

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE Of the

Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

May 7, 2014

Attendees: Ms. Katy Braden, Mr. Tom Brashear, Mr. Michael Briggs, Mr. Felix Castrodad, Mr. Jonathan Cleghon, Mr. Paul Corder, Mr. Marc Corrigan, Mr. Mark Crutcher, Mr. Billy Davis, Mr. Corbin Davis, Mr. Doug Demosi, Ms. Isabelle Ford, Mr. Rick Gregory, Mr. Glen Harper, Mr. Mike Harris, Mr. Reed Hillen, Mr. Joe Horne, Mr. Paul Keltner, Mr. Jonathan Marston, Mr. Bill McCord, Mr. Dana Richardson, Mr. Kevin Rigsby, Mr. Fred Rogers, Mr. Tim Roach

Approve May 7, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Doug Demosi, Vice-Chair, opened the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Mr. Bill McCord noted that there were three typos in the minutes. Mr. Kevin Rigsby moved to approve the May 7, 2014 meeting minutes with the typos corrected. Mr. Rick Gregory seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Ms. Margo Chambers, Nashville, reiterated that there are federal and environmental studies that need to be done prior to funding the AMP. She also wanted to know if the FTA has actually approved the \$27M for the AMP or is it only a recommendation.

TCC Chair's Report

Mr. Demosi said that the Power of 10 Summit was really good. Mr. McCord said that it was good to see the Commissioner of Health there. He said that getting elected people there is important. Mr. Michael Skipper, MPO director, said that the video of the Summit should be posted on the Power of Ten website www.10power.org in the next few weeks.

Mr. Demosi reminded the members of the August TAPA /TRB conference. He said that if anyone has an idea for a presentation to let him know soon.

Proposed Amendments to the FYs 2014-2017 TIP

Ms. Anna Emerson, MPO staff, gave a brief overview of the amendments for Cycle C for the FYs 2014-2017 TIP. Mr. McCord and Mr. Tom Brashear asked a few clarifying questions. Mr. Gregory said that it would be nice if the termini of the projects be put in the agenda if they are not easily determined.

Mr. Tim Roach moved to endorse the amendments for public review and comment. Mr. Joe Horne seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MPO Director's Report

- **Update on Active Transportation Program Call-for-Projects**
Mr. Skipper said that there have been 13 abstracts (list of projects handed out to the members) received to-date for the second round of funding of \$12M. He handed out an overview of these abstracts. He reminded the members that the applications are due the end of May.
- **Update on 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Activities and Schedule**
Mr. Skipper said that the new 2040 RTP will be adopted in December 2015. A call for projects will be in June or July which allows 2-3 months to submit applications. He said that the staff is working on new software which should make this process much easier. Mr. McCord asked if the local jurisdictions have to resubmit projects that are now in the Plan. Mr. Skipper said yes, that nothing is automatically moved forward from the old plan.
- **FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**
Mr. Skipper gave a handout that provided the proposed program highlights including the studies, budget, and dues. He said that the UPWP serves as the operating budget for the MPO and meets key federal planning requirements to publish all planning activities funded by federal transportation grants.

Mr. Brashear asked what the results are from the lifestyle survey. Mr. Skipper said that a couple of surveys about the public's attitude have been done and the results have been included in other presentations. The Household Travel Study was done. Mr. Brashear said that he would be interested in seeing the results. Mr. Skipper said that the staff is working with a CDC person who is analyzing the data and is creating an integrated transportation health impact model that can predict the results of health improvement as a result of changes in travel behavior. Mr. McCord asked if the raw data will be made available on the website. Mr. Skipper said not broadly, but he could get the data. He said that the results of the last attitudinal survey will be given at the next meeting.

Mr. Gregory asked if an audit could be done on the usual hot spots of congestion to see if there are ways to improve them, like better signage. Mr. Skipper said that TDOT will do a roadway safety audit review where they go out and observe and to try to find low cost solutions. If anyone has a location in mind, let him know. Mr. Skipper said that Parsons Brinckerhoff is doing a managed lane study and the results will be done soon. Mr. Gregory said that for the intersection of Briley Parkway and I-40 signage further north on Briley Parkway showing which lane to be in to go to downtown or the airport/Knoxville needs to be installed. Mr. Billy Davis said that the any solution needs to be coordinated with the regional engineer's office of TDOT.

Mr. Skipper said that dues FY2015 won't increase from FY2014.

- Amendments to MPO Bylaws

Mr. Skipper said that the MPO is expanding to include all of Maury and Robertson counties and the cities of Columbia and Greenbrier. He has received a concurrence from Gov. Haslam for these additions. He said that the next step is to amend the bylaws which will be done in June. Mr. Felix Castrodad asked if the changes will address the transit representation on the Executive Board. Mr. Skipper said yes. Mr. Roach said that once the new members are incorporated into the MPO it might be a good idea to have a session on the ranking process the staff uses for projects for the TIP and the RTP.

- Update on Consultant Activities

Mr. Skipper said that all of the modeling is being completed.

He said that Parsons Brinckerhoff is close to having the managed lanes best practices done.

Mr. Skipper said that the third phase of the freight study will be done by Cambridge Systematics.

The SR-109 Access Management study will be done by Gresham, Smith & Partners and the kick-off will be in late May or early June.

Mr. Brashear said TDOT said that there are a lot of projects but no money so large projects can't be done but smaller ones can. Does the MPO have a role in providing TDOT with a list? Mr. Skipper said that TDOT had a pilot program to re-look at older, larger projects to see if they are still doable. Ms. Katy Braden said that TDOT will continue this program to save money. Mr. Brashear said that it would be less waste of time if the MPO does this instead of each jurisdiction sending projects directly to TDOT. Mr. Skipper said that Mr. Steve Allen, TDOT, will do studies to re-look at larger, older committed projects. Ms. Braden said

that the scope of the projects will be looked at to solve problems at hand instead of the Cadillac version.

- MPO staff changes

Mr. Skipper announced that Ms. Mary Beth Ikard will be leaving to take a similar position with Tennessee Elephant Sanctuary and to go to graduate school. Ms. Ikard said that she had enjoyed her time here and that she would continue to be a voice for transit.

Mr. Skipper announced that Ms. Leila Hakimzadeh will be leaving Nashville to care for a family member. He said that she had brought the affordability of housing in Nashville to the forefront. He said that affordability is rapidly evaporating in Nashville, especially close to downtown. Ms. Hakimzadeh thanked everyone for making her feel welcome and that she hoped to be able to return to Nashville in the future.

They both received a round of applause.

Mr. Skipper said that the Consultant Spotlight will be deferred until another meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Date: 6-4-14

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Executive Director & Secretary