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TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE Of the

Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

April 3, 2013

Attendees: Ms. Laura Baulsir, Ms. Katy Braden, Mr. Michael Briggs, Mr. Kevin Comstock, Mr. Paul Corder, Mr. Marc Corrigan, Mr. Billy Davis, Mr. Corbin Davis, Mr. Doug Demosi, Mr. John Finke, Ms. Isabelle Ford, Mr. Butch Gelband, Mr. Rick Gregory, Mr. Mike Harris, Mr. Gerald Herman, Mr. Joe Horne, Mr. George James, Mr. Jim McAteer, Mr. Dana Richardson, Mr. Fred Rogers, Mr. Jim Svoboda, Ms. Diane Thorne

Approve March 6, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Jim McAteer, Chair, opened the meeting at 10:31 a.m. Ms. Lora Baulsir moved to approve the March 6, 2013 meeting minutes with Mr. Butch Gelband seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

TCC Chair's Report

- ITS America Annual Conference, April 22-24 at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel
Mr. Marshall Elizer said that this is one of the first times the conference has been held outside Washington, D.C. There will be lots of exhibits. If you can't attend the entire conference, there will be one-day exhibit passes. Mr. McAteer said that one of the tours will be to MTA and see their vehicle location and computer dispatch in action. Mr. Michael Skipper, MPO director, said that there will be a special briefing and tour of the exhibit hall for the Mayors Caucus on the 23rd. He said that local engineers and/or ITS personnel are encouraged to join them. He said that he would email more information soon.
- Mr. McAteer reminded the members of the Regional Summit on May 1st at 1:00 p.m. He said that Mr. Mitchell Silver will be the keynote speaker. Mr. Skipper said that there will be a TCC will meet that morning but that he planned to have everyone out in time to get lunch before the Summit.

Presentation: NashvilleNext – Metro Nashville’s General Plan Update

Rick Bernhardt, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Planning Department, gave an overview of *NashvilleNext*, its implications for regional growth and development, and opportunities for inter-local collaboration. *NashvilleNext* is a community-driven process for creating a countywide plan to guide growth through 2040. He said that one of the things that it’s really important for people to understand is the rapidly changing demographics of the region. One of the challenges for tomorrow’s future is educating the workforce and healthy communities. By 2040, Nashville will have more jobs than people. He said that the infrastructure will need \$4.4B to maintain and build new. He said that this is a community-wide plan and wants to include anyone who lives, works, or invests in Nashville. He said that the overarching theme of everything that is being done is the importance of regionalism and the importance of the changing diversity of the population. The plan’s goals are 1) to enhance economic development, 2) expand education, housing, and employment for all residents, 3) achieve the efficient provision of public services, 4) expand the use of environmentally sound and sustainable development practices, and 5) increase neighborhood livability through healthy options and opportunities.

Mr. Bernhardt said that working with each jurisdiction individually and the TCC as a whole is important. He wants to share findings from the regional survey, to go over the comprehensive plans of the jurisdictions, to keep the TCC briefed on all information, to keep the TCC up to speed on trends. He said that he really wants input from the TCC. He introduced Ms. Jennifer Carlat, Assistant Executive Director for Planning, who will be heading the regional resource team.

Mr. Jim Svoboda said to let him know what Gallatin can do to help with this plan. Mr. Bernhardt said that everything will be coordinated through Mr. Skipper.

The effort will become an integral part of the MPO’s *2040 Regional Transportation Plan* scheduled for adoption in 2015.

More information is available at www.NashvilleNext.net

Presentation: Southeast Area Transportation & Land Use Study

Mr. Kevin Tilbury from the Gresham Smith and Partners consultant team SE Area Transportation & Land Use Study said that this study is a vitally important opportunity to continue planning and implementing a regional vision for growth and development in an area critical to the region’s economic future. The study will help coordinate local planning activities in the southeast portion of the metropolitan region in order inform local and regional transportation plans. The plan will do an economic and market

analysis of the area and analyze the transit market. He said that one of the key tools is economic/fiscal impact analysis for the local governments. The recommendations will look at what it will take to get from where we are to where we want to go.

Mr. Skipper said that the effort will become an integral part of the MPO's *2040 Regional Transportation Plan* scheduled for adoption in 2015.

More information is available at: <http://www.nashvillempo.org/southeast>

Draft FY 2014 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Skippers provided a brief overview of the proposed FY 2014 Unified Planning Work Program. He said that the UPWP serves as the operating budget for the MPO and meets key federal planning requirements to publish all planning activities funded by federal transportation grants. He went over several of the studies that will be conducted during FY2014. He said that a Regional Freight and Goods Movement Study, Phase III will get started this year as well as an update to the 2009 Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Study effort. The SR-109 Access Management study will start in FY2014.

He said that each jurisdiction should have received a letter with the estimated 2014 MPO dues. The UPWP is scheduled to be adopted in July or August before it becomes effective on October 1, 2013.

Mr. Mike Harris asked if any studies have been done to show the effects of telecommuting and shifting work schedules would have on rush hour traffic in the region. Mr. Skipper said that the MPO works closely with The TMA Group through UPWP activities to study and deploy various transportation demand management strategies such as telecommuting and flexible work hours. Mr. Harris said that we need to think outside the box on this issue. Mr. Skipper agreed.

More information is available at:
http://www.nashvillempo.org/plans_programs/upwp/

MPO Director's Report

- *Update on FYs 14-17 TIP Development*
Mr. Skipper said that the staff has completed its review of the proposed projects and is ready to discuss the development of priorities with the TCC. A workshop will be held on either April 17th or 18th to work on the list.
- *Regional Freight Planning Update*

Mr. Max Baker, MPO staff, handed out the new freight executive summary brochure which shows the findings of the Phase II freight study.

- *Other comments*

Mary Vavra of Lose and Associates announced Transit Now Nashville's annual transit week event, April 20-26. This event encourages ridership.

Mr. Ed Cole said that the Transit Alliance is trying to connect with civic leaders in each jurisdiction regarding transit awareness throughout the 10 counties of Middle Tennessee. The first of a series of 10 county transit leadership summit meetings with the purpose of describing existing transit services and any planning activities for that region will be in Gallatin on April 4th at 7:30 a.m. The next meeting will be April 16th in Murfreesboro. He said that the more involved and enthusiastic the civic leadership is, the more enthusiastic the populace.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Date: _____

Jim McAteer, Chair
Technical Coordinating Committee

Michael Skipper, AICP, Executive Director
Secretary, Technical Coordinating Committee