



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

Thursday, August 19, 2021 1:30 PM

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

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Mayor Jim Strickland called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. In addition to Mayor Strickland, the following voting members were present at the meeting:

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| Matthew Meservy | <i>TDOT/Rep. Gov.</i> | Brian Copeland | <i>MDOT</i> |
| Gary Scruggs | <i>TDOT</i> | Bennie Hopkins | <i>DeSoto County</i> |
| B. J. Page | <i>Hernando</i> | Harvey Matheny | <i>Piperton</i> |
| Jason Gambone | <i>Olive Branch</i> | Christopher Pate | <i>Oakland</i> |
| Steve Hill | <i>Arlington</i> | Rick McClanahan | <i>Bartlett</i> |
| Mayor Rhea Taylor | <i>Fayette County</i> | Cliff Norville | <i>Shelby County</i> |
| Frank McPhail | <i>Collierville</i> | Andy Sanders | <i>Germantown</i> |
| Jason Dixon | <i>Millington</i> | Emily Harrell | <i>Lakeland</i> |
| Gary Rosenfeld | <i>MATA</i> | Randy Richardson | <i>Port of Commission</i> |

The following Ex-officio members were present:

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| Elizabeth Watkins | <i>FHWA-TN</i> |
| Sam Jordan | <i>West Memphis MPO</i> |

The following Interested Individuals were present:

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| Rick McClanahan | <i>City of Bartlett</i> | Stephen Edwards | <i>TREKK</i> |
| Manny Belen | <i>City of Memphis</i> | James Collins | <i>Kimley-Horn</i> |
| Kamillah Kelly | <i>MAAG – WTRPO</i> | Sonja Owens | <i>SCHD</i> |
| Antoine Hawkins | <i>TDOT</i> | Daniel McDonell | <i>TDOT</i> |
| Patrick Neal | <i>Pickering</i> | Ben Ledsinger | <i>SSR</i> |
| Ashley Owens | <i>TDOT</i> | | |

The following MPO Staff members were present:

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| Pragati Srivastava | Sajid Hossain | Kate Horton | Jasmine Champion |
| Mavrick Fitzgerald | Ethan Greene | Zylavian Watley | Nick Warren |

A quorum was present.

1) Call to Order

Mayor Jim Strickland called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM

Mayor Strickland requested all board members to introduce themselves along with the agency that they represent.

2) Approval of February 18, 2021 Minutes

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

NO DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

3) Federal Partner (Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration) Update

Mayor Jim Strickland recognized Ms. Elizabeth Watkins with FHWA-TN Division. Ms. Watkins provided an update on the transportation infrastructure bill.

4) Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) Update

Mayor Jim Strickland recognized Mr. Matt Meservy with TDOT. Mr. Meservy provided an update on TDOT's Long Range Transportation Plan. TDOT is currently working on the scope of work for development of the plan and will be planning to work with all partners in the process including reaching out to peer states. Mr. Meservy also mentioned that TDOT is finalizing applications for CMAQ projects and should be announcing awardees next month.

5) Memphis MPO's Administrator's Report

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

- a) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**
 - FY 2020-23 TIP Cycle
 - (1) FY 2021 Second and Third Quarter Obligations & Project Status
 - FY 2023-26 TIP Cycle
 - (1) Kick-off & Next Steps
- b) New MPO Staff Announcement – Mr. Ethan Greene**

NO DISCUSSION/ QUESTIONS

6) FY 2022-23 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Adoption

Ms. Srivastava provided an overview of the FY 2022-23 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Mayor Rhea Taylor moved to approve the FY 2022-23 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Adoption as presented; Mr. Steve Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION/ QUESTIONS

7) FY 2020-23 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments & Air Quality Conformity Demonstration Report for Shelby County, TN

Ms. Srivastava provided an overview of the FY 2020-23 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments & Air Quality Conformity Demonstration Report for Shelby County, TN.

Mr. Rick McClanahan moved to approve the TIP amendments as presented; Mr. Gary Rosenfeld seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION/ QUESTIONS

8) Air Quality Conformity Demonstration Report for DeSoto County, MS

Ms. Srivastava provided an overview of the Air Quality Conformity Demonstration Report for DeSoto County, MS.

Mr. Steve Hill moved to approve the Air Quality Conformity Demonstration Report for Desoto County, MS as presented; Mr. B. J. Page seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION/ QUESTIONS

9) Resolution to support Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA)'s Public Transportation Safety Plan (PTASP) 2021-2022 Targets

Ms. Srivastava provided an overview of MATA's Public Transportation Safety Plan (PTASP) 2021-2022 Targets.

Mayor Rhea Taylor moved to approve the PTASP targets as presented; Mr. Cliff Norville seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION/ QUESTIONS

10) Resolution recommending MATA as the designated recipient of Section 5307 funds and the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT), Arkansas Department of Transportation (ArDOT), and MATA as the recipients for Section 5310 funds under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) and American Rescue Plan of 2021.

Ms. Srivastava provided an overview for the Section 5307 and 5310 designated recipients.

Mr. B. J. Page moved to approve the MATA resolution as presented; Mr. Gary Rosenfeld seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

11) 2050 Regional Transportation Plan Kick-Off

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

DISCUSSION/ QUESTIONS

Mr. Gary Rosenfield asked how will the Memphis Comprehensive Plan and Transit Vision will be incorporated into the RTP, and how will the transit and bike/ped goals be included into the plan development.

Mr. Kunada responded that the RTP will take into consideration all plans that have been completed by regional jurisdictions that will be used to determine future needs.

Mr. Rosenfield also asked how will the RTP will look at freight regarding to changes to the need and speed. Mr. Kunada responded that the team will be looking at freight priority corridors and notes that the consultant team and staff will use in the plan development.

Mr. Jason Gambone asked how does the RTP estimates fiscal constraints and determines financial forecast for 2050. Mr. Kunada responded that the team will look at historical projections as well as consult with the FHWA, FTA and State DOTs to determine estimates based on historical trends.

12) Open Grant/Funding Opportunities

Current grant and funding opportunities, which might be of interest to the TPB, were provided and will be included in future agenda(s), as well as distributed via email.

13) Other Business

- a) Next Scheduled TPB Meeting: November 18, 2021, 1:30 pm, Formal/Location: TBD (closer to meeting date)

Mr. B. J. Page moved to adjourn; Mr. Steve Hill 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.*