

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD
of the
Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
December 10, 2014

Attendees: Mayor Rogers Anderson, Mr. Steve Bland, Ms. Katy Braden (for Gov. Bill Haslam), Mayor Ernest Burgess, Mayor Philip Craighead, Mayor Betsy Crossley, Mr. Corbin Davis, Mayor Karl Dean, Mayor Scott Foster, Mayor Rick Graham, Mr. Gerald Herman (for Mayor Michael Arnold), Executive Anthony Holt, Mayor Randall Hutto, Mayor Tim Lassiter, Mr. Ken Martin (for Mayor Ed Hagerly), Mayor Ken Moore, Mr. Paul Nutting (for Mayor Billy Paul Carneal), Mayor Mary Esther Reed, Mr. Dana Richardson (for Mayor Shane McFarland), Mr. Tim Roach, Mayor Ken Wilber

Approve November 12, 2014 meeting minutes

Mayor Ken Wilber, Chair, opened the meeting at 9:04 a.m. Mayor Ken Moore moved to approve the November 12, 2014 meeting minutes with Mayor Mary Esther Reed seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Ms. Margo Chambers, Nashville, said that she never seems to get any answers to any of the questions she asks and who is responsible for doing this. She wanted to know who informed the MPO that the Amp will be ready for construction by 2016 and that since Mayor Dean is no longer asking for money for this project, the MPO should amend its priority list for TDOT to delete the Amp. She also said that the NashvilleNext plan is not as popular as the Metro Planning Department would have the citizens believe. Since the MPO contracts through Metro, she said this seems that MPO funds are going to this project.

Mr. Robert Hartline, Nashville, said that according to reports money is left over for the Amp design budget and this Board should not continue to abandon this federal money grab known as the Amp. He said that technology is reducing the need for cars faster than \$175M can be spent through new trends of e-commerce, telecommuting, and on-line education which means that this project is not necessary. The money should go to things like a dedicated bus rapid bus down the center of West End, a straight-up bus going from East Nashville to the West End, updated bus system, and smart traffic lights. The money should be spent wisely and should go to innovations and not concrete to fix the problems.

Mr. Rick Williams, Nashville, is with the Stop Amp group. He supports a true workable mass transit system that does not include the Amp. He said that the Board should not keep pushing a project that the Mayor has abandoned and that the majority of the citizen committee that was appointed to study

the issue said it shouldn't be done. Let's go back to the drawing board and involve the public from the entire region to have a true regional mass transit system.

MPO Chair's Report

- Mayor Wilber said that the Annual Meeting was very good and thanked the MPO staff for all of the hard work that went into it.
- He noted that the 2015 meeting calendar was in the packet.
- Mayor Wilber appointed Mayor Rogers Anderson, Mayor Karl Dean, Mayor Ernest Burgess, and Mr. Tim Roach to the nominating committee for 2015 officers.
- Mayor Wilber welcomed Mayor Tim Lassiter of Millersville to the meeting.

Approve Amendments to the FYs 2014-2017 TIP

Mayor Wilber opened the public hearing. Margo Chambers, Nashville, questions the shifting of local funds between by the MTA/RTA. She asked if the bus service to Dickson and other outlying areas are funded with Metro council general funds or from the local city governments.

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

Mr. Michael Skipper said that if there are any questions Ms. Anna Emerson, MPO staff, will be glad to answer them.

Mayor Moore moved to adopt resolution 2014-008 amending the FYs 2014-207 TIP. Mayor Randall Hutto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Update on NashvilleNext

Mr. Rick Bernhardt, Metro Planning Commission Executive Director, gave an overview of the new Nashville Plan. He said that in Davidson County the projection is that 75% of the new housing need will be for rental opportunities. The key take-aways are 1) protect sensitive environmental features, 2) a complete transit network, 3) activity centers throughout most parts of the county, 4) strategic infill that supports transit lines and activity centers, and 5) protect and enhance the character of different parts of the county.

MPO Director's Report

- Update on the 2040 RTP activities and schedule
Mr. Michael Skipper, MPO director, said that the staff is continuing to reach out to all of the jurisdictions to identify their priorities for the new plan. The draft plan will go to the Feds and

TDOT in late Spring for their review. The MPO will hold public meetings for input in the fall with adoption in December of 2015.

- List of FY 2014 Federally-Obligated projects
Mr. Skipper said that the list of obligated projects for FY 2014 will be posted on the website shortly.

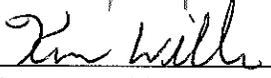
Other business

Mayor Ernest Burgess asked what the time frame for implementing projects is once it is on the approved priority list and has any money been spent. Mr. Skipper said that everything starts with the RTP identifying the projects that will spend \$6B throughout the 25 years. All federal money must be approved by the Executive Board. Once the money is appropriated, it is obligated into the TIP. These are real dollars. Each year the TIP shows which phase the project is in. Federal funding is a reimbursement based program. TDOT presents a 3-year work program each winter to the Legislature for funding.

Mayor Burgess asked if the priority projects identified are in the TIP yet. Mr. Skipper said some are but all of them are in the RTP.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Date: 1/21/15


The Honorable Kenneth Wilber
Chairman, MPO Executive Board


Michael Skipper, AICP
Executive Director and Secretary