

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD
of the
Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
February 19, 2014

Attendees: Mayor Rogers Anderson, Mr. Paul Ballard (for Vice-Mayor Diane Neighbors), Mayor Ernest Burgess, Mayor John Coombs, Mayor Philip Craighead, Mayor Rick Graham, Mr. Gerald Herman, Executive Anthony Holt, Mayor Randall Hutto, Mr. Marlin Keel (for Mayor Ed Hagerty), Mayor Ken Moore, Mr. Paul Nutting (for Mayor Billy Paul Carneal), Mr. Toks Omishakin (for Gov. Bill Haslam), Mayor Mary Esther Reed, Mr. Dana Richardson (for Mayor Tommy Bragg), Mr. Tim Roach, Commissioner John Schroer, Mayor Ken Wilber

Approve December 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Ken Wilber, Chair, opened the meeting at 9:02 a.m. Mayor Ernest Burgess moved to approve the December 11, 2013 meeting minutes with Mayor Ken Moore seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Ms. Margo Chambers, Nashville, stated that the MPO should comply with USDOT Section 4F before transferring funds to the AMP. She asked if with Mr. Ballard leaving as CEO if the MTA will need to be recertified. She also said that she has been told that there is no grant application on file with the FTA for this project and therefore the funds should not be given to the project.

With no further comment, Mayor Wilber closed the public comment period.

MPO Chair's Report

Mayor Wilber announced that Mr. Paul Ballard is leaving the MTA/RTA for a position in Ft. Worth, TX.

Mr. Michael Skipper, MPO director, thanked Mayor Rogers Anderson for his service the past 2 years as the MPO Executive Board chair and presented him with a plaque. Mayor Anderson received a round of applause.

TDOT Commission John Schroer

Commissioner John Schroer gave a brief overview of the TDOT annual budget and financial outlook for the federal Highway Trust Fund which provides about 50% of the budget. He said that TDOT is concerned about the lack of action in Washington, D.C. to address the insolvency of the Highway Trust Fund which hasn't kept up with costs. He said that there is about \$8.5B worth of backlogged projects (preliminary engineering, right-of-way, and construction). TDOT is now using an expedited project delivery (EPD) way of prioritizing projects. He said that the trust fund is likely to become insolvent in August 2014.

Mr. Tim Roach asked if our Tennessee Congressional delegation understands the significance. Commissioner Schroer said that some of them do. Mayor Moore asked if the Governor has a plan for funding. Commissioner Schroer said that there is no plan now but there are a number of possible funding options that are being studied. Mayor Anderson asked what would happen without sustainable dollars. Commissioner Schroer said that TDOT is in a good cash position but will be able to provide maintenance only. There will be no new right-of-way, no construction, no new starts, etc. The projects that have already been obligated will go forward. Mr. Gerald Herman asked if a jurisdiction wants to use 100% local money for a project, would TDOT work with them by easing some red tape. Commissioner Schroer said that TDOT won't get in the way, but that structural guidelines/standards still must be followed.

Call-for-Proposals for Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ)

Mr. Alan Jones, TDOT, gave a brief overview of the 2014 competitive funding opportunity through CMAQ. He said that there are 3 basic CMAQ requirements for the projects: 1) must be a transportation project, 2) must reduce NO_x and PM_{2.5} emissions from mobile sources (cars, trucks, buses, etc.), and 3) must benefit air quality in air quality nonattainment and maintenance areas. He said that 60% of all NO_x emissions come from on-road mobile sources.

He issued a call-for-projects. Mr. Skipper said that the deadline to submit proposal abstracts to the MPO is February 21st. Proposal submittals are due February 28th for the MPO to do emission analysis. Proposal submittals with emission analysis already done are due March 10th. The deadline to submit proposals to TDOT is March 14th. He said that awards will be announced in April. The projects will be amended into the TIP on June 18th after a public review and comment period.

