Ms. Pragati Srivastava called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM. In addition to Ms. Srivastava the following voting members were present at the meeting:

Calvin Abram  TDOT  Perry Brown  MDOT
Bennie Hopkins  Desoto County  Collins Simpson  Hernando
Vince Malavasi  Horn Lake  B.J. Page  Olive Branch
Nicholas Kreunen  Southaven  John Pitner  Fayette County
Christopher Pate  Oakland  Harvey Matheny  Piperton
Darren Sanders  Shelby County  Kevin Eason  Shelby County
Jason Allen  Arlington  Rick McClanahan  Bartlett
Sean Isham  Collierville  Tim Gwaltney  Germantown
Stephen Edwards  Memphis  Randall Tatum  Memphis
Jason Dixon  Millington  John Lancaster  MATA
Terry Leggett  Gallaway

The following Ex-Officio Members were present:

Theresa Claxton  FHWA-TN  Eddie Brawley  W. Memphis MPO

The following Interested Individuals were present:

Antoine Hawkins  TDOT  Nicole Seymour  TDOT
Scarlet Ponder  MATA  Vontra Giles  FHWA
Larry Smith  SCHD  Bob Rogers  SCHD
Tom Word  MLGW  James Stokes  Bass River Advisors
Sonja Owens  SCHD  Mark Grey  Buchart Horn
Andy Pinkley  Buchart Horn  Jonathan Whitfield  Gresham Smith & Partners
Emmanuel Tuombe  ABES Engineering  Kenneth Monroe  Kimley-Horn & Assoc.
Suzanne Carlson  Innovate Memphis  Greg Dotson  Neel-Schaffer
John Cameron  Neel-Schaffer

The following MPO Staff members were present:

Kate Horton  Sajid Hossain  Alvan-Bidal Sanchez  Parker Sherwood
Jordan Smith  Betty Turner  Zylavian Whatley

A quorum was present.
Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Engineering and Technical Committee
Thursday, May 4, 2017 1:30 PM
UT Health Science Center – Student Alumni Building
800 Madison Avenue - Memphis, Tennessee

1) Call to Order @ 1:32

2) Approval of February 9, 2017 Minutes

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

NO DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

3) Memphis MPO Administrator’s Report

Ms. Pragati Srivastava gave a brief overview of the following items:

a) Regional Freight Plan Update: Since August 2016, the MPO has been working to develop a Regional Freight Plan for the entire Memphis MPO area. Once a draft plan has been completed, the consultants will give a presentation at the upcoming ETC/TPB meetings. The plan is on schedule to be adopted in 2017.

b) Critical Urban Freight Corridor Update: The FAST Act includes a new funding category for freight projects and the MPO is working with both TDOT/MDOT to identify Urban Freight Corridors, which is required to access the funds. Freight corridors in the large urban areas are the responsibility of the MPO and those in the rural area are the responsibility of the State DOT.

c) Bicycle and Pedestrian Counter Check-out: The test period for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Counters, purchased through a FHWA grant is complete and the counters are now available to be checked-out by MPO member agencies.

d) Performance Measures Target Setting: Safety will be the first performance measure to be set. The MPO is continuing to work with TDOT and MDOT to discuss target setting for this measure. Once the State adopts the target, the MPO will have 180 days to adopt targets for the region.

e) FY 2017-20 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Status Updates: An obligation summary for the projects in the TIP was included in the ETC Agenda Packet. An overview was given on the Construction Set-Aside process.

f) FY 2018 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Call for Applications: The FY 2018 TA Call for Projects will go out in August with the project approval will be at the ETC/TPB meetings in November 2017.

g) Bus Stop Design and Accessibility Guidelines Update: The plan has been completed and the final document is available on the Memphis MPO website.

h) Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination Rulemaking Update: The bill related to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Merger has been repealed by the Congress.

i) Memphis MPO’s Public Involvement Efforts Named a Notable Practice: The USDOT named the MPO’s public involvement efforts for the Livability 2040 RTP a notable practice for the placement of advertisements both inside and on the back of MATA buses in order to reach a diverse audience.

j) New Employee Introduction: Mr. Alvan-Bidal Sanchez was introduced as a new Transportation Planner with the Memphis MPO.

NO DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS
4) **FY 2016-17 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Projects – MS**

Ms. Pragati Srivastava gave a brief overview on the FY 2016-17 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Project for MS.

The City of Hernando’s Nesbit Sidewalk Project has been selected as the recipient for the Mississippi portion of the Memphis MPO’s FY 2016-17 Transportation Alternatives (TA) grant funding. The total available funding for the project is $570,352 with $456,282 in TA federal funds and a local match of $114,070. The project will be included in the Transportation Alternatives Grouping, MS-TAP-2014-01 in the FY 2017-20 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Mr. B.J. Page moved to approve the FY 2016-17 Transportation Alternatives (TA) project for MS as presented; Mr. Bennie Hopkins seconded the motion and the motion carried out without dissent.

**NO DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS**

5) **Livability 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment**

Ms. Pragati Srivastava gave a brief overview on each of this item.

Mr. Christopher Pate moved to approve the Livability 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment as presented; Mr. Stephen Edwards seconded the motion and the motion carried out without dissent.

**RTP Amendment: Livability RTP ID #314 – Midtown Area Connection Alternative 11 – Union Avenue and Poplar Avenue Corridor**

Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) is requesting to amend the 2040 RTP by adding the Midtown Area Connection Alternative 11 – Union Avenue and Poplar Avenue Corridor project that is being advanced as the Locally Preferred Alternative resulting from the Midtown Alternative Analysis Study. Including the project in the RTP is the next step in moving forward with FTA’s Small Starts Program.

**DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS**

Mr. Rick McClanahan asked for an overview of the project. Mr. John Lancaster with MATA explained that Alternative 11 was being advanced as the locally preferred alternative resulting from the Midtown Alternative Analysis Study. The project will be a high capacity transit corridor along Union Avenue and Poplar Avenue connecting downtown Memphis to the University of Memphis area. The first phase of the project will be engineering to determine the transit stops and location.

6) **Other Business:**

Next Scheduled ETC Meeting: August 3, 2017 1:30 PM, Location: UT Health Science Center

7) **Adjourn @ 1:52**

Mr. Jason Dixon moved to Adjourn; Mr. Stephen Edwards seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 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.*