



NASHVILLE AREA

# Metropolitan Planning Organization

THE HONORABLE KENNETH WILBER, CHAIRMAN  
DOUG DEMOSI, TECHNICAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN  
MICHAEL SKIPPER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & SECRETARY

## MPO Executive Board

Wednesday, January 21, 2015 @ 9:00 AM

Second Floor Conference Room of the Nashville MTA Music City Central Station  
400 Charlotte Avenue in Nashville, Tennessee

### 1. **ACTION ITEM:** Approve December 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes ([attachment](#))

### 2. Public Comment

### 3. MPO Chair's Report

### 4. **Information:** Recap of 2014 and Fiscal Year Ending Federal Obligations

MPO staff will present a recap of accomplishments during the 2014 calendar year and provide an overview of how nearly \$154 million in federal funding was obligated on transportation projects across the region between October 1, 2013 and September 30, 2014. A complete list of federally-obligated projects and a summary report is available at:

[http://www.nashvillempo.org/docs/TIP/Annual\\_Listing\\_Obligated\\_Projects/FY2014\\_Obligations.pdf](http://www.nashvillempo.org/docs/TIP/Annual_Listing_Obligated_Projects/FY2014_Obligations.pdf)

The "State of Transportation in Middle Tennessee," the MPO's annual report, is available at:

[http://www.nashvillempo.org/docs/Annual\\_Report/2014\\_Annual\\_Report.pdf](http://www.nashvillempo.org/docs/Annual_Report/2014_Annual_Report.pdf)

### 5. **ACTION ITEM:** Public Comment Period for 2015 Annual Public Meeting

The MPO's *Public Participation Plan* (adopted 7-18-2007) calls for the board to hold an annual meeting for the purpose of receiving public comments pertaining to any of the agency's plans and programs. This meeting is in addition to the membership luncheon scheduled for November.

**REQUESTED ACTION:** Solicit feedback from the public on MPO plans and programs.

### 6. **ACTION ITEM:** Elect Officers for 2015

A nominating committee will report its recommendations for chair and vice-chair of the MPO executive board for the 2015 calendar year. The executive director serves as secretary of the board.

**REQUESTED ACTION:** Elect a board chair and vice-chair for 2014 calendar year.

### 7. MPO Director's Report

- Preview of 2015 Activities
- Other Comments

### 8. Other Business

### 9. Adjourn until February 18, 2015

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**Agenda Item 1. December 10 XB Meeting Minutes**

**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 Hagerty), 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.

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The Honorable Kenneth Wilber  
Chairman, MPO Executive Board

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Michael Skipper, AICP  
Executive Director and Secretary