



**Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, March 30, 2021 1:30PM

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SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Mrs. Zylavian Watley Hines called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. The following committee members were present via webinar conference:

Rochelle Carpenter	TDOT, Multimodal Planning Division
Neil Hansen	TDOT, Local Program Office
Findley Frazer	Wolf River Conservancy
Stephen Edwards	City of Memphis, Engineering
Jessica Buttermore	City of Memphis, Engineering
Nick Oylar	City of Memphis, Engineering
Melanie Batke	City of Memphis, Comprehensive Planning
Sonja Owens	Shelby County Health Department, Rideshare
Sandi Klink	MCIL
Gene Carkeet	Citizen
Deveney Perry	BLDG Memphis
Lindsey Killebrew	MDOT
Darren Sanders	Shelby County, Engineering
Barbara McClanahan	University of Memphis
Dennis Lynch	Sierra Club Memphis
Ashley Hunter Mason	TDOT, Multimodal
Sarah Goralewski	City of Germantown
Scott Fox	MATA
Dale Chrystie	Citizen

MPO Staff members present:

Kate Horton
Jasmine Champion



1) Welcome & Introductions

Ms. Hines welcomed everyone and the committee members provided individual introductions.

2) Announcements and Briefings

Mrs. Hines provided the following updates to ongoing planning efforts relevant to ATAC issues:

a. FY 2021 Announcement of Transportation Alternative (TA) Awardees

Ms. Hines gave an announcement of the four projects, which were awarded Transportation Alternatives Grant for FY 2021. Three projects in the City of Memphis and one project in DeSoto County were awarded TA funds.

b. TDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Counter Program

TDOT is setting up a counter program to collect bicycle and pedestrian counts across the state. The MPO is working with TDOT and local jurisdictions who are interested in participating in the program. The program is anticipated to begin this summer and MPO staff will keep ATAC updated with the locations and next steps.

c. Memphis MPO Walk and Roll Update and Takeaways

Ms. Hines and Ms. Horton provided an update on the Walk and Roll Memphis Region Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, which was adopted in November 2020.

Ms. Horton provided an overview of plan, including the priority network and jurisdiction maps and thanked ATAC for their involvement. Ms. Hines provided an overview of shared mobility and mobility hubs in the plan and the importance and development of the ten catalyst projects.

3) Wolf River Greenway Update

Mr. Findley Frazer with the Wolf River Conservancy provided an update on the construction progress of the Wolf River Greenway. The Wolf River Greenway, once completed, will be a twenty-six mile shared-use path extending from Mud Island to the Germantown Greenway. Eleven miles has been completed and Mr. Fazer gave an update on the phases currently undergoing construction including 3a, 4, 10a, and 14a. Section 14a will provide a one-mile connection between the Shelby Farms Greenline and the Wolf River Greenway and is scheduled to be completed this year. There is approximately eleven miles remaining for construction and a schedule was provided on the future phases.



4) New Business & Discussion

Mr. Dale Chrystie commended the group for the collaboration and partnership efforts with the advancement of walking and biking in the Memphis region.

Mr. Dennis Lynch commended everyone as well and asked about one of the unfunded sections of the Wolf River Greenway. Mr. Frazer responded that they are always looking at possibilities for funding opportunities.

Mr. Gene Carkeet noted that the Memphis area was mentioned as one of the most dangerous places for walking and biking in Smart Growth America's Dangerous by Design report. Ms. Hines followed up providing that the MPO is aware of that report and we will continue to work with state and local agencies to make streets safer for pedestrians. Mr. Carkeet also asked about the status of the segment of the Hampline that was removed on the north side of Sam Cooper and East Parkway leading into the park. Mr. Oyler responded that this segment will be constructed as part of the new apartment development and a temporary gravel path is currently available until permanent construction is completed.

Mr. Nick Oyler commended the MPO on the Walk and Roll Plan and improvements since the last plan update. Mr. Oyler mentioned that they are working on update to the City of Memphis Bikeway Network Map which will include more content and will soon offer an online interactive map. The City of Memphis Bikeway and Pedestrian Website can be found [here](#).

Ms. Owens provided an announcement that Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris will be holding a Ride with the Mayor event on Friday, April 9th at Shelby Farms at 3:30 PM. Explore BikeShare will be supplying a limited number of free bikes for participants (feel free to bring your own bike as well) and there will be giveaways and a DJ for participants to enjoy.

Ms. Rochelle Carpenter noted that TDOT's Statewide Active Transportation Plan is out for public review until April 23, 2021. Please share and provide any comments [here](#).

Mr. Gene Carkeet mentioned that the Wolf River Conservancy is having "Discover the Greenway" events and you can find out more information [here](#).

The next ATAC meeting date is to be determined and will be sent to the committee when set.

5) Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM