



**Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)**

**Transportation Policy Board Meeting**

**Thursday, February 16, 2023, 1:30 PM**

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

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES**

Mayor Jim Strickland called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. In addition to Mayor Strickland, the following voting members were present:

Antoine Hawkins	<i>TDOT/Rep. Governor</i>	Andy Sanders	<i>Germantown</i>
Brandon Akins	<i>TDOT</i>	Jason Dixon	<i>Millington</i>
Trung Trinh	<i>MDOT</i>	Harvey Matheny	<i>Piperton</i>
Amanda Hicks	<i>MDOT/Rep. Governor</i>	Austin Cardosi	<i>Hernando</i>
Mayor Rhea “Skip” Taylor	<i>Fayette County</i>	Andrew Hockensmith	<i>Horn Lake</i>
Bennie Hopkins	<i>DeSoto County</i>	Brad Thomas	<i>Olive Branch</i>
Cliff Norville	<i>Shelby County</i>	Jay Johnson	<i>Oakland</i>
Steve Hill	<i>Arlington</i>	Gary Rosenfeld	<i>MATA</i>
John Horne	<i>Bartlett</i>	Randy Richardson	<i>Port Commission</i>
Tim Gwaltney	<i>Collierville</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:

Butch Eley	<i>TDOT Commissioner/ Deputy Governor</i>	Erin Campbell	<i>Bartlett</i>
John J. DeBerry, Jr.	<i>TN – Representative</i>	Sonya Ellis	<i>Germantown</i>
Preston Elliott	<i>TDOT – Planning</i>	Manny Belen	<i>Memphis</i>
Will Reid	<i>TDOT – Engineering</i>	Kamillah Kelly	<i>WTRPO</i>
Jason Baker	<i>TDOT – Engineering</i>	David Oppong	<i>AWPG</i>
Stacy Morrison	<i>TDOT – OCT</i>	Dave Curran	<i>CA</i>
Thiera Taylor	<i>TDOT – OCT</i>	Peter Kauffman	<i>HDR</i>
Ashley Owens	<i>TDOT – OCT</i>	Shihab Uddin	<i>HDR</i>
Jared Darby	<i>DPD – OSR</i>	Kenneth Monroe	<i>Kimley-Horn</i>
Leigh Huffman	<i>DPD – OSR</i>	Cedric Hamilton	<i>MMBC Continuum</i>
Megan Farrell	<i>DPD – OSR</i>	John Lancaster	<i>MATA</i>
Robin Richardson	<i>DPD – OSR</i>	Stephen Edwards	<i>TREKK</i>
Guy Sawyer	<i>West Memphis MPO</i>	Warren Goodson	<i>W.H. Porter</i>
		Sebastian Guerrero	<i>WSP (virtual)</i>

The following MPO Staff members were present:

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

A quorum was present.

1) **Call to Order @ 1:30 PM**

Mayor Jim Strickland called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

2) **Deputy Governor & Commissioner of Transportation – TDOT**

Deputy Governor & TDOT Commissioner of Transportation Butch Eley gave a virtual presentation on TDOT’s Build with Us Initiative. Mr. Eley introduced Mr. Preston Elliott, TDOT Deputy Commission & Chief of Environment and Planning, Mr. Will Reid, TDOT Chief Engineer, and Mr. Jason Baker, TDOT Director/Assistant Chief Engineer – Region 4.

DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS

Mayor Jim Strickland introduced Representative John J. DeBerry, Jr. to the Transportation Policy Board.

Mayor Strickland asked if the \$3.3 billion in funding will be exclusively allocated to the Choose Lane projects. Commissioner Eley clarified that the proposed budget would not be solely for Choice Lanes but would also include funding for existing and ongoing transportation projects across the state.

Mr. Steve Hill asked if the authorization to fund and implement projects involving public-private partnerships will require action by the state legislature. Commissioner Eley confirmed that authorization by the legislature is required, which the state will pursue.

Mr. Jay Johnson asked if there are any updates on the Blue Oval City project. Commissioner Eley provided an update, noting that TDOT will be paying close attention to Exit 42 and that a regional transit study is currently underway. Commissioner Eley elaborated that the transit study will investigate possible rail opportunities (with respect to the transport of Blue Oval workers to and from the site) and that the public involvement phase will kick off in April of 2023.

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

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

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

4) **Transportation Policy Board (TPB) Elections**

a) Chair

Mr. Randy Richardson nominated to elect Mayor Strickland as Chair; Mr. Gary Rosenfeld seconded the motion, and the election was approved unanimously without dissent.

b) Vice-Chair

Mr. Harvey Matheny nominated to elect Mayor Rhea Taylor as Vice-Chair; Mr. Jason Dixon seconded the motion, and the election was approved unanimously without dissent.

c) TPB Representative for Freight Advisory Committee (FAC)

Mr. Steve Hill nominated to elect Mr. Cliff Norville as Freight Chair; Mayor Rhea Taylor seconded the motion, and the election was approved unanimously without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

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

Ms. Pragati 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

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

**6) 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

**7) Performance Measure Targets**

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

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

Mr. Steve Hill moved to approve the PM Targets as presented; Mayor Rhea Taylor seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS

Mr. Randy Richardson asked if the States of Tennessee and Mississippi adopted the 2- or 4-year PM targets. Mr. Greene explained that the states have adopted both 2- and 4-year targets, and the MPO is presenting the 4-year targets for adoption by the Board.

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

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

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

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

**9) 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. Tim Gwaltney seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

**NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS**

10) **FY 2023-26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and the Air Quality Conformity Demonstration Reports for Shelby & 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. Gary Rosenfeld moved to approve the TIP Amendments & CDRs as presented; Mr. Jay Johnson seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

11) **Open Grant/Funding Opportunities**

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

12) **Other Business**

- a) Next Scheduled TPB Meeting: May 25, 2023, 1:30 PM, location: Holiday Inn University of Memphis, 3700 Central Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111

13) **Adjourn**

Mayor Rhea Taylor moved to adjourn; Mr. Randy Richardson 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.*