

## MINUTES

### TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE Of the

#### Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

February 6, 2013

**Attendees:** Ms. Lora Baulsir, Mr. Michael Briggs, Mr. Jonathan Cleghon, Mr. Kevin Comstock, Mr. Paul Corder, Mr. Marc Corrigan, Mr. Billy Davis, Mr. Corbin Davis, Mr. Doug Demosi, Ms. Isabelle Ford, Mr. Rick Gregory, Mr. Mike Harris, Mr. Gerald Herman, Mr. Joe Horne, Ms. Kia Lewis, Mr. Donn Lovvorn, Mr. Jim McAteer, Ms. Angie Midgett, Mr. John Pewitt, Mr. Kevin Rigsby, Mr. Tim Roach, Mr. Fred Rogers, Mr. Jim Svoboda, Ms. Diane Thorne

#### Approve December 5, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Jim McAteer, Chair, opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Tim Roach moved to approve the minutes with Mr. Rick Gregory seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Public Comment

There was no public comment.

#### TCC Chair's Report

Mr. McAteer said that the winter meeting of TAPA will be February 28-30 at Fall Creek Falls. Mr. Roach said that this conference is a "nuts and bolts" type of conference.

Mr. McAteer said that this year's Power of Ten Conference will be May 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Mitchell Silver, APA President and Chief Planning & Economic Development Officer for Raleigh, NC will be the keynote speaker.

#### Presentation: SR-109 Corridor Management Agreement

Mr. Larry McGoogin, TDOT Office of Community Transportation, gave a brief overview of this new section within in the Long Range Planning Division. He introduced Ms. Brenda Bernards, the new assistant director of Long Range Planning; Ms. Kim Thompson, coordinator for local programs in Region 3; and Katy Braden, his colleague within the Office of Community Transportation. He said that the mission of this new office is to coordinate transportation

planning and local land use decisions to guide the development of a safe and efficient transportation system by 1) coordinating TDOT transportation planning with local land use planning, 2) strengthening local partner collaboration and education and 3) improving communication between TDOT and local partners through planning efforts.

Ms. Katy Braden discussed the purpose, mission statement, roles & responsibilities, and membership of the SR-109 Corridor Management Committee. She said that this corridor is the backbone for the local economies that is widely used by commuters and freight. She said that this committee will support the findings and recommendations of the Tri-County Land Use and Transportation Study thereby 1) improving regional transportation for residents, commuters, and freight, 2) promoting economic development, and 3) preserving the community character. To do this the committee will use access management, land use planning, roadway design and capacity, and traffic management and operations. TDOT's role will mainly be advisory.

Mr. McAteer asked if other potential corridors in the State have been identified for this type of management agreement. Mr. McGoogin said not yet but that this agreement will serve as a model for the others around the State.

Mr. Michael Skipper, MPO director, said that this agreement between jurisdictions is an important step towards formalizing increased multi-jurisdictional coordination. Mr. Jim Svoboda said that this agreement is a key component to working with others in the corridor to improve communications between jurisdictions. Mr. Roach asked if TDOT is planning to extend this to non-MPO areas. Mr. McGoogin said yes it will be statewide.

### **Presentation: Obligation of Federal Funding in FY 2012**

Mr. Félix Castrodad, MPO staff, said that more than \$136 million in federal funding was obligated on transportation projects across the region between October 1, 2011 and September 30, 2012. He showed the obligations broken out by programming authority, program area, and system type as well as a graph showing the FHWA and FTA obligations history.

Mr. Svoboda asked if it is possible to get a quarterly report from TDOT showing the obligations. Mr. Castrodad said that TDOT doesn't automatically send them but it can be requested. Mr. Billy Davis said that obligations by phases of local projects need to be added.

A complete list of federally-obligated projects and a full report is available at:

[http://www.nashvillempo.org/docs/TIP/Annual\\_Listing\\_Obligated\\_Projects/FY2012\\_Obligations.pdf](http://www.nashvillempo.org/docs/TIP/Annual_Listing_Obligated_Projects/FY2012_Obligations.pdf)

## Endorse MPO ITS & Operations Program Awards

Mr. Max Baker, MPO staff, announced the projects (listed below) that will be awarded money through the MPO's ITS & Operations Program established by the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. The FYs 2011-15 TIP included \$825,000 in MPO Surface Transportation Program (U-STP) funds to implement regional projects that improve system operations and performance. He said that the criteria were: 1) advancement of regional coordination on ITS / system operation solutions, 2) proposed innovation, 3) effectiveness of solution to improve roadway safety and/or traffic operations, and 4) sustainability of the effort. He said that staff recommends grant awards to the following three projects.

