

Agenda Item 1. September 5 TCC Meeting Minutes

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TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE Of the

Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

September 5, 2012

Attendees: Ms. Lora Baulsir, Mr. Michael Briggs, Mr. Jonathon Cleghon, Mr. Marc Corrigan, Mr. Billy Davis, Mr. Corbin Davis, Mr. Joren Dunnavant, Ms. Elizabeth Emslie, Mr. Butch Gelband, Mr. Rick Gregory, Mr. Joe Horne, Mr. Jim McAteer, Mr. Addam McCormick, Ms. Angie Midgett, Mr. John Pewitt, Mr. Rob Raney, Mr. Dana Richardson, Mr. Kevin Rigsby, Mr. Tim Roach, Mr. Fred Rogers, Mr. Jim Svoboda, Ms. Diane Thorne

Approve August 1, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Jim McAteer, Chair, opened the meeting at 10:33 a.m. Mr. Tim Roach moved to approve the August 1, 2012 meeting minutes with Mr. Kevin Rigsby seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Mr. Jay Everett of 928 Ireland Street, Nashville said that he was speaking on behalf of Transit Now Nashville to voice support for the East-West Connector bus rapid transit project.

Mr. David Coode of 4101 Utah Ave., Nashville spoke on behalf of the Nashville ULI organization. He said that they are fully supporting the BRT and pledged to help promote transit in Middle Tennessee

TCC Chair's Report

There was no Chair's report.

PUBIC HEARING: Amendment to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan

Mr. McAteer said that the following amendment to the *2035 Regional Transportation Plan* (RTP) to allow continued funding to an ongoing TDOT project located in Murfreesboro is completing a required 30-day public review and comment period.

Amend #	RTP #	Project Name	Sponsor	Action
3	1244-002	SR-1 & SR-96 Intersection Grade Separation	TDOT	Add project to RTP

Mr. McAteer opened the public hearing. There was no comment. Mr. McAteer closed the public hearing.

Mr. Dana Richardson moved to endorse the proposed amendment for consideration by the Board. Mr. Rick Gregory seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

More information about the 2035 Plan is available on the MPO's website at: www.nashvillempo.org/plans_programs/rtp/

The schedule for adoption is:

- 8/1 – TCC endorsement
- 8/15 – XB endorsement
- 8/16-9/18 – Public review and comment period
- **9/5 - First public hearing (TCC)**
- 9/19 - Second public hearing / adoption (XB)

PUBLIC HEARING: Amendments to the FYs 2011-2015 TIP

Mr. Félix Castrodad, MPO staff, said that the following amendments to the *Transportation Improvement Program* (TIP) for Amendment Cycle D for FY12 are completing a required 21-day public review and comment period.

Mr. Gregory asked if TDOT is planning on expanding the ITS reader boards to arterials as well as on the interstates. Ms. Midgett said she doesn't believe so but will look into it.

Mr. McAteer opened the public hearing. There was no comment. Mr. McAteer closed the public hearing.

Mr. Jim Svoboda moved to endorse the proposed amendments for consideration by the Board and Mr. Gregory seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

More information about the TIP, including proposed amendments, is available on the MPO's website at: http://www.nashvillempo.org/plans_programs/tip/

TIP #	RTP #	Project Name	Sponsor	Action
2011-42-143	1042-131	Bradyville Pike (SR-99) Widening	Murfreesboro	Add funds
2012-44-201	1244-002	SR-1 & SR-96 Intersection Grade Separation	TDOT	Add project to TIP
2009-56-027	1056-300	Town Creek Greenway	Gallatin	Add funds
2012-87-192	Consistent	I-24E Smartway Expansion	TDOT	Add funds

TIP #	RTP #	Project Name	Sponsor	Action
2012-58-202	Consistent	Douglass-Clark House Restoration	Sumner County	Add project to TIP

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Presentation: Tennessee Regions' Roundtable

Bridget Jones, Ph.D., executive director of Cumberland Region Tomorrow, presented an overview on the recently launched Tennessee Regions' Roundtable. The Roundtable is a network of five lead regional leadership organizations and partners, state and federal agency advisors, affiliate agency partners, and philanthropic leaders working collaboratively for successful implementation of Quality Communities Principles and Practices across the regions of Tennessee.

She said that there are six issues of regional importance. These are 1) transportation/transit, 2) land use/quality growth/sustainable development, 3) infrastructure, 4) open space conservation, 5) air and water quantity and quality, and 5) economic competitiveness.

She said that Tennessee is the first state to set up this type of network. The actions of the roundtable are to create leadership and expertise, develop new regional capacity and synergy, position Tennessee as the leading southern state, and advance Tennessee's economic vitality, livability and sustainability through Quality Communities Principles.

More information on the Roundtable is available on the web at:

<http://www.tnregionsroundtable.org/>

Tennessee Department of Transportation Report

Ms. Midgett said that TDOT has contracted with the Atkins Group for an I-24 corridor study similar to the study they did on I-40/I-81 a couple of years ago. She said that they will be seeking input from the MPOs in Chattanooga, Nashville, and Clarksville.

She also said that the TDOT Region 3 bus tour of projects is September 24-27. Mr. Skipper said that he would email the members the details about this tour.

MPO Director's Report

a) *More information about the FYs 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program Schedule*

Mr. Skipper provided an overview of the schedule for the development of the new TIP. The key dates: October 17th is the call-for-projects, December 14th is the deadline for project proposals, May 15th the Board will endorse the draft TIP and project priorities, September 18th the draft will go out for public review & comment after endorsement by the Board, and on October 16th the Board will adopt the TIP after the second public hearing. He said that workshops will be held between these key dates to work out priorities and the project list.

b) *Planning for the next MPO Regional Symposium*

Mr. Skipper said that the symposium will be one and half days on October 11-12, 2012 (LATER SHIFTED TO OCT 25 & 26). The topics on the first day will be on national transportation policy framework and the statewide perspective, improving public health through transportation policy & programs, advancing regional transit plans (advice from experienced peers), overcoming funding challenges in a fiscally-constrained environment, and a MAP-21 working session. On the second day the topics will be around economic development and mass transit including developing real estate around transit and incorporating transit into local policy, comprehensive plans, & ordinances.

c) *Other comments*

- Mr. Skipper said that he and Ms. Leslie Meehan, MPO staff, took part in the White House Roundtable on public health and transportation discussing how these issues are handled locally. Ms. Meehan said that there were 60 senior level staffers from USDOT, CDC, and USHUD. There were also non-profit organizations participating: National Health Association, Smart Growth America, and AARP. She said that there were 3 sessions: 1) interagency cooperation, 2) how non-profits are engaged, and 3) how all of this is playing out.
- Mr. Skipper said that the MPO membership expansion committee has met but deferred any action until a second meeting. He said that Robertson and Maury Counties are still interested in becoming members. Also, Nolensville now has over 5,000 in population and is eligible to have a member on the TCC and Board. He also said that according to MAP-21, transit agencies have to have a formal presence on the Board. All of these changes will be incorporated into the By-laws.
- Mr. Skipper said that LandDesign, Inc. has delivered the Executive Summary for the Tri-County Land Use study.

Other Business

Mr. Butch Gelband said that the Airport is working on its Master Plan and will hold a public hearing on September 18th from 6-8 p.m. at Metro Southeast. More information is on their website <http://www.flynashville.com/about/masterplan.aspx>

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Date: _____

Jim McAteer, Chair
Technical Coordinating Committee

Michael Skipper, AICP
Executive Director & Secretary of the Technical Coordinating Committee