



Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Transportation Policy Board Meeting

Thursday, August 17, 2023, 1:30 PM

Holiday Inn University of Memphis – Tennessee Ballroom

3700 Central Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Mayor Rhea “Skip” Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM. In addition to Mayor Taylor, the following voting members were present:

Antoine Hawkins	<i>TDOT/Rep. Governor</i>	Andrew Hockensmith	<i>Horn Lake</i>
Gary Scruggs	<i>TDOT</i>	Paul Luker	<i>Lakeland</i>
Perry Brown	<i>MDOT</i>	John Lancaster	<i>MATA</i>
Bennie Hopkins	<i>DeSoto County</i>	Manny Belen	<i>Memphis</i>
Cliff Norville	<i>Shelby County</i>	Jason Dixon	<i>Millington</i>
Steve Hill	<i>Arlington</i>	James Hay	<i>MSCAA</i>
Erin Campbell	<i>Bartlett</i>	Harvey Ellis	<i>Oakland</i>
Tim Gwaltney	<i>Collierville</i>	Jason Gambone	<i>Olive Branch</i>
Andy Sanders	<i>Germantown</i>	Harvey Matheny	<i>Piperton</i>
Austin Cardosi	<i>Hernando</i>	Randy Richardson	<i>Port Commission</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:

Amanda Hicks	<i>DeSoto County</i>	Greg Dotson	<i>Gresham Smith</i>
Thiera Taylor	<i>TDOT – OCT</i>	Skylar Jones	<i>Garver</i>
Ashley Owens	<i>TDOT – OCT</i>	Zylavian Watley Hines	<i>Garver</i>
Brian Copeland	<i>MDOT</i>	Derek Holt	<i>Garver</i>
Kelsie Sullivan	<i>MDOT</i>	Vijay Kunada	<i>Neel-Schaffer</i>
Guy Sawyer	<i>West Memphis MPO</i>	Stephen Edwards	<i>TREKK</i>
Kamillah Kelly	<i>MAAG</i>	John Dudas	<i>Memphis Chamber</i>

The following MPO Staff Members were present:

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

A quorum was present.

1) **Call to Order @ 1:33 PM**

Mayor Rhea “Skip” Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM.

2) **Approval of May 25, 2023, Minutes**

Mr. Cliff Norville moved to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Steve Hill 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) US-78 – Addition of the U.S. Route Shield
- b) Census Urbanized Area Smoothing and Planning Boundary Update
- c) Public Participation Plan Update
- d) TDOT Statewide Partnership Program
- e) 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. 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.

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. James Hay moved to approve the adoption of the MOVING TOGETHER 2050 RTP and Air Quality Conformity for Shelby and DeSoto Counties as presented; Mr. Jason Dixon seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

Mr. John Dudas, on behalf of the Greater Memphis Chamber, Transportation Committee, stated their support of the adoption of the 2050 RTP.

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. Tim Gwaltney 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. James Hay seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION OR 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. Tim Gwaltney moved to approve the adoption of the FY 2024-25 UPWP as presented; Mr. Cliff Norville 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 TPB Meeting: November 16, 2023, 1:30 PM, Location: Holiday Inn University of Memphis, 3700 Central Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111.

11) **Adjourn**

Mr. James Hay moved to adjourn; Mr. Cliff Norville seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 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.*