Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Engineering and Technical Committee
Thursday, April 9, 2015 1:30 PM
UT Health Science Center – Student Alumni Building
800 Madison Avenue - Memphis, Tennessee

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Mr. Tom Needham called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. In addition to Mr. Needham the following voting members were present at the meeting:

Perry Brown  MDOT  Carlos McCloud  TDOT
Frank McPhail  Collierville  Tim Gwaltney  Germantown
Rick McClanahan  Bartlett  Bob Evans  Shelby County
Darren Sanders  Shelby County  B. J. Page  Olive Branch
Tom Haysley  Desoto County  Darek Baskin  Millington
D. W. Gilbert  Hernando  Harvey W. Matheny  Piperton
John Lancaster  MATA  Esther Sykes-Wood  Fayette County
Dan Cordell  Southaven  Austin Cardosi  Horn Lake
David Smith  Lakeland  Manny Belen  Memphis
Stephen Edwards  Memphis  Christopher Pate  Oakland

The following Interested Individuals were present:

James Collins  Kimley-Horn  Mike Merry  MDOT
Brian Copeland  MDOT  Bob Rogers  SCHD
John Cameron  Memphis  Bob Wenner  Wolf River Con.
Sean Isham  Collierville  Dan Cordell  Southaven
Ben Ledsinger  SSR  Tom Word  MLGW
James Stokes  Bass River Adv.  Ian Engstrom  SSR
Jason Allen  Horn Lake  Russ Brasfield  BWSC
Josh Shumaker  MAAG  Dennis Lynch  Sierra Club
Grace Hutchinson  DPD  Patrick Neal  Pickering
Erik Cempel  Cambridge Sys.  Danny Craddock  Citizen

The following Ex-officio members were present:

Corbin Davis  FHWA-TN  Eddie Brawley  W. Memphis MPO

The following MPO Staff members were present:

Sajid Hossain  Andrew Ray  Mitchell Lloyd  Peter Jenkins
Kate Horton  Nicholas Oyler  Linda Kay Lawrence

A quorum was present.
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1) Call to Order @ 1:30 PM

2) Approval of February 5, 2015 Minutes

Mr. Darren Sanders moved to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Tim Gwaltney seconded the motion, and the motion carried without dissent.

3) Memphis MPO Administrator’s Report

Mrs. Kate Horton gave an overview of the following items.
   a) Federal Certification Public Meeting: May 19, 2015 5:30-7:00 pm, Economic and Community Development Building, 1920 South Germantown Road, Germantown 38138
   b) Federal Certification On-Site Meeting with MPO Staff: May 20-21, 2015
   c) CHSTP Advisory Committee Meeting: April 15, 2015
   d) TDEC Sustainable Transportation Forum & Awards, Memphis: May 7, 2015 (MPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan)
   e) FY 2014-17 TIP Amendment Deadline: April 10, 2015 (June Amendments)
   f) TDOT CMAQ Application Deadline: April 10, 2015
   g) TDOT/FHWA: Bicycle-Pedestrian Count Technology Pilot Program – MPO received $20,000 grant through from FHWA for this program

COMMENTS:
Mr. Dennis Lynch asked if there will be a public meeting associated with the upcoming MPO’s Federal Certification. Mrs. Kate Horton explained there will be a public meeting the evening prior to the Federal Certification on-site meetings. Mr. Lynch encouraged the City of Memphis apply for CMAW funds to make enhancements to Walnut Grove & Farm Road intersection, which he believes could be done for less than one million dollars. Mr. Lynch encouraged the MPO to add a convenient link a list of all upcoming MPO meetings on the Memphis MPO website.

4) Livability 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP): Existing and Future Conditions, SWOT Analysis, and Recommended Scenario Approach

   Presented by: Mr. Erik Cempel
COMMENTS:
Mr. Rick McClanahan asked how the selected scenario will be used for project selection and how would it fit into the funding portion of the plan. Mr. Erik Cempel explained that we will look at all projects and the selected scenario will serve as a guide for this process. Mr. McClanahan stated that the lane miles were too low, acknowledging that local jurisdictions have more lane miles than what is shown on NHS. This could potentially increase the maintenance cost, resulting in less funding for capital projects. Mr. Cempel stated that it would be a good idea to look at local maintenance cost to get a better understanding on how to approach regional maintenance.

Mr. Carlos McCloud asked for a definition of radial patterns, transitioning livability corridors and transitioning mobility corridors. Mr. Cempel responded that radial patterns refers to the movement of people and goods along major critical roadways, transitioning livability corridors and transitioning mobility corridors are corridors that have mixed characteristics due to recent or ongoing development.

