



NASHVILLE AREA

Metropolitan Planning Organization

Mission

The Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) facilitates strategic planning for the region's multi-modal transportation system by serving as a forum for collaboration among local communities and state leaders. The vision of the MPO is to develop policies and programs that direct public funds to transportation projects that increase access to opportunity and prosperity, while promoting the health and wellness of Middle Tennesseans and their environment.

About

The Nashville Area MPO is the federally-designated transportation planning agency for Davidson, Maury, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson, and Wilson counties. Serving as a regional partnership among the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), local elected leadership, local planning and public works directors, the business community, and citizens across the seven county planning area, the MPO leads in the development of the region's long-range transportation plan and short-range Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and contributes to ongoing conversations about issues such as land use, economic development, climate change and the environment, safety and security, and public health.

The MPO has the authority to plan, prioritize and select roadway and transit projects for federal funding appropriated by the United States Congress through the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration. The MPO also is responsible for ensuring the region is in compliance with federal transportation planning requirements and national ambient air quality standards.

Agency Structure

Executive Board

The Executive Board consists of the principal elected official from each of the seven MPO counties, as well as cities in those counties with a population of 5,000 or more people. Additional board members include the Tennessee Governor, a representative from the Greater Nashville Regional Council, a representative from the public transit operators, and staff from the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration. The Board provides a forum for collaboration and governs the decision-making related to regional transportation policy, planning, and funding.

Technical Coordinating Committee

The Technical Coordinating Committee consists of administrators, planning directors, and engineers from local governments and transportation-related agencies. The TCC is responsible for assisting MPO staff with preparing and reviewing data, analyzing trends, and developing recommendations for the Executive Board. The TCC also is responsible for coordinating local implementation of MPO projects and policies.

Executive Director and Staff

The MPO Staff provides professional transportation planning services and ongoing administration of planning projects to the entire region. Staff is managed by an Executive Director who reports to the Executive Board.

Executive Board Composition & Voting

The following presents the MPO Executive Board composition as of June 12, 2014. Each member has an equally weighted vote, when present, except for cases when a member calls for a ‘critical issue’ vote. In those cases, a motion may only be approved by a two-thirds majority using a population proportional vote, and only at a subsequent meeting.

- Governor State of Tennessee
- Mayor City of Brentwood
- Mayor City of Columbia
- Mayor City of Fairview
- Mayor City of Gallatin
- Mayor City of Franklin
- Mayor City of Goodlettsville
- Mayor City of Greenbrier
- Elected Official Greater Nashville Regional Council
- Mayor City of Hendersonville
- Mayor City of LaVergne
- Mayor City of Lebanon
- County Mayor Maury County
- Metro Mayor Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County
- Vice-Mayor Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County
- Mayor City of Millersville
- Mayor City of Mt. Juliet
- Mayor City of Murfreesboro
- CEO/Board Member** Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority(MTA)**
- Mayor Town of Nolensville
- Mayor City of Portland
- County Mayor Robertson County
- County Mayor Rutherford County
- Mayor Town of Smyrna
- Mayor City of Springfield
- Mayor City of Spring Hill
- County Executive Sumner County
- Mayor City of White House
- County Mayor Williamson County
- County Mayor Wilson County
- Division Administrator* Federal Highway Administration (*Ex-officio*)
- Director, Region IV* Federal Transit Administration (*Ex-officio*)

**Non-Voting Member*

**** Transit Agency Representative** – The federal law known as “MAP-21” requires that the MPO governing board include direct representation by a transit agency. The MPO bylaws provide a voting seat to the CEO, or a member of the agency’s board, of each transit provider serving as “designated recipient” of FTA urbanized area formula funds. Currently, the Nashville MTA is the only “designated recipient” within the MPO planning area. The transit representative acts on behalf of all other public transit operators within the region.

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**Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Executive Board Composition and Voting Weights
Adopted June 2014**

MEMBER	2010 CENSUS (3)	SHARE	Votes by Member	Weighted Votes (4)
City of Brentwood	37,060	2.48%	1	5
City of Columbia	34,681	2.32%	1	5
City of Fairview	7,720	0.52%	1	1
City of Franklin	62,487	4.18%	1	8
City of Gallatin	30,278	2.03%	1	4
City of Goodlettsville	15,921	1.07%	1	2
City of Greenbrier	6,433	0.43%	1	1
City of Hendersonville	51,372	3.44%	1	7
City of LaVergne	32,588	2.18%	1	4
City of Lebanon	26,190	1.75%	1	4
City of Millersville	6,440	0.43%	1	1
City of Mount Juliet	23,671	1.58%	1	3
City of Murfreesboro	108,755	7.28%	1	15
City of Portland	11,480	0.77%	1	2
City of Spring Hill	29,036	1.94%	1	4
City of Springfield	16,440	1.10%	1	2
City of White House	10,255	0.69%	1	1
Town of Nolensville	5,861	0.39%	1	1
Town of Smyrna	39,974	2.68%	1	5
Nashville-Davidson County	616,362	41.25%	2	82
Maury County	39,252	2.63%	1	5
Robertson County	36,945	2.47%	1	5
Rutherford County	81,287	5.44%	1	11
Sumner County	51,683	3.46%	1	7
Williamson County	48,041	3.21%	1	6
Wilson County	64,132	4.29%	1	9
State of Tennessee			1	1
Greater Nashville Regional Council			1	1
Transit Representative (1)			1	1
Federal Highway Administration (2)			0	0
Federal Transit Administration (2)			0	0
Total	1,494,344		30	203

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(2)Federal agencies are represented as non-voting members

(3)County population includes unincorporated areas plus municipalities under 5,000

(4)Each member has an equally weighted vote, when present, except for cases when a member calls for a ‘critical issue’ vote. In those cases, a motion may only be approved with a two-thirds majority using a population proportional vote, and only at a subsequent meeting held no less than 30 days from the call for a vote, unless the member calling for a 'critical issue' vote agrees.