FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2017-20
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) DEVELOPMENT

ETC Meeting – November 5, 2015
FY 2017-20 TIP Timeline

- **November - ETC/TPB Meetings** – Approval of TIP Ranking Criteria
- **November/December** – Project Status Meetings with Jurisdictions
- **First Week of December** – Call for Projects/TIP Applications Sent Out
- **January 15** – TIP Application Deadline
  - Public Meeting Held Prior to Submittal (Local Jurisdictions)
- **March - TN & MS ETC Workshops** – Ranked TIP Project List
- **April - ETC/TPB Meetings** – Approval of TIP Project List
- **May – July** – DOT/IAC/FHWA/FTA/Public Review Periods
- **August - ETC/TPB Meetings** – Adoption of FY 2017-20 TIP
- **December 2016** – FHWA/FTA Final Approval
FY 2017-20 TIP Ranking Criteria
MAP-21 Goals & 2040 RTP Goals

Criteria Categories Align with the Seven MAP-21 Nationals Goals

- Infrastructure Condition
- Safety
- Environmental Sustainability
- Economic Vitality/Freight Movement
- Congestion Reduction
- System Reliability
- Project Delivery

Regional Transportation Plan Goals
STP Road Project Criteria

**FY 2014-2017 TIP**
- Safety & Security
- Multimodal
- Congestion
- System Preservation
- Land Use
- Economic Opportunity
- Environmental Preservation & Environmental Justice
- Network Continuity
- Cost Effectiveness

**FY 2017-2020 TIP**
- Infrastructure Condition
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TIP Ranking Criteria Comparison (Road)

• While Criteria Category Names Have Changed – Measures are Consistent

For Example:

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• FY 2014-17: Economic Opportunity/Goods Movements

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## TIP Groupings Criteria

Grouping Criteria relatively identical to FY 2014-17 TIP

**Groupings:** Resurfacing, Signalization, Bike/Ped, Bridge, Safety

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| Safety Criteria total points | 50 |
Next Steps

• Meet with the MPO to discuss Project Status (November/Early December)

• FY 2017-20 TIP Call for Projects (Week of December 1st) – MPO staff will be contacting each jurisdiction to set up meeting times

• January 15, 2016 – Application Deadline

• Application Details
  • Eligibility (STP Funds) –
    • Livability 2040 RTP Fiscally Constrained Project List
    • Functional Classification System (Rural Collector or Higher – Existing Roads)
  • All Jurisdictions – Hold Public Meeting Prior to Application Deadline
  • MS – Signal Warrant Approval Letter (Traffic Study) & Cost Estimate (MDOT Pay Items)
  • Additional Supporting Documents for Reference included with Application
FY 2017-20 TIP Criteria
Discussion/Questions
COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICES
TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Engineering and Technical Committee
November 5, 2015
Project Background

• At a minimum, the CHSTP must include the following items:
  1. Identify current transportation providers and services;
  2. Assess the transportation needs of the elderly, persons with disabilities, and individuals with low incomes; and
  3. Recommend strategies, activities, and/or projects to address the identified needs and gaps.

• Establishes project eligibilities for 5310 funds

• The MPO develops the CHSTP in coordination with several organizations, including:
Key Tasks

1) Identify stakeholders and Steering Committee, and determine study area - Complete

2) Demographic analysis – Complete

3) Inventory of Service – Complete

4) Identify needs, gaps, and potential strategies – Complete

5) Prioritization of projects/strategies - In Progress

6) Draft plan – November/December 2015

7) Plan adoption- Early 2016
Study Area Defined

- Encompassing portions of three states:
  - Tennessee (10 counties)
  - Arkansas (5 counties)
  - Mississippi (5 counties)
## CPT-HST Advisory Committee

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Public Service Inventory Examples

- Mid-Delta Transit (MDT)
- Northeast Arkansas Transportation (NEAT)
- MATA
- NWTHRA
- Delta HRA
- SWHRA
- Delta Area Rural Transit System (DARTS)
## Private Service Inventory Examples

