SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Ms. Pragati Srivastava called the meeting to order at 11:07 AM. In addition to Ms. Srivastava the following voting members were present at the meeting:

Gary Scruggs    TDOT    Evan Wright    MDOT
Bennie Hopkins  DeSoto County Keith Briley  Hernando
Steve Hill      Arlington  John Trusty  Millington
BJ Page         Olive Branch  Shea Skeen  Southaven
Christopher Pate  Shelby  Kevin Eason  Piperton
Darren Sanders  Shelby County  Frank McPhail  Shelby County
Rick McClanahan  Bartlett  Scott Fox  Collierville
Tim Gwaltney    Germantown  Sam Small  MATA
Forrest Owens   Lakeland  Matt Pitts  Port Commission
Randall Tatum   Memphis

The following Interested Individuals were present:

Sonja Owens    SCHD    Brian Copeland    MDOT
Antoine Hawkins  TDOT    Ross Buckley    MDOT
Jennifer Marshall  TDOT    Spencer Robinson  MDOT
Meghan Wilson    TDOT    Douglas Dietz  Ensafe
Nate Brugler    TDOT    Suzanne Carlson  Innovate Memphis
Megan Higgins    MidSouth Greenprint  James Collins  Kimley-Horn
Jared Darby    SC Office of Resilience  Mark Grey  HDR, Inc
Dana Sjostrom   SC Office of Resilience  Emmanuel Tuombe  ABES Engineering
Jim Vazquez     SC Office of Resilience  Chris Horne  Sasaki

The following MPO Staff members were present:

Mavrick Fitzgerald  Kate Horton  Connie Jordan  Sajid Hossain
Jordan Smith      Nick Warren  Zylavian Watley

A quorum was present.
1) **Call to Order @ 11:07 AM**
Ms. Pragati Srivastava called the meeting to order at 11:07 AM.

2) **Approval of February 7th, 2019 Minutes**
Mr. Rick McClanahan moved to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Frank McPhail seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

**NO DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS**

3) **Memphis MPO’s Administrator’s Report**
Ms. Pragati Srivastava gave an overview of the following items:
   a) MPO Unobligated Balance (TN) – Update

**NO DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS**

4) **Memphis Urban Area MPO TDOT, MDOT and MATA Transportation Planning Agreement**
Ms. Srivastava provided an overview of the proposed update to the Transportation Planning Agreement between the Memphis MPO, TDOT, MDOT, and MATA for coordination of transportation planning activities, as required by 23 CFR 450.

Mr. Darren Sanders moved to approve the Transportation Planning Agreement as presented; Mr. Tim Gwaltney seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

**NO DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS**

5) **FY 2020-23 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Approval List**
Ms. Srivastava provided an overview of the proposed fiscally constrained list of projects for the development of the FY 2020-23 TIP. This includes projects managed by TDOT, MDOT, MATA and Local Tennessee and Mississippi jurisdictions.

Mr. Scott Fox moved to approve the FY 2020-23 TIP Project List as presented; Mr. Rick McClanahan seconded the motion and the motion carried with majority voting in affirmation and one opposition from MATA.

**DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS**

Mr. B J Page asked if the Mississippi TIP Project List being approved, is the same one that was sent out via email. Ms. Srivastava responded that it was the same list.

Ms. Suzanne Carlson, Innovate Memphis, commented with opposition against the FY 2020-23 TIP Project List. A copy of Ms. Carlson’s comments, as submitted, are included within the minutes.
6) **FY 2017-20 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment**

Ms. Srivastava provided an overview of the following amendment:

i. **TIP Amendment MS-Build-2019-01: Holly Springs Road**

Desoto County is requesting to amend the FY 2017-20 TIP by adding the Holly Springs Road project, which was selected by USDOT under the 2018 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant. The amendment will add $13,000,000 in BUILD grant funds to FY 2019, along with $2,305,069 in additional federal and state funds and $15,121,931 in local match.

Mr. Bennie Hopkins moved to approve the TIP amendment as presented; Mr. B J Page seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent.

**NO DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS**

7) **Mid-South Regional Resilience Master Plan**
Mr. Jared Darby and Mr. Chris Horne gave a presentation on the Mid-South Resilience Master Plan.

**DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS**

Mr. Scott Fox asked if water contamination was seen as a potential threat. Mr. Horne responded that it was.

Mr. McClanahan asked where the Mid-South Resilience public meeting is taking place. Mr. Horne responded that the meeting is that evening, May 16, 2019 at Shelby Farms (FedEx Center) from 5:30-7:00pm

Mr. McClanahan asked how they would be getting set-back and other requirements from local jurisdictions. Mr. Horne and Mr. Darby responded that the scope of the plan was more of a high-level approach and they went down to the farthest level detail as possible to assist in the process.

8) **Other Business**

i. **Next Scheduled ETC Meeting:** July 25th, 2019, Location: UT Health Science Center, *Time: TBD*

**DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS**

Mr. Kwabena Aboagye informed the members about TDOT’s corridor studies and specifically mentioned the I-55 corridor study for the Memphis MPO area and the public meeting that evening. If you have need additional information you can go to the project website or contact Calvin Abram, TDOT.

Mr. B J Page asked if the project scope was for I-55 segments in TN and MS. Mr. Calvin Abram responded that it was for the section in TN.

9) **Adjourn @ 11:44 AM**

Mr. Christopher Pate moved to adjourn; Mr. B J Page seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:44 AM.

**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) 636-7218.
MPO Comments
2020-2023 TIP
May 16, 2019

Suzanne Carlson
Innovate Memphis

We just launched 901RideChoice, with 5310 funds, which provides transportation dispatch for seniors and people with disabilities which carries out one of the top actions of the MPO’s Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan.

We all know Memphis has 70% of Shelby County population. It has 6,700 lane miles, compared to 225 in Germantown for example; over 800 signals, and maintains signals for the region. It has the most people walking, biking, taking transit and driving each day, by virtue of population.

However, this region has typically considered equality, which is sharing resources across the area regardless of need, more than equity, which is providing resources where they are needed. As a result, Memphis and its population is underserved in the 2020-2023 TIP.

The 2020-2023 TIP provides 40 percent of funding to Memphis. If you add in MATA and the Port Authority, it is 45 percent. This is down from 70 to 80 percent of funding in prior TIPs.

This includes 20% for signalization, for 17 signals, 9% for bridges, and 44% for bicycle and pedestrian needs. For the Safety grouping, no awards were made, although safety, multi-modal transportation, and complete streets are top priorities of Livability 2040 and Livability 2050.

This funding is out of alignment with what the public wants and the Livability 2050 goals adopted by this body.

The application process itself is challenging for large populations. Each location is a separate project that must be submitted separately. To improve crosswalks at the top ten worst pedestrian crash locations, or to upgrade 10 identical signals, Memphis must submit ten separate applications. Applications are open for 6 weeks once every four years, including public feedback, this is more challenging to larger municipalities. Memphis submitted several hundred applications, including over 100 signals, to get the list you see today.

I urge this body to postpone today’s vote and review the awards to support the region’s highest needs and your Livability 2040 and 2050 plans, particularly around safe, multi-modal travel and existing infrastructure.