Memphis MPO
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Strengthening Regional Transportation

Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Transportation Policy Board Meeting

Thursday, February 15, 2024, 1:30 PM

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

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Mayor Paul A. Young called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. In addition to Mayor Young, the following voting members were present:

Ashley Owens	*TDOT/Rep. Governor*	Austin Cardosi	*Hernando*
Gary Scruggs	*TDOT*	Andrew Hockensmith	*Horn Lake*
Perry Brown	*MDOT*	Emily Harrell	*Lakeland*
Brian Copeland	*MDOT/Rep. Governor*	Bacarra Mauldin	*MATA*
Mayor Rhea "Skip" Taylor	*Fayette County*	Jason Dixon	*Millington*
Bennie Hopkins	*DeSoto County*	James Hay	*MSCAA*
Darren Sanders	*Shelby County*	Harvey Ellis	*Oakland*
John Horne	*Bartlett*	Jason Gambone	*Olive Branch*
Tim Gwaltney	*Collierville*	Harvey Matheny	*Piperton*
Jennifer Allen	*Germantown*	Randy Richardson	*Port Commission*

The following Ex-Officio Members were present:

Necole Baker	*FHWA – MS*	Guy Sawyer	*West Memphis MPO*

The following Interested Individuals were present:

John Zeanah	*DPD*	Richard Mills	*Piperton*
Matt Meservy	*TDOT*	Derek Holt	*Garver*
Stacy Morrison	*TDOT*	Zylavian Watley Hines	*Garver*
Ashley Owens	*TDOT*	Greg Dotson	*Gresham Smith*
Thiera Taylor	*TDOT*	Jackson McNeil	*Innovate Memphis*
Lynn Evans	*TDOT*	Dennis Lynch	*Sierra Club*
Alexis Morris	*WTRPO*	Ben Ledsinger	*SSR*
Hannah Franklin	*DeSoto County*	Mehul Patel	*SSR*
John Lancaster	*MATA*	Will Collins	*SSR*
Manny Belen	*Memphis*	Michael S. Sanders	*Citizen*
Jade Tasoe	*Memphis*		

The following MPO Staff members were present:

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

A quorum was present.

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1) **Call to Order @ 1:35 PM**

Mayor Paul A. Young called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM.

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

Mayor Rhea "Skip" Taylor moved to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. James Hay seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

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

a) Chair

Mr. Jason Dixon nominated to elect Mayor Paul A. Young as Chair; Mayor Taylor seconded the motion, and the election was approved unanimously without dissent.

b) Vice-Chair

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

c) TPB Representative for Freight Advisory Committee (FAC)

Mr. Jason Dixon nominated to elect Mr. Cliff Norville as Freight Chair; Mr. Randy Richardson seconded the motion, and the election was approved unanimously without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

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

Ms. Pragati Srivastava gave an overview of the following items:

a) 2023 State of the MPO Annual Report
b) 2024 TDOT Transportation Alternatives (TA) Award
c) Passenger Rail Update (FRA Award)
d) 2024 Memphis MPO Calendar Update
e) 2026-29 Transportation Improvement Plan – upcoming
f) Regional Pedestrian & Bicycle Greenprint Plan– upcoming
g) By-laws update- upcoming
h) MPO Public Participation Plan – May Adoption
i) Functional Classification Update Meetings

DISCUSSION/ QUESTIONS

Mr. Jason Gambone asked if the award to study passenger rail would involve high-speed rail. Ms. Pragati Srivastava indicated the study would likely evaluate options for regular passenger rail and could potentially provide consideration for upgrading to high-speed rail in the future.

Mr. Dennis Lynch, representing the Sierra Club, requested all the communities within Memphis MPO region to consciously work on public participation. Mr. Lynch advocated for providing further consideration for public input and participation in future planning efforts and hoped that this would be reflected in the MPO's next

Public Participation Plan. Mr. Lynch also recommended that the MPO reevaluate the demographic composition of the TPB.

5) **Adoption of Performance Measure Targets**

Mr. Mavrick Fitzgerald gave a presentation on the following items:

a) 2020-2024 Safety (PM1)
b) 2023-2024 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)

Mr. James Hay moved to approve the PM Targets as presented; Ms. Bacarra Mauldin seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

6) **Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)**

Ms. Necole Baker gave a presentation on the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program. Ms. Baker stated the FY24 application is anticipated to begin in February, and that $650M is available Nationwide for FY 24 Planning and Demonstration activities.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

7) **2022 Annual Safety Report**

Ms. Jafrin Mouli and Mr. Torey Sanders gave a presentation on the 2022 Annual Safety Report. They presented findings on region, county, and corridor level crash data analysis and provided an overview of the region's current and upcoming safety projects.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

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

Mr. Stacy Morrison and Mr. Gary Scruggs provided an update on TDOT's 10 Year Project Plan and Region 4 projects. Mr. Lynn Evans provided an update on the pavement condition in Region 4.

DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

Mr. Randy Richardson asked if the resurfacing funding included in the 10-year program would be available for local roads, or if it was only available for interstates and state routes. Mr. Evans replied that the funding would only be available for resurfacing of interstates and state routes.

9) **Open Grant/Funding Opportunities**

a) 2024 AARP Community Challenge
b) Bridge Investment Program
c) Community Change Grants Program
d) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) – upcoming

10) **Other Business**

a) Next Scheduled TPB Meeting: May 23, 2024, 1:30 PM, Location: Holiday Inn University of Memphis, 3700 Central Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111

DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

Mr. Lynch suggested making improvements to the meeting's sound system. Mr. Lynch also recommended providing more attention to transit and sustainability in future planning efforts.

11) **Adjourn**

Mayor Taylor moved to adjourn; Mr. Darren Sanders seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 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.*