SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Mayor Mark Luttrell, Jr. called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. In addition to Mayor Luttrell the following voting members were present at the meeting:

- Rick McClanahan, Bartlett
- Mayor Chester Cocke, Braten
- Tom Skehan, Lakeland
- Frank McPhail, Collierville
- Jason Gambone, Olive Branch
- Christopher Pate, Oakland
- Supervisor Lee Caldwell, Desoto County
- Perry Brown, MDOT
- John Lancaster, MATA
- Steve Hill, Arlington
- Carlos McCloud, TN Governor
- Jim Flanagan, MS Governor
- Mayor Rhea Taylor, Fayette County
- Mayor Jim Strickland, Memphis
- Mayor Chip Johnson, Hernando
- Jane Jones, TDOT
- Jason Dixon, Millington
- Harvey Matheny, Piperton
- Tim Gwaltney, Germantown

The following Ex-Officio members were present:

- Corbin Davis, FHWA-TN
- Eddie Brawley, W. Memphis MPO
- Randy Jansen, FHWA-MS

The following Interested Individuals were present:

- Sonja Owens, SCHD
- Patrick Neal, Pickering
- Stephen Edwards, Memphis
- Collins Simpson, Waggoner
- Nisha Powers, Powers Hill
- Art Wolff, Citizen
- Brian Copeland, MDOT
- Manny Belen, Memphis
- James Collins, Kimley-Horn
- Tom Word, MLGW
- Chris Triplett, BWSC
- Bob Rogers, SCHD
- James Stokes, Bass River
- Dennis Lynch, Sierra Club
- Jason Allen, Powers Hill
- Brett Wolff, Citizen
- Mike Merry, MDOT
- Bennie Hopkins, DeSoto County
- Justin Abart, SSR
- Suzanne Carlson, Innovate Memphis
- Bob Wenner, WRC
- Ben Ledsinger, SSR
The following MPO Staff members were present:

Pragati Srivastava  Sajid Hossain  Kate Horton  Kwasi Agyakwa
Mitchell Lloyd    Nicholas Oyler    Nathaniel Heyward    Linda Kay Lawrence

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

Mayor Mark Luttrell, Jr. recognized Mr. Mike Merry (MDOT) and Ms. Linda Kay Lawrence (Memphis MPO), who are retiring at the end of the month. The Board recognized both of them for their service.

2) Approval of November 19, 2015 TPB Minutes

Mr. Rick McClanahan moved to approve the minutes as presented; Mayor Rhea Taylor seconded the motion and the motion carried out without dissent.

COMMENTS:
Mr. Dennis Lynch requested his comments be accurately reflected in the November 19, 2015 TPB Minutes, similar to how it was shown in the ETC minutes for November.

3) Transportation Policy Board Election
   i. Chairperson

Mr. Steve Hill moved to elect Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr. as Chairperson of the Transportation Policy Board, Mayor Jim Strickland seconded the motion. The Motion carried out without dissent.

   ii. Vice Chairperson

Mr. Steve Hill moved to elect Mayor A. Keith McDonald as Vice Chairperson of the Transportation Policy Board, Mr. Frank McPhail seconded the motion. The Motion carried without dissent.

COMMENTS:
Mr. Dennis Lynch stated that the Sierra Club again expresses its concerns regarding holding the ETC and TPB on the same day as it compromises the value of input process.

4) Election of Transportation Policy Board Representative for Freight Committee

Mr. Christopher Pate moved to elect Mayor Rhea Taylor as Transportation Policy Board Representative for the Freight Committee, Mayor Chester Cocke seconded the motion. The Motion carried out without dissent.
5) **Memphis MPO Administrator’s Report**

Ms. Pragati Srivastava gave an overview of the following items.

- a. 2015 Annual Outreach Report
- b. Coordinated Human Service Transit Plan (CHSTP) Update
- c. FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Major Activities List
- d. FY 2017-20 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update
- f. HUD Award: National Disaster Resilience Competition – Shelby County

**COMMENTS:**

Mr. Dennis Lynch suggested corrections to some statistics on the Annual Outreach Report. Mr. Lynch stated that the Annual Outreach Report made no mention of efforts or outcome of specific strategies. Mr. Lynch stated that there are more reflective measurements to show public involvement than the measurements listed.

6) **Livability 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Air Quality Conformity Reports Adoption**

Mr. Erik Cempel and Mr. Mitchell Lloyd gave a presentation of this item.

Mayor Rhea Taylor moved to adopt the Livability 2040 Regional Transportation Plan and Air Quality Conformity Reports as presented; Mr. Tim Gwaltney seconded the motion and the motion carried out without dissent.

**COMMENTS:**

Mayor Jim Strickland asked for clarification on voting procedures related to this item. Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr. clarified that this item will be voted on at the current meeting by the TPB members.

Mr. Dennis Lynch stated that the Sierra Club objects to the adoption of the RTP due to insufficient analysis done on the land use plan, traffic forecasts, investment scenarios and identifying regional priorities.

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

Ms. Pragati Srivastava gave an overview of each of the 40 TIP amendments.

Mr. Steve Hill moved to approve the FY 2014-17 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments as presented; Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion and the motion carried out without dissent.

**COMMENTS:**

Mr. Dennis Lynch stated that the Sierra Club objects to the changes of the horizon years in the FY 2014-17 TIP and instead these changes should be made in the new FY 2017-20 TIP once finished and all
projects should include EIS or EA and cost benefit analyses with proper justifications for each change made.

Mr. Art Wolff stated that he is having a difficult time hearing the speakers and requested the Board look into sound issue.

**TN State Road Amendments**

i. **TIP Amendment TN-NHPP-2014-03: SR-14**  
The Memphis MPO is requesting to amend the TIP by changing the Horizon Year from 2020 to Existing and Committee (E+C).

ii. **TIP Amendment NHS-2002-01: I-240 Midtown**  
The Memphis MPO is requesting to amend the TIP by changing the Horizon Year from 2035 to 2025.

iii. **TIP Amendment TN-NHPP-2014-01: I-240 (3 Overhead Bridges)**  
The Memphis MPO is requesting to amend the TIP by changing the Horizon Year from Existing and Committee (E+C) to 2025.

**MS State Road Amendments**

The Mississippi Department of Transportation is requesting to remove the project from the TIP.

The Memphis MPO is requesting to amend the TIP by changing Horizon Year from Existing and Committed (E+C) to 2020 and updating the project length to match the 2040 RTP.

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vii. **TIP Amendment MS-NHS-2006-01: I-55/I-69 (Church Road to MS-302)**  
The Mississippi Department of Transportation is requesting to amend the TIP by adding the project.

viii. **TIP Amendment MS-NHS-2006-02: I-55 (Commerce Street to Church Road)**  
The Memphis MPO is requesting to amend the TIP by changing the Horizon Year from 2020 to 2025 and updating the project termini, description, and financials to match the 2040 RTP.

ix. **TIP Amendment MS-NHS-2008-02: Star Landing Corridor**  
The Memphis MPO is requesting to amend the TIP by changing Horizon Year from 2020 to 2025.

x. **TIP Amendment MS- NHPP-2016-01: I-55 at Commerce Street**  
The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) is requesting to amend the TIP by adding the project.
xi. **TIP Amendment MS-NHPP-2016-02: SR 304 and McIngvale Road Interchange**
The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) is requesting to amend the TIP by adding the project.

xii. **TIP Amendment MS-LSTP-2014-06: I-55/I-69 Interchange at Nail Road**
The Memphis MPO is requesting to amend the TIP by changing Horizon Year from 2035 to 2025.

xiii. **TIP Amendment MS-SSTP-2016-01: SR-304/I-269 (Marshall County Line to East of Mason Road)**
The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) is requesting to amend the TIP by adding the project.

xiv. **TIP Amendment MS-SSTP-2016-02: SR-304/I-269 (East of Mason Road to SR-302)**
The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) is requesting to amend the TIP by adding the project.

**TN Local Road Amendments**

xv. **TIP Amendment STP-M-2014-09: Highway 70 at Jetway Road Improvements**
The City of Arlington is requesting to amend the TIP by changing the project description to match the 2040 RTP and by adding $147,027 in STP-L federal funds and $36,757 in local funds to FY 2016 for the Right-of-Way (ROW) phase.

xvi. **TIP Amendment TCSP-2012-01: Donelson Farms Parkway**
The Memphis MPO is requesting to amend the TIP by changing the Horizon Year from 2030 to 2025.

xvii. **TIP Amendment STP-M-2014-01: SR-57 Widening**
The Memphis MPO is requesting to amend the TIP by changing the Horizon Year from 2020 to 2025.

xviii. **TIP Amendment STP-M-2014-02: Germantown Road Realignment**
The Memphis MPO is requesting to amend the TIP by changing the Horizon Year from 2025 to 2020.

xix. **TIP Amendment STP-M-2014-07: Germantown Road at Wolf River Boulevard Intersection**
The Memphis MPO is requesting to amend the TIP by changing the Horizon Year from 2040 to 2020 and updating the project description to match the 2040 RTP. The conformity status is being changed from Exempt to Non-Exempt to reflect the change in project description.

