SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Mayor Mark Luttrell, Jr. called the meeting to order at 1:31 P.M. In addition to Mayor Luttrell, the following voting members were present at the meeting:

Carlos McCloud  TDOT/ Rep. TN Gov.  Jeff Ely  MDOT
James Hays  Airport  Austin Cardosi  Horn Lake
Mayor AC Wharton  Memphis  BJ Page  Olive Branch
Derek Baskin  Millington  Steve Hill  Arlington
Cameron Ross  Germantown  John Lancaster  MATA
Frank McPhail  Collierville  Pat Brown  Gallaway
Jared Darby  Hernando  Mayor Rhea Taylor  Fayette
Becky Bailey  Bartlett  Mayor Chester Cocke  Braden
Chris Thomas  Lakeland  Mike Pate  Oakland
Tom Hasley  Desoto County

Ex-Officio Members present:

Corbin Davis  FHWA-TN

Interested Individuals present:

John Paul Shaffer  Livable Memphis  Art Wolff  Citizen
John Cameron  Memphis  Stephen Edwards  Memphis
Brian Copeland  MDOT  Ben Ledsinger  SSR
Ian Engsrom  SSR  Erik Cempel  Cambridge
Josue Rodriguez  Independent Living  Bennett Foster  MSP & JC
Grace Hutchinson  OPD  Bob Rogers  SCHD
Michael Taylor  MLGW  James Stokes  Bass River
Aury Kangelos  TDOT  Andy Kitsinger  Dev. Studio
Kenny Monroe  Kimley-Horn  Dennis Lynch  Sierra Club
Manny Belen  Memphis  Mike Merry  MDOT

The following MPO Staff members were present:

Pragati Srivastava  Linda K. Lawrence  Andrew Ray  Mitchell Lloyd  Kate Horton
Kwasi Agyakwa  Nicholas Oyler  Peter Jenkins  Jonathan Spencer

A quorum was present.
1) **Call to Order**

   Mitchell Lloyd, gave an overview of accessing the agenda on the IPads

2) **Approval of August 21, 2014 Minutes**

   Mr. James Hay moved to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Steve Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

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

   a) Prospectus Update
   b) 2014 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects
   c) Data from Community Remarks
   d) TDOT Priority Projects Discussion
   e) Announcement that Mr. Nick Oyler will be the New Bike/Ped Coordinator for the MPO as of Dec. 1, 2014 as Mr. Kyle Wagenschutz shifts to a full-time position with the City of Memphis

4) **Adoption of 2015 Memphis MPO Meeting Calendar**

   Overview by Ms. Pragati Srivastava, MPO Administrator

   Mr. Darek Baskin moved to approve the 2015 Meeting Calendar as presented; Mr. James Hay seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

   **COMMENTS:**
   Mr. Dennis Lynch:
   - On the website there are 2 Calendars of meetings and they seem to be out of synch with each other
   - The MLG&W Board of Commissioners meets at the same time, as the ETC and TPB, which he must also attend; in the future if we could coordinate with them when scheduling those meetings.

5) **Approval of 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan**

   Presentation by Mr. Nick Oyler, MPO Planner

   Mayor AC Wharton moved to approve the 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan as presented; Mr. B J Page seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

   **COMMENTS:**
   Mr. Dennis Lynch
   - The time frame for comments should on the plan should be extended
   - Encourages the group to support the plan and appreciates more pedestrian focus
   - It would be more appropriate to sequence the timing of the plan so that a finalized version that includes all comments addressed is presented to the ETC before coming to the TPB.
6) **Adoption of 2014 Public Participation Plan**

Presentation by Mr. Mitchell Lloyd, MPO Planner

Mr. Chris Thomas moved to adopt 2014 Public Participation Plan as presented; Mr. Steve Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

**COMMENTS:**

Mr. Art Wolff:
- I respect the hard work that the employees of the MPO does, but I think it has been unsuccessful and hasn’t worked well
- When I attend meetings there is not enough citizen involvement
- The information the MPO is putting out to the citizens is important and they are not getting the message of how important it is
- Something needs to be done about the publicity to show people this is something that affects the quality of their life