Mr. Svoboda moved to endorse the awards with Mr. Joe Horne seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

More information about the ITS/Operations Program is available at:

[http://www.nashvillempo.org/plans\\_programs/tip/ITS.aspx](http://www.nashvillempo.org/plans_programs/tip/ITS.aspx)

### **APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:**

<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Total \$\$</b>	<b>Request \$\$</b>
Metro Nashville/ Brentwood	Traffic/Signal Study and Optimization along Old Hickory Blvd and Franklin Pike Corridors	\$1,030,000	\$825,000
Mt. Juliet	Adaptive Signal Control Technology along Mt. Juliet Road	\$318,000	\$200,000
Williamson County Highway Department	Traffic Signal & LED Warning Signs @ N. Berry's Chapel & Lynwood Way	\$20,805	\$16,645

### **SCHEDULE:**

- 11/14 – Call for Projects Announced
- 1/14 – Application Deadline
- **2/6 – TCC Endorsement of Awards/ TIP Amendment**
- 2/20 – XB Endorsement of Awards/ TIP Amendment

## Endorse Amendments to FYs 2011-2015 TIP for Public Review

Mr. Castrodad said that the following amendments to the *Transportation Improvement Program* (TIP) require a 21-day public review and comment period is required prior to adoption by the Board.

Mr. Rick Gregory asked about the commuter rail study between Clarksville and Nashville. He wondered if this would include a look at abandoned rail lines that could be used for commuter rail. He also asked what type of service would be anticipated. Mr. McAteer (RTA) said that the

study would look at the old railway alignment and various type of technology that could be used to implement the service.

Mr. Castrodad said that one of the project’s description had been changed since the packet went out. Mr. Fred Rogers moved to endorse the amendments as corrected for public review and comment. Mr. Kevin Comstock seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

More information is available at [NashvilleMPO.org/plans\\_programs/tip/](http://NashvilleMPO.org/plans_programs/tip/).

**AMENDMENTS:**

TIP #	RTP #	Project Name	Sponsor	Action
2008-15-046	1015-310	Project Administration for Grant Programs	MTA	Add funds
2008-15-052	1015-316	AccessRide Buses	MTA	Add funds
2013-15-203	Consistent	Charging Stations	MTA	Add project to TIP
2008-15-054	1015-317	Bus Purchase and Replacement	MTA	Add funds, revise description
2013-89-204	Consistent	Clarksville Commuter Rail Study	RTA	Add project to TIP
2013-89-205	Consistent	Positive Train Control	RTA	Add project to TIP
2013-85-206	Consistent	Misc. Support Equip & Passenger Amenities	RTA	Add project to TIP
2013-85-207	Consistent	Music City Star Passing Siding	RTA	Add project to TIP
2013-85-208	Consistent	Music City Star Rail Replacement/Track Rehab	RTA	Ad project to TIP
2013-85-209	Consistent	Shore Power for Riverfront Station	RTA	Add project to TIP
2013-85-210	Consistent	Stationary Fare Collection Equipment	RTA	Add project to TIP
2013-85-211	Consistent	Installation of Wi-Fi on Music City Star	RTA	Add project to TIP
2013-85-212	Consistent	Purchase/Rehab Locomotive and Rail Cars	RTA	Add project to TIP
2013-85-213	Consistent	Rehab/Renovate Stations	RTA	Add project to TIP
2013-85-214	Consistent	Storage and Maintenance Yard for Railcars	RTA	Add project to TIP
2013-85-215	Consistent	Spare parts for stock	RTA	Add project to TIP
2013-45-216	Consistent	5309 (SGR) Bus Replacement	Rover	Add project to TIP
203	1047-290	Middle Tennessee Boulevard	Murfreesboro	Shift; add funds
2004-051	1062-170	SR-247 (Duplex Road) Widening	Spring Hill	Add funds
2011-76-035	1076-305	Cedar City Trail – Phase 5	Lebanon	Revise description; Change funding source; add funds
2011-610-165	Consistent	3R Improvements Projects Grouping	Fairview	Add funds
2012-61-175	1161-007	City Center Way Extension	Fairview	Shift funds; Remove from TIP
Various	Consistent	ITS/ Operations Program Awards	MPO	Add project to TIP

