

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD
of the
Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
November 12, 2014

Attendees: Mayor Jimmy Alexander, Mayor Rogers Anderson, Mr. Andy Barlow (for Mayor Ed Hagerty), Mr. Kirk Bednar (for Mayor Betsy Crossley), Mr. Steve Bland, Mayor Howard Bradley, Mayor Ernest Burgess, Mayor Patti Carroll, Mayor John Coombs, Mayor Philip Craighead, Mayor Bonnette Dawson, Mayor Karl Dean, Mayor Dean Dickey, Mr. Gerald Herman (for Mayor Michael Arnold), Executive Anthony Holt, Mayor Randall Hutto, Ms. Pam Kordenbrock, Mr. Victor Lay (for Mayor Rick Graham), Mayor Ken Moore, Mayor Charlie Norman, Mr. Paul Nutting (for Mayor Billy Paul Carneal), Mr. Toks Omishakin (for Gov. Bill Haslam), Mr. Dana Richardson (for Mayor Shane McFarland), Mr. Kevin Rigsby (for Mayor Mary Esther Reed), Mr. Tim Roach, Mr. Fred Rogers (for Mayor Scott Foster), Mayor Ken Wilber

Approve September 17, 2014 Executive Board minutes

Mayor Ken Wilber, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Mayor Wilber recognized the Vice-Chair of the Executive Board, Mayor Randall Hutto, and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), Mr. Doug Demosi and Mr. Mike Harris. He also thanked the State Legislators and Senators who attended.

Mayor Ken Moore moved to approve the September 17, 2014 meeting minutes with Mayor Randall Hutto seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Endorse Policy Framework for 2040 RTP

Mr. Michael Skipper, MPO director, presented an overview of the planning process and guiding principles of the project evaluation process for the 2040 RTP which is a major update to the 2035 RTP and scheduled for adoption in December 2015. He said that the more than 3 million people who are expected to be living in the Middle Tennessee region by 2040 will have a significant impact on the transportation system. A video was shown to convey the importance of transportation planning for communicates across Middle Tennessee. Mr. Skipper presented staff's recommended policy framework for the RTP.

Mr. Fred Rogers moved to endorse the policy framework with Executive Anthony Holt seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Endorse the MPO Active Transportation Grant Awards, TDOT MMAF Priorities

Ms. Leslie Meehan, MPO staff, presented the list of 10 projects that the BPAC has reviewed and recommended for awards from the MPO's \$12 million Active Transportation Program. The active

transportation program was established with the 2035 RTP to help support the development of more walkable communities. She said that sidewalks and bicycle facilities are no longer a community amenity, but an integral part of our regional transportation network. Ms. Meehan said that 9 of the project awards are for infrastructure and 1 is for non-infrastructure.

Mayor Philip Craighead moved to endorse the MPO grants for the named projects. Mayor Ken Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Meehan said that the TDOT Multimodal Access Fund (MMAF) provides state revenue to support bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects along state routes or must connect to a state route. The project funding request cannot exceed \$1M. He said that each MPO and RPO can submit two projects for funding. The two projects we are submitting are 1) West 7th multimodal streetscape in Columbia and 2) Lebanon Road sidewalks in Mt. Juliet. The awards will be in January.

Mayor Karl Dean moved to endorse the regional priorities for TDOT's Multi-Modal Access Fund. Mayor Hutto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Proposed Amendments to the FYs 2014-2017 TIP

Mr. Skipper introduced Ms. Anna Emerson to present a series of proposed amendments to the MPO's fiscal years 2014 through 2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He mentioned that the TIP currently includes approximately \$1 billion in federal, state, and local revenue for near-term transportation projects across the seven county area. Ms. Anna Emerson, MPO staff, gave a brief overview of the 19 proposed amendments to the FYs 2014-2017 TIP.

Mayor Moore moved to endorse the amendments to go out for public review and comment. Mr. Gerald Herman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Endorse Priorities for TDOT Three-Year Program

Mr. Skipper said that TDOT requests the local communities work through the MPO to develop a list of priorities to be included in the TDOT three-year work program that will be presented to the State Legislature as part of the state's budget. Mr. Skipper provided staff's recommendations for that set of regional priorities to include: 1) continued state participation in matching grants from FTA, 2) continued state funding for transit operating assistance for regional public transit agencies, and 3) continued commitment of state funds and state-managed federal funds identified in the MPO's current Transportation Improvement Program, and 4) 28 projects individual projects that TDOT or local governments have identified for construction over the next three years.

Executive Anthony Holt moved to endorse the regional priorities for TDOT's three-year program with Mayor Dean seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Recognition of MPO Annual Leadership Award Recipient

Mr. Skipper said that the work of the MPO is important for pulling together local and state partners from across the region to collaborate on issues related to growth and development and transportation infrastructure, but that the implementation of its adopted plans and strategies rests with individuals and organizations outside of the agency. The MPO has established a new annual leadership awards program to show its appreciation for community and business leaders from across Middle Tennessee who are helping to advance regional plans and programs. This is the first year for these awards. Mr. Skipper introduced Ms. Michelle Lacewell, MPO deputy director, to announce the first two awards.

Ms. Michelle Lacewell said the award for “Excellence in Ladders of Opportunity” goes to MTA and Nashville Public Schools for spearheading efforts to promote regional prosperity by embracing diversity and expanding transportation options for traditionally underserved community members. The MTA and the Metro Nashville Public School system established a program, Stride Youth Mobility Program, which allows students to ride the MTA buses for free which enables school choice. Mr. Steve Bland, MTA, and Mr. Fred Carr, MNPS, accepted the award.

Ms. Lacewell said the award for “Excellence in Community Development” goes to Mr. Jack Bell for his leadership in the Hamilton Springs Transit Oriented Development along the commuter rail corridor between Lebanon and Nashville. Mayor Hutto accepted for Mr. Bell.

Ms. Meehan said the award for “Excellence in Public Health” goes to the YMCA of Middle Tennessee for their leadership in promoting policies and legislation aimed at improving public health outcomes. Mr. Ted Cornelius accepted the award.

Ms. Rochelle Carpenter, MPO staff, said the award for “Excellence in Innovation for Creative Placemaking” goes to Conexión Américas and Metro Public Works its plan to integrate the arts into a much needed crosswalk on Nolensville Road which also will include the region’s first bilingual signage. Ms. Renata Soto, Conexión Américas and Mr. Chip Knauf of MPW accepted the award.

They each received a round of applause.

Mr. Skipper said the “Spirit of Transportation Leadership Award” is presented to Mr. Ed Cole for his leadership on a broad range of transportation projects and initiatives over his illustrious career. Mr. Cole said the idea of transportation, regionally, is important and that taking ideas and turning them into projects is a rewarding, but difficult task. He thanked everyone for the friendship and leadership over the years. He received a standing ovation.

Other business

Mayor Wilber thanked the MPO staff for their hard work. He asked them to stand and they received a round of applause. He also thanked Ms. Beth Osborne for her presentation.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Date: 12/10/14

Kenneth Wilber

The Honorable Kenneth Wilber
Chairman, MPO Executive Board

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Michael Skipper, AICP
Executive Director & Secretary