



**Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Transportation Policy Board Meeting**

Thursday, February 22, 2018 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 also present at the meeting:

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| Calvin Abram | TDOT/ Rep. Gov. | Mike Welch | TDOT |
| Trung Trinh | MDOT | Randy Richardson | Port Commission |
| Austin Cardosi | DeSoto County | Keith Briley | Hernando |
| John Cameron | Horn Lake | Jason Gambone | Olive Branch |
| Whitney Choat-Cooke | Southaven | Harvey Matheny | Piperton |
| Mayor Judy Watters | Rossville | Steve Hill | Arlington |
| Mayor A. Keith McDonald | Bartlett | Frank McPhail | Collierville |
| Tim Gwaltney | Germantown | Cory Brady | Lakeland |
| Manny Belen | Memphis | Jason Dixon | Millington |
| Gary Rosenfeld | MATA | | |

The following Ex-officio members were present:

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

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| Stephen Edwards | Memphis | John Lancaster | MATA |
| Rick McClanahan | Bartlett | Mohamed Osman | TDOT |
| Brandon Akins | TDOT | Sonja Owens | Health Dept./ Air Quality |
| James Stokes | Bass River Advisors | Wain Gaskins | Cannon & Cannon |
| Suzanne Carlson | Innovate Memphis | Patrick Neal | Pickering Firm |
| Allison Fluitt | Kimley-Horn | James Collins | Kimley-Horn |
| Kenny Monroe | Kimley-Horn | David Bowman | Neel-Schaffer, Inc |
| Glenn Gadbois | MMDC | Dennis Lynch | Sierra Club |
| Mike Demster | Resident | | |

The following MPO Staff members were present:

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

A quorum was present

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1. Call to Order @ 1:33 PM

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr. at 1:33 PM

2. Approval of November 16, 2017 Minutes:

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

NO DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

3. Transportation Policy Board Election:

a. Chairman

Mr. Manny Belen moved to elect Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr. as the Transportation Policy Board Chairman; Mayor A. Keith McDonald seconded the motion carried without dissent.

b. Vice Chairman

Mr. Steve Hill moved to elect Mayor A. Keith McDonald as the Transportation Policy Board Vice Chairman; Mr. Tim Gwaltney seconded the motion and the motion carried 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. Harvey Matheny seconded the motion and the motion carried out without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

5. Memphis MPO Administrator's Report:

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

- a. 2017 State of MPO Report (includes the Annual Outreach Report)
- b. 2017 Bicycle and Pedestrian Report
- c. CMAQ Performance Measures
- d. Next Quarterly TPB Meeting Date Changed to April 19th 1:30 pm

DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

Mayor Luttrell inquired about the date change if it was due to the Performance Measure?

Ms. Pragati Srivastava responded yes to Mayor Luttrell's question.

Mr. Gary Rosenfeld inquired about the availability for the draft targets?

Ms. Pragati Srivastava responded that TDOT is currently working on the data and as soon as it is completed it will be made available.

6. 2050 RTP Update:

Ms. Allison Fluitt gave a presentation on the Livability 2050 RTP Update.

a. Goals and Objectives:

Mayor A. Keith McDonald moved to approve the 2050 RTP Goals and Objectives as presented; Mr. Manny Belen seconded the motion and the item was opened for discussion.

1st PART DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS: *Regarding Amendment to the Goals and Objectives*

Mr. Gary Rosenfeld noticed while going through the goals and objectives there didn't seem to be any discussion on addressing the community's concerns regarding eliminating poverty and blight or enhancement efforts with transportation to address these issues. Transportation to enhance tourism, travel, and to maintain logistics is addressed, but not to improve poverty or blight. Mr. Rosenfeld inquired about enhancing or adding these concerns to the goals & objectives?

Ms. Allison Fluitt responded that in moving forward into the prioritization portion of the planning and development, community concerns will be considered as part of the prioritization process.

Mr. Gary Rosenfeld further asked how would this establish the goals and objectives?

Ms. Allison Fluitt responded that these concerns are a part of several of the document's planning themes, also that there is a lot of overlap, as in economic vitality and sustainable growth.

Mayor A. Keith McDonald suggested to Mr. Rosenfeld to recommend the change he wanted to see in the goals and objectives to address his concerns.

Ms. Allison Fluitt suggested either Goal #1 or Goal #6, as an appropriate place to address the concerns, but recommended Goal #1 as the best option.

Mr. Gary Rosenfeld suggested to amend the goals and objections to include "residential" and employment resources.

Mayor Mark Luttrell asked for clarification on motion to amend and the motion was brought before the floor.

