MEMPHIS URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ATAC)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019 3:30PM
GOTO MEETING WEBINAR CONFERENCE

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Ms. Zylavian Watley called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. In addition to Ms. Watley the following committee members were present via webinar conference:

- Ashley Hunter Mason, TDOT, Multimodal Division
- Vivian Ekstrom, Shelby County DPD, Sustainability
- Barbara McClanahan, University of Memphis
- Scott Fox, MATA
- Sylvia Crum, Innovate Memphis
- Brad Corey, Mid-South Trails
- Gene Carkeet, Citizen
- Dennis Lynch, Sierra Club
- Darren Sanders, Shelby County Government
- Bob Wenner, Wolf River Conservancy
- Gia Matheny, City of Hernando
- Lindsey Killebrew, MDOT
- Melanie Batke, Memphis 3.0 DPD, Comprehensive Planning

MPO Staff members present:
- Kate Horton
- Alvan Bidal-Sanchez
- Mavrick Fitzgerald
- Jordan Smith

Additional Attendees:
- Dawn Vinson – Pique Relations
- Daniel Ashworth – Alta Planning
- Tarrin McGhee – Pique Relations
- Sean Hilsdon – Neel Schaffer
- Russ Bryan – Neel Schaffer
- Collin Chesston – Alta Planning
- John Cock – Alta Planning
- John Cameron – AllWorld Project Management
1) Welcome & Introductions

Ms. Zylavian “Zay” Watley welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were provided from everyone on the call.

2) Announcements and Briefings

   a. FY 2020 Call for Applications for Transportation Alternative (TA) Program
      a. Call for Applications: December 9th, 2019 – January 17th, 2020
         Ms. Watley announced the call for projects for the FY20 transportation alternatives (TA) funding.

   b. Public Participation Plan
      a. PPP updated
         Ms. Watley announced that the Public Participation Plan is currently being updated from the last plan in 2014, and that the public review period is expected to begin in Spring 2020.

3) Regional Walk and Roll Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan
   Presentation by Collin Chesston and John Cock with Alta Planning and Design, Inc.

Mr. John Cock provided the initial update and launch information to the 2020 Walk and Roll Regional Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan. Mr. Cock introduced the project team which includes the consultant firms from Alta Planning (lead consultants), Pique Relations, Neel-Schaffer, and Allworld Project Management. The team includes various experts in the various fields of Planning, Engineering, Project Management, Stakeholder Engagement, Public Engagement and Outreach, GIS, etc.

Mr. Collin Chesston presented on the plan’s approach and address the need to update. Mr. Chesston mentioned the plan’s current phase, which is creating a vision informed by local needs during Fall 2019. The next phases will be to identify and prioritize projects, programs, and policies, focus on implementation, and inspire action. The need for updating will look into areas/plans that have occurred since the 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian plan. Safety is a high priority for the 2020 plan. Then the plan will look into areas of equity, lack of connectivity, and the new trends of shared mobility.

Lastly, the next few areas of discussion in the presentation included the the expected outcomes from the feedback and information retrieved overtime from the plan. The next efforts are to explore priority networks, catalyst projects, policies, and regulatory tool in the
region. Currently, Memphis MPO staff and consultants have been completing intercept surveys in various jurisdictions, the consultants are also collecting GIS data, and reviewing existing plans. There are various ways to get involved with surveys, public open houses, pop up events, and workshops to come starting early next year.

Mr. Gene Carkeet mentions the need for pedestrian safety efforts in Midtown amongst various areas, and the lack of paved crosswalks that should be visible to the public. He also expressed the need for more safety awareness with pedestrian being aware of precautions when crossing the road.

Mr. Dennis Lynch mentioned that he thought it inappropriate to have a green lane bike lane at an intersection, while leaving the existing pedestrian crosswalk at the same intersection in a faded, barely visible condition.

**Hernando Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan**  
**Presentation by Russ Bryan with Neel-Schaffer**

Mr. Russ Bryan is the Project Manager with Neel-Schaffer in Mississippi who was the lead consultant for the Hernando Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Mr. Byran mentioned the stakeholders who were part of the development and provided comments included the Memphis MPO.

Mr. Bryan provided the usage of prior planning documents to evaluate relevant information for city-wide bicycle and pedestrian improvements, also discussing the inventory and analysis of existing conditions with vicinity maps, activity nodes, and opportunities and constraints maps and diagrams. Part of the efforts included stakeholder involvement that involved community members, Mississippi Department of Transportation (funding sponsor), the Memphis MPO, and elected officials of Hernando.

Lastly, Mr Bryan provided proposed improvement projects and efforts that includes 4.8 miles of bicycle, 16.0 greenway trails, and 22.6 multiuse path that could be included as part of the 1, 5, 10, and 25 year plan to completion.

1) **New Business**  
The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 17th and the location will be announced at a later date.

Mr. Dennis Lynch asked if the Memphis Center for Independent (MCIL) is part of the Memphis MPO contact list and involved on plan.

Ms. Zylavian Watley mentioned that MCIL is part of the ATAC Committee, and is a stakeholder and part of the many processes/plans of the MPO.
2) **Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:26 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 so do by scheduling an appointment with Zylavian Watley at (901) 636-7216.*