



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

**Thursday, February 24, 2022 1:30 PM**

Holiday Inn University of Memphis – Tennessee Ballroom  
3700 Central Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES**

Mayor Rhea “Skip” Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. In addition to Mayor Taylor, the following voting members were present:

Antoine Hawkins	<i>TDOT/Rep. Governor</i>	Jason Dixon	<i>Millington</i>
Gary Scruggs	<i>TDOT</i>	Manny Belen	<i>Memphis</i>
Perry Brown	<i>MDOT</i>	Brett Morgan	<i>Piperton</i>
Cliff Norville	<i>Shelby County</i>	Bennie Hopkins	<i>DeSoto County</i>
Steve Hill	<i>Arlington</i>	Kendra Cobbs	<i>Hernando</i>
Rick McClanahan	<i>Bartlett</i>	Jim Robinson	<i>Horn Lake</i>
Tim Gwaltney	<i>Collierville</i>	Venard Asongayi	<i>Olive Branch</i>
Ethan Skaggs	<i>Germantown</i>	John Lancaster	<i>MATA</i>
Donald Anthony	<i>Lakeland</i>	Randy Richardson	<i>Port Commission</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:

Ashley Owens	<i>TDOT</i>	Kenneth Monroe	<i>Kimley-Horn</i>
Thiera Taylor	<i>TDOT</i>	Douglas Swett	<i>Kimley-Horn</i>
Kamillah Kelly	<i>WTRPO</i>		

The following MPO Staff members were present:

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

A quorum was present.

1) **Call to Order @ 1:30 PM**

Mayor Rhea Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM.

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

Mr. Cliff Norville moved to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Manny Belen seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

**NO DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS**

3) **Transportation Policy Board Election**

**a) Chair**

Mr. Steve Hill nominated to elect Mayor Jim Strickland as Chair; the election was approved unanimously without dissent.

**b) Vice-Chair**

Mr. Steve Hill nominated to elect A. Keith McDonald as Vice-Chair; the election was approved unanimously without dissent.

**NO DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS**

4) **Election of Transportation Policy Board (TPB) Representative for Freight Advisory Committee (FAC)**

Mr. Brett Morgan nominated to elect Mayor Rhea Taylor as Freight Chair; the election was approved unanimously without dissent.

**NO DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS**

5) **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) New MPO Staff Announcement – Ms. Clarke Shupe-Diggs

**NO DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS**

6) **Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)**

Ms. Pragati Srivastava read an update from FHWA regarding the following items:

**a) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Implementation**

FHWA is continuing to release information on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), and encourages stakeholders and other interested parties to monitor FHWA's [BIL website](#) for updates.

**b) 2022 RAISE Notice of Funding Opportunity**

USDOT recently issued the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the 2022 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program. The deadline for applications is April 14, 2022. The NOFO, application instructions, FAQs, webinar information, and other resources, are available on USDOT's [RAISE website](#).

**c) Alternative Fuel Corridors Request for Nominations**

FHWA recently issued the Request for Nominations for the Designation of Alternative Fuel Corridors. State and local agencies are encouraged to nominate proposed alternative fuel corridors for designation by the deadline of May 13, 2022. More information can be found on FHWA's [Alternative Fuel Corridors website](#).

**7) 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.

**8) 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. Cliff Norville moved to approve the Socio-Demographic Data as presented; Mr. Asong Asongayi seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

**DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS**

Mayor Rhea Taylor asked about the forecasted increase in employment for Fayette County. Mr. Vijay Kunada responded that employment forecasts vary across data sets, which may explain any differences between local calculations and the RTP estimates.

**9) FY 2020-23 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.

**NO DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS**

**10) Open Grant/Funding Opportunities**

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

11) **Other Business**

- a) Next Scheduled TPB Meeting: May 19, 2022, 1:30 pm, location: TBD (closer to meeting date)

12) **Adjourn @ 2:05 PM**

Mr. Steve Hill moved to adjourn; Mr. Tim Gwaltney seconded the motion. And the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 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.*