

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD
of the
Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
June 18, 2013

Attendees: Mayor Rogers Anderson, Mayor Howard Bradley, Mayor Ernest Burgess, Mayor John Coombs, Mayor Philip Craighead, Mr. Corbin Davis, Mayor Dean Dickey, Mr. Harry Gill (for Mayor Mary Ester Reed), Mayor Jo Ann Graves, Mr. Wayne Hall (for Mayor Beverly Totty), Mr. Gerald Herman (for Mayor Michael Arnold), Executive Anthony Holt, Ms. Shanna Hughey (for Mayor Karl Dean), Mayor Randall Hutto, Mr. Victor Lay (for Mayor Rick Graham), Mr. Kenny Martin (for Mayor Ed Hagerty), Mr. Larry McGoogin (for Gov. Bill Haslam), Mayor Ken Moore, Mr. Paul Nutting (for Mayor Billy Paul Carneal), Mr. Ed Oliphant (for Vice-Mayor Diane Neighbors), Mr. Dana Richardson (for Mayor Shane McFarland), Mr. Tim Roach, Mayor Ken Wilber

Approve May 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Ken Wilber, Chair, opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m. Mayor John Coombs moved to approve the May 21, 2014 meeting minutes. Mr. Tim Roach seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

Mr. Steve Reiter, Nashville, said that the TIP amendments should be out for 30 days for public review and comment instead of the 21 days.

Ms. Margo Chambers, Nashville, said that she asks questions that never get answered which causes this body not to be in compliance with federal regulations on transparency. She said that the Bylaws should be reviewed by the public and this body needs citizen representation. She said that only one transit organization should be on the Board which means that GNRC should not have a place on the Board because they oversaw the RTA before MTA took over. She also said that the weighted vote should be deleted in favor of one vote for one jurisdiction. She also said that since the MPO staff is hosted by Metro Planning, all public comment periods should cover two Metro Council meetings as well as a 30-day public notice.

MPO Chair's Report

Mayor John Coombs said introduced Aaron Douglas as Goodlettsville's Top Teen. He is a senior at Davidson Academy where he is the President of the Student Body. He encouraged the members to meet Mr. Douglas after the meeting. Mr. Douglas received a round of applause.

Mayor Wilber said that the Tennessee Municipal League is discussing dedicated funding for transit.

Mayor Wilber said that the members should mark their calendars for November 12, 2014 for the joint annual meeting with the TCC. Mr. Michael Skipper, MPO director, said that this meeting will be the first joint meeting/luncheon. The meeting will be used to reassess the regional goals and objectives prior to the new 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) which is scheduled for adoption in December 2015. He said that invitations will be sent to state and federal legislators from the Middle Tennessee area.

Proposed Amendments to the FYs 2014-2017 TIP

Mr. Skipper said that the below amendments have been out for the required 21-day public review and comment period. He said that no comments were received.

Mayor Wilber opened the public hearing. Ms. Chambers said that since the State can't match the funds project 2011-85-125 should be deleted. She said to approve it would cause unfair tax burden on Nashvillians. With no further comment, Mayor Wilber closed the public hearing.

Mr. Tim Roach moved to adopt the resolution 2014-002 amending the FYs 2014-2017 TIP. Mayor Jo Ann Graves seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

AMENDMENTS:

TIP #	RTP #	Project Name	Sponsor	Action
2009-72-035	1072-348	SR-109 Reconstruction and Widening	TDOT	Add funds
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2014-18-045	Consistent	I-65/I-40 Bridge Rehabilitation	TDOT	Add phase/funds
2014-110-058	Consistent	SR-112 Reconstruction	TDOT	Add project to TIP
AM-018	1052-223	SR-109 Widening	TDOT	Add phase/funds
2011-72-164	1072-214	I-40 Widening and HOV Lanes	TDOT	Add phase/funds
99-NEW-29	1057-178	Hendersonville Closed Loop and Signal Upgrade	Hendersonville	Add project to TIP
2011-85-125	1085-323	Expansion of Regional Bus Services	RTA	Shift funds
2014-85-059	1085-323	Express Bus Service from Dickson County	RTA	Add project to TIP
2014-82-049	1012-185	Nolensville Road Reconstruction and Widening	TDOT	Add funds
2011-610-165	Consistent	Fairview 3R Improvement Projects Grouping	Fairview	Add funds

SCHEDULE:

- 5/7 – TCC Endorsement
- 5/21 – XB Endorsement
- 5/23-6/18 – Public Review and Comment Period

- 6/4 – First Public Hearing (TCC)
- 6/18 – Second Public Hearing / Adoption (XB)
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Proposed Amendments to MPO Bylaws

Mr. Skipper said that Board voted to revise its official metropolitan planning area on December 19, 2013 to include Maury and Robertson counties. Staff is requesting an amendment to the bylaws to enable voting privileges for the new members, and to add a transit representative from the Nashville-Davidson Urbanized Area.

