Memphis MPO
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Strengthening Regional Transportation

Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (CPT-HSTP)

Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 22, 2026, 10:00 AM CT

Virtual

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Mr. Joyanta Basak called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM, the following members were present:

Emily Duchac	*TDOT*	Tiena Gwin	*MATA*
Samantha M. Deal	*TDOT*		

The following MPO staff members were present:

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1. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Joyanta Basak welcomed the committee members and led the committee through introductions.

2. MPO Updates

a) 2026 Safety Action Plan Update
Mr. Joyanta Basak provided an update on the 2026 Memphis MPO Safety Action Plan (SAP).

The update highlighted the SAP planning process, including data analysis, working group engagement, and strategy development, leading to its adoption in July 2026. The updated Memphis MPO Observed Crashes Dashboard, featuring regional crash data through 2025, was also shared with the committee members.

b) Moving Together: 2055 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update
Mr. Joyanta Basak provided an update on the 2055 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

The update highlighted the progress of the 2055 RTP planning process, including the completion of two phases of public outreach and the July 2027 deadline for plan adoption. The outreach efforts included 16 in-person events across the Memphis MPO region, with over 650 responses collected through in-person outreach events and online surveys.

3. Member Updates

a) Section 5310 updates

Ms. Tiena Gwin shared that MATA plans to use FY 2024 to 2028 funds to purchase 48 vans and supporting components. She noted that the capital costs are 80 percent federally funded, while program administration is funded at 100 percent

Ms. Samantha M. Deal stated that TDOT has concluded its 2026 call for projects and expects to announce awards soon.

Mr. Joyanta Basak, on behalf of MDOT, shared that MDOT continues to provide capital and operating assistance to Timber Hills Region IV Mental Health for transportation services in DeSoto County. The update also noted that AARP of DeSoto County identified a need for additional senior transportation services, and MDOT is coordinating with North Delta PDD

to explore potential service expansion. No new providers have expressed interest in the service area.

Mr. Joyanta Basak, on behalf of ARDOT, shared that the Frank C. Steudlein Learning Center in West Memphis was awarded Section 5310 funding for the purchase of a 12-passenger Ford Transit van without a wheelchair lift.

4. Other Business

Ms. Emily Duchac from TDOT shared that TDOT has initiated its intercity bus needs assessment, which is conducted every three years, and plans to distribute a survey in the coming weeks. She noted that the survey will be shared with committee members once released and that TDOT is particularly interested in feedback from large urban areas, including Memphis.

The next meeting will be held in Spring 2027.

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 AM.