SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Mr. Nicholas Oyler called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. In addition to Mr. Oyler, the following committee members were present at the meeting:

Ms. Dawn Vinson               Citizen
Mr. Dale Chrystie              Citizen
Mr. Gene Carkeet               Citizen
Mr. John Paul Shaffer          Livable Memphis
Mr. Brad Corey                 Mid-South Trails Association
Mr. John Michels               Mid-South Greenprint
Mr. Sean MacInnes              Christian Brothers University
Ms. Barbara McClanahan         University of Memphis
Mr. Dennis Lynch               Sierra Club
Ms. Emmily Tiampati            TDOT

The following members of the general public were present at the meeting:

Mr. Bob Wenner                 Wolf River Conservancy

The following members of the Memphis MPO were present at the meeting:

Nicholas Oyler                 Kwasi Agyakwa     Nathaniel Heyward
Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, April 11, 2016 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library, 3030 Poplar Avenue, Memphis TN, Room A

1) Welcome & Introductions

Mr. Nicholas Oyler welcomed everyone to the meeting. The attendees introduced themselves.

2) Announcements and Briefings

i) Livability 2040: Regional Transportation Plan

Mr. Oyler gave an overview of this topic. He informed the committee that Livability 2040 had been officially adopted.

ii) Bus Stop Accessibility and Design Guidelines

Mr. Oyler explained that the purpose of the plan was to establish design standards for bus stops, and that the project kicked off in March.

iii) FHWA Bicycle/Pedestrian Counter Pilot Program

The MPO received a federal grant to purchase technology to conduct bike/pedestrian counts in the region. Mr. Oyler explained to the committee that the MPO was in the process of finalizing the contract with a consultant to help with the project.

iv) 2015 TDOT Multimodal Access Grant

In December 2015 the MPO received four applications for the grant and submitted two of them to TDOT for consideration. That included one project in the City of Millington, and one in the City of Memphis. TDOT is expected to announce in June which projects are selected for funding.

v) ULI: RegionSmart Summit on April 28

Mr. Oyler gave an overview of this topic. The Urban Land Institute is hosting a full-day summit on April 28 at the Halloran Center to discuss regional development and collaboration. Mr. Dennis Lynch provided some more information about the summit.

vi) Other
Mr. Sean MacInnes brought up for discussion the bill in the state legislature that would affect whether or not state gas funds could be used for bike/pedestrian projects. Mr. MacInnes was curious about what input the MPO had regarding the bill and its potential outcomes. Mr. Oyler gave a brief overview of the bill. Mr. Jon Paul Shaffer gave a more detailed description of the intricacies of the bill. The committee discussed the bill and its potential impacts. Mr. Oyler stated that the MPO was monitoring the situation accordingly.

3) **Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan**

Mr. Oyler gave the presentation on this topic. The plan recommends strategies to coordinate public transportation services between all different public transportation entities, and is also meant to lead to a better system for people of low-income, the elderly, and the people with disabilities. The plan will be up for approval by the Transportation Policy Board on May 5th.

**NO DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS**

4) **Midtown Alternatives Analysis Study**

Mr. Shaffer gave the presentation of this topic. Livable Memphis is a sub-consultant for MATA on this project. The study is part of a federal grant program that enables local transit providers to look at providing new forms of transit or traditional service. This study is moving towards a recommended alternative which is an express bus route through the Union/Poplar corridor from Downtown Memphis to the University of Memphis. Mr. Shaffer gave an in-depth overview of this express bus route and how it could improve the overall system. The committee discussed parts of the technical analysis and the impacts of the alternative express route.

5) **New Business**

Mr. Oyler outlined the future dates related to the Bus Stop Accessibility Guidelines, the Bike/Ped Counter Pilot Project, the Coordinated Plan, and the Midtown AA Study. Mr. Bob Wenner inquired as to what kind of counters the MPO might be acquiring for the Counter Project. Mr. Nathaniel Heyward explained that the consultant would help the MPO to determine what kind of counter would be necessary.

Mr. Oyler announced that the next ATAC meeting will be August 2nd.

Ms. Dawn Vinson announced that Raymond James is hosting a sustainability fair for its employees on April 28, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Ms. Vinson invited any interested organizations to participate.

Mr. Lynch announced that the Sierra Club was having a program about bee-keeping and the ecology issues surrounding bees. He invited anyone interested to attend.
Mr. MacInnes requested that at the next meeting an update to the committee about the various projects that the committee had voted on for funding approval over the past couple years. Mr. Oyler agreed that the MPO could provide an update on the status of some of these projects at the next meeting. He also reminded the committee that municipalities and counties are responsible for implementation of the projects in question, and would therefore be able to provide a more detailed explanation on their current status than the MPO.

Mr. MacInnes invited everyone to a presentation at Christian Brothers University on April 21 at 7:00 PM. The presentation regards the cleanliness of rivers and their impact on the environment.

Mr. Dale Chrystie requested that he receive an electronic copy of the presentation before the committee meeting. Mr. Oyler offered to email a copy prior to the next meeting.

Mr. John Michels announced that the next Greenprint Summit was tentatively scheduled for the morning of June 23rd at the Memphis Botanic Gardens.

Mr. Oyler announced that past members of the ATAC have vacated their positions and will need to be replaced. Mr. Oyler asked the committee to provide recommendations for any individuals who would be appropriate. The MPO staff will choose and invite individuals to join the committee.

6) **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.