

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE Of the

Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

November 6, 2013

Attendees: Mr. Tom Brashear, Mr. Michael Briggs, Mr. Jonathon Cleghon, Mr. Kevin Comstock, Ms. Kristin Costanzo, Mr. Billy Davis, Mr. Corbin Davis, Mr. Doug Demosi, Mr. John Finke, Mr. Butch Gelband, Mr. Rick Gregory, Mr. Mike Harris, Mr. Reed Hillen, Mr. Joe Horne, Mr. Marlin Keel, Mr. Paul Keltner, Mr. Donn Lovvorn, Mr. Jim McAteer, Mr. Larry McGoogin, Mr. Kevin Rigsby, Mr. Tim Roach, Mr. Fred Rogers

Approve September 4, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Jim McAteer, Chair, opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Rick Gregory moved to approve the September 4th minutes with Mr. Butch Gelband seconding. The motion passes unanimously.

Public Comment

Ms. Margo Chambers, Nashville, spoke against funding the AMP since requested safety studies have not been made public.

Mr. Jay Everett, 928 Ireland St., Nashville, and a board member of Transit Now Nashville, spoke in favor of the AMP and said that it is a good investment in Nashville's future.

TCC Chair's Report

Mr. McAteer said that the Tennessee Public Transit Conference met in Nashville at the new convention center which he called a gem for the community and the region.

Mr. McAteer reminded the members that the Healthy Living 5K will be on November 17th in Nashville

Endorse Draft FYs 14-17 TIP for Public Review & Comment

Mr. Michael Skipper, MPO director, said that the staff is requesting endorsement of the draft TIP in order to release the program for public review and comment. He said that the TIP will be adopted in December at the Executive Board meeting. He said that at stake are federal funds over the next four years. He said that staff will be looking to fully program the STP funds suballocated to the MPO urbanized areas prior to the board meeting. He showed that the Nashville UZA has \$1M balance of funds that can be applied to additional projects beyond those already identified in previous meetings. He said staff will work with local sponsors to make sure existing projects have their costs covered. If there is still a sizeable balance after that process, the staff will look to fund additional projects from the MPO's unfunded priority list. The Murfreesboro UZA has a \$5.2M surplus with no immediate projects identified.

Mr. McAteer asked if the draft TIP still goes out to the area libraries for public review and comment. Mr. Skipper said yes, in electronic form. He said that it will also be on the MPO website and a couple of hard copies will be available in the MPO offices. Mr. Skipper gave a tour of the website to show members of the TCC and the audience how to access information and provide comment.

Mr. McAteer asked what happens to any comments received. Mr. Skipper said that the staff reviews them, present them to the Board prior to adoption and make them part of the document after adoption. Mr. McAteer asked if the draft could change prior to release to the public. Mr. Skipper said yes, pending additional comments from federal partners and changes in individual project details that are identified before the board meeting.

Mr. Tim Roach moved to endorse the draft TIP be released for public review and comment. Mr. Fred Rogers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

TDOT Three-Year Work Program Priorities

Mr. Skipper said that the Executive Board endorsed a list of TDOT priority projects for FY2014-17 their October meeting. He said that The AMP project was listed at the region's top priority for state funding.

Mr. Skipper said that the Executive Board asked the staff to identify other state projects that might be needed to be included in correspondence to TDOT, but weren't shown on the list. He said that there were four new projects that have been submitted to staff so far including projects from Franklin, Mt. Juliet, Spring Hill, and Lebanon. He asked anyone with additional projects to let the staff know as soon as possible. The final list will be presented to the Executive Board on November 20th.

Mr. Billy Davis asked if the same criteria in ranking the project are being used now. Mr. Skipper said yes. Mr. Marlin Keel asked how additional projects added by the local jurisdictions fit into the list. Mr. Skipper said that it is just additional information, but not really trying to force them onto the list, which is a list of large capital projects for the next three years.

Mr. Larry McGoogin said that all MPOs and RPOs are asked to do this. Mr. Skipper said that the formal list has already been endorsed by the Executive Board.

MPO Director's Report

- MPO Expansion

Mr. Skipper provided an update on the process to evaluate outstanding requests for membership by Robertson and Maury Counties. He said that those counties have been working through the requirement to present joint resolutions between the county and cities over 5000 population endorsing the membership request. Mr. Skipper said that one of the major concerns among existing members about expansion is the possibility of splitting the funding pie into more pieces. He said that given the way the MPO manages its federal funding, this should not be a concern. A resolution endorsing the expanded MPO area will be presented to the Executive Board at the December meeting.

Mr. Tom Brashear asked if these areas being added will be required to implement vehicle emissions testing. Mr. Skipper said those counties may one day be required to implement such measures, but not as a direct result of MPO membership.

Mr. Skipper said that the Governor must concur with the Board's decision to revise the planning area.

- Multi-Modal Access Plan

Mr. Skipper said that the current grant opportunity is \$30M over the next 3 years. A call for projects has been issued. The State has decided that only 2 requests from each MPO/RPO will be given money in December. He said that the requirement from the staff is an abstract prior to sending in the application so the staff can decide if it is even eligible. These are due 11/11/13. The priority list will be presented at the December meeting for endorsement. Mr. McAteer said that this is a new statewide program and if they state doesn't get \$10M worth of projects we should provide a will a back-up list in case the first two aren't eligible. He also asked if the abstracts will be reviewed with TDOT. Mr. Skipper said only if there is a question on eligibility.

- National Healthy Homes Conference

Mr. Skipper said that this conference will be in Nashville May 28-30, 2014. For more information, go to www.healthyhomesconference.org

- **Safe Routes to School**
Mr. Skipper said that two cities, Portland and Nolensville have been awarded SRTS money.
- **2013 Bicycle/Pedestrian Counts**
Mr. Skipper said that the results are mixed due to bad weather. He said that the results show a consistent growth over the years.

Other business

Mr. McAteer introduced Mr. Paul Keltner as the new City Planner for Spring Hill.

Mr. Kevin Comstock said that he is leaving Franklin and going to Chattanooga. He thanked everyone for all of the help and support over his years on the TCC. Mr. Skipper thanked Kevin for his contributions to the TCC and wished him well.

Mr. McGoogin thanked everyone for their participation in the TDOT regional summits last month. He said that they are trying to give the same presentation to communities so let them know if you want them to one in your jurisdiction. You can also go to the TDOT website and click on "Book a Planner" to learn about the State LRTP.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Date: _____

Jim McAteer, Chair
Technical Coordinating Committee

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