

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE Of the

Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

December 4, 2013

Attendees: Mr. Tom Brashear, Mr. Michael Briggs, Mr. Jonathan Cleghon, Mr. Paul Corder, Mr. Marc Corrigan, Mr. Billy Davis, Mr. Corbin Davis, Mr. Doug Demosi, Mr. John Finke, Ms. Isabelle Ford, Mr. Mike Harris, Mr. Gerald Herman, Mr. Joe Horne, Ms. Kia Lewis, Mr. Donn Lovvorn, Mr. Jonathan Marston, Mr. Jim McAteer, Mr. Larry McGoogin, Mr. Kevin Rigsby, Mr. Tim Roach, Mr. Fred Rogers.

Approve November 6, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Jim McAteer, Chair, opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Fred Rogers moved to approve the November 6, 2013 meeting minutes with Mr. Kevin Rigsby seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

TCC Chair's Report

- 2014 MPO Meeting Calendar – Mr. Michael Skipper, MPO director, said that the TCC meetings will be moving as of the January 8, 2014 meeting to the Bridge Building, 2 Victory Avenue, Suite 300, Nashville. He said that the space was bigger and more conducive of better interaction between the members. He also said that the November meeting will be held in conjunction with the Executive Board for the annual meeting. The place and time is still to be determined. Mr. Doug Demosi moved to endorse the 2014 calendar as presented with Mr. Joe Horne seconding. The motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. McAteer said that if anyone has any comments regarding Michael Skipper for his upcoming evaluation to please send them to him or Ms. Lou Edwards, MPO Administrative Assistant, before December 20th.
- Mr. McAteer said that there is a new mode of transportation in Nashville, the Lyft. He said that it is a unique program using mobile apps. He said that even though with this new option it shows how this area has changed over the years

in regards to transportation options – bicycles and transit, new approaches will be needed in the future.

- Mr. McAteer introduced Mr. Jonathan Marston who is the new TCC representative from Franklin.

Endorse FYs 14-17 TIP for Adoption by the Board

Mr. Skipper said that draft Transportation Improvement Program is out for public review and comment and to-date no comments has been received. He said that since the November meeting, staff has identified U-STP funding for two additional projects. The first project is for the intersection of SR-258 at Drakes Creek Rd and SR-258 at Stop 30. The second project is the road widening of Dickerson Pike at the CSX Underpass. He said that there is \$82M for transit projects.

Mr. Billy Davis asked for an explanation of the changing boundaries in Rutherford County, including Murfreesboro, Smyrna, and Laverne. Mr. Skipper presented an overview of changes in the Census designations for Urban Areas including urban clusters and urbanized areas (UZAs) located within the MPO planning boundary. He said that as a result of the 2010 Census, the areas around Smyrna and LaVergne have been redesignated as part of the Nashville-Davidson UZA and moved out of the Murfreesboro UZA. This will mean that moving forward, transportation projects within those area will be eligible for the Nashville-Davidson Urban STP fund.

Mr. Fred Rogers asked if there are any CMAQ projects included in the proposed TIP. Mr. Skipper said that previously awarded and unobligated CMAQ projects are part of the TIP. He said that future CMAQ awards will be determined by TDOT (in consultation with the MPO) through a state-wide competition for the funds at some point following the adoption of the new TIP.

Mr. Tom Brashear said that he didn't see the local matches on the spreadsheet. Mr. Skipper confirmed that the amounts shown on the handout are federal-share only. He said local matching funds are included in the official TIP documentation. In general, federal grants require a 20% match.

Mr. McAteer opened the public hearing. Mr. Jay Everett of Transit Now thanked the body for their support of walking, biking, and transit projects. He also thanked the group for their support of the AMP.

Mr. Rick Williams of StopAmp.org said that the AMP is a risky project that will hurt businesses along West End and asked the group to reconsider their support of funding.

With no further comment, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Fred Rogers moved to endorse the FYs14-17 TIP for consideration by the Board. Mr. Tim Roach seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

TDOT Multimodal Access Program

Ms. Leslie Meehan, MPO staff, said that there is \$10M for each of the next three years for bicycle/pedestrian improvements along state routes. She said that five applications were submitted out of seven abstracts. The BPAC reviewed and scored using the TDOT criteria. This criterion includes safety of connections with other multimodal facilities, endorsement of the project in a local plan, was the project ready to go, and what would be the contribution to the economic development. The five applications were 1) MTA for a bus port along Clarksville Pike, 2) Metro Public Works for bike lanes along Rosa Parks Blvd., 3) Nolensville for a multi-use path throughout the town, 4) Spring Hill for sidewalks near Duplex Rd., and 5) Sumner County for a park and ride lot. She said that the BPAC scored the applications and the two applications that were sent to TDOT for consideration are the MTA project and the Nolensville project.