Mr. Dennis Lynch:
- Citizens comments made at public meetings need to be recorded accurately in the minutes
- Search by community should be made available and find everything relating to projects, traffic, etc.
- Would like to see more citizen participation including a dedicated staff member
- Agrees with Mr. Art Wolff concerning community involvement
- Mayors should talk to the public on every opportunity until people get the message

7) **Socio Demographic Update to Travel Demand Model**

Presentation by Mr. Kenny Monroe of Kimley-Horn Associates

Mr. James Hay moved to approve the socio demographic data for the update to the Travel Demand Model as presented; Mr. Steve Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

**COMMENTS:**

Mr. BJ Page commented that the maps reflect extensive growth in western part of Desoto County but does not much in Olive Branch

Mr. Steve Hill commended the work done by the MPO staff and the Consultants and the distribution of the growth looks fair.

8) **2040 Region Transportation Plan: Draft Goals and Objectives**

Presentation by Mr. Erik Cempel of Cambridge Systematics

Mayor Mark Luttrell announced to the board of correction that the goals and objectives are final and not draft.
Mayor A C Wharton moved to approve the goals and objectives for the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan as presented; Mr. Darek Baskin seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

COMMENTS:
Mr. Dennis Lynch
- Relative to Land Use
- Modeling needs to look at not using the Control Totals
- Changing Land Use also changes Roads, needs an interactive process

9) FY 2014-17 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Status Updates from ETC Members

Presentation by Ms. Kate Horton, MPO Planner

NO DISCUSSION/COMMENTS

10) 2040 Long Regional Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment

Overview by Ms. Pragati Srivastava, MPO Administrator

Mr. B.J. Page moved to approve 2040 Long Regional Transportation Plan as presented; Mr. Darek Baskin seconded the motion. The motion carried with one dissenting vote from Mr. Chris Thomas of Lakeland.

COMMENTS:
Mr. Chris Thomas of Lakeland states that Mayor Bunker feels like 6 lanes is a must and therefore can’t support the changes to the project.

Mr. Steve Hill said sounds like it will be successful if the two other adjacent projects move forward. If Shelby Farms Parkway does not move forward then widening Walnut Grove may need to be reconsidered.

Mr. Dennis Lynch, Sierra Club
Agrees with not widening Walnut Grove Road and keeping it four lanes. Mr. Lynch has requested drawings of the proposed project from the City of Memphis and has not received any. Sierra Club believes that an environmental documentation including the public involvement process should be required on this project.

Response: Mr. John Cameron stated that there may be some confusion between the interim conditions that are being constructed now as Shelby Farms Park Conservancy moves along with their Master Plan, constructing a new driveway at the current time onto Walnut Grove Road. Mr. Cameron went on to describe these interim conditions. Mr. Cameron also stated that the Walnut Grove Road Middle LRTP and TIP Amendments will help to move the process along to get to the environmental and design phases, which will be required on the project and will include the public involvement process.

TN Local Road Amendment
a) **LRTP Amendment 0900012: Walnut Grove Road Middle**

Walnut Grove Road will remain four lanes. Access management measures will be provided to limit left turn movements across Walnut Grove traffic. These include construction of a “green bridge” type grade separated intersection approximately one mile west of Germantown Parkway. The new “green bridge” will connect to the internal road network of Shelby Farms Park and the Agricenter allowing wildlife, pedestrians, bicyclist, and vehicles to cross Walnut Grove. The “green bridge” design will include landscaping, vehicular travel lanes, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and connections to Walnut Grove. All intersecting streets and drives between the Kirby Whitten Project (Shelby Farms Parkway) and the “green bridge” will be converted to right in, right out operation. The project will include installation of a shared use trail on the north side of Walnut Grove from Patriot Lake to Germantown Parkway and pavement reconstruction of Walnut Grove.

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

Overview by Ms. Pragati Srivastava

Mayor AC Wharton moved to approve amendments to the 2014-17 Transportation Improvement Program as presented; Mr. Darek Baskin seconded the motion. The motion carried with one dissenting vote from Mr. Chris Thomas of Lakeland for item 11-A, and with 1 abstention on item 11-D by Mr. Steve Hill of Arlington.

