



Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Engineering and Technical Committee

Thursday, May 4, 2017 1:30 PM

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

Ms. Pragati Srivastava called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM. In addition to Ms. Srivastava the following voting members were present at the meeting:

Calvin Abram	TDOT	Perry Brown	MDOT
Bennie Hopkins	Desoto County	Collins Simpson	Hernando
Vince Malavasi	Horn Lake	B.J. Page	Olive Branch
Nicholas Kreunen	Southaven	John Pitner	Fayette County
Christopher Pate	Oakland	Harvey Matheny	Piperton
Darren Sanders	Shelby County	Kevin Eason	Shelby County
Jason Allen	Arlington	Rick McClanahan	Bartlett
Sean Isham	Collierville	Tim Gwaltney	Germantown
Stephen Edwards	Memphis	Randall Tatum	Memphis
Jason Dixon	Millington	John Lancaster	MATA
Terry Leggett	Gallaway		

The following Ex-Officio Members were present:

Theresa Claxton	FHWA-TN	Eddie Brawley	W. Memphis MPO
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The following Interested Individuals were present:

Antoine Hawkins	TDOT	Nicole Seymour	TDOT
Scarlet Ponder	MATA	Vontra Giles	FHWA
Larry Smith	SCHD	Bob Rogers	SCHD
Tom Word	MLGW	James Stokes	Bass River Advisors
Sonja Owens	SCHD	Mark Grey	Buchart Horn
Andy Pinkley	Buchart Horn	Jonathan Whitfield	Gresham Smith & Partners
Emmanuel Tuombe	ABES Engineering	Kenneth Monroe	Kimley-Horn & Assoc.
Suzanne Carlson	Innovate Memphis	Greg Dotson	Neel-Schaffer
John Cameron	Neel-Schaffer		

The following MPO Staff members were present:

Kate Horton	Sajid Hossain	Alvan-Bidal Sanchez	Parker Sherwood
Jordan Smith	Betty Turner	Zylavian Whatley	

A quorum was present.

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1) Call to Order @ 1:32

2) Approval of February 9, 2017 Minutes

Mr. Darren Sanders moved to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Tim Gwaltney seconded the motion and the motion carried out without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

3) Memphis MPO Administrator's Report

Ms. Pragati Srivastava gave a brief overview of the following items:

- a) **Regional Freight Plan Update:** Since August 2016, the MPO has been working to develop a Regional Freight Plan for the entire Memphis MPO area. Once a draft plan has been completed, the consultants will give a presentation at the upcoming ETC/TPB meetings. The plan is on schedule to be adopted in 2017.
- b) **Critical Urban Freight Corridor Update:** The FAST Act includes a new funding category for freight projects and the MPO is working with both TDOT/MDOT to identify Urban Freight Corridors, which is required to access the funds. Freight corridors in the large urban areas are the responsibility of the MPO and those in the rural area are the responsibility of the State DOT.
- c) **Bicycle and Pedestrian Counter Check-out:** The test period for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Counters, purchased through a FHWA grant is complete and the counters are now available to be checked-out by MPO member agencies.
- d) **Performance Measures Target Setting:** Safety will be the first performance measure to be set. The MPO is continuing to work with TDOT and MDOT to discuss target setting for this measure. Once the State adopts the target, the MPO will have 180 days to adopt targets for the region.
- e) **FY 2017-20 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Status Updates:** An obligation summary for the projects in the TIP was included in the ETC Agenda Packet. An overview was given on the Construction Set-Aside process.
- f) **FY 2018 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Call for Applications:** The FY 2018 TA Call for Projects will go out in August with the project approval will be at the ETC/TPB meetings in November 2017.
- g) **Bus Stop Design and Accessibility Guidelines Update:** The plan has been completed and the final document is available on the Memphis MPO website.
- h) **Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination Rulemaking Update:** The bill related to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Merger has been repealed by the Congress.
- i) **Memphis MPO's Public Involvement Efforts Named a Notable Practice:** The USDOT named the MPO's public involvement efforts for the Livability 2040 RTP a notable practice for the placement of advertisements both inside and on the back of MATA buses in order to reach a diverse audience.
- j) **New Employee Introduction:** Mr. Alvan-Bidal Sanchez was introduced as a new Transportation Planner with the Memphis MPO.

NO DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

4) **FY 2016-17 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Projects – MS**

Ms. Pragati Srivastava gave a brief overview on the FY 2016-17 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Project for MS.

The City of Hernando's Nesbit Sidewalk Project has been selected as the recipient for the Mississippi portion of the Memphis MPO's FY 2016-17 Transportation Alternatives (TA) grant funding. The total available funding for the project is \$570,352 with \$456,282 in TA federal funds and a local match of \$114,070. The project will be included in the Transportation Alternatives Grouping, MS-TAP-2014-01 in the FY 2017-20 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Mr. B.J. Page moved to approve the FY 2016-17 Transportation Alternatives (TA) project for MS as presented; Mr. Bennie Hopkins seconded the motion and the motion carried out without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

5) **Livability 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment**

Ms. Pragati Srivastava gave a brief overview on each of this item.

Mr. Christopher Pate moved to approve the Livability 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment as presented; Mr. Stephen Edwards seconded the motion and the motion carried out without dissent.

RTP Amendment: Livability RTP ID #314 – Midtown Area Connection Alternative 11 – Union Avenue and Poplar Avenue Corridor

Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) is requesting to amend the 2040 RTP by adding the Midtown Area Connection Alternative 11 – Union Avenue and Poplar Avenue Corridor project that is being advanced as the Locally Preferred Alternative resulting from the Midtown Alternative Analysis Study. Including the project in the RTP is the next step in moving forward with FTA's Small Starts Program.

DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

Mr. Rick McClanahan asked for an overview of the project. Mr. John Lancaster with MATA explained that Alternative 11 was being advanced as the locally preferred alternative resulting from the Midtown Alternative Analysis Study. The project will be a high capacity transit corridor along Union Avenue and Poplar Avenue connecting downtown Memphis to the University of Memphis area. The first phase of the project will be engineering to determine the transit stops and location.

6) **Other Business:**

Next Scheduled ETC Meeting: August 3, 2017 1:30 PM, Location: UT Health Science Center

7) **Adjourn @ 1:52**

Mr. Jason Dixon moved to Adjourn; Mr. Stephen Edwards seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 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 Kate Horton, Transportation Planner at (901) 576-7218.