Mr. B. J. Page noted the green arrow on the Expanded Travel Options Scenario Map, should extend to US-78 instead of stopping at Goodman Road.

Mr. Dennis Lynch submitted a letter on behalf of Sierra Club addressing their concerns about various components of the RTP and the development process and requested the letter be distributed to the committee members.

5) Approval of the Livability 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Preferred Scenario

Mr. Tom Needham gave an overview of this item.

Mr. Darren Sanders moved to approve the Expanded Travel Options as the preferred scenario for the Livability 2040 Regional Transportation Plan as presented; Mrs. Esther Sykes-Woods seconded the motion, and the motion carried without dissent.

COMMENTS:
Mr. Rick McClanahan stated that he thinks the Expanded Travel Options is the preferred scenario but he wished that there were more than two options.

Mr. B. J. Page stated that Bicycle and Pedestrian circulation is important but he does not know if it should be the primary emphasis. For example, Mr. Page mentioned that not everyone was in support of the Riverside Drive bicycle project.

Mr. John Lancaster stated that he is also in favor of the Expanded Travel Options and asked how the Travel Demand Model (TDM) would fit in with the project selection and this preferred scenario once the model is completed. Mr. Erik Cempel responded that the TDM along with
elements that are not modeled as well such as performance measures and goals and objectives will be used to evaluate all projects in the region.

6) **Roadway Functional Classification changes associated with the Atoka-Brighton-Munford Smoothed Urban Boundary**

TDOT, as the lead planning agency for the Atoka-Munford-Brighton Smoothed Urban Boundary, is requesting two functional class changes. The first is a portion of Rosemark Road extending south from the Shelby County border to the southern border of the Atoka-Brighton-Munford Urbanized Area to be changed from Rural Collector to an Urban Minor Arterial. The second is a portion of US 51 extending south from the Shelby County border to the southern Border of the Atoka-Brighton-Munford Urbanized Area to be changed from Rural Principal Arterial to Urban Principal Arterial.

Mr. Andrew Ray gave an overview of this item.

Mr. Christopher Pate moved to approve the Roadway Functional Classification changes as presented; Mr. David Smith seconded the motion, and the motion carried without dissent.

**NO COMMENTS/DISCUSSION**

7) **FY 2014-17 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Status Update**

Presentation by Mrs. Kate Horton.

**NO COMMENTS/DISCUSSION**

8) **FY 2014-17 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments**

Mr. Tom Needham gave an overview of this item.

Mr. B J Page moved to approve the FY 2014-17 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments as presented; Mr. Darren Sanders seconded the motion, and the motion carried without dissent.

**COMMENTS:**

Mr. Darek Baskin asked why the Transit Amendments were separated out into five different items when they appeared to all be the same. Mr. Needham explained that they were separated by the funding use: operations, capital, and administration.

**MS State Road Amendments**

*Note: The following one TIP Amendment was associated with an Air Quality Short Conformity Determination Report: Amendment 7 that was submitted to the Interagency Consultation (IAC) Group for a 30-day review ending on April 8, 2015.*
**a. TIP Amendment MS-NHS-2008-02: Star Landing Corridor**

The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) and DeSoto County are requesting to amend the TIP by adding $2,200,000 in Earmark federal funds and $100,000 in local funds to FY 2015 for PE-D and $4,320,000 in Earmark federal funds and $1,080,000 in local funds to FY 2016 for ROW acquisition to widen Star Landing Road from 2 to 4 lanes divided from Tulane Road to Getwell Road. This project was included in the FY 2011-14 TIP and the PE-D funds were not obligated so the project needs to be added into the FY 2014-17 TIP.

**MS Local Road Amendments**

Note: The following two TIP Amendments were associated with an Air Quality Short Conformity Determination: Amendment 7 that was submitted to the Interagency Consultation (IAC) Group for a 30-day review ending on April 8, 2015.

**b. TIP Amendment MS-LSTP-2015-01: Getwell Road**

DeSoto County is requesting to amend the TIP by adding $192,000 in STP-M federal funds and $48,000 in local funds to FY 2016 for PE-D and $240,000 in STP-M federal funds and $60,000 in local funds to FY 2017 for ROW for the widening of Getwell Road from two to four-lanes divided from Star Landing Road to Pleasant Hill Road.

**c. TIP Amendment MS-LSTP-2015-02: Commerce Street Extension**

DeSoto County is requesting to amend the TIP by adding $72,000 in STP-M federal funds and $18,000 in local funds to FY 2016 for PE-D and $512,000 in STP-M federal funds and $128,000 in local funds to FY 2017 for ROW for a new two-lane road from Commerce Street to Jaybird Road with a roadbed for future expansion to four-lane divided.

Note: The following four TIP Amendments were associated with an Air Quality Exempt Packet that was submitted to the Interagency Consultation (IAC) Group for a 14-day review ending on March 23, 2015. The IAC has completed the review and concurs with the Air Quality Exempt Packet.

**d. TIP Amendment MS-LSTP-2014-04: Resurfacing Grouping**

DeSoto County, the City of Hernando, and the City of Olive Branch are requesting to amend the TIP by adding $2,017,280 in STP-M federal funds and $504,320 in STP-M local funds to FY 2016 and $2,162,400 in STP-M federal funds and $540,600 in local funds to FY 2017 for a total of ten (10) new resurfacing projects to be added to the Resurfacing Grouping for road resurfacing and other preventative maintenance.

**e. TIP Amendment MS-LSTP-2014-05: Signalization Grouping**

The City of Olive Branch is requesting to amend the TIP by adding $150,000 in STP-M federal funds to FY 2016 and $300,000 in STP-M federal funds to FY 2017 for a total of three (3) new signalization projects to be added to the Signalization Grouping. In addition the City of Hernando has requested to amend the TIP by adding $300,000 in STP-M federal funds to FY 2015 for the Highway 51 and Pleasant Hill Road project that is currently included in the Signalization Grouping.

**f. TIP Amendment MS-LSTP-2015-03: Stateline Road Bridge**

The City of Olive Branch is requesting to amend the TIP by adding $640,000 in STP-M federal funds and $160,000 in local funds to FY 2016 for the replacement of the existing structurally deficient bridge on Stateline Road (east of Highway 178).

**g. TIP Amendment MS-LSTP-2015-04: Stateline Road Pedestrian Project**

The City of Southaven is requesting to amend the TIP by adding $693,368 in STP-M federal funds and $173,342 in local funds to FY 2016 for the installation of sidewalks on both sides of Stateline Road from Highway 51 to Northwest Drive and Northwest Drive and Northwest Drive to the municipal center.
Transit Amendments

Note: The following five TIP Amendments were associated with an Air Quality Exempt Packet that was submitted to the Interagency Consultation (IAC) Group for a 14-day review ending on March 23, 2015. The IAC has completed the review and concurs with the Air Quality Exempt Packet.

h. TIP Amendment 5310-2015-01: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program
The Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) is requesting to amend the TIP by adding $750,000 in Section 5310 federal funds, $375,000 in state funds and $375,000 in local funds to FY 2015 for eligible operating projects under the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program.

i. TIP Amendment 5310-2015-02: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program
The Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) is requesting to amend the TIP by adding $1,250,000 in Section 5310 federal funds, $156,250 in state funds and $156,250 in local funds to FY 2015 for eligible capital projects under the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program.

j. TIP Amendment 5310-2015-03: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program
The Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) is requesting to amend the TIP by adding $220,000 in Section 5310 federal funds to FY 2015 for Project Administration costs associated with administering projects under the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program.

k. TIP Amendment 5310-2015-04: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program
The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) is requesting to amend the TIP by adding $137,495 in Section 5310 federal funds and $137,495 in local funds to FY 2015 for eligible operating projects under the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program.

l. TIP Amendment 5310-2015-05: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program
The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) is requesting to amend the TIP by adding $168,050 in Section 5310 federal funds and $42,013 in local funds to FY 2015 for eligible capital projects under the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program.

9) US-78/Lamar Avenue Project Funding
Due to funding shortages across the state and multiple commitments to projects the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) is asking for local participation on large scale/regionally significant state projects to proceed with the timeline towards construction. This adjustment will transfer $2,720,000 in federal STP-M funds to the US-78/Lamar Avenue project, TIP #TN-NHPP-2014-02 from the Winchester/Perkins Interchange project, TIP #STP-M-2004-01. The state will provide the 20% match of $680,000 for a total of $3,400,000 added for FY 2016 ROW to the US-78/Lamar Avenue project.

Mr. Needham gave an overview of this item.

NO COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

10) Other Business
   a. Next Scheduled ETC Meeting: June 4, 2015 1:30pm, Location: UT Health Science Center
11) **Adjourn @ 2:40 PM**

Mr. B J Page moved to adjourn; Mr. Darren Sanders seconded the motion, and the motion carried without dissent.

*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) 576-7218*