

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE Of the

Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

May 1, 2013

Attendees: Ms. Lora Baulsir, Mr. Tom Brashear, Mr. Michael Briggs, Mr. Jonathan Cleghon, 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. Reed Hillen, Mr. George James, Mr. Donn Lovvorn, Mr. Jim McAteer, Mr. Larry McGoogin, Mr. John Pewitt, Mr. Dana Richardson, Mr. Tim Roach, Mr. Fred Rogers, Mr. Jim Svoboda

Approve April 3, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Jim McAteer, Chair, opened the meeting at 10:31 a.m. Mr. Fred Rogers moved to approve the April meeting minutes with Mr. John Pewitt seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

TCC Chair's Report

Mr. McAteer reminded the members of the Power of 10 Summit today at 1:00 p.m.

Endorse Amendments to FYs 2011-2015 TIP for Public Review

Mr. Félix Castrodad, MPO staff, said that the following amendments to the *Transportation Improvement Program* (TIP) require a 21-day public review and comment period prior to adoption by the Board. He said that the TIP Amendment 2002-028 for Rockland Road/Imperial Boulevard has been withdrawn and that there is a possible change to the match for TIP 2004-022 for SR-76 Sidewalks. These changes will be made prior to presenting it to the Board for endorsement. Mr. Rick Gregory asked what 5310 funds are specific to. Mr. Castrodad said that it is related to capital expenses related to elderly and disabled and there is a state-wide competition for the funds.

Mr. Kevin Comstock moved to endorse the proposed amendments with changes for public review and comment. Mr. Gregory seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

More information is available at NashvilleMPO.org/plans_programs/tip/.

AMENDMENTS:

TIP #	RTP #	Project Name	Sponsor	Action
2006-408	1062-160	SR-6/ US-31/Franklin Road Widening	TDOT/Brentwood	Shift FY; Add funds
2004-022	1036-274	SR-76 Sidewalks	White House	Program CONST
2011-65-016	1065-340	Local Bus Service Preventative Maintenance and Capitalization	Franklin Transit Authority	Shift funds to another TIP project
2013-65-220	Consistent	Local Multimodal Transit Planning	Franklin Transit Authority	Add project to TIP
2013-85-221	Consistent	Lowered Floor Minivans	MCHRA	Add project to TIP
2013-85-222	Consistent	Cutaway Minibus	Easter Seals TN	Add project to TIP
2013-85-223	Consistent	Passenger Van	Easter Seals TN	Add project to TIP
2002-028	1052-177	Rockland Road/Imperial Boulevard	Hendersonville	Reduce scope

SCHEDULE:

- **5/1 – TCC Endorsement**
- 5/15 – XB Endorsement
- 5/17-6/19 – Public Review and Comment Period
- 6/5 – First Public Hearing (TCC)
- 6/19 – Second Public Hearing / Adoption (XB)

Endorse Draft FYs 2015-2017 TIP for interagency Review

Mr. Michael Skipper, MPO director, presented an overview of staff’s recommendations for the draft TIP for fiscal years 2014 – 2017. He said that the staff is asking for endorsement of the draft list of projects competing for STP funds prior to the MPO’s submission of the draft program to TDOT and federal partners for interagency review and comment. He said that the TCC will be asked to endorse the entire TIP document for public review and comment later in the summer.

In highlighting staff’s recommendations, he said that the new work program will complete major roadway projects in communities like Mt. Juliet, Gallatin, Hendersonville, and Murfreesboro; and provide funding for new projects including a major widening of a state route in Franklin, the AMP BRT project and sidewalk improvements along state routes in Davidson County, greenway work in Sumner County, and a commuter rail station in Wilson County. These projects are consistent with the 2035 RTP. The TIP will continue to fund the MPO’s Active Transportation Program, Mass Transit Program, and ITS/System Operations Program.