Mr. Gary Rosenfeld moved to amend Goal #1 of the 2050 RTP Goals and Objectives to include "residential" resources in the statement. *Goal 1: Improve multimodal access to community, employment, and residential resources.* Mayor A. Keith McDonald seconded the motion. The motion to amend the Goals and Objectives carried without dissent.

Mr. Randy Richardson asked if the Goals and Objectives were being finalized at this meeting?

Ms. Allison Fluitt responded yes to this question.

2nd PART DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS: *Regular Discussion*

Mr. Jason Gambone suggested the need to consider the autonomous vehicles and the impact on employment.

Ms. Pragati Srivastava responded that emerging trends will be looked at and taken into consideration.

Mr. Gary Rosenfeld noted that shared-ride services are subsidized.

Mr. Dennis Lynch commented that only two public meetings were held in the City of Memphis and there needed to be more; the last forecast does not reflect automatically assured growth in suburbs; need to make sure forecasts used are accounting for trends and change; technology advances need to be considered, climate change needs to be considered; freight/ market share needs to be considered, and note public-private partnerships.

b. **Reaffirming Socio Demographic Projections:**

Mayor A. Keith McDonald moved to approve the 2050 RTP Reaffirming Socio Demographic Projections as presented; Mr. Manny Belen seconded the motion, and the motion carried without dissent.

DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

Mayor Luttrell asked when the data was collected?

Ms. Pragati Srivastava responded that it was collected as part of Livability 2040 RTP. Additionally, there was further study of the numbers in comparison to the state level projections.

Mr. Steve Hill responded on Arlington's data, and asked if historical trends could be shared?

Mayor Luttrell noted that Shelby County's number looked inflated.

Mr. Gary Rosenfeld noted that employment and household numbers add more traffic on the roads.

Ms. Srivastava responded that figures covers all movement i.e. roadway traffic and transit ridership.

Mayor A. Keith McDonald inquired if the ETC members looked at the background data, and asked if the data is a result of the extensive work done in 2016.

Ms. Pragati Srivastava noted that the 2040 RTP had extensive work done, and was still applicable. It was the first step to move forward with the process, staff will meet with the individual jurisdictions through workshops.

7. TDOT Poplar Bridge Replacement Project

Mr. Brandon Akins gave a presentation on the TDOT Poplar Bridge Replacement Project, MemFix4. The purpose of the project is to complete the widening of I-240, and they will also be rehabbing the Park Ave bridge and replacing the Poplar and NS Railroad bridge. Mr. Mike Welch added comments regarding its process as an Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) project. They encouraged everyone to visit the project's website and to sign-up to receive regular project updates. The project is scheduled to be completed by the Summer of 2019.

DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

Mr. Gary Rosenfeld inquired as to which bridge would be first to close?

Mr. Mike Welch replied that there is currently not an order for which bridge will be closed first, but the first closure is scheduled for the mid-summer of 2018.

Mr. Gary Rosenfeld asked if any of the bridges have transit right-of-way built/designed into them?

Mr. Brandon Akins and Mr. Mike Welch responded extra right-of-way is built or designed into the bridges to accommodate future needs, but this is a bridge replacement project.

Mr. Manny Belen clarified that TDOT will include an additional lane for future Poplar widening.

Mr. Mike Welch again encouraged members to visit the website for updates and information regarding the projects and suggested that the members pass along the info to the residents in their jurisdiction.

<https://www.tn.gov/tdot/projects/region-4/memfix4.html>

8. Other Business

a. Next Scheduled TPB Meeting: **April 19, 2018 1:30 PM**, Location: UT Health Science Center

DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

Mr. Dennis Lynch stated that all communities needed to be thinking about TVA, solar etc.

Mayor Luttrell informed the members he had been notified by TDOT regarding delinquent projects, they have until fall of 2019 to start moving on the delinquent projects and will need to determine if aging projects will be moving forward. Mayor Luttrell requested a list of all delinquent projects and wants to meet with the municipalities to review the list and inquired on how quickly things can move and would go back to the board if there was a need for ratification.

Mr. Steve Hill replied that the Town of Arlington has projects that they could move forward on if needed to help with obligation.

Mayor A. Keith McDonald informed the members that Bartlett is hosting a lunch & learn with legislators in April in Nashville regarding the lengthy timeline for the environmental process. Mayor McDonald recommended reaching out to legislators and informing them of this.

9. Adjourn @ 2:45 PM

Mayor A. Keith McDonald moved to Adjourn the meeting; Mr. Gary Rosenfeld seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 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) 636-7218.*