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Service Gaps and Needs

• Needs of the target populations identified throughout the public involvement process

• Five categories identified:
  • Information and Awareness
  • Geographical
  • Time-Based
  • Client
  • Service Quality
## Needs and Gaps

### Information and Awareness
- Lack of a centralized coordinator for all available services
- Lack of public information regarding services
- Need for more private and public sector coordination

### Geographical
- Employers and medical providers are moving farther into suburban areas → Creates more inefficient trips and service
- Need for more service to job centers
- Insufficient coverage of rural areas and disadvantaged neighborhoods
# Needs and Gaps

## Time-Based
- Night and weekend service
- Early morning service

## Client-Based
- Lack of ADA-compliant vehicles
- Passengers do not want to make transfers
- High demand for dialysis-related transportation
## Needs and Gaps

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Key Tasks

1) Prioritization of projects/strategies - In Progress
2) Draft plan – November/December 2015
3) Plan adoption – Early 2016

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FY 2015 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM

Engineering and Technical Committee
November 5, 2015
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
Timeline

June 2015

Applications Accepted
June 8 through July 17

July 2015

ETC – June 4

Aug 2015

ATAC – July 28

Rank Applications

Sept 2015

Project Review by
TDOT & MDOT

Oct 2015

Project Selection

Nov 2015

ATAC – Oct 27

Projects Selection
Approval
Vote by ETC
and TPB

ETC – Nov 5

TPB – Nov 19

TPB – June 25
# Funding Availability

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Project Evaluation & Selection

• Qualitative Assessment by ATAC
• 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 MPO Staff
• Final selection reviewed by ATAC and ETC, and approved by TPB
RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MS
Hernando Square Pedestrian Improvements

Hernando, MS

Project Length: 0.3 miles
Funds Requested: $119,000
Award Recommendation: $136,000

- Pedestrian Crosswalks
- Advance pedestrian crossing signs
- Sidewalk retrofit for ADA compliance
- Pedestrian crosswalk signals
RECOMMENDATIONS FROM TN
Macon Road Sidewalk Improvements

Memphis, TN

Project Length: 0.33 miles
Funds Requested: $646,000
Award Recommendation: $646,000

- New sidewalks
- Installation of curb ramps
- Enhance crosswalk markings
- Geometric improvements to the intersection of Macon and Mullins Station
Westmont St. Sidewalk Improvements

Memphis, TN

Project Length: 0.30 miles
Funds Requested: $268,000
Award Recommendation: $268,000

- New sidewalk
- Curb ramps
- Crosswalks and stop lines
- High-visibility crosswalk
- Signage
Chiswood St. Pedestrian Safety

Memphis, TN

Project Length: 0.35 miles
Funds Requested: $600,000
Award Recommendation: $260,992

- Reconstruction of sidewalk for ADA compliance
- New curb ramps at all intersections
- Raised crosswalks
- Curb extensions
- High-visibility crosswalks
- Signage
In Summary

• Approval of recommended TAP recipients:
  • Tennessee
    • City of Memphis – Macon Road
    • City of Memphis – Westmont Street
    • City of Memphis – Chiswood Street
  • Mississippi
    • City of Hernando – Hernando Square

• Approval of corresponding TIP amendment
2015 Transportation Management Area Certification Review
Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

FINAL REPORT
October 07, 2015

Federal Highway Administration
Tennessee Division
404 BNA Drive, Building 200, Suite 508
Nashville, TN 37217

Mississippi Division
100 West Capitol Street, Suite 1062
Jackson, MS 39269

Federal Transit Administration
Region IV
230 Peachtree St., NW, Suite 800
Atlanta, GA 30303

Full report available online

http://www.memphismpo.org/about/2015-mpo-federal-certification
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• FHWA & FTA Certify the Memphis MPO’s Planning Process
• No Corrective Actions
Summary of Commendations

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