



Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Engineering and Technical Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 17, 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. The following voting members were present:

Gary Scruggs	<i>TDOT</i>	Chris Howie	<i>Horn Lake</i>
Perry Brown	<i>MDOT</i>	Emily Harrell	<i>Lakeland</i>
Bennie Hopkins	<i>DeSoto County</i>	Jordan Smith	<i>MATA</i>
Darren Sanders	<i>Shelby County</i>	Randall Tatum	<i>Memphis</i>
James Crook	<i>Shelby County</i>	Mark McGuire	<i>Memphis</i>
Steve Hill	<i>Arlington</i>	Jason Dixon	<i>Millington</i>
Erin Campbell	<i>Bartlett</i>	James Hay	<i>MSCAA</i>
Tim Gwaltney	<i>Collierville</i>	Scott Young	<i>Olive Branch</i>
Andy Sanders	<i>Germantown</i>	Harvey Matheny	<i>Piperton</i>
Austin Cardosi	<i>Hernando</i>	Chase Dabbs	<i>Southaven</i>

The following Ex-Officio Members were present:

Necole Baker	<i>FHWA-MS</i>
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The following Interested Individuals were present:

Antoine Hawkins	<i>TDOT- OCT</i>	Kamillah Kelly	<i>MAAG</i>
Thiera Taylor	<i>TDOT – OCT</i>	Vijay Kunada	<i>Neel-Schaffer</i>
Ashley Owens	<i>TDOT – OCT</i>	Skylar Jones	<i>Garver</i>
Brian Copeland	<i>MDOT</i>	Derek Holt	<i>Garver</i>
Kelsie Sullivan	<i>MDOT</i>	Zylavian Watley Hines	<i>Garver</i>
John Lancaster	<i>MATA</i>	Greg Dotson	<i>Gresham Smith</i>
Becky Bailey	<i>Bartlett</i>	Amanda Blankenship	<i>TRC</i>
Mark Grey	<i>HDR</i>	Michael Rebick	<i>WSP USA</i>
Peter Kauffmann	<i>HDR</i>		

The following MPO Staff Members were present:

Sajid Hossain	Nick Warren	Jafrin Mouli	Andrea Blue
Kate Horton	Mavrick Fitzgerald	Torey Sanders	

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 May 25, 2023, Minutes**

Mr. Jason Dixon moved to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Darren Sanders 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) Recognition – Mr. John Modzelewski
 - Mr. Darren Sanders provided additional words of recognition for Mr. John Modzelewski.
- b) US-78 – Addition of the U.S. Route Shield
- c) Census Urbanized Area Smoothing and Planning Boundary Update
- d) Public Participation Plan Update
- e) TDOT Statewide Partnership Program
- f) New MPO Staff Announcement – Ms. Jafrin Mouli and Mr. Torey Sanders

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

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

Ms. Pragati Srivastava provided updates on behalf of Federal Highway Administration. The Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Program grant applications are open and additional information is included in the agenda packet. Additionally, the USDOT has recently released the Project Delivery Toolbox to assist with the development and implementation of transportation projects. Information regarding the Project Deliver Toolbox was sent to the ETC following the meeting.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

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

Mr. Antoine Hawkins provided an update on the Statewide Partnership Program (SPP), which received 102 applications from across the state. TDOT is currently reviewing the applications and will provide an update later in the year, before the final list goes before state legislation in January. Additionally, applications are open for grant funding available under the NEVI-funded Tennessee Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (TEVI) Program. The closing date is November 1, 2023 and additional information can be found on TDOT's TEVI Website: <https://www.tn.gov/tdot/long-range-planning-home/air-quality-planning/tennessee-electric-vehicle-infrastructure--tevi-.html>

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

6) **Adoption of the MOVING TOGETHER 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) & Air Quality Conformity for Shelby and DeSoto Counties**

Mr. Vijay Kunada (Neel-Schaffer) gave a presentation on the MOVING TOGETHER 2050 RTP and Ms. Pragati Srivastava provided an overview of the 2050 RTP and the associated Air Quality Conformity Demonstration Reports for Shelby and DeSoto Counties.

Mr. Randall Tatum moved to approve the adoption of the MOVING TOGETHER 2050 RTP and Air Quality Conformity for Shelby and Desoto Counties as presented; Mr. Steve Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

Mr. Mark McGuire asked if the fatality rate was for pedestrians and bicyclists combined or separate. Mr. Kunada responded that this was a combined rate for both pedestrians and bicyclists.

7) **Approval of the FY 2023-26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments & Air Quality Conformity for Shelby and DeSoto Counties**

Ms. Pragati Srivastava provided an overview of the thirteen (13) FY 2023-26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments and associated Air Quality Conformity for Shelby and DeSoto Counties.

Mr. Steve Hill moved to approve the FY 2023-26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and associated Air Quality Conformity Demonstration Report for Shelby and DeSoto Counties as presented; Mr. Tim Gwaltney seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS

8) **Adoption of the FY 2024-25 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

Ms. Pragati Srivastava provided an overview of the FY 2024-25 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Mr. Darren Sanders moved to approve the adoption of the FY 2024-25 UPWP as presented; Mr. Mark McGuire seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS

9) **Open Grant/Funding Opportunities**

- a) Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) 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

10) **Other Business**

- a) Next Scheduled ETC Meeting: November 16, 2023, 11:00 AM, Location: Holiday Inn University of Memphis, 3700 Central Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111.

11) **Adjourn**

Mr. James Hay moved to adjourn; Mr. Steve Hill seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 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.*