Memphis MPO
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Strengthening Regional Transportation

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

Thursday, November 21, 2024, 10:30 AM

Holiday Inn University of Memphis – 3rd Floor
3700 Central Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Ms. Pragati Srivastava called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM. The following voting members were present:

Matt Meservy	*TDOT*	Chris Howie	*Horn Lake*
Perry Brown	*MDOT*	Emily Harrell	*Lakeland*
Bennie Hopkins	*DeSoto County*	John Lancaster	*MATA*
Darren Sanders	*Shelby County*	Evan Boulanger	*Memphis*
James Crook	*Shelby County*	Randall Tatum	*Memphis*
Steve Hill	*Arlington*	Katherine Webb	*Millington*
John Horne	*Bartlett*	Ed Courton	*Oakland*
Tim Gwaltney	*Collierville*	Andy Swims	*Olive Branch*
Jennifer Allen	*Germantown*	Harvey Matheny	*Piperton*
Kristen Duggan	*Hernando*		

The following ex-officio members were present:

Ralph Moore	*West Memphis MPO*

The following interested individuals were present:

Brian Copeland	*MDOT*	Jared Darby	*Millington*
Ashley Owens	*TDOT*	Scott Young	*Olive Branch*
Erin Campbell	*Bartlett*	Greg Dotson	*Gresham Smith*
Becky Bailey	*Bartlett*	Peter Kauffman	*HDR*
Jordan Smith	*MATA*	Robert Tworek	*Kimley Horn*

The following MPO staff members were present:

Sajid Hossain	Kate Horton	Torey Sanders	Mavrick Fitzgerald
Nick Warren	Sagorika Zannat	Keiaron Randle	

A quorum was present.

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1) **Call to Order @ 10:35 AM**

Ms. Pragati Srivastava called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM.

2) **Approval of May 23, 2024 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 OR QUESTIONS

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

a) FY 2024 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (ALOP)
b) FY 2026-27 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Major Planning Activities List
c) Statewide Household Travel Survey Update
d) Upcoming RFQs: 2055 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) & On-call Technical Services for Transportation Planning
e) Functional Classification Approval Status
f) New Safety Interactive Webmap
g) SS4A awards – City of Memphis and City of Germantown (combined $14.6 Million)
h) New Staff Introductions

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

4) **Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) & Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT)**

Ms. Pragati Srivastava provided an update from FHWA-TN. The updates included announcements of grant opportunities and congratulations to SS4A grantees.

Mr. Matt Meservy provided an update that TDOT's 10-Year Plan update, including the Statewide Partnership Program (SPP) applications, has been pushed to April 2025 due to the aftermath of Hurricane Helene on the eastern side of Tennessee.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

5) **Adoption of the 2025 Memphis MPO Calendar**

Ms. Pragati Srivastava provided an overview of the 2025 Memphis MPO Calendar.

Mr. Darren Sanders moved to approve the 2025 Memphis MPO Calendar as presented; Mr. Randall Tatum seconded the motion, and the motion carried without dissent.

DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

Mr. Darren Sanders asked when the FY 2026-29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) applications were going out and Ms. Pragati Srivastava responded that it would be tomorrow, November 22nd and we would have a presentation later in the agenda to go over the timeline.

6) **Approval of the MOVING TOGETHER 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendments & Air Quality Short Conformity Demonstration Report for Shelby County and Air Quality Exempt Memo for Marshall County**

Ms. Pragati Srivastava provided an overview of the 2050 RTP Amendments and the associated Air Quality Short Conformity Demonstration Report for Shelby County and Air Quality Exempt Memo for Marshall County.

a) RTP Amendment: MOVING TOGETHER 2050 RTP ID 733 (Shelby Couty, TN) – America's River Crossing (I-55 Bridge Replacement)
b) RTP Amendment: MOVING TOGETHER 2050 RTP ID 734 (Marshall County, MS) – Interchange at US-72 and Red Banks Road

Mr. Darren Sanders moved to approve the MOVING TOGETHER 2050 RTP Amendments and associated air quality reports as presented; Mr. Evan Boulanger seconded the motion, and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

7) **Approval of the FY 2023-26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments & Air Quality for Shelby & Marshall Counties**