**SCHEDULE:**

- **2/6 – TCC Endorsement**
- 2/20 – XB Endorsement
- 2/21-3/20 – Public Review and Comment Period
- 3/6 – First Public Hearing (TCC)
- 3/20 – Second Public Hearing / Adoption (XB)

## **Endorse Candidates for FYs 2014-2017 TIP**

Mr. Skipper provided an overview of the projects that had been submitted by MPO members seeking MPO Surface Transportation Program funding for fiscal years 2014-2017. He said that the project requests for Nashville-Davidson Urbanized Area (UZA) STP funds exceed anticipated revenue by more than \$60M. He described a similar deficit of funding also existing for projects in the Murfreesboro Urbanized Area (UZA) and explained that an additional challenge exists for prioritizing projects for this TIP given the recent shift of Smyrna and LaVergne from the Murfreesboro UZA to the Nashville-Davidson UZA. He said that the MPO's task over the next two months will be to evaluate and prioritize projects for funding.

Mr. Gregory asked Mr. Skipper to clarify changes in the UZA boundaries between 2000 and 2010 as shown on the maps included in the packet. Mr. Skipper presented the maps and described the changes.

Mr. Skipper said that staff is requesting the TCC to endorse staff's recommendation to close the call-for-projects associated with MPO STP funds for the FYs 14-17 TIP and to finalize the list of projects that will be competing for funds.

Mr. Roach moved to endorse the list of candidate projects that will move on to the project evaluation and prioritization phase. Mr. Horne seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

More information about the development of the new TIP is available at [NashvilleMPO.org/FY1417](http://NashvilleMPO.org/FY1417).

### **SCHEDULE:**

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- *10/10 – TCC TIP Kickoff Work Session*
- *11/17 – Call for Projects Announced*
- *12/14 – Application Deadline*
- *1/31 – TCC TIP Work Session*
- **February 2013 – Formally Close Call-for-Projects/ Endorse Candidate Projects**
- *March/April – TCC Project Evaluation & Prioritization Work Sessions*
- *May 2013 – Endorse Draft TIP for Interagency Review*
- *September 2013 – Endorse Draft TIP for public Review and Comment*
- *October 2013 – Public Hearings/ Adoption*

## **MPO Director's Report**

- FY 2014 Unified Planning Work Program/ Anticipated MPO Dues  
Mr. Skipper said that staff has begun working on the FYs 14 UPWP. He said that the new work program will include a few activities that were started in the 2013 UPWP as well as new studies including Phase III of the Freight & Goods Movement Study, an update of the Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian study, and the SR-109 Access Management Study. Mr. Skipper said that if anyone has any new ideas for studies to let him know. Mr. Gregory asked if an audit be done of the usual traffic congestion “hot spots” showing ways to improve them. Mr. Skipper said that this is already on the radar – and that staff has been working to get better access to real time traffic data, and better geo-coding of crash data for a variety of planning applications.

Mr. Skipper also said that there probably won’t be an increase in membership dues for the upcoming year, so members should use the FY 2013 amounts when planning their upcoming fiscal year budgets.

- MPO Staffing  
Mr. Skipper announced the Ms. Jennifer Hill, MPO staff, has taken a position in Colorado and her last day is February 15<sup>th</sup>. He described several of her contributions over the last year and said that she will be missed.
- Other comments  
Ms. Mary Beth Ikard, MPO staff, said that the Nashville Next 2040 General Plan kick-off is February 16<sup>th</sup> at the Main Library from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. She said that it is the first in a series with speakers from around the nation knowledgeable about different aspects of city planning/growth.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

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Jim McAteer, Chair  
Technical Coordinating Committee

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Michael Skipper, Executive Director  
Secretary, Technical Coordinating Committee