



Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Transportation Policy Board Meeting

Thursday, April 19, 2018 11:00 AM

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

Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr. called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM. In addition to Mayor Luttrell, the following voting members were also present at the meeting:

Antoine Hawkins	TN Gov. Rep	Brandon Akins	TDOT
Jim Flanagan	MS Gov. Rep	Perry Brown	MDOT
Austin Cardosi	DeSoto County	John Cameron	Horn Lake
B.J. Page	Olive Branch	Whitney Choat-Cooke	Southaven
John Pitner	Fayette County	Christopher Pate	Oakland
Harvey Matheny	Piperton	Steve Hill	Arlington
Mayor A. Keith McDonald	Bartlett	Frank McPhail	Collierville
Tim Gwaltney	Germantown	Emily Harrell	Lakeland
Manny Belen	Memphis	Jason Dixon	Millington
James Hay	MSCAA	Gary Rosenfeld	MATA
Randy Richardson	Port Commission		

The following Ex-officio members were present:

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

Julie Carmean	TDOT	Mohamed Osman	TDOT
Brian Copeland	MDOT	Darren Sanders	Shelby County
Kevin Eason	Shelby County	Sonja Owens	SCHD
Rick McClanahan	Bartlett	Randall Tatum	Memphis
Stephen Edwards	Memphis	James Collins	Kimley-Horn
Kenny Monroe	Kimley-Horn	Andy Pinkley	Buchart Horn
Ben Ledsinger	SSR	Wain Gaskins	Cannon & Cannon, Inc
James Stokes	Bass River Advisors	Suzanne Carlson	Innovate Memphis
Patrick Neal	Pickering Firm	Peter Kauffman	Barge Design
Jonathan Smith	Barge Design	Russ Brasfield	Barge Design

The following MPO Staff members were present:

Mavrick Fitzgerald	Kate Horton	Sajid Hossain	Alvin Sanchez
Jordan Smith	Pragati Srivastava	Betty Turner	Nick Warren
Zylavian Whatley	Jennifer Marshall (Intern)		

A quorum was present.

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1) Call to Order @ 11:00 AM

Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr. called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

Mayor Luttrell announced to the Board and congratulated Ms. Pragati Srivastava for her citizenship ceremony scheduled for today in the afternoon.

Ms. Srivastava thanked the Board expressed her gratitude for the support and wishes.

2) Approval of February 8, 2018 Minutes:

Mr. Austin Cardosi moved to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. James Hay seconded the motion and the motion carried out without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

3) CMAQ Performance Measures (Tri-State Targets):

Ms. Pragati Srivastava gave a brief overview of the CMAQ Performance Measures (Tri State Targets).

Ms. Kate Horton gave a presentation on the CMAQ Performance Measures (Tri-State Targets).

Mayor A. Keith McDonald moved to approve the CMAQ Performance Measures (Tri-State Targets) as presented; Mr. Gary Rosenfeld seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

Mayor A. Keith McDonald asked for an explanation of the baseline numbers that were given in slides 5 & 6 of the presentation.

Ms. Kate Horton explained that the baseline represented the most recent years available data as defined in the federal regulations.

Mayor A. Keith McDonald further inquired the relevance of the baseline numbers and the target was set (related to Peak Hour Excessive Delay target).

Ms. Kate Horton responded, that is something that the tri-state partners have been working through as well. We are working with two national data sets and the baseline was set using the most recent years available data, per regulations, and the target was based on the previous data set that seemed to better align with what we are seeing related to traffic congestion. In two years we will have the opportunity to revisit the 4-year target and at this time will have two more years of available data, to adjust the target if needed.

Mayor A. Keith McDonald asked if the baseline number was based on the local area or a national number.

Ms. Horton responded, it was a national data provided by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), but information was extracted for the local area.

Mr. John Cameron asked if all the agencies agreed with the targets.

Ms. Kate Horton, replied that they have.

Mr. Gary Rosenfeld, added that the easiest way to meet the performance measure goals and objectives would be to invest in public transportation which would decrease the percentage of single occupant trips and decrease the hours spent in traffic.

4) **TDOT/MPO Unobligated Balance:**

Ms. Pragati Srivastava gave a brief update on the TDOT/MPO Unobligated Balance.

NO DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

Ms. Pragati Srivastava informed the board that the MPO staff will reach out to member agencies to obtain updated project status report. Based on the information provided by the agencies, the MPO staff will present a plan to both the ETC and Board addressing the unobligated balance for Tennessee.

Mayor Mark Luttrell inquired about the time line.

Ms. Srivastava responded that the MPO staff will reach out to members agencies in May and finalize a plan by June which will include presentation to ETC and Board. Final step will be to process the amendments at the August Meetings.

Mayor A. Keith McDonald, asked the Board representatives to inform their respective Mayors about any projects that are currently on hold, so that funds can be reallocated to other projects in order to prevent loss of funds.

5) **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – TDOT, Memphis MPO and MATA:**

Approval of MOU between TDOT, Memphis MPO and MATA for cooperatively developing, sharing and reporting information related to performance measures and performance targets.

Ms. Pragati Srivastava gave a brief overview of the MOU between TDOT, Memphis MPO and MATA.

Mr. Randy Richardson moved to approve the Approval of MOU between TDOT, Memphis MPO and MATA as presented; Mr. James Hay seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

Mayor A. Keith McDonald, addressed a concern to MATA to make public transportation more appealing to the public, else there wouldn't be any impact on the performance measures.

Mr. Gary Rosenfeld thanked Mayor McDonald for his remarks, and responded that the transit vision study is undertaken as part of the Memphis 3.0 Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Rosenfeld added that MATA was underfunded about \$20 Million a year for the last 20 years but he understands and shares the concerns of the Mayor.

Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr. pointed out that he also had similar conversations with MATA, and looks forward to future discussions concerning this matter

Mr. B. J. Page inquired if there was a similar agreement with MDOT.

Ms. Pragati Srivastava responded yes and approval will probably be through online voting as MDOT also has to meet the same deadline.

6) **Roadway Functional Classification Amendments:**

The Memphis and Shelby County Port Commission along with the City of Memphis, is requesting to amend the functional classification on Presidents Island, by extending the Harbor Avenue and Channel Avenue to Buoy Street as Urban Major Collector, adding Buoy Street as Urban Major Collector and reclassifying Pier Street to Urban Local. Staff have reviewed the requests and recommends approval.

Mr. Nick Warren gave a brief overview of the Roadway Functional Classification Amendments.

Mr. Manny Belen moved to approve the Roadway Functional Classification Amendments as presented; Mr. Tim Gwaltney seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

7) **Other Business:**

i. Next Scheduled TPB Meeting: August 23, 2018 1:30 pm, Location: UT Health Science Center

DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

Mr. Gary Rosenfeld announced to the Board, on April 30th at 11:00 AM MATA would hold a ribbon cutting for the Main Street Trolley Service in time for Memphis in May.

8) **Adjourn @ 11:28 AM**

Mayor A. Keith McDonald moved to adjourn; Mr. B. J. Page seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 AM.

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*