



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

Thursday, February 16, 2023, 11:00 AM

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

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Ms. Pragati Srivastava called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM. In addition to Ms. Srivastava, the following voting members were present:

Antoine Hawkins	<i>TDOT</i>	Emily Harrell	<i>Lakeland</i>
Trung Trinh	<i>MDOT</i>	Cheeyen Chew	<i>Memphis</i>
Bennie Hopkins	<i>Desoto County</i>	Randall Tatum	<i>Memphis</i>
Darren Sanders	<i>Shelby County</i>	Jason Dixon	<i>Millington</i>
James Crook	<i>Shelby County</i>	Harvey Matheny	<i>Piperton</i>
Steve Hill	<i>Arlington</i>	Austin Cardosi	<i>Hernando</i>
John Horne	<i>Bartlett</i>	Andy Swims	<i>Olive Branch</i>
Tim Gwaltney	<i>Collierville</i>	Jordan Smith	<i>MATA</i>
Andy Sanders	<i>Germantown</i>		

The following Ex-Officio Members were present:

Necole Baker	<i>FHWA-MS</i>	Rhonda Standridge	<i>West Memphis MPO</i>
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The following Interested Individuals were present:

Becky Bailey	<i>Bartlett</i>	Erin Campbell	<i>Bartlett</i>
Stacy Morrison	<i>TDOT - OCT</i>	Sonya Ellis	<i>Germantown</i>
Thiera Taylor	<i>TDOT - OCT</i>	Ben Campbell	<i>HDR</i>
Ashley Owens	<i>TDOT - OCT</i>	Shihab Uddin	<i>HDR</i>
Jared Darby	<i>DPD – OSR</i>	Peter Kauffman	<i>HDR</i>
Leigh Huffman	<i>DPD – OSR</i>	Kenneth Monroe	<i>Kimley-Horn</i>
Megan Farrell	<i>DPD – OSR</i>	Kamillah Kelly	<i>WTRPO</i>
Robin Richardson	<i>DPD – OSR</i>	Sebastian Guerrero	<i>WSP (virtual)</i>
Guy Sawyer	<i>West Memphis MPO</i>		

The following MPO Staff members were present:

Sajid Hossain	Mavrick Fitzgerald	Ethan Greene
Kate Horton	Nick Warren	Clarke Shupe-Diggs

A quorum was present.

1) **Call to Order @ 11:02 AM**

Ms. Pragati Srivastava called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM.

2) **Approval of September 22, 2022, Minutes**

Mr. Steve Hill moved to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. James Crook seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

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

Ms. Srivastava gave an overview of the following items:

- a) FY 2022-23 Transportation Alternatives (TA) & Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Projects
- b) FY 2024-25 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Major Planning Activities List
- c) 2023 Transportation Management Area (TMA) Certification
- d) 2020 Census Urbanized Area and MPO Boundary Adjustment
- e) Mid-South Safety Action Plan Update
- f) Moving Together 2050 RTP Update
- g) Transit Vision Implementation Plan Update
- h) Reminder: Deputy Governor & Commissioner of Transportation Butch Eley to present on TDOT's Build With Us Initiative during the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) Meeting

DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS

Mr. Darren Sanders asked if the 2020 MPO Boundary Adjustment will be an in-house project for the MPO. Ms. Srivastava confirmed that the project will be handled in-house, and further elaborated that the MPO will share additional details with the Committee as they become available.