Mr. Skipper also noted that Smyrna, La Vergne, and parts of the unincorporated area of Rutherford County had been shifted from the Murfreesboro UZA to the Nashville-Davidson UZA as a result of the 2010 Census.

Mr. Dana Richardson asked if the members were endorsing projects or policies. Mr. Skipper said that staff is seeking MPO endorsement of the proposed MPO STP & FTA 5307 project lists, and its recommendation to implement the policy framework enacted by the 2035 Plan and FYs 2011-2015 TIP for the purpose of State/Federal review.

Mr. Richardson asked if the intent is to require that Murfreesboro UZA to set aside STP funds for the three programs discussed earlier (Active Transportation, Mass Transit, ITS/Systems Operation). Mr. Skipper said yes, that the 2035 Plan policies call for this action. Mr. Richardson asked if Lebanon would be required to do the same. Mr. Skipper said that the 2035 Plan only requires funding from the UZAs to be programmed in this way. There are five jurisdictions that receive local STP funding that are not affected. Mr. Richardson asked if it is the same pot of money and Mr. Skipper said no.

Mr. Larry McGoogin said that TDOT doesn't have the amounts yet for those areas.

Mr. Skipper said that balancing the books is important and the staff is still working with the transit partners. There is still a lot of work to do prior to the Board meeting in order to finalize the list of transit projects competing for funds under the FTA 5307 program. The transit project list has a \$50M gap. Mr. Billy Davis asked if the transit project list will be endorsed by June 30th. Mr. Skipper said yes.

Chairman McAteer repeated the staff request for endorsement. Mr. Jim Svoboda moved to endorse the draft TIP for interagency review with Mr. Rogers seconding. The motion passed with all voting yes but Mr. Richardson, who voted no.

More information about the development of the new TIP is available at NashvilleMPO.org/FY1417.

SCHEDULE:

- *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*

Endorse amendment to the FY 2013 UPWP

Mr. Skipper provided an overview of the proposed amendment to the FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program. He said that the amendment will redistribute \$815,000 between tasks for consultant activities to balance the book and add additional project planning requests to the appendix.

Mr. Tim Roach moved to endorse the amendment to the FY 2013 UPWP with Mr. Rogers seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

More information about the UPWP is available at NashvilleMPO.org/plans_programs/upwp/.

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MPO Director's Report

- **MPO Population & Employment Forecasts**

Mr. Skipper said that by the year 2040 there will be 3M people in the region with 2M jobs. He said that he would email the forecasts by county to MPO members for a more in depth discussion in June. Mr. Roach asked if trends can be seen on how the recession affected this growth. Mr. Skipper said that he would look into this. Mr. Tom Brashear said that he would be interested to see how local models disperse the population and employment. Mr. Skipper said that this will be discussed at a future meeting. Mr. Skipper said that the market and policies has effects distribution of growth.
- **Update on Consultant Activities**

Mr. Skipper deferred this until the next meeting.
- **Other comments**
 - Ms. Leslie Meehan, MPO staff, said that Tennessee has risen from 43rd to 17th among the states for being bicycle friendly.
 - Ms. Meehan said that she was in a meeting with officials from Secretary La Hood's office, the American Health Association, and the CDC about developing a model for a tool to help regions to connect health and transportation to help them make decisions guided by these outcomes.

Other business

- Mr. Gregory said that when an interstate shuts down the side streets get choked and wondered if it is possible to install a congestion potential tool when evaluating projects. Mr. Skipper said that congestion potential is huge on the ultimate scores for projects but it is the recurrent congestion that is being measured. Incidence specific congestion is harder to predict. He said that one of the consultant activities for the 2040 RTP is to do some resiliency testing so that bottlenecks can be identified when there are incidents. It becomes a balancing act funding constant congestion vs. incidence congestion.
- Mr. Michael Briggs said that the last in the series of speakers for Nashville Next will be Monday, May 6th.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Date: _____

Jim McAteer, Chair
Technical Coordinating Committee

Michael Skipper, AICP
Executive Director and Secretary