

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

Attendees: Mayor Rogers Anderson, Mr. Paul Ballard (for Vice-Mayor Diane Neighbors), Ms. Katy Braden (for Gov. Bill Haslam), Mayor Ernest Burgess, Mayor John Coombs, Mayor Philip Craighead, Mr. Corbin Davis, Mayor Karl Dean, Mayor Rick Graham, Mayor Go Ann Graves, Mr. Mike Harris (for Mayor Betsy Crossley), Mr. Gerald Herman (for Mayor Michael Arnold), Executive Anthony Holt, Mayor Randall Hutto, Mr. Marlin Keel (for Mayor Ed Hagerty), Mayor Ken Moore, Mayor Mary Esther Reed, Mr. Dana Richardson (for Mayor Tommy Bragg), Mr. Tim Roach, Mayor Ken Wilber

**Approve the February 19, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Ken Wilber, Chair, opened the meeting at 9:02 a.m. Mr. Tim Roach moved to approve the minutes with Mr. Gerald Herman seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment**

Ms. Margo Chambers, Nashville, said that her comments from the last meeting need to be amended to say that she asked Mr. Michael Skipper, MPO Director, to explain the status of the AMP's Small Starts application, specifically whether there had been a capital grant application filed. She also remind the members that the MTA had borrowed money to cover costs because 5307 grant funds have not yet been received and funds are being shifted and that they need to remember this when voting on the budget.

**MPO Chair's Report**

Mr. Skipper introduced the new MPO staff member, Ms. Anna Emerson. She will be managing the TIP.

Mayor Wilber said that since it is strawberry time in Portland, he will be providing strawberry shortcake for the meeting next month.

Mayor Jo Ann Graves said that 2 lanes of traffic of the new 109 bridge will be opened on Friday and encouraged everyone to attend the 10:00 a.m. ribbon cutting.

## **Approve Amendments to the FYs 2014-2017 TIP**

Ms. Emerson, MPO staff, gave a brief overview of each amendment. The amendments have had the required 21-day public review and comment period and have not received any comments to-date.

Mayor Wilber opened the public hearing. Ms. Chambers requested that all MTA/RTA project amendments be removed from the list since there is no dedicated source of transit funding in Nashville and Middle Tennessee at least until there is a new CEO of MTA and that this board and your constituents are held responsible if there is any problem with the MTA. With no other comments, Mayor Wilber closed the public hearing.

Mayor Ken Moore moved to adopt the MPO Resolution 2014-001 approving the all of the amendments to the TIP. Mr. Roach seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **AMENDMENTS:**

<b>TIP #</b>	<b>RTP #</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Action</b>
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
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 Active Transportation Program, FYs 2014-2017**

Mr. Skipper said that the Active Transportation Program was established with the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan to support development of walkable communities. He said that the current TIP includes about \$12M in federal funding. The call-for-projects deadline is May 30<sup>th</sup>. The awards will be announced at the annual meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Roach moved to endorse the MPO Active Transportation Program Call-for-Projects with Mayor Graves seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

For more information: [http://www.nashvillempo.org/plans\\_programs/tip/ATP.aspx](http://www.nashvillempo.org/plans_programs/tip/ATP.aspx)

### **SCHEDULE:**

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- **3/19 – MPO Announces Grant Opportunity/ Call-for-Projects**
- 4/18 – Deadline to Submit Project Abstract
- 5/30 – Application Deadline
- 11/19 – Awards Announced/ TIP Amendments Endorsed
- 12/10 – TIP Amendments Adopted

### **First Look at the 2040 Regional Trends and Forecasts**

Mr. Skipper gave an overview of the regional growth and traffic forecasts as well as the population and employment forecasts for the year 2040. He thanked Chin-Cheng Chen and Max Baker of the MPO staff for their hard work putting this together. He said that Middle Tennessee population is projected to be over 3 million people. He said that Williamson and Rutherford County is supposed to be larger than Chattanooga/Hamilton County.

He said that there will be a call-for-projects this year to help alleviate the congestion for the 2040 RTP. He said that other forms of transportation will be absolutely necessary to help relieve congestion as much as possible.

Mr. Skipper said that he would send the link on the MPO website [www.nashvillempo.org/](http://www.nashvillempo.org/) via email to the members for the presentation.

### **MPO Director's Report**

- FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Annual Dues

Mr. Skipper said that the UPWP meets the federal planning requirement to disclose the MPO's activities for the coming year. It also serves as the operating budget for the year. Mr. Skipper said that if anyone has any ideas for studies, etc. for the coming fiscal year to please let him know soon.

He said he does not foresee any increase in the annual dues rate from last year. Invoices will be sent in the fall after the budget is adopted.

### **Other Business**

Mayor Anderson thanked Mr. Paul Ballard for all of his hard work during his tenure as CEO of the MTA/RTA. Mr. Ballard has accepted a job in Ft. Worth, TX and his last day is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Ballard received a round of applause from the members.

Mayor Moore said that the members should contact their Congressional delegation to make know how important a long-term transportation bill is. Mr. Skipper said that the Senate Committee Chair, Senator Boxer, wants a bill out in April. This would probably be basically MAP-21 with a few technical clarifications. The House Committee Chair, Rep. Schuster has said he wants a bill out in August. Mr. Skipper said that the overall sense is that a bill won't be passed before September 30<sup>th</sup>. Executive Anthony Holt said that it is important to make the State Legislators know the growth going on in Middle Tennessee so that we can grow in a smart way.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

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The Honorable Kenneth Wilber  
Chairman, MPO Executive Board

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Michael Skipper, AICP  
Executive Director & Secretary