

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE Of the

Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

March 5, 2014

Attendees: Mr. Tom Brashear, Mr. Michael Briggs, Mr. Marc Corrigan, Mr. Billy Davis, Mr. Corbin Davis, Mr. Doug Demosi, Mr. John Finke, Ms. Isabelle Ford, Mr. Mike Harris, Mr. Joe Horne, Mr. George James, Mr. Jonathan Marston, Mr. Jim McAteer, Mr. Bill McCord, Mr. Larry McGoogin, Mr. Dana Richardson, Mr. Kevin Rigsby, Mr. Tim Roach, Mr. Fred Rogers

Approve February 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Jim McAteer, Chair, opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Mr. George James moved to approve the meeting minutes. Mr. Michael Briggs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

TCC Chair's Report

Mr. McAteer provided a recap of the TAPA Winter Retreat. He announced the FTA has recommended the AMP project receive \$27M in FY 2015.

Mr. Michael Skipper, MPO director, introduced a new MPO employee Ms. Anna Emerson who will be managing the TIP. He also introduced Mr. Wesley Rhodes, new MPO policy intern, who will be assisting with research on the MPO's work around health and transportation.

MPO Area Proposals for the CMAQ Program

Mr. Michael Skipper, MPO director, said that seven proposals were received by the staff for this round of CMAQ funding. They were from Hendersonville (Sanders Ferry Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Phase II), Lebanon (Refuse Truck Diesel Engine Conversion),

Murfreesboro (Middle Tennessee Blvd Roadway Improvements), Portland (Citywide Signal Timing Optimization Program & Feasibility Study), Williamson County (TDM Strategy Deployment), RTA (additional express bus service to Clarksville and new service to Dickson), and MTA (additional service on Lebanon Rd). He said that the proposals will be submitted to TDOT by the March 14th deadline. Mr. Skipper said that Mr. Alan Jones has sent out an additional call for projects for programmatic pots of money.

Mr. Tom Brashear asked Mr. McAteer if MTA plans an added route to connect with the Music City Star. Mr. McAteer said it can be discussed.

For more information about the CMAQ program, visit

<http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/cmaq/>

For details on the funding opportunity visit

<http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/cmaq/funding.shtml>

For a list of projects in the current TIP funded with CMAQ visit

<http://tinyurl.com/q8cyad6>

SCHEDULE:

- 1/24 – TDOT Announces CMAQ Grant Opportunity
- 2/21 – Deadline to Submit Project Abstract to MPO
- 2/28 – Deadline to Submit Proposals to MPO for Emissions Analysis
- **3/10 – Deadline to Submit Proposals to MPO with Emissions Analysis**
- **3/14 – Deadline to Submit Proposals to TDOT**
- 3/28 – TDOT/MPO Joint Review of Proposals
- April – TDOT Awards Announced
- 5/7 – TIP Amendments Initiated for Awards
- 6/18 – TIP Amendments Adopted

Proposed Amendments to the FYs 2014-2017 TIP

Mr. Skipper said that the following amendments to the *Transportation Improvement Program* (TIP) require a 21-day public review and comment period and two public hearings are required prior to adoption by the Board. To-date, no public comments have been received. More information is available at NashvilleMPO.org/plans_programs/tip/.

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

Mr. Bill McCord asked a couple of clarification questions on several of the amendments.

Mr. Doug Demosi moved to endorse the amendments for consideration by the Board with Mr. Brashear seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

AMENDMENTS:

TIP #	RTP #	Project Name	Sponsor	Action
2008-76-024	1076-303	Town Center Trail Phase 2	Mt. Juliet	Add funds, combine with Phase 3 project
2014-76-017	1076-303	Town Center Trail Phase 3	Mt. Juliet	Add funds, combine with Phase 2 project
2011-54-156	1054-255	Tyree Springs/S. Palmers Chapel Intersection Improvements	White House	Add funds
2004-022	1036-274	SR-76 Sidewalks	White House	Add project to TIP
2006-117	1062-137	Hillsboro Rd (SR-106/US-431) Widening	Franklin	Add project to TIP
2014-66-053	Consistent	Nolensville Elementary School	Nolensville	Add project to TIP
2014-56-054	Consistent	Watt Hardison Elementary School	Portland	Add project to TIP
2008-17-021	1015-312	CAD, AVL, ITS	MTA	Shift funds
2013-89-204	Consistent	Northwest Corridor Transit Study	RTA	Add funds
2014-85-055	Consistent	RTA Operations	RTA	Add project to TIP
2008-15-046	1015-310	Project Administration for Grant Programs	MTA	Shift funds
2008-15-048	1015-311	Support vehicles, service vehicles, misc. support equipment, misc. shop equipment, operational software	MTA	Add funds
2014-15-056	Consistent	Renovate MTA Headquarters at Myatt Drive Facility	MTA	Add project to TIP
2014-85-057	Consistent	RTA Master Plan	RTA	Add project to TIP
226	1046-298	Stones River Greenway Extension	Murfreesboro	Add project to TIP

SCHEDULE:

- 2/5 – TCC Endorsement
- 2/19 – XB Endorsement
- **2/20-3/19 – Public Review and Comment Period**
- **3/5 – First Public Hearing (TCC)**
- 3/19 – Second Public Hearing / Adoption (XB)

First look at 2040 Regional Trends and Forecasts

Ms. Tracy Selin from Cambridge Systematics presented an initial look at land development, travel, and asset management trends and forecasts that will frame discussions related to the development of the *2040 Regional Transportation Plan*. She introduced her co-worker, Mr. Roberto Alvacado, who has done all of the technical work on this analysis.

She said that analyzing the system preservation includes 1) level of investment needed to maintain and preserve existing roads and bridges, 2) define needs in context of projected revenue over life of transportation plan, and 3) define gap/unmet needs. Setting aside funding based on historical expenditure doesn't keep pace with the present or future cost for maintenance. Current funding needs for fixing deficient bridges would be \$350M.

She said that MAP-21 requires MPO to report on the performance of bridges. FHWA defines the pavement conditions and that Tennessee exceeds the national average for good pavement condition. She presented a PowerPoint with the preliminary results of their findings.

Mr. Billy Davis said that there is an AASHTO conference in April 21-25 in Orlando, Florida on bridge preservation and the city/county engineers may want to attend. He said that the age of the infrastructure is really beginning to become apparent.

Mr. Brashear asked will the report have characteristics that the group can look for. Ms. Selin said that the report benefit is at the network level, not for asset level decisions. Mr. Brashear asked if the report will give any guidance in project selection. Mr. Skipper said that it encourages policy level discussions.

Mr. Skipper gave a brief overview of the 2040 population and employment forecasts. He said that by 2040, the Middle Tennessee population is expected to be 3,096,602 and that 33% of the state's employment will be in Middle Tennessee.

He said that, compared to the 2010 system-level performance, there is a large increase, especially in the VHT per Capita, congested VMT, and congested VMT for heavy trucks. The average speed goes down by 26%.

MPO Director's Report

Mr. Skipper said that an RFP for Freight and Goods Movement, Phase III will be issued this afternoon.

The US DOT has announced the next round of Tiger Grant funding.

He said that he would send the out the information about the additional CMAQ competition.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Consultant Spotlight

Arcadis – H. Gupta Borra gave a brief overview of what his company does and how it relates to the goals of the Nashville Area MPO.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

Date: _____

Jim McAteer, Chair
Technical Coordinating Committee

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