



Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Transportation Policy Board

Thursday, August 17, 2017 1:30 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 1:33 PM. In addition to Mayor Luttrell the following voting members were present at the meeting:

Calvin Abram	TDOT/ Rep. Governor	Gary Scruggs	TDOT
Perry Brown	MDOT	Bennie Hopkins	Desoto County
Kristen Duggan	Hernando	Keith Briley	Horn Lake
Jason Gambone	Olive Branch	Whitney Choat-Cooke	Southaven
John Pitner	Fayette County	Harvey Matheny	Piperton
Steve Hill	Arlington	Mayor Keith McDonald	Bartlett
Frank McPhail	Collierville	Tim Gwaltney	Germantown
Tom Skehan	Lakeland	Manny Belen	Memphis
Jason Dixon	Millington	Gary Rosenfeld	MATA

The following Ex-Officio Members were present:

Sean Santalla	FHWA	Eddie Brawley	W. Memphis MPO
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The following Interested Individuals were present:

Antoine Hawkins	TDOT	Josh Suddath	TDOT
Mohamed Osman	TDOT	Brian Copeland	MDOT
Rick McClanahan	Bartlett	John Lancaster	MATA
Tom Word	MLGW	Tom Needham	Shelby County
Chris Boyd	SCHD	Kenny Monroe	Kimley-Horn & Assoc.
James Stokes	Bass River Advisors	Lee Hutchins Jr.	AECOM
John Lancaster	MATA		

The following MPO Staff members were present:

Pragati Srivastava	Mavrick Fitzgerald	Kate Horton	Sajid Hossain
Alvan-Bidal Sanchez	Parker Sherwood	Jordan Smith	Betty Turner
Zylavian Watley	Jennifer Marshall (Intern)		

A quorum was present.

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1. Call to Order @ 1:33 PM

2. Approval of May 25, 2017 Minutes:

Mr. Steve Hill moved to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Keith Briley seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

3. Memphis MPO Administrator’s Report:

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

- a. **FY 2018 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Call for Applications:** The FY 2018 TA Call for Projects opened on August 1st and the deadline for submittals is August 30th. Eligibility information and instructions on how to apply are available on the MPO’s website. The timeline for approval of the selected projects is at the November 2017 ETC & TPB meetings.
- b. **New Employee/Intern Introduction:** Mr. Mavrick Fitzgerald was introduced as a new Transportation Planner with MPO and Ms. Jennifer Marshall was introduced as an Intern for the Memphis MPO.
- c. **2017 FHWA Transportation Planning Excellence (TPEA) Award:** The Memphis MPO received a 2017 FHWA TPEA Award for The Coordinated Public Transit–Human Services Transportation Plan for the Greater Memphis Region. A photograph was taken of the Transportation Policy Board members with the award.

NO DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

4. Approval of FY 2018-19 Unified Planning Work Program:

Ms. Pragati Srivastava gave an overview of this item.

Mr. Steve Hill moved to approve of FY 2018-19 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as presented; Mr. Harvey Matheny seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

Mayor Keith McDonald asked about the MPO boundary expansion. Ms. Srivastava discussed the boundary expansion, which was approved by the TPB in November 2013 and by the governors of

Tennessee and Mississippi in January 2014. This is required by the MPOs after each decennial census to ensure that the planning area meets the federal regulation requirements.

Mayor Luttrell asked for clarification on the final ruling of the merging of MPOs. Ms. Srivastava stated that the proposed legislation concerning the Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform Final Rule was repealed.

Mayor Luttrell asked for a summary of the MPO's Major Planning Tasks included in the FY 2018-19 UPWP. Ms. Srivastava discussed some of the major projects and plans including development of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan and FY 20120-23 Transportation Improvement Plan, future updates to the UPWP and Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture, corridor studies, and air quality requirements.

Mayor McDonald inquired about the Regional Transit Planning component of the UPWP. Ms. Srivastava stated that the MPO staff continues to work very closely with MATA, including the most recent Bus Stop Design & Accessibility Guidelines. Mr. Gary Rosenfeld stated that MATA stands ready to meet the needs of the community in terms of service and expansion that can be funded appropriately.

