



**Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
Engineering and Technical Committee**

**Thursday, August 3, 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 1:33 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	Kristen Duggan	Hernando
BJ Page	Olive Branch	Lee Frederick	Southaven
John Pitner	Fayette County	Mayor Chester Cocke	Braden
Tom Needham	Shelby County	Kevin Eason	Shelby County
Jason Allen	Arlington	Rick McClanahan	Bartlett
Frank McPhail	Collierville	Tim Gwaltney	Germantown
Emily Harrell	Lakeland	Stephen Edwards	Memphis
Randall Tatum	Memphis	Jason Dixon	Millington
Scarlet Ponder	MATA		

The following Ex-Officio Members were present:

Bobby Williams	W. Memphis MPO
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The following Interested Individuals were present:

Antoine Hawkins	TDOT	Brandon Akins	TDOT
Gary Scruggs	TDOT	Brian Copeland	MDOT
Scott Fox	MATA	Sonja Owens	SCHD
Andy Pinkley	Buchart Horn	Kristen Janikowsky	Kimley-Horn & Assoc.
Kenny Monroe	Kimley-Horn & Assoc.	Patrick Neal	Pickering
Dennis Lynch	Sierra Club	Jared Darby	DPD
Emmanuel Tuombe	ABES Engineering	Cortland Cocke	Citizen
James Stokes	Citizen	Jake Cocke	Citizen

The following MPO Staff members were present:

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

A quorum was present.

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#### 1. Call to Order @ 1:33

#### 2. Approval of May 4, 2017 Minutes:

Mr. Tom Needham moved to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Tim Gwaltney 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 1<sup>st</sup> and the deadline for submittals is August 30<sup>th</sup>. 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. **Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Questionnaire:** If you have not had a chance already please submit your responses to the MPO by August 7<sup>th</sup>.
- c. **TDOT Safety Performance Measures Targets:** An upcoming workshop will be held with TDOT, MPO staff, and the ETC members to discuss the Safety Performance Measures Targets. MPO staff will send out an announcement about the workshop once the details are finalized. A representative from TDOT will be giving a presentation on the Safety Performance Measures Targets at the November 17th TPB Meeting. Similar efforts are underway to have a conversation with MDOT and MS MPO Members regarding the Mississippi portion of the safety performance measures targets.
- d. **New Employee Introduction:** Mr. Maverick Fitzgerald was introduced as a new Transportation Planner with the Memphis MPO and Ms. Jennifer Marshall as an Intern for Memphis MPO.

#### DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

Mr. Dennis Lynch encouraged communities to think about pedestrian safety.

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

Mr. Tim Gwaltney moved to approve the FY 2018-19 Unified Planning Work Program as presented; Mr. Jason Dixon seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

#### DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

Mr. Tom Needham asked about the listing of projects included in the UPWP.

A summary of the Major Planning Tasks can be found on Page 15 of the document and the individual projects, reports, updates and other planning efforts can be found at the end of each Planning Task in Section III.

## **5. FY 2017-20 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments**

Ms. Pragati Srivastava gave an overview of this item.

Mr. Tom Needham moved to approve of FY 2017-20 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments as presented; Mr. Jason Allen 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 5 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.

### **NO DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS**

## **6. Regional Freight Plan**

Mr. Lee Hutchins, AECOM gave a presentation on The Greater Memphis Regional Freight Plan. The draft plan will be available for public review prior to the scheduled plan adoption in November 2017.

### **DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS**

Mr. BJ Page expressed his concerns that the summary presentation of the plan did not seem to look at Mississippi (I-269 project).

Ms. Pragati Srivastava responded that the plan looks at the regional as a whole and the I-269 project is included in the document. Mr. Page suggested that this be included in the Executive Summary as well.

Mr. Dennis Lynch is concerned that the freight plan presentation did not mention the word delivery or address idling of diesel engines, trucks driving through neighborhoods, the weight of vehicles on the road, conversion to rail, and the Memphis aquifer.

Mr. Hutchins responded that some of items mentioned pertain more to land use and zoning and the freight plan looks at regional scale.

**7. Other Business**

- i. Next Scheduled ETC Meeting: November 2, 2017 1:30 PM, Location: UT Health Science Center

**DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS**

Mr. Dennis Lynch announced that the Sierra Club will be giving a presentation on August 17, 2017 at the Memphis Main Library on autonomous vehicles.

**8. Adjourn @ 2:25 PM**

Mr. BJ Page moved to adjourn; Mr. Jason Dixon seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 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.*