Mr. Michael Briggs said that as a BPAC committee member he commended the MPO staff for the approach they used in this application process and lays a firm foundation for future applications. He also commended the jurisdictions for continuing to submit projects for funding. Ms. Isabelle Ford asked if there was a format for the scores that they could see. Ms. Meehan said that a consensus was used in each category. She said that since a TDOT staff member was present, the committee was able to ask questions for clarification during the process.

Mr. Briggs moved to endorse these proposals for consideration by the board. Mr. Tim Roach seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Endorse Proposed Changes to MPO Planning Boundary

Mr. Skipper said that staff has been working with state and local partners to evaluate requests from adjacent counties to join the MPO. The process has taken about two years to complete as new Census data and a new federal transportation bill were rolled out and incorporated into the evaluation. Mr. Skipper provided an overview of that process and referenced frequently asked questions about changes to the MPO's planning area. He then stated staff's recommendation to revise the MPO's Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) to include all of Robertson and Maury counties. If the Board accepts those recommendations on December 11th, a request will be made to the Governor for his concurrence.

Mr. Brashear asked if more AQ monitors will be put up. Mr. Marc Corrigan said that monitors are placed when the EPA requires them to be using certain criteria and adding

the areas won't cause new monitors. New standards may cause more monitors to be put up, however. Mr. John Finke said that number of monitors in an area are not based on the MPO's size or membership.

Mr. Roach asked if there had been any discussion in Robertson County to be a part of the Clarksville MPO. Mr. Skipper said that those local partners felt a stronger tie, especially from a transportation standpoint, to the Nashville Area MPO. Discussions did identify a need to ensure that the Clarksville and Nashville MPOs continue to collaborate.

Mr. Rogers asked what voting members would be added. Mr. Skipper said that the county mayors and the mayors of the cities over 5000 in population within each county would be added (Columbia and Greenbrier). He said that Nolensville (in Williamson County) also will be added since they are over 5000 in population as of 2010. On the Executive Board, MAP-21 requires adding public transit representation, so an additional spot will be gained by each designated recipient of federal transit funding.

Mr. Rogers asked if 75% of the population had to vote to become a member and Mr. Skipper said yes. Mr. Gerald Herman said that it is important to the member jurisdictions that straddle Davidson and Robertson Counties that Robertson County be a member of this MPO. Mr. Larry McGoogin said that it would seem that any expansion of the Executive Board would mean finding larger meeting space.

Mr. Brashear moved to endorse the proposed changes to the MPO Planning Boundary. Mr. Herman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MPO Director's Report

- **Changes to the TCC**
He said that he would like the group to be more involved in updating the RTP. Changing the location of the meeting will help. Mr. McAteer named Mr. Doug Demosi, Mr. Rick Gregory, Mr. Paul Corder, Mr. Tim Roach, and Mr. Michael Briggs along with himself to be on a committee to discuss these changes and bring them back to the members in 2014.
- **Consultant Activities**
Parsons Brinckerhoff is performing several tasks for the update of the 2040 plan including a research on best practices for managed lanes, support for regional travel demand modeling, website enhancements to improve the MPO's public involvement and outreach tools, and promotional materials that communicate MPO initiatives.

Mr. Brashear asked if the staff could present this website to the local groups. Mr. Skipper said yes. He said that it is hard to relate to regional planning at the local level and this will help give perspective.

Cambridge Systematic is currently assisting the MPO in regional transit and per analysis, constructing a new tool to help measure the market competitiveness of transit, and assessing current and future system preservation funding needs.

Gresham Smith & Partners is currently leading a consultant team to conduct the Southeast Area Transportation and Land Use Study. That study is currently focused on the evaluation of forecasted trends.

RSG is will soon begin work on developing the MPO's first activity-based travel demand model.

Mr. Skipper said that three RFPs will be issued soon: 1) SR-109 Management Access Study, 2) Phase III of the Freight study which will study freight at a local level, ID a regular truck network, and analyze the large amount of freight going through Nashville at peak times, and 3) an Update of the Bicycle/Pedestrian plan.

Other Business

Mr. McGoogin said that there will be a call for CMAQ projects toward the end of December with the application due date the end of February. This will use the same method of choosing projects as the multimodal.

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

Date: _____

Jim McAteer, AICP
Chairman of the Technical Coordinating Committee

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