Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Transportation Policy Board (TPB)
Thursday, April 30, 2015 1:30 PM
UT Health Sciences Center, Student Alumni Center
800 Madison Ave. - Memphis, Tennessee

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr. called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM. In addition to Mayor Luttrell, the following voting members were present at the meeting:

Mayor A C Wharton, Jr.  Memphis  Perry Brown  MDOT
Carlos McCloud  TDOT/Rep. TN Gov.  Mayor Stan Joyner  Collierville
Mayor A. Keith McDonald  Bartlett  Tim Gwaltney  Germantown
Supervisor Lee Caldwell  Desoto County  Jim Flanagan  Rep. MS Gov.
Mayor Rhea Taylor  Fayette County  Gia Matheny  Hernando
Tom Needham  Port Commission  James Hay  MSCAA
Steve Hill  Arlington  John Lancaster  MATA
B. J. Page  Olive Branch  Christopher Pate  Oakland
Austin Cardosi  Horn Lake  Darek Baskin  Millington

The following Interested Individuals were present:
James Collins  Kimley-Horn  Grace Hutchinson  OPD
Frank McPhail  Collierville  Bob Rogers  SCHD
Stephen Edwards  Memphis  Erik Cempel  CS
John Cameron  Memphis  Amanda Meadows  Waggoner
James Stokes  Bass River  Art Wolff  Citizen
Patrick Neal  Pickering  Aury Kangelos  MDOT
Dennis Lynch  Sierra Club  Russ Brasfield  BWSC
Mike Merry  MDOT  Brian Copeland  MDOT

The following MPO Staff members were present:
Pragati Srivastava  Sajid Hossain  Kwasi Agyakwa  Mitchell Lloyd
Peter Jenkins  Kate Horton  Nicholas Oyler  Linda Lawrence
Andrew Ray

A quorum was present.
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1) **Call to Order @ 1:32 pm.**

2) **Approval of February 26, 2015 Minutes**

   Mayor A C Wharton moved to approve the minutes as presented, Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

3) **Memphis MPO Administrator’s Report**

   Ms. Pragati Srivastava provided 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. MS Local TIP Meeting with FHWA & MDOT – May 7, 2015
   d. TDEC Sustainable Transportation Forum & Awards, Memphis: May 7, 2015 (MPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan)
   e. FHWA Bicycle-Pedestrian Count Technology Pilot Program

   **COMMENTS:**

   Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr. asked members if there were any potential TIGER Grants applications being submitted. Mr. Tom Needham stated that the Port Commission is preparing an application for port expansion and improvements.

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

   **Presentation by:** Mr. Erik Cempel

   **COMMENTS:**

   Mayor A. Keith McDonald asked how the ranking works on the scenario performance assessment chart. Mr. Erik Cempel stated the solid circles represent better performance, open circles represent limited performance and half-filled circles represent somewhere in between.

   Mayor McDonald stated that if the intent is to not to maintain roads at their current condition, the public should be made aware of such decision. Mayor McDonald asked members to remain focused on maintaining existing roadways at a high performance level, especially following a hard winter with the many potholes we had, remaining sensitive to maintaining our existing roadways. Mr. Erik Cempel
responded that the discussion about the selection of the projects is the next step in the RTP development process.

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

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

Overview by: Ms. Pragati Srivastava

Mayor A C Wharton moved to approve the Expanded Travel Options as the preferred scenario for the Livability 2040 Regional Transportation Plan as presented; Mr. B J Page seconded the motion, and the motion carried without dissent.

6) Amendment to the FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Addition of $20,000 from a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) grant awarded to the Memphis MPO with a $5,000 local match for a total of $25,000 to be programmed for the Bicycle-Pedestrian Count Technology Pilot Program.

Overview by: Ms. Pragati Srivastava

Mayor A. Keith McDonald moved to approve the Amendment to the FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as presented; Mayor A C Wharton seconded the motion, and the motion carried without dissent.

No Comments/Questions

7) 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 Smoothed Urban Boundary to be changed from Rural Principal Arterial to Urban Principal Arterial.

Overview by: Ms. Pragati Srivastava

Mr. Chris Pate moved to approve the Roadway Functional Classification changes associated with the Atoka-Brighton-Munford Smoothed Urban Boundary as presented; Mr. Tim Gwaltney seconded the motion, and the motion carried without dissent.
COMMENT:
Mayor A. Keith McDonald asked if we had received any input from Atoka or Munford on this item. Mr. Carlos McCloud stated that yes TDOT had met with the jurisdictions in Tipton County affected and there was also public input on this adjustment from the Rosemark Community. Mr. McCloud mentioned that this is a primary transportation corridor into Shelby County and FHWA requires that discussions be done in the communities affected.

8) FY 2014-17 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Status Update
Presentation by Ms. Kate Horton

COMMENT:
Mayor A. Keith McDonald raised his concerns regarding the low percentage of obligation for Tennessee project as compared to Mississippi Projects. He mentioned that members won’t get another update until the end of this fiscal year and possibly too late move the project forward. Mayor McDonald asked what has been done to get projects obligated in a timely manner. Ms. Kate Horton stated that the MPO is getting regular updates from the ETC on the status of their projects and at the past ETC meeting discussed the importance of moving projects forward along with the implications for projects that are not moving forward. The next TIP cycle will be from FY 2017-2020; we will start working on the next TIP cycle at the end of FY 2015 and it will be adopted at the end of 2016. Additionally, at this time, we will look at which projects have/have not moved forward to set up the funding and phasing for the next TIP cycle.

Mr. Steve Hill added that projects are facing delays at the State level (going through their review process), which impacts the obligation percentages. He further added that for the new FY 2017-2020 TIP we should look closely at the projects that are not moving forward to program funds accordingly.

9) FY 2014-17 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments

Overview by: Ms. Pragati Srivastava

Mayor Mark H. Luttrell mentioned to the Board that if any member of the board would like to discuss any TIP amendment item separately, they can do that, by voting on that item separately

Mr. James Hay moved to approve the FY 2014-17 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments as presented; Mayor Rhea Taylor seconded the motion, and the motion carried without dissent

No Comments/Questions

MS State Road Amendments
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**

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.

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**

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.

10) **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.

**Overview by Ms. Pragati Srivastava**
Mr. James Hay moved to approve the US-78/Lamar Avenue Project Funding as presented; Mr. Tom Needham seconded the motion, and the motion carried without dissent

**COMMENTS:**
Mayor A C Wharton stated this is a critical corridor and the City of Memphis supports this adjustment in funding. Mayor Wharton also stated, per Mr. John Cameron, this action does not eliminate the Winchester/Perkins interchange project.

Mayor Mark Luttrell stated that he met with TDOT Commissioner John Schroer and the Commissioner is excited to move this project forward.

Mr. Darek Baskin asked if we would be seeing conceptual drawings soon. Ms. Pragati Srivastava stated this would be the next step. Mayor A C Wharton agreed that it was important to get the plans out to as soon as possible so the public as a whole knows about this project.

Mayor A C Wharton asked if the Memphis MPO’s Long Range Transportation Plan is a public document available for public review. Ms. Srivastava responded that it was available on the MPO’s website and also mentioned the new online mapping tool.

11) **Other Business**
   a. Next Scheduled TPB Meeting: June 25, 2015 1:30pm, Location: UT Health Science Center
12) Adjourn @ 2:30 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 do so by scheduling an appointment with Kate Horton, Transportation Planner at (901) 576-7218