ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Memphis MPO
May 26, 2015
Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Announcements and Briefings
- Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan
- FY 2015 Transportation Alternatives Program
- FHWA Bicycle-Pedestrian Counter Pilot Program
- New Business
- Adjourn
Announcements and Briefings

• New Greenprint Coordinator

• TDOT Multimodal Access Grant

• Livability 2040: Regional Transportation Plan
COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN

ATAC Meeting May 26, 2015
CHSTP Overview

• Identification of current transportation providers and services, including public, private, and non-profit providers;

• Assessment of the transportation needs of older adults, persons with disabilities, and individuals with low incomes, as appropriate;

• Identification of strategies, activities, and/or projects to address those needs and transportation service gaps and increase the efficiency of transportation services; and

• Implementation of priorities among strategies or activities, based on time, resources, and feasibility.
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Study Area
Current Status

• First meeting of the Advisory Committee on April 15

• Study Area defined

• Master list of stakeholders compiled
  • 550+ organizations/individuals identified

• Underway:
  • Service Inventory
  • Demographic Analysis
  • Needs Assessment
FY 2015 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM

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TAP Background

• Authorized by MAP-21 legislation as a funding source for pedestrian, bicycle, and transit-access projects

• Provides greater flexibility to states on distribution of funding

• Provides dedicated funding to large metropolitan areas for active transportation projects

• Anticipated FY 2015 Funding Availability:
  • TN: ~ $1,000,000
  • MS: ~ $170,000
TAP Locally

• FY 2013 – FY 2014 TAP funded 15 projects in the MPO area
• Recipients included:

  • Collierville, TN: Collierville Center Connect Phase 2 ($880,000)
  • DeSoto County, MS: Nesbit Fire Station Trail and Connector ($24,000)
  • Germantown, TN: Germantown Greenline Trail Extension ($271,304)
  • Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA): Bus Bike Rack Replacement Project ($36,000)
  • Memphis, TN: Ball Road Sidewalks ($250,000)
  • Memphis, TN: Central Library Pedestrian Access ($75,000)
  • Memphis, TN: Mississippi Blvd. Signalized Pedestrian Crossings ($130,000)
  • Memphis, TN: Wolf River Greenway Phase 5 ($271,305)
  • Southaven, MS: Carriage Hills Subdivision Bike/Ped Improvements ($150,000)
Eligible Projects

- TAP-eligible projects include, but are not limited to:
  - Sidewalks,
  - Bicycle Lanes,
  - Shared Lanes,
  - Transit Stop Amenities (i.e. shelters, benches, information signage, etc.),
  - Bicyclist and Pedestrian Amenities (i.e. bike racks and storage, bike repair stations, wayfinding signage, benches, etc.),
  - Pedestrian Crossings,
  - Intersection Upgrades, and
  - Greenways/Shared-Use Paths/Trails.
Timeline

June 2015
- Applications Accepted
  June 8 through July 17

July 2015
- ATAC Scoring Begins July 28
- ETC – June 4
- TPB – June 25

Aug 2015
- Rank Applications
- ATAC Scores Due Aug 4
- ATAC – July 28
- ETC – Aug 6
- TPB – Aug 27

Sept 2015
- Project Review by TDOT & MDOT
  Sep 1 – Oct 7
- MPO Scoring and Ranking
- Project Review

Oct 2015
- Project Selection
- ETC – Oct 28
- TPB – Nov 19

Nov 2015
- Projects Selection Approval Vote by ETC and TPB
- ATAC Final Review
- ETC – Nov 5

Timeline Notes:
- June 2015: Applications Accepted June 8 through July 17.
Project Evaluation & Selection

• Quantitative Scoring by MPO Staff
  • Application of scoring criteria previously adopted by ATAC
  • Criteria categories:
    • Benefits to Active Transportation
    • Safety and Security
    • Multimodal
    • Land Use
    • System Preservation
    • Environmental Preservation and EJ
    • Network Continuity
    • Cost Effectiveness
    • Economic Opportunity
    • Congestion and Air Quality
    • Local Funding Overmatch

• Qualitative Assessment by ATAC
• Qualitative Assessment by MPO Staff
• Final selection reviewed by ATAC and ETC, and approved by TPB
FHWA BICYCLE-PEDESTRIAN COUNTER PILOT PROGRAM

ATAC Meeting May 26, 2015
Background

• FHWA’s Office of Planning, Environment and Realty released “a call for participating agencies” in December 2014 for a Bicycle-Pedestrian Count Technology Pilot Program
  • Memphis MPO participated in a final interview round in February
• The Memphis MPO was selected as 1 of 10 MPOs nationwide
• Other participating MPOs include:
  • Atlanta
  • Philadelphia
  • Los Angeles
  • Portland, OR
  • Dallas-Fort Worth
Purpose & Process

• FHWA wants to encourage MPOs with limited bike-ped technology to gather and analyze data to make more informed decisions about the development of bike-ped facilities

• $20,000 grant funds awarded

• MPO to purchase counters and hire consultants to operate the devices

• Program continues through April 30, 2016

• As part of the pilot program, the MPO will:
  • Participate in 3 peer exchange webinars
  • Develop a final report for FHWA
Location Selection

• 40 locations of previous counts conducted for the 2014 Bike/Ped Plan

• MPO is seeking recommendations from ATAC for other locations
  • Submit any suggestions by June 2
Next Steps

- LIVABILITY 2040: Regional Transportation Plan
  - Public review of draft plan in July/August

- CHSTP
  - Public input meetings in July/August

- FY 2015 TAP
  - Scoring at the next ATAC meeting, July 28

- Bike-Ped Counter Pilot Program
  - Submit counter location suggestions by June 2
  - Counts projected to start in mid-August

- New Business
2015 ATAC Meeting Calendar

• Next Meetings
  • July 28, 2015
  • October 28, 2015

• Meeting Location
  Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library
  3030 Poplar Avenue, Memphis
  Conference Room A