Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Freight Advisory Committee Meeting
January 22, 2026 - 10:00 AM
Microsoft Teams Online Meeting

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

The following committee members were present:

Stephanie Ivey	University of Memphis	Trung Trinh	MDOT
Martin E. Lipinski	University of Memphis	Kathy L. Combs	TDOT
Donna England	TN Trucking Association	Necole Baker	FHWA MS
Randy Richardson	Port of Memphis	Cliff Norville	Shelby County
Rhonda Standridge	West Memphis MPO	Michael Garriga	BNSF
Guy Sawyer	West Memphis MPO	Kelsie Sullivan	MDOT
Randall Tatum	City of Memphis	James Crook	Shelby County
Emmily Tiampati	TDOT		

MPO staff members present:

Pragati Srivastava	*Memphis MPO*	Torey Sanders	*Memphis MPO*
Kate Horton	*Memphis MPO*	Sajid Hossain	*Memphis MPO*
Mavrick Fitzgerald	*Memphis MPO*		

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1) Welcome

Ms. Pragati Srivastava welcomed the Freight Advisory Committee (FAC) members.

2) 2025 Mid-South Freight Report

Mr. Mavrick Fitzgerald provided a summary of the 2025 Mid-South Freight Report released last fall, including multimodal freight trends in truck, rail, air, and barge traffic and the status of ongoing projects in the MPO region. The full report is available on the MPO website.

3) Update on Moving Together 2055 Regional Transportation Plan

Mr. Fitzgerald provided an update on the ongoing Moving Together 2055 Regional Transportation Plan. The 2055 RTP is currently in early development, with final adoption planned for summer 2027. To date, MPO staff have conducted initial public outreach and existing conditions analysis.

4) 2024 Annual Safety Report

Mr. Torey Sanders presented the 2024 Annual Safety Report, published annually by the Memphis MPO to track and monitor the implementation of the Mid-South Safety Action Plan (SAP). Mr. Sanders shared statistics on 5-year crash trends, crash locations, and corridor-level analysis, which are included in the report. The full report is available on the MPO website.

5) Tennessee Department of Transportation Statewide Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan Update

Dr. Stephanie Ivey presented on the 2025 Freight Stakeholder Survey Report, which was conducted by the University of Memphis on behalf of the Memphis MPO. This survey served as a follow-up to the 2020 Freight Stakeholder Survey, enabling analysis of how freight industry challenges and stakeholder priorities have evolved over the five-year period. A total of 53 participants completed the 21-question survey addressing infrastructure conditions, workforce challenges, technology use, and impacts of recent and anticipated regional projects. The resulting information will inform updates to the MPO Freight Plan and future Regional Plan revisions.

Key findings revealed that multimodal freight infrastructure, particularly intermodal access and interstate/highway accessibility, remains a regional strength, while pavement conditions continue to fall short of requirements. Safe truck parking shortages intensified to 81 percent of respondents reporting inadequate availability, and congestion continues imposing major costs through delays and increased labor expenses. Security concerns, including cargo theft, emerged

as critical issues alongside lingering COVID-19 disruptions. Respondents strongly supported the recently completed I-55 and Crump Interchange and anticipated significant benefits from the proposed New Mississippi River Bridge at Three Kings Crossing. Priority areas requiring MPO attention include the Airport Area, Lamar Avenue, and the I-240/I-40 corridor, with emphasis on road surfaces, intermodal facilities, workforce training, and truck parking availability.

6) Other Business

No Other Business was discussed

6) Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 AM.

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