xx. **TIP Amendment STP-M-2006-10: Kirby/Whitten Parkway (Shelby Farms Parkway)**
The Memphis MPO is requesting to amend the TIP by changing the Horizon Year from Existing and Committed (E+C) to 2020.

xxi. **TIP Amendment ENH-2010-01: US-51/SR-3 (Elvis Presley)**
The Memphis MPO is requesting to amend the TIP by changing the Horizon Year from Existing and Committed (E+C) to 2020.

xxii. **TIP Amendment STP-M-2004-01: Winchester/Perkins Interchange**
The Memphis MPO is requesting to amend the TIP by changing the Horizon Year from Existing and Committed (E+C) to 2020.
xxiii. TIP Amendment STP-2006-04: Plough Boulevard Interchange
The Memphis MPO is requesting to amend the TIP by changing the Horizon Year from 2025 to 2020.

xxiv. TIP Amendment STP-2000-16: Walnut Grove Road East
The Memphis MPO is requesting to amend the TIP by changing the Horizon Year from 2025 to 2020.

xxv. TIP Amendment STP-M-2014-08: Singleton Parkway
The City of Millington is requesting to remove the project from the TIP.

xxvi. TIP Amendment STP-M-2014-11: Wilkinsville Road
The Memphis MPO is requesting to amend the TIP by changing the Horizon Year from 2040 to 2020 and updating the project description to match the 2040 RTP.

xxvii. TIP Amendment STP-M-2009-09: Church Street at Navy Road Intersection Improvements
The City of Millington is requesting to amend the TIP by adding $352,039 in STP-M federal funds for FY 2016 from the Signalization Grouping, TIP #STP-M-2009-06 for the project. $231,638 will be eligible for 100% federal funding and the remaining $120,401 in STP-M federal funds transferred from the Signalization Grouping will require a local match of $30,100.

xxviii. TIP Amendment STP-M-2009-06: Signalization Grouping
The City of Millington is requesting to amend the TIP by removing the funds associated with the Church Street at Navy Road project. $352,039 in STP-M federal funds will be transferred to the Church at Navy Road Intersection Improvements project, TIP #STP-M-2009-09.

xxix. TIP Amendment STP-L-2016-01: Oakland Transportation Master Plan
The Town of Oakland is requesting to amend the TIP by adding $80,543 in STP-L federal funds and $20,136 in local funds to FY 2016 to conduct a study of the town’s transportation system.

xxx. TIP Amendment STP-M-2014-04: Walnut Grove Road Widening
The Memphis MPO is requesting to amend the TIP by changing the Horizon Year from 2040 to 2025.

MS Local Road Amendments

xxx. TIP Amendment MS-LSTP-2015-01: Getwell Road
The Memphis MPO is requesting to amend the TIP by changing the Horizon Year from 2040 to 2020.

xxxii. TIP Amendment MS-LSTP-2015-02: Commerce Street Extension (SR-304)
The Memphis MPO is requesting to amend the TIP by changing the Horizon Year from 2030 to 2020.

xxxiii. TIP Amendment MS-LSTP-2014-03: Bullfrog Corner Intersection Improvements
The City of Horn Lake is requesting to remove the project from the TIP.

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Amendments

xxxiv. TIP Amendment CMAQ-2016-01: New Electric Rail Trolleys
The Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) is requesting to amend the TIP by adding $2,640,000 federal CMAQ funds and $660,000 in local funds to FY 2016 for the purchase of three new electric rail trolleys.
Transit Amendments

xxxv. **TIP Amendment 5310-2015-01: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities**
Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) is requesting to amend the TIP by moving the FY 2015 Section 5310 funds into FY 2016 and adding $240,000 in Section 5310 federal funds, $120,000 in state funds, and $120,000 in local funds to FY 2017 for eligible operating projects.

xxxvi. **TIP Amendment 5310-2015-02: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities**
Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) is requesting to amend the TIP by moving the FY 2015 Section 5310 funds into FY 2016 and adding $400,000 in Section 5310 federal funds, $50,000 in state funds, and $50,000 in local funds to FY 2017 for eligible capital projects.

xxxvii. **TIP Amendment 5310-2015-03: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities**
Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) is requesting to amend the TIP by moving the FY 2015 Section 5310 funds into FY 2016 and adding $70,000 in Section 5310 federal funds to FY 2017 for project administration costs.

xxxviii. **TIP Amendment 5337-2014-01: Rail Facility Improvements**
Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) is requesting to amend the TIP by adding $120,000 in Section 5337 federal funds, $15,000 in state funds, and $15,000 in local funds to FY 2016 and FY 2017.

xxxix. **TIP Amendment 5310-2015-04: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities**
The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) is requesting to amend the TIP by adding $47,174 in Section 5310 federal funds and $47,174 in local funds to FY 2016 and FY 2017 for eligible operating projects.

xl. **TIP Amendment 5310-2015-05: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities**
The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) is requesting to amend the TIP by adding $57,657 in Section 5310 federal funds and $14,414 in local funds to FY 2016 and FY 2017 for eligible capital projects.

