



Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Engineering and Technical Committee

Thursday, February 24, 2022 11:00 AM

Holiday Inn University of Memphis – Tennessee Ballroom

3700 Central Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Ms. Pragati Srivastava called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM. In addition to Ms. Srivastava, the following voting members were present:

Gary Scruggs	<i>TDOT</i>	Jason Dixon	<i>Millington</i>
Perry Brown	<i>MDOT</i>	Randall Tatum	<i>Memphis</i>
Darren Sanders	<i>Shelby County</i>	CheeYen Chew	<i>Memphis</i>
John Modzelewski	<i>Shelby County</i>	Brett Morgan	<i>Piperton</i>
Steve Hill	<i>Arlington</i>	Bennie Hopkins	<i>DeSoto County</i>
Rick McClanahan	<i>Bartlett</i>	Kendra Cobbs	<i>Hernando</i>
Tim Gwaltney	<i>Collierville</i>	Jonette Howard	<i>Olive Branch</i>
Ethan Skaggs	<i>Germantown</i>	Tiena Gwin	<i>MATA</i>
Emily Harrell	<i>Lakeland</i>		

The following Ex-officio members were present:

Amanda Hicks	<i>West Memphis MPO</i>
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The following Interested Individuals were present:

Antoine Hawkins	<i>TDOT</i>	Peter Kauffmann	<i>Barge Design</i>
Ashley Owens	<i>TDOT</i>	Ben Campbell	<i>HDR</i>
Thiera Taylor	<i>TDOT</i>	Mark Grey	<i>HDR</i>
Sonja Owens	<i>SCHD</i>	Parker Holland	<i>Parsons</i>
Erin Campbell	<i>Bartlett</i>	Mike Brugge	<i>Parsons</i>
Kenneth Monroe	<i>Kimley-Horn</i>	Kamillah Kelly	<i>WTRPO</i>
Douglas Swett	<i>Kimley-Horn</i>		

The following MPO Staff members were present:

Sajid Hossain	Nick Warren	Jordan Smith	Jasmine Champion
Kate Horton	Mavrick Fitzgerald	Clarke Shupe-Diggs	Ethan Greene

A quorum was present.

1) **Call to Order @ 11:02 AM**

Ms. Pragati Srivastava called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM.

2) **Approval of November 18, 2021 Minutes**

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

NO DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS

3) **Memphis MPO's Administrator's Report**

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

- a) 2022 Memphis MPO Calendar
- b) FY 2023-26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- c) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- d) New MPO Staff Announcement – Ms. Clarke Shupe-Diggs

NO DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS

4) **Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT)**

Mr. Antoine Hawkins gave an update on TDOT's Long Range Transportation Policy Plan & Urban Transportation Planning Grant and introduced a new planner, Ms. Thiera Taylor.

DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS

Mr. Rick McClanahan asked when TDOT will reach out to local agencies regarding the Long-Range Plan. Mr. Antoine Hawkins responded that although TDOT recently began its stakeholder engagement process, they anticipate reaching out to the MPOs in a few months' time.

5) **MOVING TOGETHER: 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)**

Mr. Vijay Kunada gave a presentation on the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan.

- a) **Goals & Objectives**
- b) **Socio-Demographic Data**

Mr. Darren Sanders moved to approve the Socio-Demographic Data as presented; Mr. Tim Gwaltney seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS

Mr. Rick McClanahan asked if locally classified roadways will be included as part of the RTP. Mr. Vijay Kunada responded that the functional classification map shown in the presentation included the entire roadway network, as a visual reference, but roadways would need to be on the functional classification system for funding.

Mr. McClanahan asked about the forecasted number of households for the northern counties (i.e. Tipton, Fayette) and asked if the expected growth associated with the Blue Oval project was taken into account. Mr. Kunada

responded that there can be difficulties predicting where workers will live, but Blue Oval and other projects will be taken into account as part of the plan development.

6) FY 2023-26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments & Air Quality Short Conformity Determination Report for DeSoto County, MS

Ms. Pragati Srivastava provided an overview of the FY 2023-26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments.

Mr. Steve Hill moved to approve the TIP amendments and associated conformity report as presented; Mr. Jason Dixon seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS

Mr. Rick McClanahan asked what type of improvements will be involved in the Elvis Presley Boulevard Pedestrian Access Project (TIP# CMAQ-2022-07). Ms. Pragati Srivastava provided examples of planned improvements, including, but not limited to, sidewalk repair and the installation of midblock pedestrian crossings in a half-mile segment.

Mr. Darren Sanders asked whether projects required the sponsorship of one or more jurisdictions, or if TDOT accepted applications from private agencies. Ms. Pragati Srivastava responded, and Mr. Antoine Harkins concurred, that TDOT allowed private agencies (i.e. Explore Bikeshare) to apply directly for CMAQ funding.

7) Open Grant/Funding Opportunities

Current grant and funding opportunities, which may be of interest to the ETC, were provided and will be included in future agendas, as well as distributed via email.

DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS

Mr. Steve Hill asked whether TDOT will be administering funds and/or overseeing grant funded projects. Ms. Pragati Srivastava responded that all projects receiving federal funding will have to go through TDOT.

Mr. Steve Hill asked if TDOT will be augmenting existing staff in order to accommodate the review of future grant-funded projects. Ms. Pragati Srivastava responded that staffing concerns are an ongoing conversation between TDOT and the Memphis MPO.

8) Other Business

- a) Next Scheduled ETC Meeting: May 19, 2022, 11:00 am, location: TBD (closer to meeting date)

9) Adjourn @ 11:38 AM

Mr. Steve Hill moved to adjourn; Mr. Darren Sanders seconded the motion. And the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 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.*