**TN Local Road Amendments**

a. **TIP Amendment STP-M-2000-11: Walnut Grove Road Middle**

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b. **TIP Amendment STP-M-2006-04: Plough Blvd Interchange with Winchester Road**

The City of Memphis is requesting to amend the TIP by adding $3,174,414 in federal DEMO funds for FY 2015 and $3,237,500 in federal DEMO funds for FY 2017. Additionally, existing FY 2014 High Priority Project (HPP) funds are being moved to FY 2017. The City of Memphis has requested the changes in funding in accordance with an agreement with Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) to transfer project management from TDOT to the City of Memphis.

c. **TIP Amendment ENH-2014-01: Walker Avenue Streetscape Phase 2**

The City of Memphis is requesting to amend the TIP by adding $458,824 in federal Enhancement (ENH) funds to modify the existing roadway from Brister Street to Patterson Street to accommodate a new streetscape including sidewalks, landscaping, lighting, and bike lanes.

d. **TIP Amendment TIGER IV-2012-01: Mainstreet to Mainstreet Multimodal Connector**

The City of Memphis is requesting to amend the TIP by adding $1,657,000 in federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds for FY 2014 awarded by the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT).
through the CMAQ Improvement Program. Additionally, for FY 2014 construction, the TDOT match has decreased from $2,000,000 to $1,342,794, the Private match has increased from $249,989 to $2,649,989, and the Local match has decreased from $9,774,515 to $7,958,469.

**MS Local Road Amendments**

e. TIP Amendment MS-LSTP-2014-01: Getwell Road
   The City of Southaven is requesting to amend the TIP by removing the FY 2015 ROW and Construction Phases. The FY 2015 Surface Transportation Program (STP) federal funds for ROW $102,000 and the FY 2016 STP federal funds for construction are $3,867,775. Additionally, the PE-D phase has been moved from FY 2014 to FY 2017.

f. TIP Amendment MS-LSTP-2014-06: I-55/I-69 Interchange at Nail Road
   The Mississippi Department of Transportation is requesting to amend the TIP by adding the I-55/I-69 Interchange at Nail Road project. $225,000 in federal STP funds and $225,000 in state STP funds are being added for FY 2015 PE-N/PED for a hydraulic study to determine the feasibility or an interchange at I-55/I-69 and Nail Road.

**MS State Road Amendments**

g. TIP Amendment MS-SSTP-2011-01: SR-304/I-269
   The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) is requesting to amend the TIP by reducing the FY 2014 federal funds for Debt Services by $7,700,336 and the FY 2015 federal funds for Debt Services by $7,508,549 for each FY. Additionally, the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funding has been added to the list of funding types. The funding changes are for the repayment of two 30-year bonds.

**Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Amendments**

h. TIP Amendment CMAQ-2014-03: Memphis Heavy Duty Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Truck Deployment
   Memphis Light Gas and Water (MLGW) and the City of Memphis are requesting to amend the TIP by adding the Memphis Heavy Duty CNG Truck Deployment project for FY 2014. MLGW was awarded $500,000 in federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds by the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) through the CMAQ Improvement Program.

i. TIP Amendment CMAQ-2014-04: Traffic Signal Equipment Replacement
   The City of Memphis is requesting to amend the TIP by adding the Traffic Signal Equipment Replacement project for FY 2015. The City of Memphis was awarded $610,000 in federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds by the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) through the CMAQ Improvement Program.

**12) Other Business**

   a. Next Scheduled TPB Meeting: February 26, 2015 1:30pm, Location: UT Health Science Center
   b. Air Quality Update- Bob Rogers, Shelby County
      - Air Quality: good, measured this year, but not quite attainable yet
      - Application should be ready to send to Nashville no later than March.

**13) Adjourn @ 2:53 PM**

Mr. Steve Hill moved for Adjournment; Mr. B. J. Page seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 2:53PM

*NOTE: The meeting minutes are a summary of the meeting. If you would like to review the audio recording of the entire meeting you may do so by scheduling an appointment with Andrew Ray, Transportation Planner at (901) 576-7216.*