



Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Transportation Policy Board Meeting

Thursday, May 25, 2023, 1:30 PM

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

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Mayor Chip Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:37 PM. In addition to Mayor Johnson, the following voting members were present:

Mayor Ken Adams	<i>Olive Branch</i>	Ethan Skaggs	<i>Germantown</i>
Antoine Hawkins	<i>TDOT/Rep. Governor</i>	Andrew Hockensmith	<i>Horn Lake</i>
Matt Meservy	<i>TDOT</i>	Paul Luker	<i>Lakeland</i>
Amanda Hicks	<i>MDOT/Rep. Governor</i>	John Lancaster	<i>MATA</i>
Perry Brown	<i>MDOT</i>	Manny Belen	<i>Memphis</i>
Bennie Hopkins	<i>DeSoto County</i>	Jason Dixon	<i>Millington</i>
Cliff Norville	<i>Shelby County</i>	Jay Johnson	<i>Oakland</i>
Steve Hill	<i>Arlington</i>	Patrick Neal	<i>Piperton</i>
John Horne	<i>Bartlett</i>	Randy Richardson	<i>Port Commission</i>
Tim Gwaltney	<i>Collierville</i>	Chase Dabbs	<i>Southaven</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:

Mayor Josh Roman	<i>Lakeland</i>	Lori Lindgren	<i>SCHD</i>
Thiera Taylor	<i>TDOT – OCT</i>	Kamillah Kelly	<i>WTRPO</i>
Ashley Owens	<i>TDOT – OCT</i>	Kenneth Monroe	<i>Kimley-Horn</i>
Brian Copeland	<i>MDOT</i>	Jeff Pierce	<i>Garver</i>
Jessica Dilley	<i>MDOT</i>	Stephen Edwards	<i>TREKK</i>
Guy Sawyer	<i>West Memphis MPO</i>	Bobby White	<i>Memphis Chamber</i>
Sonja Owens	<i>SCHD</i>		

The following MPO Staff Members were present:

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

A quorum was present.

1) **Call to Order @ 1:37 PM**

Mayor Chip Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:37 PM.

2) **Approval of February 16, 2023, Minutes**

Mr. Cliff Norville moved to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Randy Richardson 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. Jay Johnson moved to approve the Mid-South Safety Action Plan (SAP) as presented; Mr. Steve Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

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

Mr. Sean Santalla provided an overview of the 2023 Transportation Management Area (TMA) Federal Certification Review and introduced Ms. Melanie Murphy. Ms. Murphy gave a presentation on the 2023 TMA Federal Certification Review.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

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

Mr. Matt Meservy gave a presentation on TDOT's Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan, the Carbon Reduction Program, and PROTECT.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

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

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

NO DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS

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 TPB Meeting: August 17, 2023, 1:30 PM, Location: Holiday Inn University of Memphis, 3700 Central Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111.

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.

10) **Adjourn**

Mr. Manny Belen moved to adjourn; Mr. Cliff Norville seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 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.*