Mayor Philip Craighead moved to adopt resolution 2014-003, amending the MPO Bylaws. Mayor Coombs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Endorse FY2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Skipper said that the UPWP serves as the operating budget for the MPO and shows how the MPO is meeting federal regulations. He said that the annual dues will be due by December 31st and that there is no increase recommended. The Board will adopt the FY 2015 UPWP at the August meeting.

Mr. Roach moved to endorse FY 2015 UPWP for public review and comment. Mayor Coombs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MPO Director's Report

- Update on 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Activities & Schedule
Mr. Skipper that the call-for-projects in July for the new RTP. He said that at the July 2nd TCC meeting the software that will be used during this Plan update will be shown and training will be given. He said that in October there will be workshops in each county going over the list of projects. At the annual meeting in November the composite list of projects will be given. The staff will then go through the proposed list of projects to make sure the funds are available. The final list of projects will be issued in early 2015.
- Update on Consultant Activities
Mr. Skipper said that the SR-019 Access Management Agreement committee held its kick-off meeting on June 9th. The consultant is Gresham, Smith & Partners.
- Update on MPO staffing
Mr. Skipper announced that Michelle Lacewell and Rochelle Carpenter will join the staff in July. He said that Ms. Lacewell will be the new Communications Director and also will assume the

newly formed responsibility of the MPO Deputy Director. Ms. Carpenter will help support a number of initiatives across the region.

- **Other Comments**

Mr. Skipper said that the Federal Highway Trust Fund is set to expire on September 30th. He said that the Administration has proposed a 4-year \$300B gas tax plus a corporate tax reform to fill the difference. The Senate has proposed a 6-year \$265B bill. Senator Corker of Tennessee and Senator Murphy of Connecticut will be proposing a gas tax increase of \$0.12 to stabilize the trust fund. Mayor Ken Moore said that the Mayors Caucus has written a letter endorsing the increase and advocating for more local control of the money.

Other Business

- Mr. Corbin Davis said that the MPO had its Certification Review (which happens every 4 years for all MPOs that are over 200,000 in population). The FHWA and the FTA were involved with the review which lasted two days, June 11th and 12th with the staff. He also said that there was a public meeting and a listening session with the TCC and Board members. He said that the report will be out in August and he will present it to the Board at the August meeting.
- Mayor Wilber welcomed Mayor Howard Bradley of Robertson County to the Board and the other new mayors to the Board. Mayor Bradley thanked everyone for supporting Robertson County's bid to become a member.
- Mayor Craighead asked if any of the money in Senator Corker's tax increase be set aside for transit. Mr. Skipper said that he didn't know.
- Mayor Burgess asked if the other transit systems, like Rover in Murfreesboro and the Franklin Transit, also have a seat on the Board. Mr. Skipper said that only the designated recipient of federal funds, which is MTA, will be on the Board. He said that the State is the designated recipient for the other systems. According to MAP-21 this seat goes to the designated recipient of FTA 5303 funds which is MTA. He said that Mr. Ed Oliphant (interim CEO for MTA/RTA) now represents the Nashville Vice-Mayor and that he would vacate that position in favor of whomever Mayor Karl Dean appoints. He may, however, be the representative of MTA on the Board.
- Mayor Rogers Anderson said that it is important to include the county highway superintendents to the Annual meeting so that they can be included in the discussion.
- Executive Anthony Holt invited the Board to the opening of the Douglass-Clark historic house on July 21st at 6:00 p.m. He said that this house (constructed in 1783) was used as the Courthouse from 1786-1790 and at 6:30 on the 21st; the Sumner County Commission will hold its meeting there (224 years since the last commission meeting was held there).

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Date: 8-20-14

Kenn Wilber

The Honorable Kenneth Wilber
Chairman, MPO Executive Board

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Michael Skipper, AIC
Executive Director & Secretary