant.

Ms. Pragati Srivastava responded that the CMAQ Grant Call for Applications goes through TDOT and the federal funds would be coming through the State with a local match provided by the grant recipient where applicable.

10. Other Business

Next scheduled TPB Meeting: May 25, 2017 1:30 PM, Location: UT Health Science Center.

11. Adjourn @ 2:32 PM

Mr. B J Page moved to Adjourn; Mr. Keith Briley seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 PM.

Note: *The meeting minutes are a summary of the meeting. If you have any questions, contact Kate Horton, Transportation Planner at (901) 576-7218 or kate.horton@memphistn.gov.*