Ms. Pragati Srivastava provided an overview of the FY 2023-26 TIP Amendments and the associated Air Quality Short Conformity Demonstration Report for Shelby County and Air Quality Exempt Memo for Marshall County.

a) TIP Amendment TMA-BIP-2024-01 (Shelby County, TN): America's River Crossing (I-55 Bridge Replacement)
b) TIP Amendment TMA-MS-SFP-2024-01 (Marshall County, MS): Interchange at US-72 and Red Banks Road

Mr. Darren Sanders moved to approve the FY 2023-26 TIP Amendments and associated air quality reports as presented; Evan Boulanger seconded the motion, and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

8) **Approval of the August Redistribution Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between TDOT & Memphis MPO**

Ms. Pragati Srivastava provided an overview of the August Redistribution MOA between TDOT and the Memphis MPO.

Mr. James Crook moved to approve the August Redistribution MOA between TDOT and Memphis MPO as presented; Mr. Ed Courton seconded the motion, and the motion carried without dissent.

DISCUSSIONS/QUESTIONS

Mr. Steve Hill requested the streamlining of the TDOT Local Programs process. Mr. Matt Meservy responded that TDOT is actively working to streamline the process. Mr. Darren Sanders asked how projects would be prioritized and selected for redistribution. Mr. Meservy clarified that the obligation would be based on the project schedule and the funds were not tied to any one project. Mr. Meservy ensured that the funds would remain in the Memphis MPO region and go to projects that are ready to go. Mr. John Horne also requested streamlining of the TDOT Local Programs process and said that lack of timely response from TDOT Local Programs inhibits projects moving forward. Mr. Sanders stated that many current projects are likely under funded, because of rising construction costs.

9) **Performance Measure Targets**
a) PM2 – MDOT Updated 4-Year Infrastructure Condition Targets
b) PM3 – TDOT Updated 4-Year System Performance and Freight Movement Targets

Mr. Nick Warren gave a presentation on the Performance Measure Targets.

Mr. Randall Tatum moved to approve the Performance Measure targets as presented; Mr. James Crook seconded the motion, and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

10) **2020 Congestion Management Process (CMP) Plan Amendments**

Mr. Nick Warren gave a presentation on the 2020 CMP Plan Amendments.

Mr. Tim Gwaltney moved to approve the 2020 CMP Plan Amendments as presented; Ms. Emily Harrell seconded the motion, and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

11) **Approval of the FY 2026-29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Criteria**

Ms. Kate Horton gave a presentation on the FY 2026-29 TIP Criteria.

Mr. Evan Bounlanger moved to approve the FY 2026-29 TIP Criteria as presented; Mr. James Crook seconded the motion, and the motion carried without dissent.

DISCUSSIONS/ QUESTIONS

Mr. Steve Hill asked if pedestrian and bicycle projects needed to be on the functional classification system and Ms. Kate Horton responded that pedestrian and bicycle projects do not.

12) **2023 Annual Safety Report**

Mr. Torey Sanders gave a presentation on the 2023 Annual Safety Report.

DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

Mr. Darren Sanders asked how pedestrian-involved crashes fared in the region. Mr. Torey Sanders stated there had been approximately a 2% reduction in non-motorist crashes.

Mr. Evan Boulanger asked if the most dangerous pedestrian corridors were identified in the report. Mr. Torey Sanders stated that they are not in this report, but that information is included in the Mid-South Safety Action Plan.

13) **Winchester Road Corridor Study**

Mr. Dan Hemme gave a presentation on the Winchester Road Corridor Study.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

14) **Memphis Regional Pedestrian and Bicycle Greenprint Plan**

Mr. Drew Gaskins gave a presentation on the Memphis Regional Pedestrian & Bicycle Greenprint Plan.

NO DISCUSSIONS OR QUESTIONS

15) **Open Grant/Funding Opportunities**

Ms. Pragati Srivastava provided an overview of the following grant opportunities.

a) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant Program
b) Asphalt Art Initiative
c) PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program

16) **Other Business**

a) **Next Scheduled ETC Meeting**: February 27, 2025, Location: Holiday Inn University of Memphis – 3rd Floor, 3700 Central Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111

17) **Adjourn**

Mr. Randall Tatum moved to adjourn; Ms. Jennifer Allen seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 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.*