



**Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (CPT- HSTP)
Advisory Committee Meeting**

Thursday, March 16, 2023, 10:00AM

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SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Ms. Clarke Shupe-Diggs called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM, the following members were present:

Emily Duchac	<i>TDOT</i>	Sonja Owens	<i>Shelby County Health Department</i>
Samantha Deal	<i>TDOT</i>	Rhonda Standridge	<i>West Memphis MPO</i>
Ashley Owens	<i>TDOT</i>	Jordan Smith	<i>MATA</i>
Thiera Taylor	<i>TDOT</i>	Kamillah Kelly	<i>WRPO</i>
Shirley Wilson	<i>MDOT</i>		
Roderick Bailey	<i>MDOT</i>		

The following interested individuals were present:

Dana Sjostrom	<i>Shelby County Housing Department</i>
Guy Sawyer	<i>West Memphis MPO</i>
Milbrey Heard	<i>Nelson Nygaard</i>

MPO Staff members present:

Ethan Greene	Mavrick Fitzgerald
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1. Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Clarke Shupe-Diggs (Memphis MPO) welcomed the committee members, outlined the agenda for the meeting, and introduced the Memphis MPO’s on-call transit consultant: Ms. Milbrey Heard (Nelson Nygard).

2. MPO Updates

Ms. Clarke Shupe-Diggs gave an update on the 2023 Mid-South Safety Action Plan (SAP) and the Transit Vision Implementation Plan. Ms. Shupe-Diggs explained that the Mid-South SAP—a regional traffic safety plan designed to reduce roadway fatalities and serious injuries throughout the tri-state area—was developed in partnership with the West Memphis MPO and will be released at the end of March for a 30-day public review period, with an anticipated MPO Policy Board adoption date of May 25, 2023. Additionally, Ms. Shupe-Diggs explained that development of the Transit Vision Implementation Plan is currently underway. Ms. Shupe-Diggs also noted that the MPO is working with MATA and the MPO’s transit consultant (Nelson Nygaard) to develop the Plan, which is designed to implement the Transit Vision recommendations produced by the Memphis 3.0 comprehensive planning process throughout MATA’s existing bus system.

3. Member Updates

a. Section 5310 Updates

Mr. Jordan Smith (MATA) explained that MATA’s 5310 funds have mostly been used for replacement MATAPlus vans and associated inspections. Mr. Smith also noted that all four (4) On-Demand Zones (serving Southwest Memphis, Northaven/Frayser, Cordova, and Downtown Memphis/Medical District/South City/New Chicago) are now in place, and that accessible vehicles are being used to service all (Ready! and Groove) zones.

Ms. Samantha Deal (TDOT) explained TDOT issued their annual call for 5310 projects in May of this year (2023), after experiencing delays in mobility management funding in 2022. Ms. Shupe-Diggs (Memphis MPO) asked if there were any updates on the Office of Mobility and Accessible Transportation (OMAT) strategic plan and/or annual report. Ms. Emily Duchac (TDOT) responded that the 2022 statewide strategic plan and annual report has been released and is available on TDOT’s OMAT website. Ms. Duchac also noted that regional CPT-HSTP plan updates are currently underway in Southwest, Southeast, and South-Central Tennessee.

Ms. Shirley Wilson that several 5310 projects are being funded in DeSoto County, Mississippi. Ms. Wilson noted that the Timber Hills Region IV Mental Health project provides allows for the purchase of transportation services and that the Alcorn Community Health Center project provides for rehabilitative services.

b. HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Update

Ms. Dana Sjoström provided an overview of the Shelby County Department of Housing’s (SCDH) HOME-ARP allocation planning process. Ms. Sjoström explained that HOME-ARP projects are designed to provide supportive services to qualified populations, including individuals and families experiencing homelessness, crowded living conditions, and housing instability, as well as victims of domestic violence. Ms. Sjoström noted that a certain percentage of HOME-ARP funds may be allocated for transportation costs in urban areas, and that SCDH has recently issued an RFP for implementation of the Memphis-area 2022 HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, serving qualified populations in the City of Memphis and Shelby County Urban County (i.e., Shelby County excluding the City of Memphis).



4. **Other Business**

The next meeting will be held in Spring of 2024.

5. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.