

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE Of the

Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

June 5, 2013

Attendees: Mr. Tom Brashear, Mr. Jonathon Cleghon, Mr. Kevin Comstock, Mr. Paul Corder, Mr. Marc Corrigan, Ms. Kristen Costanzo, Mr. Billy Davis, Mr. Corbin Davis, Mr. John Finke, Ms. Isabelle Ford, Mr. Rick Gregory, Mr. Mike Harris, Mr. Reed Hillen, Mr. Joe Horne, Ms. Kia Lewis, Mr. Donn Lovvorn, Mr. Jim McAteer, Mr. Larry McGoogin, Mr. Eric McMillan, Mr. Dana Richardson, Mr. Jim Svoboda, Ms. Diane Thorne

Approve May 1, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Jim McAteer, Chair, opened the meeting at 10:32 a.m. Mr. Tom Brashear moved to approve the May meeting minutes with Mr. Corbin Davis seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

TCC Chair's Report

Mr. McAteer named Mr. Brashear, Mr. Fred Rogers, and Mr. Joe Horne to the nominating committee for the Chair and Vice-Chair. They will present their slate at the July meeting.

Endorse Amendments to FYs 2011-2015 TIP for Public Review

Mr. Félix Castrodad, MPO staff, went over the proposed amendments for the FYs 2011-2015 TIP. The amendments require a 21-day public review and comment period and two public hearings are required prior to adoption by the Board.

Mr. Brashear said that he would like to see the distance of each project listed in the summaries of TIP projects so that cost per mile can be determined. He also asked why we are now including requests from charitable organizations in the TIP. Mr. McAteer

and Mr. Skipper explained that a few non-profit organizations applied for grants made available through the Federal Transit Administration 5310 (Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities) program as administered by TDOT.

Mr. Brashear asked if such programs were required to have a call-for-projects. Michael Skipper said yes. He explained the difference in TDOT administered FTA grant programs, and those administered by the region. He said that the region is required to adopt a coordinated human services transportation plan (CHSTP) which lays out the process for awarding various FTA grants aimed at improving human services transportation activities for traditionally-underserved populations like the elderly, low-income, and persons with disabilities. He said that MTA annually calls for projects and the MPO receives and evaluates the requests and send those recommendations to the committee that administers the plan for awarding. Mr. Brashear said that this should be available regionally and just not in Metro. Mr. Skipper said that the funding opportunity is available throughout the Nashville-Davidson Urbanized Area, and open to private (e.g., Easter Seals) and public operators (e.g., RTA, MTA).

Mr. Castrodad said that there is currently an open call-for-projects for the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan. Mr. McAteer said that there are two parallel programs, Job Access and Reverse Commute program (JARC) which addressed transportation challenges faced by welfare recipients and low-income persons seeking to obtain and maintain employment, and New Freedoms which provides additional tools to overcome existing barriers facing Americans with disabilities seeking integration into the work force and society.

Mr. McAteer asked what the change in the description for the Regional Non-Motorized project, TIP# 2011-86-6666. Mr. Skipper said that it was to add language to hold funds to possibly hire staff to provide coordination on regional active transportation planning activities.

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

Mr. Kevin Comstock moved to endorse the proposed amendments for consideration by the Board. Mr. Joe Horne 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

TIP #	RTP #	Project Name	Sponsor	Action
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
2004-005	1014-260	Jefferson Street Intersections	Metro Nashville	Re-scope project
2008-15-054	1015-317	Bus Purchase and Replacement	Nashville MTA	Add funds
2011-86-6666	1086-601	Regional Non-Motorized Projects with U-STP	Nashville Area MPO	Revise description
2002-032	1067-144	Franklin Traffic Operations Center	Franklin	Add funds

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Endorse amendment to the FY 2013 UPWP

Mr. Skipper provided an overview of the proposed amendment to the *FY 2013 Unified Planning Work*. He said that the amendment shifts funding between grant sources and work tasks and adds additional description to the appendix for planning activities conducted as part of project implementation and development including transit corridor studies, interstate access reports (IAR), etc. He said that staff also is adding a request for TDOT to conduct an IAR at the Central Pike @ I-40 interchange in Wilson County.

