



Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT)
Traffic Incident Management Committee (TIMS)
 &
Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Traffic Operations Advisory Committee (TOAC)
Joint Meeting
Wednesday, April 14th, 2021, 9:00 AM
Meeting held via GoToMeeting
SUMMARY OF MINUTES

The following committee members were present:

Melissa Furlong	<i>FHWA-TN</i>	James Harvill	<i>Arlington FD</i>
David Williams	<i>FHWA-MS</i>	Jim McMillan	<i>Arlington FD</i>
Cannon Callicott	<i>ARDOT</i>	Becky Bailey	<i>City of Bartlett</i>
Michael Davis	<i>MDOT</i>	John Horne	<i>City of Bartlett</i>
William Futrell	<i>THP</i>	Tony Ladd	<i>City of Germantown</i>
Amanda Hicks	<i>West Memphis</i>	Randall Tatum	<i>City of Memphis</i>
	<i>MPO</i>	Peter Schlesinger	<i>City of Memphis</i>
Kamillah Kelly	<i>West Tennessee</i>	John Lancaster	<i>MATA</i>
	<i>RPO</i>	Scott Fox	<i>MATA</i>
John Modzelewski	<i>Shelby County</i>	Delbert Polk	<i>MPD</i>
Sean Lester	<i>West Tennessee</i>	Jason Stuart	<i>MFD</i>
	<i>Regional Forensic</i>	Jason Dixon	<i>City of Millington</i>
	<i>Center</i>	Kenny Monroe	<i>Kimley-Horn</i>
Jason Ervin	<i>SCFD</i>	James Collins	<i>Kimley-Horn</i>
Larry Smith	<i>SCHD</i>	Tanisha Hall	<i>Fairpointe Planning</i>
Sonja Owens	<i>SCHD</i>		

TDOT staff members present:

Kwabena Aboagye	Lee Smith	Adam Moncivaez	Lia Prince
Gary Ogletree	Ashley Owens	Brian White	

Memphis MPO staff members present:

Nick Warren	Mavrick Fitzgerald
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1) Welcome and Introductions, TDOT and Memphis MPO

Mr. Nick Warren called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and conducted a roll-call with TDOT staff, MPO staff, and committee members introducing themselves.

2) Memphis MPO Updates

Mr. Warren provided the following updates on the Memphis MPO's ongoing planning efforts relevant to traffic operations and safety:

a) September Committee Meeting Survey Results

The survey of committee members after the committee's first meeting in September 2020 indicated that TDOT and the Memphis MPO should continue to hold joint committee meetings on a biannual basis, and integrate additional safety topics where possible.

b) Annual Congestion Management Process (CMP) Report & Dashboard

The Memphis MPO has published its annual Congestion Management Report as part of its 2020 State of the MPO Report, which can be found [here](#). The MPO also maintains CMP dashboards which are updated annually to record the performance of the regional transportation system and key corridors. These can be found [here](#).

Mr. Lee Smith asked if the MPO had access to the INRIX/RITIS vehicle probe data purchased by TDOT, which it is making available to local partners, and suggested MPO staff and his office discuss more about the CMP dashboards at a future date. Mr. Warren confirmed that the Memphis MPO has access to the data and is using it to assess the before and after impacts of projects included in its FY 2020-23 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and agreed to set up further discussion.

Mr. Smith mentioned that committee members from Tennessee interested in accessing or seeking training with the INRIX vehicle probe data purchased by TDOT should contact Michelle Nickerson at Michelle.Nickerson@tn.gov.

c) Upcoming Plans and Studies

The Memphis MPO has begun the process of selecting a consultant for the next update of its Regional Transportation Plan.

The Memphis MPO is currently working on analyzing safety data from 2017-2019

3) TDOT Updates

Staff from TDOT shared information on the following initiatives related to Traffic Incident Management.

a) Incident at I-40 & Sycamore View Road

Mr. Brian White shared a synopsis of the After-Action-Review for a fatal incident in November of last year as an example of how TDOT Region 4 evaluates and learns from major incidents.

b) Slow Down Memphis Campaign

Mr. Brian White noted that an increase in speeding and street racing over the past year had led to an increase traffic crashes and deaths. TDOT is launching a “Slow Down Memphis” initiative to counteract this.

c) Traffic Incident Management Committee (TIMS) Self-Assessment Scores

Mr. Adam Moncivaez shared the scoring of Region 4’s FHWA-mandated self-assessment on April 12. Mr. Moncivaez highlighted several low scored items and actions that can be taken to progress to improve each item. Mr. Moncivaez also noted that Tennessee’s average score exceeded the national average, and that Region 4 scored the highest of TDOT’s four regions.

d) I-24 Smart Corridor

Mr. Lee Smith provided a presentation on TDOT’s I-24 Smart Corridor between Nashville and Murfreesboro, and how new technologies and an operational shift to Integrated Corridor Management are combined to further the goals and mission of TDOT.

Mr. Smith asked if people in law enforcement found strategies such as the safe refuge for stalled vehicles beneficial. Lt. Polk responded that these strategies are beneficial, particularly in areas like I-40 and Sycamore View Road.

Mr. Smith shared that TDOT’s Operations Division was about one third of the way through the process of updating its Transportation Systems

Management & Operations (TSMO) plan, and would be reaching out later in the year to local stakeholders for input.

e) I-40 INFRA Grant Project

Mr. Lee Smith provided a presentation on I-40 Smart Fiber project that has been awarded a \$11.2 million federal Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant. The grant money will provide partial funding for the I-40 Smart Fiber Project, which will expand Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) technologies along I-40 between Memphis and Nashville.

Mr. Smith noted that one important area of new technology that smart fiber will enable is Connected/Autonomous Vehicles (CAV), and asked if there are any ongoing CAV initiatives or pilots in the Memphis region, and suggested that further discussion should be held with the Memphis MPO and the City of Memphis. Mr. Mavrick Fitzgerald responded that CAV initiatives in the region were limited, and agreed that further discussion would be productive.

4) Memphis Area Congestion Action Study, TDOT/Kimley Horn

Mr. Kenny Monroe provided a presentation on the Memphis Congestion Action Plan which Kimley-Horn has been contracted to develop for TDOT. Mr. Monroe described how the plan will analyze current traffic conditions and develop solutions based on multimodal performance metrics. Mr. Monroe informed the committee that a series of four stakeholder engagement workshops will be scheduled.

5) Questions, Feedback, & Other Business

Mr. Nick Warren asked about the status of the Southern Gateway Project based on a reference in Kimley-Horn's presentation. Mr. Kwabena Aboagye responded that a report had been conducted by TDOT's Strategic Investment Division, but he would need to check with them on the status of this.

Ms. Melissa Furlong commended staff at TDOT and the Memphis MPO for their work in establishing and coordinating these meetings, as well as all the committee members from emergency services and other disciplines for their participation.

The next joint committee meeting is tentatively planned for the fall of 2021, with the precise date to be determined and will be sent to the committee when set.

6) Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 am.