4) **Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)**

Ms. Pragati Srivastava provided an update regarding upcoming Grant Opportunities (RAISE Grant NOFO released, Application Deadline: February 28, 2023) and the MPO's 2023 TMA Certification process, on behalf of FHWA-TN. Ms. Srivastava also introduced Ms. Necole Baker (FHWA – MS) to the Committee.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

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

Mr. Antoine Hawkins provided an update on the next round of TDOT transportation planning grants. Mr. Hawkins acknowledged that TDOT has received three applications from the MPO area and noted that additional details about the grant program will be provided by TDOT upon request.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

6) **Performance Measure Targets**

Mr. Ethan Greene gave a presentation on the following items:

a) Safety (PM1), Pavement (PM2) & System Performance (PM3) Targets

Mr. Darren Sanders moved to approve the PM Targets as presented; Mr. Randall Tatum seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS

Mr. Steve Hill asked about the MPO supporting the TDOT and MDOT PM Targets, since the trends appear to show worsening conditions. Mr. Greene explained that we are supporting both TDOT and MDOT targets and their efforts of setting data-driven, achievable targets.

7) **Mid-South Freight Flows & Industry Analysis**

Mr. Sebastian Guerrero (WSP) gave a virtual presentation on the Mid-South Freight Flows & Industry Analysis.

Mr. Steve Hill moved to approve the Mid-South Freight Flows & Industry Analysis as presented; Mr. Tim Gwaltney seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS

Mr. Jordan Smith asked if any of the study recommendations are focused on improving skills among logistics workers, commenting that MATA supports driver retention, skill development, and capacity building initiatives as potential solutions to the on-going driver shortage. Mr. Guerrero confirmed that the study recommendations include strategies designed to build skills and capacity within the existing workforce, and do not focus solely on hiring increases.

8) **Approval of the Livability 2050: RTP Amendments and the Air Quality Conformity Demonstration Reports for Shelby and DeSoto Counties**

Ms. Pragati Srivastava provided an overview of the Livability 2050: RTP amendments and the associated Air Quality Conformity Demonstration Reports for Shelby and Desoto Counties, as listed below:

Tennessee

- i. RTP Amendment: Livability 2050 RTP ID #83 – Donelson Farms Parkway

Mississippi

- ii. RTP Amendment: Livability 2050 RTP ID #82-B – Star Landing Road (Segment 2)
- iii. RTP Amendment: Livability 2050 RTP ID #82-C – Star Landing Road (Segment 3)

Mr. Steve Hill moved to approve the RTP Amendments & CDRs as presented; Mr. Darren Sanders seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

9) **FY 2023-26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and the Air Quality Conformity Demonstration Reports for Shelby and DeSoto Counties**

Note: The FY 2023-26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is undergoing final state and federal reviews/approval.

Ms. Pragati Srivastava provided an overview of the FY 2023-26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments and the associated Air Quality Conformity Reports for Shelby and DeSoto Counties, as listed below:

Local Tennessee Road Amendments

- i. TIP Amendment TCSP-2012-01: Donelson Farms Parkway
- ii. TIP Amendment STBG-M-2020-02: US-70/US-79/SR-1
- iii. TIP Amendment STBG-M-2023-01: Chester Street Widening
- iv. TIP Amendment STBG-L-2017-01: Surface Transportation Block Grant – Local (STBG-L) Grouping

Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) Amendment

- v. TIP Amendment CMAQ-2020-01: Covington Pike Signal System

Transit Amendments

- vi. TIP Amendment 5307-2023-01: Transit Shelters & Amenities
- vii. TIP Amendment 5339-2013-01: Revenue Vehicles
- viii. TIP Amendment 5339-2014-01: Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility

Local Mississippi Road Amendments

- i. TIP Amendment MS-NHS-2008-02: Star Landing Road (Segment 2)
- ii. TIP Amendment MS-NHS-2023-01: Star Landing Road (Segment 3)

Mr. Randall Tatum moved to approve the TIP Amendments & CDRs as presented; Mr. Steve Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

10) Open Grant/Funding Opportunities

- a) Clean Energy to Communities (C2C) Program
- b) 2023 AARP Community Challenge

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

11) Other Business

- a) Next Scheduled ETC Meeting: May 25, 2023, 11:00 AM, Location: Holiday Inn University of Memphis, 3700 Central Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111.

12) Adjourn

Mr. Steve Hill moved to adjourn; Mr. James Crook seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 AM.

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.*