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

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

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

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2040 Regional Transportation Plan

Mr. Skipper gave an overview of the production timeline for the *2040 Regional Transportation Plan* and described key technical components that will assist in forecasting future transportation needs as result of projected growth and development.

He said that the RTP is required by federal law for urban areas of 50K+ people, must look ahead 20+ years, be based on realistic assumptions for growth & development, be fiscally constrained to anticipated revenues, meet national air quality regulations and standards, and meet new requirements for performance-based planning. The adoption for the 2040 RTP will be in December 2015 and will include three planning horizons: 2020, 2030, and 2040.

Mr. Gregory asked when the MAP-21 performance measures will kick in. Mr. Corbin Davis said that federal guidance is expected out in April 2014. Mr. Gregory asked if this plan will be more evolutionary or revolutionary. Mr. Skipper said that it will be an advancement of the 2035 RTP. It will also likely include Maury and Robertson Counties as a formal part of the planning area.

Mr. Brashear asked when the discussion regarding who is and isn't included in the air quality standards. Mr. Skipper said that it is difficult to predict with certainty if the MPO will need to demonstrate conformity with air quality standards prior to the adoption of the 2040 RTP. He said that anytime the staff begins to work on a plan update, we are mindful of the potential requirement to conduct detailed emissions analysis. Mr. John Finke said that it will be at least 2 years out for any new designations.

Mr. Skipper said that regional planning models and trend analysis and forecasts will be an important element of developing the 2040 plan. The regional modeling will include a regional land use model, marketing & policy driven forecasting, and travel demand modeling. Population and employment forecasts using Woods & Poole economics is also an element. Mr. Nick Lindeman, MPO staff, discussed the Woods & Poole methodology.

Mr. Lindeman said that Woods & Poole is very bullish on economic growth in Middle Tennessee. Mr. Mike Harris asked if the aging boomers are included in the Woods & Poole data. Mr. Lindeman said yes. Mr. Brashear said that Mr. Edsel Charles of MarketGraphics of Nashville said that over the next 5 years there will be 58,000 new homes built but then there will be an economic collapse. He said that it seems that forecasts always seem to give a rosy picture so there needs to be a way to self-regulate and show a slowing economy. Mr. Lindeman said that Woods & Poole very protective of the details of how they get their data but he assumes it is looked at. Mr. McAteer

said that the importance of the population forecast is not the accuracy of it but the magnitude and the point is that we are trying to get to the importance of the investments we need to make on the transportation network and where the priorities should be and gives a guide as where the growth will be occurring. Mr. Skipper said that no matter what happens there is a certainty of growth and that there will be five more plans before the year 2040 that will incorporate these changes. He encourages anyone who relies on forecasts in the planning process to incorporate considerations for what happens if those predictions fall short of or exceed expectations.

More information about the 2040 Plan is available at NashvilleMPO.org/2040.

MPO Director's Report

- *Update on Draft FYs 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program*
Mr. Skipper said that the draft TIP was delivered to TDOT and FHWA for interagency review. After their review, the TIP will go out for public review and comment in September 2013 for adoption in October.
- *Middle Tennessee TIGER IV Grant Applications*
Mr. Skipper said that there is \$473M available for the grants nationwide. He said that it is a large discretionary fund initially created by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. We had two applications 1) MTA for transit signal priorities for BRT routes and 2) Nashville West Rail Authority for rehab of bridges from Nashville to Ashland City.
- *Update on Consultant Activities*
Mr. Skipper said that Gresham, Smith & Partners is doing the SE Area Transportation & Land Use study. There will be a meeting on June 25th to prepare for public forums; Parsons Brinckerhoff is doing an update for the 4-step travel demand model for the General Plan and they will begin to synthesize the public involvement at the local level for the comprehensive planning efforts; Cambridge Systematic is performing various transit planning tasks and conducting an asset management study to calculate costs for maintaining roads and infrastructure.
- *Other comments*
Ms. Mary Beth Ikard, MPO staff, said that the Greensboro North Transit Ready Development in Sumner County and the Cumberland Region Tomorrow's Quality Growth Toolbox for Education and Outreach Initiative won the Governor's Environment Stewardship award.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Date: _____

Jim McAteer, AICP, Chair
Technical Coordinating Committee

Michael Skipper, AICP
Executive Director & Secretary