Memphis MPO
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Strengthening Regional Transportation

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

Thursday, July 30, 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 1:32 PM. In addition to Mayor Taylor, the following voting members were present:

Greg Dotson	*Memphis*	Jennifer Allen	*Germantown*
Ann Marie Anway	*TDOT/ Rep. Governor*	Austin Cardosi	*Hernando*
Brandon Akins	*TDOT*	Billy Simco	*Horn Lake*
Kelsie Sullivan	*MDOT/ Rep. Governor*	Paul Luker	*Lakeland*
Zack Barrett	*MDOT*	Katherine Webb	*Millington*
Bennie Hopkins	*DeSoto County*	Scott Young	*Olive Branch*
Cliff Norville	*Shelby County*	Mayor Don Hollingsworth	*Byhallia*
Steve Hill	*Arlington*	Tiena Gwin	*MATA*
John Horne	*Bartlett*	Randy Richardson	*Port Commission*

The following ex-officio members were present:

Necole Baker	*FHWA MS*

The following interested individuals were present:

Jonathon Haynes	*TDOT*	Alexis Washington	*MATA*
Clarissa Harris	*TDOT*	Aaron Vowel	*RK&K*
Ashley Owens	*TDOT*	Cody Shields	*TRC*
Stacy Morrison	*TDOT*	Jeffrey Altman	*Neel-Schaffer Inc*
Logan Russell	*TDOT*	Jordan Smith	*MidSouth Development District*
Janice Jenkins	*TDOT*	Anna McQuiston	*MidSouth Development District*
Brian Childs	*MDOT*	Mark O'Mell	*EDGE*
David Oppong	*Memphis*	Diana Carson	*C&S Data Collections*
Thomas Humphreys	*Germantown*	John Lancaster	*HDR*
Nakisha Roberts	*MATA*	Valencia Baymon	*Routes and Jobs*

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
Mitali Taraikar		

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 February 26, 2026 Minutes**

Mr. Cliff Norville moved to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Greg Dotson seconded the motion, and the motion carried without dissent.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

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

a) ADA Compliance Date Extension
b) Household Travel Survey Extension
c) Sunbelt-Atlantic Rail (Atlanta-Chattanooga-Nashville-Memphis passenger rail corridor update)
d) New Staff Introduction

Ms. Pragati Srivastava also informed the committee that the Tennessee Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) has received final approval from FHWA and FTA.

The Transportation Policy Board recognized Mr. Cliff Norville for his years of service and his upcoming retirement.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

4) **Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Performance Measures (PM3) Targets**

a) Unified Tri-State Targets (Peak-Hr. Excessive Delay & Non-SOV Travel) & Individual Statewide Targets (Emissions)

Ms. Kate Horton gave a presentation on the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Performance Measures (PM3) Targets.

Mr. Cliff Norvile moved to approve the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Performance Measures (PM3) Targets as presented; Mr. Steve Hill seconded the motion, and the motion carried without dissent.

DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

Mayor Rhea "Skip" Taylor asked whether there would be any penalties for not meeting the targets once established. Ms. Kate Horton responded that there are no penalties or funding restrictions associated with not meeting these targets. She added that the targets will also be monitored and revisited at the midpoint of the performance period, when the working group will reconvene to review progress and determine whether the 4-year target remains appropriate or needs adjustment.

5) **Adoption of the 2026 Memphis MPO Safety Action Plan (SAP)**

a) The 2026 Memphis MPO Safety Action Plan (SAP) is available on the Memphis MPO website

Mr. Torey Sanders gave a presentation on the 2026 Memphis MPO Safety Action Plan (SAP).

Mr. Austin Cardosi moved to approve the 2026 Memphis MPO Safety Action Plan (SAP) 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) 2055 RTP Funding Approach

Ms. Kate Horton gave a presentation on the Moving Together: 2055 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

7) **Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) & State Departments of Transportation**

Mr. Brandon Akins provided an update on TDOT Region 4 projects, noting that seven Shelby County resurfacing projects have been completed, five are under construction, three have been awarded, and eight are scheduled for FY27 letting. He also provided updates on the I-40 Concrete Rehabilitation project, Rural HELP Program, and America's River Crossing project.

Mr. Zack Barrett provided an update on behalf of MDOT regarding several current and upcoming projects. He noted that the Highway 72/Red Banks interchange project is approximately 4% complete, with an anticipated completion date of October 31, 2028, while the Goodman Road mill-and-overlay project from Airways Boulevard to U.S. 78 is running about 10% ahead of schedule. He also reported continued progress on the planned roundabout at Highway 51 and Green T, which was recently awarded under contract, and provided a brief overview of additional upcoming projects.

NO DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

8) **Open Grant/Funding Opportunities**
   a) **TDEC Medium – and Heavy – Duty Vehicles Grant Program**
      - **Sponsoring Organization** - Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)
      - **Application Deadline** - August 21, 2026
      - **Summary** – The Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grant Program offers funding to help public, nonprofit, and private fleets in Tennessee cut nitrogen oxide emissions by replacing or upgrading older medium- and heavy-duty vehicles. Eligible projects might include switching vehicles to alternative fuels such as propane, natural gas, hybrid, or all-electric, or repowering them with alternative-fuel or all-electric engines or drivetrains. Eligible vehicle types include Class 4–7 local freight trucks, Class 8 local freight and port drayage trucks, and Class 4–8 transit, shuttle, and school buses.
      - **Funding Available** - $4.3 million in total funding
      - **Application & Eligibility Website** - **Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grant Program**

   b) **TDOT Statewide Partnership Program (SPP) – 10-Year Project Plan**
      - **Sponsoring Organization-** Tennesse Department of Transportation (TDOT)
      - **Application Deadline -** August 31, 2026
      - **Summary –** The Statewide Partnership Program (SPP) is part of TDOT's annual 10-Year Project Planning process, established following the 2023 Transportation Modernization Act. The program allows local stakeholders through their MPOs and RPOs to submit transportation project priorities for consideration in TDOT's fiscally constrained 10-Year Project Plan. Projects are evaluated based on performance, readiness for delivery, cost, and local financial commitment. This year's application also includes Sidewalk and Bikeway Projects previously submitted through the Multimodal Access Grant (MMAG) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), simplifying the application process by focusing on project need and local commitment.
      - **Funding Available -** Funding is determined through TDOT's fiscally constrained 10-Year Project Plan; no specific funding amount has been announced.
      - **Application & Eligibility Website – TDOT Statewide Partnership Program (SPP)**

9) **Other Business**

a) Next Scheduled TPB Meeting: December 10, 2026, 1:30 PM, Location: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Memphis, 5069 Sanderlin Ave, Memphis, TN 38117

DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS

Mayor Rhea "Skip" Taylor requested an update on the proposed data working group discussed at the previous meeting. Ms. Pragati Srivastava reported that the group has met and that the MPO is awaiting additional detail from the District regarding its proposed focus areas.

Additionally, Ms. Ann Marie Anway mentioned that TDOT's Long-Range Transportation Plan update is currently in the statewide survey and public outreach phase, with an online survey available on TDOT's website.

10) **Adjourn**

Mr. Cliff Norville moved to adjourn; Mr. Greg Dotson seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 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.*