

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE Of the

Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

August 6, 2014

Attendees: Ms. Kim Ark, Mr. Andy Barlow, 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, Mr. John Finke, Ms. Margot Fosnes, Mr. Rick Gregory, Mr. Glenn Harper, Mr. Mike Harris, Ms. Billy Higgins, Mr. Reed Hillen, Mr. Joe Horne, Mr. Jonathan Marston, Mr. Bill McCord, Mr. Larry McGoogin, Mr. Kevin Rigsby

Approve June 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Doug Demosi, Vice-Chair, opened the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Mr. Rick Gregory moved to approve the June 4, 2014 meeting minutes with Mr. Kevin Rigsby seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Mr. Steve Reiter, Nashville, said that he would like a copy of the required alternatives analysis for the Amp or, at least, be told how to get a copy. He said that he is transit dependent and rides his bicycle on the roads so looking at car-sharing doesn't make sense if we are trying to get cars off of the road. He also said that there has not been an environmental analysis done on the Amp project. He said that the public really hasn't had a viable chance to express their opinion on the Amp and that since it is a State road the State has a right to have a say in what happens on the road.

TCC Chair's Report

Mr. Demosi reminded the members that there is a TAPA/TRB meeting in Nashville on August 26-29.

He said that there is a climate-solutions university (a 12 month study) addressing this issue. Mr. Michael Skipper, MPO director, said that the MPO has been approached by the Cumberland River Compact to participate in this university. This university outfits staffs to collect data and develop strategies through the planning process. He said that the MPO is interested in participating in this on a regional scale to incorporate more

environmental considerations into the regional transportation plan and to better support the local comprehensive planning process. He said that the MPO is looking for partners to go through this 12-month process together. Mr. Michael Briggs said that when he was with Sumner County this university was incorporated into their Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Wes Rhodes, MPO staff, will send out information regarding this today. There is a commitment of time but it doesn't cost anything.

Election of Officers

Mr. Skipper said that the nominating committee has chosen Mr. Doug Demosi as new Chair and Mr. Mike Harris as the new Vice-Chair. There were no nominations from the floor. Mr. Joe Horne moved to accept the slate as presented with Mr. Bill McCord seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Endorse FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Skipper said that the UPWP is a federally required document that outlines the studies and other efforts for the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. This document also serves as the operating budget for the fiscal year. Mr. McCord asked a clarifying question.

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

Mr. Paul Corder moved to endorse the FY 2015 UPWP for consideration by the Board. Mr. Briggs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

SCHEDULE:

- May/June – State and Federal Review
- *6/4 – TCC Endorsement*
- *6/18 – XB Endorsement*
- **7/28-8/20 – Public Review and Comment Period**
- **8/6 – First Public Hearing (TCC)**
- 8/20 – Second Public Hearing / Adoption (XB)

Proposed Amendments to the FYs 2014-2017 TIP

Ms. Anna Emerson, MPO staff, said that a 21-day public review and comment period and two public hearings will be held prior to adoption of the amendments into the FYs 2014-2017 TIP. She briefly went over each amendment.

Mr. McCord asked a clarifying question on how many miles the Goodlettsville project covered. Ms. Skipper cautioned using the TIP information to determine the cost per mile on a project. Mr. Rick Gregory asked where the new rail cars are coming from. Mr. Felix Castrodad said that it hasn't been decided yet.

More information is available at NashvilleMPO.org/plans_programs/tip/.

Mr. Gregory moved to endorse the amendments for public review and comment. Mr. McCord seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

AMENDMENTS:

TIP #	RTP #	Project Name	Sponsor	Action
2014-026	2011-16-119	1086-107	Goodlettsville Bike/Ped Plan – Greenway Connectors	Goodlettsville
2014-027	2014-36-042	1086-602	Springfield Greenway – Phase 3	Springfield
2014-028	2008-15-048	1015-311	Misc. Support Equipment	Nashville MTA
2014-029	2014-85-023	Consistent	Music City Star Misc. Support Equipment & Passenger Amenities	RTA
2014-030	2014-85-012	1085-320	Purchase/Rehab of MCS Locomotive Rail Cars	RTA

SCHEDULE:

- 7/25 – *Application Deadline*
- **8/6 – TCC Endorsement**
- 8/20 – XB Endorsement
- 8/23-9/17 – Public Review and Comment Period
- 9/3 – First Public Hearing (TCC)
- 9/17 – Second Public Hearing / Adoption (XB)

Middle Tennessee Transportation & Health Study

Mr. Skipper requested that this report be deferred until the September meeting.

MPO Director's Report

- Update on 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Activities & Schedule
Mr. Skipper said that the deadline for submitting projects (old and new) for the 2040 RTP is August 7th. He requested that if a jurisdiction can't get the list to the staff by then to please let him know.
- Update on MPO Staffing

Mr. Skipper said that Mr. Max Baker is now working for AECOM on the state-wide freight plan and the Mr. Chin-Cheng Chen is working at TDOT on their travel demand model.

He said that Ms. Rochelle Carpenter has been hired to work with Ms. Leslie Meehan on the health and transportation initiative. Ms. Carpenter is splitting her time between Transportation 4 America and the Nashville Area MPO. Ms. Carpenter said that she was happy to be in Nashville.

Mr. Skipper introduced Mr. Wes Rhodes who is a policy analyst on public health doing environmental screening. Mr. Rhodes said he was happy to be here.

Mr. Sam Williams was introduced as the MPO's new GIS analyst. Mr. Williams said it was good to be here.

Ms. Michelle Lacewell was introduced as the new Deputy Director for the MPO as well as the new Communication's Director. Ms. Lacewell spoke briefly of her past work.

Mr. Skipper said that interviews had been held for three other positions, manager of technical programs, travel demand modeler, and a lead on freight and transit and offers should be going out soon.

- Other Comments

The new MPO members introduced themselves.

Ms. Margot Fosnes is the new representative from Robertson County and she said that being a member of this MPO is important for Robertson County. She said that Robertson County developed a Comprehensive Plan last year.

Mr. Andrew Barlow is the new representative from Mt. Juliet. He is the Deputy Public Works Director.

Mr. Glenn Harper is the new representative from Columbia. He said that there are many transportation needs which will be helped by being a member.

Other Business

Mr. McCord said that the Corps of Engineering was doing a plan update for Old Hickory Lake. If you have an interest in participating, contact Charlie Leath or Crystal Tingle at 615-822-4846.

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

Date: _____

Doug Demosi, Chair
Technical Coordinating Committee

Michael Skipper, MPO Director
Secretary, Technical Coordinating Committee