For more information about the CMAQ program, visit <http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/cmaq/>
For details on the funding opportunity visit <http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/cmaq/funding.shtml>
For a list of projects in the current TIP funded with CMAQ visit <http://tinyurl.com/q8cyad6>

SCHEDULE:

- 1/24 – TDOT Announces CMAQ Grant Opportunity
- **2/21 – Deadline to Submit Project Abstract to MPO**
- 2/28 – Deadline to Submit Proposals to MPO for Emissions Analysis

- 3/10 – Deadline to Submit Proposals to MPO with Emissions Analysis
- 3/14 – Deadline to Submit Proposals to DOT
- March – TDOT/MPO Joint Review of Proposals
- April – TDOT Announces Awards
- 5/7 – TIP Amendments Initiated
- 6/18 – TIP Amendments Adopted

Review of FY 2013 Federal Obligations

Mr. Félix Castrodad, MPO staff, went over the more than \$142M in obligated federal funding between October 1, 2012 and September 30, 2013. The entire report is on the MPO website.

http://www.nashvillempo.org/docs/TIP/Annual_Listing_Obligated_Projects/FY2013_Obligations.pdf

Endorse Proposed Amendments to the FYs 2014-2017 TIP

Mr. Castrodad gave a brief overview of the proposed TIP amendments. He said that a 21-day public review and comment period and 2 public hearings are required prior to adoption by the Board

Mr. Tim Roach moved to endorse the amendments for public review and comment. Mayor Randall Hutto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

AMENDMENTS:

TIP #	RTP #	Project Name	Sponsor	Action
2008-76-024	1076-303	Town Center Trail Phase 2	Mt. Juliet	Add funds, combine with Phase 3 project
2014-76-017	1076-303	Town Center Trail Phase 3	Mt. Juliet	Add funds, combine with Phase 2 project
2011-54-156	1054-255	Tyree Springs/S. Palmers Chapel Intersection Improvements	White House	Add funds
2004-022	1036-274	SR-76 Sidewalks	White House	Add project to TIP
2006-117	1062-137	Hillsboro Rd (SR-106/US-431) Widening	Franklin	Add project to TIP
2014-66-053	Consistent	Nolensville Elementary School	Nolensville	Add project to TIP
2014-56-054	Consistent	Watt Hardison Elementary School	Portland	Add project to TIP
2008-17-021	1015-312	CAD, AVL, ITS	MTA	Shift funds
2013-89-204	Consistent	Northwest Corridor Transit Study	RTA	Add funds
2014-85-055	Consistent	RTA Operations	RTA	Add project to TIP
2008-15-046	1015-310	Project Administration for Grant Programs	MTA	Shift funds
2008-15-048	1015-311	Support vehicles, service vehicles, misc. support equipment, misc. shop equipment, operational software	MTA	Add funds

TIP #	RTP #	Project Name	Sponsor	Action
2014-15-056	Consistent	Renovate MTA Headquarters at Myatt Drive Facility	MTA	Add project to TIP
2014-85-057	Consistent	RTA Master Plan	RTA	Add project to TIP
226	1046-298	Stones River Greenway Extension	Murfreesboro	Add project to TIP

SCHEDULE:

- 2/5 – TCC Endorsement
- **2/19 – XB Endorsement**
- 2/20-3/19 – Public Review and Comment Period
- 3/5 – First Public Hearing (TCC)
- 3/19 – Second Public Hearing / Adoption (XB)

MPO Director’s Report

- Staffing changes
Mr. Skipper announced that Mr. Félix Castrodad has taken a position with the MTA/RTA. Mr. Skipper presented long list of contributions that Félix has been responsible for during his time at the MPO. Mr. Castrodad received a round of applause. Mr. Skipper also introduced the two new MPO employees: Ms. Leila Hakimizadeh and Mr. Nick Koupal.
- Upcoming Call-for-Projects for the MPO’s Active Transportation Grant Program
Ms. Leslie Meehan, MPO staff, said that the call-for-projects for the \$12M will in March and the proposals will be due in May and the awards will be announced at the Annual Meeting in November.
- Mr. Skipper thanked Mr. Paul Ballard for his service to Nashville and the region. Mr. Ballard received a round of applause.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Date: _____

The Honorable Kenneth Wilber
Chairman, MPO Executive Board

Michael Skipper, AICP
Executive Director & Secretary of the Board