

**MINUTES**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD**  
**of the**  
**Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
**December 12, 2012**

Attendees: Mr. Paul Ballard (for Vice-Mayor Diane Neighbors), Mr. Kirk Bednar (for Mayor Paul Webb), Mr. Kevin Comstock (for Mayor Ken Moore), Mayor John Coombs, Mayor Philip Craighead, Mr. Corbin Davis, Mayor Karl Dean, Mr. Doug Demosi (for Mayor Ernest Burgess), Ms. Deborah Fleming (for Gov. Bill Haslam), Mayor Scott Foster, Mayor Jo Ann Graves, Mr. Gerald Herman (for Mayor Michael Arnold), Executive Anthony Holt, Mr. Joe Horne (for Mayor Rogers Anderson), Mayor Randall Hutto, Mr. Marlin Keel (for Mayor Ed Hagerty), Mr. Paul Nutting (for Mayor Billy Paul Carneal), Mr. Tim Roach

**Approve November 14, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Jo Ann Graves, Acting Chair, opened the meeting at 9:04 a.m. Mr. Tim Roach moved to approve the November meeting minutes. Mr. Marlin Keel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Regional Priorities for TDOT Three-Year Work Program**

Mayor Graves said that she would like to move agenda item #7 forward in order to ensure time for discussion since a few Mayors needed to leave early. Mr. Félix Castrodad, MPO staff, said that TDOT has asked all the MPOs to prioritize the roadway projects in their area that are currently being considered for the State's three-year transportation work program. He said that the projects are ranked according to the project evaluations conducted for the *2035 Regional Transportation Plan*. The East-West Connector has been identified as the top priority for this MPO in order to demonstrate the region's commitment to mass transit and \$35M is being requested from the State for help fund the project. The remaining funds will come from federal and local monies as well as grants. He said that TDOT will ultimately decide the priority list that goes to the Legislature.

Mr. Paul Ballard moved to adopt the regional priority list for TDOT's 3-year work program with Mr. Roach seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

**The schedule for adoption is:**

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- *11/7 – Presentation of candidates to the TCC*
- *11/14 – Presentation of candidates to the Board*
- *12/5 – TCC endorsement of priorities*
- **12/12 – XB endorsement of priorities**

## **Public Comment**

Mr. Gary Gaston, 938C W. Eastland Ave., Nashville, and an employee of NCDL, spoke in favor of the East-West Connector saying a progressive mass transit system is critical for the future of this city and area.

Ms. Margo Chambers, 3803 Princeton Ave., Nashville, stated that she found it interesting that the agenda item that placed the East-West Connector as the top priority was voted on before she had a chance to voice her opposition. She said that the Connector should not move forward until the MTA has conducted the requested studies. She stated that for the last two months her typed comments were not attached to the minutes. She also said that it would be interesting to see how different her comments and Mr. Gaston's comments would be handled in the minutes. She stated that only elected officials should be allowed to vote on this project.

Mayor Graves clarified that the printed minutes were only a summary of what was said at the meetings. The official record is the recording of the meeting which is held at the MPO offices and is available upon request.

## **MPO Chair's Report**

There was no Chair's report.

## **Adoption of 2013 Meeting Calendar**

The 2013 calendar provides for board meetings on the third Wednesday of each month, except where noted. RTA and GNRC have stated that they might change the December date to the 18<sup>th</sup> from the 11<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Graves said that she would like the meeting to stay as early in the month as possible. Mr. Paul Ballard said that the calendar will coordinate with the RTA and GNRC. With no further discussion, Mr. Gerald Herman moved to adopt the calendar as presented with Mayor Randall Hutto seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Election of Officers for 2013**

Executive Anthony Holt said that slate for the 2013 calendar year is Mayor Rogers Anderson to serve as Chair and Mayor Kenneth Wilber to serve as Vice-chair. The MPO executive director serves as secretary of the board. Executive Holt moved to accept the slate as presented. Mayor Hutto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## Endorse Amendments of the FYs 2011-2015 TIP

Mr. Castrodad said that the following amendments to the *Transportation Improvement Program* (TIP) have finished the required 21-day public review and comment period prior to adoption by the Board. No comments have been received.

Mayor Graves opened the public hearing. There was no comment. Mayor Graves closed the public hearing.

Mr. Ballard moved to adopt the TIP amendments with Mr. Roach seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

More information is available at [NashvilleMPO.org/plans\\_programs/tip/](http://NashvilleMPO.org/plans_programs/tip/).

### **AMENDMENTS:**

<b>TIP #</b>	<b>RTP #</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Action</b>
2008-46-041	Consistent	Lytle Creek Greenway	Murfreesboro	Add project to TIP
2012-16-185	1085-501	Music City Moves	Metro Nashville	Re-award to MTA
2011-15-137	1015-309	Local Bus Service Prev. Maint. & Capitalization	MTA	Add funds
2008-17-021	1015-312	CAD, AVL and ITS	MTA	Shift funds
2011-15-148	1015-308	New Maint. and Office Facility (Peterbilt)	MTA	Add funds, scope
2009-85-018	1085-319	SE Corridor Express Bus Service Expansion	RTA	Shift funds
2008-85-091	1085-320	Commuter Rail Prev. Maint. & Capitalization	RTA	Add funds
2008-15-054	1015-317	Bus Purchase and Replacement	MTA	Add funds

### **The schedule for adoption is:**

- 11/7 – TCC endorsement
- 11/14 – XB endorsement
- 11/16-12/10 – Public review and comment period
- 12/5 – First public hearing (TCC)
- **12/12 – Second public hearing / adoption (XB)**

## MPO Director's Report

- Obligation of Federal Transportation Funds for FY 2012  
Mr. Castrodad said that each year FHWA requires the MPOs to publish a list of all of the obligated projects within 90 days of the end of the fiscal year. This shows how federal money is being spent. Mayor Graves asked about rescissions and how long a project can be out there without movement before the money is rescinded. Mr. Castrodad said that a list will be presented in January listing any project in the TIP that is not in compliance with the new policies that require obligation of funds and proof of local match documentation.

- Information about the New Transportation Alternatives Grant Program  
This program is the old Enhancements Grants program. Mr. Skipper will email information about the funds. There is \$1.2M for active transportation projects within the Nashville urbanized area (areas of 200,000 people or more). The staff can answer any question about if a project is eligible for these funds and what process it will need to go through. Mayor Graves asked Mr. Castrodad to give examples of eligible projects. He said that bicycle/pedestrian type of projects. Mr. Roach asked if the Murfreesboro UZA is included in this. Ms. Deborah Fleming said that Murfreesboro would compete for state funds.
- Update on MPO Request for Proposals  
He said that Gresham, Smith & Partners was the firm selected to do the Southeast Area Transportation & Land Use study and contract negotiations have begun. Mr. Castrodad said that the proposals for the General Planning and Modeling RFP are due on December 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Other comments  
Mr. Castrodad reminded the members that the deadline for applications for 2014-17 TIP projects is Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Graves thanked Ms. Lora Baulsir for making the refreshments.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

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The Honorable Rogers Anderson  
Chairman, MPO Executive Board

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Michael Skipper, AICP  
Executive Director & Secretary of the Board