5. 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. Frank McPhail seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

Tennessee State Road Amendment

i. TIP Amendment TN-NHPP-2018-01: SR-4 (US-78/Lamar Avenue) South of Shelby Drive to Raines/Perkins Road Interchange

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) is requesting to amend the FY 2017-20 TIP by adding the SR-4 (US-78 Lamar Avenue) project from south of Shelby Drive to Raines/Perkins Road interchange into the TIP. The amendment will add \$35,680,000 in NHPP federal funds and \$8,920,000 in state funds to FY 2018 for the ROW phase of the project which will widen this section of Lamar Avenue from 4 lanes to 6 lanes (divided).

Tennessee Local Road Amendment

ii. TIP Amendment STP-M-2014-09: Highway 70 at Jetway Road Improvements

The Town of Arlington is requesting to amend the FY 2017-20 TIP by applying the construction funding to the Highway 70 at Jetway Road Improvements project from the Fiscally Constrained Construction Set-Aside Project List, Appendix A of the FY 2017-20 TIP. The request is to add \$1,054,400 in STBG federal funds and \$263,600 in local funds to FY 2018 for the construction phase of the project.

DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

Mr. Frank McPhail noted that the agenda item description of the Lamar Avenue project (TIP# TN-NHPP-2018-01) said widen 5 lanes to 6 lanes (divided) instead of 4 lanes to 6 lanes (divided) as shown on the TIP Page. MPO staff confirmed that the description in the agenda packet was a typo and the accurate description is shown on the project TIP page.

6. TDOT Safety Performance Measures Targets:

Mr. Josh Suddath, TDOT Long Range Planning Division, gave a presentation on TDOT's Safety Performance Measures Targets. The MPO's role is to establish targets no later than 180 days after the State establishes and reports targets. MPOs can establish their own targets or support the state targets. Coordination will continue between the MPO, TDOT, MDOT, and MATA. Safety Performance Measures are due to FHWA by February 27, 2018.

DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

Mayor McDonald asked about the source of the crash data. Mr. Suddath stated that the database used for fatalities is Tennessee's Integrated Traffic Analysis Network (TITAN). Mr. Suddath asked Mr. Sean Santalla for information regarding the database used for serious injuries and Mr. Santalla stated that TITAN should include serious injuries as well.

7. Regional Freight Plan:

Mr. Lee Hutchins, AECOM gave a presentation on The Greater Memphis Regional Freight Plan. The draft plan is available for public and the scheduled plan adoption is in November 2017.

DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

Mr. Gary Rosenfeld stated that one of the concerns that MATA has from a public transit perspective is the lack of utilization of transit as a solution to freight mobility. Mr. Hutchins stated that this is a good observation and is discussed in the report specifically regarding workforce mobility to and from industrial sites and is a very important part of the conversation.

Mr. Steve Hill noticed that on the Roadway Congestion slide, the I-240/40 interchange was shown as a regional bottleneck. Mr. Hill asked if this was still a congested area after the completion of the I-240/40 interchange project. Mr. Hutchins stated that this was based on information prior to the interchange project being completed, but this location will continually be monitored.

8. Other Business

Next Scheduled TPB Meeting: November 16, 2017 1:30 PM, Location: UT Health Science Center

DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

Mayor McDonald stated that he is concerned about the database/sources used to report the Safety Performance Measures. Mayor McDonald said he checked with the Police Chief and the Town of Bartlett, as well as the Town of Collierville, currently do not use TITAN. Mayor McDonald's concern is being able to gather the information requested within the tight timeframe. Mr. Suddath stated that these concerns are understood and TDOT is going to facilitate a workshop with the Engineering Technical Committee to discuss how these numbers are calculated and what goes into it.

Mayor McDonald is also concerned about what could happen if we don't meet this numbers and the funding has to be redirected to safety projects. Mr. Suddath clarified that the funds he is referring to are the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds that are managed by TDOT.

9. Adjourn @ 2:42 PM

Mr. Gary Rosenfeld moved to adjourn; Mayor McDonald seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 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 do so by scheduling an appointment with Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, Transportation Planner at (901) 576-7156.*