

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE Of the

Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

December 3, 2014

Attendees: Ms. Kim Ark, Mr. Andy Barlow, Mr. Tom Brashear, Mr. Michael Briggs, Mr. Félix Castrodad, Mr. Jonathon Cleghon, Mr. Marc Corrigan, 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. Frank Humber, Mr. Bill McCord, Mr. Addam McCormick, Mr. Larry McGoogin, Mr. Kevin Rigsby, Mr. Tim Roach, Mr. Fred Rogers, Ms. Christine Vitt

Approve September 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Doug Demosi, Chair, opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Rick Gregory moved to approve the September 3, 2014 meeting minutes with Mr. Joe Horne seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Ms. Margo Chambers, Nashville, said that the TCC should consider not having anyone from the Nashville Planning Department or the Nashville Finance department on the TCC because the MPO is housed in Metro. She also said that this group should not be approving anything regarding the NashvilleNext (which is Metro Nashville's effort to update the county's general plan).

TCC Chair's Report

Mr. Demosi said that the MPO Annual meeting was well attended and a very good meeting. Mr. Michael Skipper, MPO director, thanked Ms. Michelle Lacewell, MPO deputy director, for the wonderful job she did pulling the meeting together. He also said that he appreciated everyone attending.

Mr. Skipper said that the date listed on the 2015 Meeting Schedule which was in the packet for the November meeting will be a joint TCC and Executive Board meeting again. The date will be decided at a later date.

Mr. Tim Roach moved to accept the 2015 meeting schedule with the change of date for the November meeting noted. Mr. Bill McCord seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Proposed Amendments to the FYs 2014-2017 TIP

Ms. Anna Emerson, MPO staff, said that the amendments were gone over at the annual meeting in depth but asked if anyone has a question about a particular project she would address it. Several clarifying question were addressed.

Mr. Demosi opened the public hearing. Ms. Chambers said that since the MTA/RTA has had an interim CEO this summer and the public information has been spotty as to what the MTA/RTA has done, she said that all of the bus facilities should be taken off of the list.

With no further comment, Mr. Demosi closed the public hearing.

Mr. Tom Brashear moved to endorse the proposed amendments for consideration by the Board. Mr. Billy Davis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Update on NashvilleNext

Mr. Rick Bernhardt gave an overview of the project is in its final 6 months. Mr. Bernhardt said that the presentation was on the www.NashvilleNext.net website.

Mr. McCord asked if there are no anticipated changes for single family neighborhoods. Mr. Bernhardt said that they will change but it will depend on whether they are a maintenance neighborhood or an emerging neighborhood but it's how the changes are introduced.

Mr. Paul Corder asked how the cost of doing status quo (auto) vs. transit development affects property values. Mr. Bernhardt said that there are few opportunities to expand congested roadways in Davidson County. To accommodate growth, people need access to other forms of transportation. Mr. Tom Brashear said that the school system needs to be discussed. Cities have gotten away from community schools. Diversity can help ease back into community schools instead of large schools. Mr. Bernhardt said that schools are addressed in the plan which discusses land use policies that support many options.

MPO Director's Report

- 2040 RTP Update

Mr. Skipper said that the staff is in the process of going to each county to discuss local priorities with stakeholders. He said that there will be a workshop in February to go over the list. The draft RTP will be sent to TDOT and FHWA/FTA for review. In the fall, there will be a meeting in each county. At the annual meeting in November, the Executive Board will endorse the draft plan and will adopt the plan in December 2015.

Other Business

- Mr. Skipper reminded the members that the staff is going to each county to discuss their priorities before the staff evaluates all of the projects for the 2040 RTP.
- Mr. Skipper introduced Ms. Mary Connelly. She is doing transit and freight. She came from Cambridge in Austin, TX. She said that she was happy to be here.

Mr. Félix Castrodad introduced the new MTA planner, Sontrill Lowe.

- Mr. Wesley Rhodes, MPO staff, introduced Mr. Tom Doherty, TDEC Office of Sustainable Practices. Mr. Doherty told the members of a grant opportunity called "Clean Tennessee Energy Grant" which assists communities and utility districts to do renewable energy projects. He encouraged anyone who might consider applying to look outside the box. He said that the pre-proposal is due January 30, 2015 and the full proposal due February 28th with the awards being announced in late spring. He said that it is a 50-50% match with the amount not exceeding \$250,000.00.

He said that the eligible projects can be existing or new projects. Mr. Gregory asked if there is a cap on amount of award. Mr. Doherty said no that the money is for the purchase, installation, and construction of the project. Mr. Gregory asked if the technology is scalable to different needs of different size cities. Mr. Doherty said he thinks so. Mr. Wes Rhodes, MPO staff, said that it could be used for fuel efficient vehicles also. Mr. Skipper said that the grant money does not have to go through the TIP. Mr. Tim Roach said that GNRC can assist with these grants.

Mr. Rhodes said that he would send out an email with the information today.

- Mr. Skipper said that an increase in the ozone standard has been released by the Administration. This could impact our area. Mr. John Finke said that this has

been expected for some time. He said the EPA is taking comments. The final standard will be released in October 2015 with final designation in 2017.

- Mr. Skipper said that the area mayors will get a presentation on the impact on local governments due to the change in status of illegals by the Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition.
- Mr. Bill Terry of TAPA said that when the Legislature is back in session in January and in the past 3 or 4 years, bills have been filed which would severely affecting local planning and land use and some actually want to abolish local planning commissions. He said that TAPA keeps up with these issues for its members. If you are not already a member and want to receive the updates, please give him your information. He said that occasionally he sends out emails requesting information on how a bill will affect the locals. If you want to be on this distribution list, let him know.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Date: February 4, 2015



Doug Demosi, Chair
Technical Coordinating Committee



Michael Skipper, AICP
Executive Director and Secretary