Memphis MPO
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Strengthening Regional Transportation

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

Thursday, February 26, 2026, 1:30 PM
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel – Memphis
5069 Sanderlin Avenue, Memphis, TN 38117

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Mayor Rhea "Skip" Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. In addition to Mayor Taylor, the following voting members were present:

Mayor Paul A. Young	*Memphis*	Dale Perryman	*Collierville*
Matt Meservy	*TDOT/ Rep. Governor*	Mayor Mike Palazzolo	*Germantown*
Brandon Akins	*TDOT*	Mayor Chip Johnson	*Hernando*
Kelsie Sullivan	*MDOT/ Rep. Governor*	Andrew Hockensmith	*Horn Lake*
Perry Brown	*MDOT*	Paul Luker	*Lakeland*
Bennie Hopkins	*DeSoto County*	Katherine Webb	*Millington*
Cliff Norvile	*Shelby County*	Andy Swims	*Olive Branch*
Steve Hill	*Arlington*	Mayor Adrian Wiggins	*Oakland*
John Horne	*Bartlett*	Randy Richardson	*Port Commission*

The following interested individuals were present:

Ann Marie Anway	*TDOT*	Anna McQuiston	*MidSouth Development District*
Emmily Tiampati	*TDOT*	James Ratner	*MidSouth Development District*
Ashley Owens	*TDOT*	Kelsey Huse	*Citizen*
Stacy Morrison	*TDOT*	Susan Moresi	*Citizen*
Zach Barrett	*MDOT*	Ben Ledsinger	*SSR*
Manny Belen	*Memphis*	Ellen Kinnane	*SSR*
David Oppong	*Memphis*	John Lancaster	*HDR*
Ben Womble	*Millington*	Antonia White	*SCHD*
Lydia Sokoll	*MidSouth Development District*	Tiena Gwin	*MATA*

The following MPO staff members were present:

Pragati Srivastava	Kate Horton	Sajid Hossain
Mavrick Fitzgerald	Torey Sanders	Sagorika Zannat
Tejal Shah	Joyanta Basak	Anna Parr

A quorum was present.

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1) **Call to Order**

Mayor Rhea "Skip" Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM.

2) **Approval of September 11, 2025 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**

a) 2025 State of the MPO Annual Report
b) 2025 Safety Action Plan (SAP) - Update
c) 2025 Freight Stakeholder Survey
d) Functional Classification Final Approval
e) Transportation Bill - Reauthorization

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

4) **Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and State Departments of Transportation**

Mr. Brandon Akins provided an update for TDOT regarding the 10-Year Plan update, which will be available for review in April 2026. Mr. Matt Meservy provided an update on Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which is under federal review and anticipated to be completed in April 2026. Governor Bill Lee's budget request included approximately, $425M to help accelerate the 10-Year Plan. Additionally, TDOT is working on Phase II of the Statewide Long-Range Plan, and the draft is anticipated to be available by December 2026.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

5) **Performance Measure Targets**

Ms. Pragati Srivastava gave an overview of the 2022-2026 PM1 Safety Targets.

Mr. Cliff Norville moved to approve the PM1 Safety Targets as presented; Mr. Steve Hill seconded the motion, and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

6) **Moving Together: 2055 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update**

a) Goals & Objectives

b) Socio-Demographic Data

Ms. Pragati Srivastava gave a presentation on the Moving Together: 2055 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Mayor Rhea "Skip" Taylor moved to approve the Moving Together: 2055 RTP's Socio-Demographic Data as presented; Mr. Cliff Norville seconded the motion, and the motion carried without dissent.

DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

Mr. Steve Hill asked about the high population growth in DeSoto County. Ms. Pragati responded that the projection is based on a number of factors, including the most recent census data, alignment with DOT projections, and annual growth rate.

7) **Approval of Functional Classification Amendment –** Red Banks Road (Marshall County, MS)

Ms. Pragati Srivastava gave an overview of the Functional Classification Amendment for Red Banks Rd. in Marshall County.

Mayor Chip Johnson moved to approve the Functional Classification Amendment as presented; Mr. Bennie Hopkins seconded the motion, and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

8) **Open Grant/Funding Opportunities**
   a) **Healthy Built Environments Grant Program**
      - **Sponsoring Organization -** Tennessee Department of Health
      - **Application Deadline -** March 13, 2026 (Letter of Intent); May 22, 2026 (Full Application by invitation)
      - **Summary -** Grant program supports projects that create healthy built environments promoting physical activity, access to healthy foods, and community resilience in historically underserved communities. Eligible applicants include local and state government entities and non-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status. Eligible projects include planning, assessment, and infrastructure construction such as sidewalks, bikeways, greenways, walking tracks, parks, and related active transportation facilities.
      - **Funding Available -** $860,000 total available; individual grants up to $50,000 (Phase A - Planning) or $80,000 (Phase B - Construction)
      - **Application & Eligibility Website: https://www.tn.gov/health/funding-opportunities.html**

Ms. Susan Moresi provided a public comment expressing the need for transit access to the Memphis International Airport.

Ms. Kelsey Huse provided a public comment regarding the reconsideration of the non-motorized safety targets.

9) **Other Business**
   a) Next Scheduled TPB Meeting: July 30, 2026, 1:30 PM, Location: Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Memphis, 5069 Sanderlin Ave, Memphis, TN 38117

DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

Mayor Mike Palazzolo requested the formation of a working group to explore the development a joint data hub with the Mid-South Development District and the Memphis MPO. Mayor Paul A. Young ressponded that will move forward with the recommendation of the working group.

Ms. Pragati Srivastava announced the TN APA Award for the MPO's Mid-South Regional Pedestrian and Bicycle Greenprint Plan and the TPB took a picture with the award following the meeting.

10) **Adjourn**

Mayor Adrian Wiggins moved to adjourn; Mayor Rhea "Skip" Taylor seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 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.*