



Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Engineering and Technical Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 25, 2023, 11:00 AM

Holiday Inn University of Memphis – Tennessee Ballroom

3700 Central Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Ms. Pragati Srivastava called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM. In addition to Ms. Srivastava, the following voting members were present:

Antoine Hawkins	<i>TDOT</i>	Paul Luker	<i>Lakeland</i>
Perry Brown	<i>MDOT</i>	John Lancaster	<i>MATA</i>
Amanda Hicks	<i>DeSoto County</i>	Randall Tatum	<i>Memphis</i>
Darren Sanders	<i>Shelby County</i>	Mark McGuire	<i>Memphis</i>
James Crook	<i>Shelby County</i>	Jason Dixon	<i>Millington</i>
Steve Hill	<i>Arlington</i>	Ed Courton	<i>Oakland</i>
Erin Campbell	<i>Bartlett</i>	Scott Young	<i>Olive Branch</i>
Tim Gwaltney	<i>Collierville</i>	Patrick Neal	<i>Piperton</i>
Ethan Skaggs	<i>Germantown</i>	Chase Dabbs	<i>Southaven</i>
Austin Cardosi	<i>Hernando</i>		

The following Ex-Officio Members were present:

Sean Santalla	<i>FHWA-TN</i>	Melanie Murphy	<i>FHWA-MS</i>
Necole Baker	<i>FHWA-MS</i>	Rhonda Standridge	<i>West Memphis MPO</i>

The following Interested Individuals were present:

Chasity Bell	<i>TDOT – LP</i>	Kenneth Monroe	<i>Kimley-Horn</i>
Thiera Taylor	<i>TDOT – OCT</i>	Zylavian W. Hines	<i>Garver</i>
Ashley Owens	<i>TDOT – OCT</i>	Derek Holt	<i>Garver</i>
Brian Copeland	<i>MDOT</i>	Jeff Pierce	<i>Garver</i>
Jessica Dilley	<i>MDOT</i>	Susane Cook	<i>Garver</i>
Bennie Hopkins	<i>DeSoto County</i>	Mark Grey	<i>HDR</i>
Becky Bailey	<i>Bartlett</i>	Jonathan Smith	<i>HDR</i>
John Horne	<i>Bartlett</i>	Peter Kauffman	<i>HDR</i>
Sonja Owens	<i>SCHD</i>	Ben Ledsinger	<i>SSR</i>
Lori Lindgren	<i>SCHD</i>	Will Collins	<i>SSR</i>
Kamillah Kelly	<i>WTRPO</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 @ 11:05 AM**

Ms. Pragati Srivastava called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

2) **Approval of February 16, 2023, 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) 2022 State of the MPO Annual Report
- b) 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update
- c) 2023 Memphis MPO Calendar Update
- d) New MPO Staff Announcement – Ms. Kayla Brooks & Ms. Andrea Blue

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

4) **Mid-South Safety Action Plan (SAP)**

Ms. Clarke Shupe-Diggs gave a presentation on the Mid-South Safety Action Plan (SAP).

Mr. Jason Dixon moved to approve the Mid-South Safety Action Plan (SAP) as presented; Mr. Darren Sanders seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

5) **Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)**

Ms. Melanie Murphy gave a presentation on the 2023 Transportation Management Area (TMA) Federal Certification Review.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

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

Mr. Antoine Hawkins provided an update on the Transportation Modernization Act, including Choice Lanes, an increase in registration fees for electric and hybrid vehicles, and \$750M, which will go to Region 4 to fund transportation projects. Additionally, Mr. Hawkins noted projects that were included in the TDOT's 3-Year list and the Multimodal Access Grant Notice of Intent (NOI) to apply closed and the application period is open.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

7) **Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT)**

Ms. Jessica Dilley gave a presentation on MDOT's Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan.

DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS

Mr. Austin Cardosi asked if the funds are limited to publicly owned properties or if we could do public/private partnerships and Ms. Dilley responded that yes, public/private partnerships are allowed. An interested citizen asked if the 1-mile was a requirement and Ms. Dilley responded that yes as part of the Alternative Vehicle Corridor requirements the charging stations/sites can be no more than 1 mile off of the highway.

8) Open Grant/Funding Opportunities

- a) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program
- b) Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Discretionary Grant Program
- c) TDOT Multimodal Access Grant Program.

The Memphis MPO has set-up a Funding Opportunities page on their website. Transportation and other related funding opportunities, will be posted on the website: <https://memphismpo.org/initiatives/fundingopportunities>

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

9) Other Business

- a) Next Scheduled ETC Meeting: August 17, 2023, 11:00 AM, Location: Holiday Inn University of Memphis, 3700 Central Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111.

10) Adjourn

Mr. Steve Hill moved to adjourn; Mr. Randall Tatum seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 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.*