8) **Other Business**

   a. Next Scheduled TPB Meeting: Thursday, May 5, 2016 1:30 pm, Location: UT Health Science Center, 800 Madison Avenue – Memphis, Tennessee

9) **Adjourn @ 2:30 PM**

   Mr. Tim Gwaltney moved to adjourn; Supervisor Lee Caldwell seconded the motion and the meeting ended at 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
January 28, 2016

Mr. Mark Luttrell
Memphis MPO TPB President

Re: Sierra Club comments to January 28 agenda items

Agenda Item 2) Minutes of previous meeting-
   Item 2) in the minutes- “Mr. Lynch recommended specific strategies which could be used to handle traffic and reduce need for more roads”
   Item 9) in the minutes- FHWA Certification Review- my comments as shown under ETC Item #7 is a more accurate reflection of my comments. Please change these minutes to be accurate.

Agenda Item 1) Transportation Policy Board Election- We are making this statement at the earliest possible point in the agenda. We strongly object to holding the ETC meeting and TPB meeting on the same day. It gives no time for processing any comments that may be given at the ETC meeting, thus completely removing any and all power or value of the ETC, and it makes a sham of the entire public involvement process. The MPO has to get serious about truly involving the public, not just doing the legally required minimum. And the MPO has to get serious about trying to do the best for the strength and health of the region.

Agenda Item 5a) 2015 Outreach Report-
   a) The report says nothing at all about the efforts and results of any strategy to get public involved and engaged in any MPO project or issue. That should be a true measure of Public Involvement.
   b) “Small Gift Giveaways” and “Postcards mailed” are hardly a measure of public participation- What about “postcards returned”, or “number of attendees at public meetings”? Those are more important, and yet still don’t even reflect Public Involvement.

Agenda Item 6) Livability 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)- We object to the baseline land use plan, to the traffic forecast, and to the scenario analysis. Most specifically, we object that the MPO has not done an in-depth review of the needs of the region, the true trends of the region, nor any effort of any kind oriented (toward strengthening the core city (upon which the region depends), strengthening transit in a major way, nor of reducing sprawl. There should have been scenarios which fully explored these issues. They should have been high on the list of strategies explored.

Agenda Item 7) FY 2014-17 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments- We strongly object to modifying the horizon year to an earlier date for any project in the 2014-2017 TIP. Now is not the time to make these changes. These projects, if a change in horizon year is truly justified, should be reflected in the 2017-2020 TIP currently under development. Also, we want to see the LEIS or EA and a cost/benefit for each project, plus a properly vetted justification for why each individual change must be made. We need to stop this continuous hollowing out of Memphis. That is in the benefit of the region, not just benefit of Memphis. The MPO is to truly be a regional transportation planning organization, it must make sure that each project is for the benefit of the region, and not just for the benefit of an individual community.

Here are some of the projects with the horizon year changes:
   xvi. TIP Amendment TCS-P-2012-01: Dunce hurd Farm Park way - change the Horizon Year from 2030 to 2025.
xviii. TIP Amendment S1P-M-2014-02: Germantown Rd Realignment- change Horizon Year from 2025 to 2020.

xix. TIP Amendment S1P-M-2014-07: Germantown Rd at Wolf River Blvd Intersection- changing the Horizon Year from 2040 to 2020. We also question the conformity status changed from Exempt to Non-Exempt.

xx. TIP Amendment S1P-M-2006-10: Kirby/Whitton Parkway (Shelby Farms Parkway) – changing the Horizon Year from Existing and Committed (E&C) to 2020. NOTE: the dollar figures and year-by-year breakouts (ROW, PL, D, CONST) need to be updated also.

xxi. TIP Amendment S1P-2000-16: Walnut Grove Rd Last- changing the Horizon Year from 2025 to 2020.

xxii. TIP Amendment S1P-M-2014-11: Wilkinsville Rd- changing the Horizon Year from 2040 to 2020.

xxx. TIP Amendment S1P-M-2014-04: Walnut Grove Rd Widening- changing the Horizon Year from 2040 to 2022.

Thank you very much. We look forward to working with you and the MPO staff to address the items we have identified.

Sincerely,

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