



Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Transportation Policy Board

Thursday, Sept 22, 2022, 1:30 PM

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

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Mayor Jim Strickland called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. In addition to Mayor Strickland, the following voting members were present:

Antoine Hawkins	<i>TDOT/Rep. Governor</i>	Jason Dixon	<i>Millington</i>
Gary Scruggs	<i>TDOT</i>	Mayor Rhea “Skip” Taylor	<i>Fayette County</i>
Jim Flanagan	<i>MDOT/Rep. Governor</i>	Jay Johnson	<i>Oakland</i>
Perry Brown	<i>MDOT</i>	Patrick Neal	<i>Piperton</i>
Cliff Norville	<i>Shelby County</i>	Bennie Hopkins	<i>DeSoto County</i>
Steve Hill	<i>Arlington</i>	Mayor Chip Johnson	<i>Hernando</i>
Rick McClanahan	<i>Bartlett</i>	Andrew Hockensmith	<i>Horn Lake</i>
Tim Gwaltney	<i>Collierville</i>	Mayor Kenneth Adams	<i>Olive Branch</i>
Ethan Skaggs	<i>Germantown</i>	Gary Rosenfeld	<i>MATA</i>
Paul Luker	<i>Lakeland</i>	Randy Richardson	<i>Port Commission</i>

The following Interested Individuals were present:

Steve Sellers	<i>TDOT</i>	Manny Belen	<i>Memphis</i>
Meghan Wilson	<i>TDOT - LP</i>	Andy Sanders	<i>Germantown</i>
Thiera Taylor	<i>TDOT - OCT</i>	Todd Ondra	<i>Olive Branch</i>
Jennifer Marshall	<i>TDOT - OCT</i>	John Lancaster	<i>MATA</i>
Brian Copeland	<i>MDOT</i>	Kamillah Kelly	<i>MAAG</i>
Amanda Hicks	<i>DeSoto County</i>	Sonya Owens	<i>SCHD</i>
Ben Ledsinger	<i>SSR</i>	Mayor Michael Brown	<i>Oakland</i>

The following MPO Staff members were present:

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

A quorum was present.

1) Call to Order @ 1:35 PM

Mayor Jim Strickland called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM.

2) Approval of May 19, 2022, Minutes

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

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

3) Memphis MPO's Administrator's Report

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

- a) Mid-South Regional Safety Action Plan Update
- b) Mid-South Region Freight Flows and Industry Analysis
- c) Transit Vision Implementation Plan
- d) ADA Transition Plan – Cities & Counties – Maintain and Update
- e) FHWA – Grant Opportunities Update

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

4) 2050 RTP Amendments and Air Quality Conformity for Shelby and DeSoto Counties

Ms. Pragati Srivastava provided an overview of the 2050 RTP Amendments and the Air Quality Conformity Demonstration Reports for Shelby and DeSoto Counties.

Mr. Gary Rosenfeld moved to approve the 2050 RTP Amendments and Air Quality Conformity Demonstration Reports (for Shelby and Desoto Counties) as presented; Mayor Rhea Taylor seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

5) FY 2023-26 TIP Adoption and Air Quality Conformity for Shelby and DeSoto Counties

Ms. Kate Horton gave a presentation on the FY 2023-26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Mayor Rhea Taylor moved to adopt the FY 2023-26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Air Quality Conformity Demonstration Reports (for Shelby and Desoto Counties) as presented; Mr. Gary Rosenfeld seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

6) FY 2023-26 TIP Amendment and Air Quality Conformity for Shelby County

Ms. Pragati Srivastava provided an overview of the FY 2023-26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment and associated Air Quality Conformity for Shelby County.

Mr. Cliff Norville moved to approve the FY 2023-26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment and Air Quality Conformity Demonstration Report for Shelby County, TN as presented; Mr. Gary Rosenfeld seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

7) **FY 2022-23 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment**

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

- a) Mississippi PL Safe and Accessible Transportation Options (SATO) Funds – New Funding Source
- b) Mid-South Safety Action Plan – New MPO Task (Task F: Special Studies)

Mayor Rhea Taylor moved to approve the FY 2022-23 UPWP Amendment as presented; Mr. Cliff Norville seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

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

- a) RTP Investment Strategy

Mr. Vijay Kunada (Neel Schaffer) gave a presentation on the 2050 RTP Investment Strategy.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

9) **Mid-South Regional Safety Action Plan**

Mr. Jordan Smith gave a presentation on the Mid-South Regional Safety Action Plan.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

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

Mr. Antoine Hawkins gave an update on the Tennessee EV Deployment Plan, which was recently approved by the FHWA, and the Carbon Reduction Program Plan, which is currently under development in partnership with an on-call consultant.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

- a) **Blue Oval City**

Mr. Steve Sellers with TDOT, gave a presentation on the status of the Blue Oval City project.

DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS

Mr. Jay Johnson asked if TDOT plans to assess the potential impacts of the project on the broader roadway network (i.e., all roads within a 5- or 10-mile radius of the Megasite). Mr. Sellers responded that the project is still in an early planning phase, but TDOT will certainly evaluate impacts on the surrounding network.

11) **Open Grant/Funding Opportunities**

- a) TDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TA)

b) Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Discretionary Grant Program

DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS

Mr. Andrew Hockensmith asked if TDOT is working on planned improvements along the Airways corridor, particularly at Airways and Lamar. Mr. Manny Belen responded that the City of Memphis is working with TDOT on the project.

12) Other Business

- a) Next Scheduled TPB Meeting: November 17, 2022, 1:30 pm, Location: Holiday Inn University of Memphis – Tennessee Ballroom, 3700 Central Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111

13) Adjourn @ 2:45 PM

Mayor Rhea Taylor moved to adjourn; Mr. Austin Cardosi seconded the motion. And the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 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.*