

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Of the

Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

August 5, 2015

Attendees: Ms. Kim Ark, Mr. Andy Barlow, Mr. Tom Brashear, Mr. Michael Briggs, Mr. Felix Castrodad, Mr. Jonathon Cleghon, Mr. Paul Corder, Ms. Kristen Costanzo, Mr. Mark Crutcher, Mr. Billy Davis, Mr. Doug Demosi, Mr. John Finke, Ms. Margot Fosnes, Mr. Glenn Harper, Mr. Mike Harris, Ms. Billy Higgins, Mr. Reed Hillen, Mr. Jonathon Marston, Mr. Bill McCord, Mr. Addam McCormick, Mr. Ken McLawhon, Ms. Angie Midgett, Ms. Caryn Miller, Mr. John Pewitt, Mr. Dana Richardson, Mr. Kevin Rigsby, Mr. Tim Roach, Mr. Fred Rogers, Ms. Diane Thorne

Approve June 3, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Doug Demosi, Chair, opened the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Mr. Tim Roach moved to approve the meeting minutes with Mr. Fred Rogers seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

TCC Chair's Report

Mr. Demosi reminded the members of the TAPA Conference in Chattanooga, September 30 - October 2, 2015 at the Chattanooga Convention Center

He said that there is an amendment to today's agenda to add a TIP amendment

Proposed Amendment to the FYs 2014-2017 TIP

Ms. Anna Emerson, MPO staff, said that this amendment came in after the agenda packet had been sent out. The following amendment to the *Transportation Improvement Program* (TIP) requires a 21-day public review and comment period and two public hearings are required prior to adoption by the Board.

She said that this is grant funding for pedestrian safety and improvement on Hart Lane in Nashville. She said that Mt. Juliet will probably be adding a project for multimodal access funds from TDOT for sidewalks. She will send out the information prior to the next meeting. A couple of clarifying questions were asked and answered.

Mr. Roach moved to endorse the proposed amendment for the Board's approval. Mr. Michael Briggs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Michael Skipper, MPO director, encouraged the members who will have TIP amendments later in the year to make sure we receive them for the next cycle which will be adopted in December to get them in just in case the new 2040 RTP isn't adopted by the end of this year.

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

| Amend # | TIP # | RTP # | Project Name | Sponsor | Action |
|----------|-------------|----------|------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 2015-039 | 2015-16-214 | 1086-602 | Hart Lane Pedestrian Safety Improvements | Metro Nashville | New project |

SCHEDULE:

- **8/5 – TCC Endorsement**
- **8/19 –XB Endorsement**
- **8/27-8/19 – Public Review and Comment Period**
- **9/2 – First Public Hearing (TCC)**
- **9/16 – Second Public Hearing / Adoption (XB)**

Endorse the FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Michael Skipper, MPO director, said that the draft *FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program* (UPWP) describing planning studies and research efforts scheduled for the period between October 1, 2015 and September 30, 2016 has been out for public review and comment. The program satisfies federal planning requirements and serves as the MPO's annual operating budget and regional dues schedule. He said that there are two new studies for 2016: 1) a study of rapid transit options between Davidson and Williamson/Maury counties, and 2) study of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) across the region. Mr. Billy Davis said that Metro is very interested in signalization improvement.

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

Mr. Mike Harris moved to endorse the UPWP for consideration by the Board with Ms. Caryn Miller seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

A complete copy of the proposed UPWP is available at www.NashvilleMPO.org/plans_programs/upwp/.

SCHEDULE:

- *Feb/March – UPWP Development with TCC*
- *May/June – State and Federal Review*
- *6/17 – XB Endorsement*
- **7/17-8/19 – Public Review and Comment Period**
- **8/5 – First Public Hearing (TCC)**
- **8/19 – Second Public Hearing / Adoption (XB)**

Findings from the Cool Springs Multimodal Transportation Study

Ms. Diane Thorne, Franklin Transit Authority, presented the findings and recommendations from the recently Cool Springs Multimodal Transportation Network Study.

The goals and objectives are 1) Optional transit solutions, 2) Multimodal transportation, 3) Transit funding options, 4) Partner with employers, 5), Best practices.

The recommendations are 1) Local mobility enhancements and 2) Regional connectivity.

Ms. Thorne went over the short-term, medium-term, and long-term recommendations as well as the cost and funding for the services.

Bill McCord asked if there are ridership projections on the various options being considered. Diane said not specifically. It is based on the current ridership

A copy of the final report can be found on the home page of the TMA Group website at <http://www.TMAgroup.org>

Update on nMotion and the MTA/RTA Strategic Planning Process

Felix Castrodad, MTA/RTA, presented an update on the nMotion which is the ongoing strategic planning process to update the MTA master plan and guide future expansion of the RTA. He said that the challenges facing the MTA are 1) Nashville MTA provides a small city service for an area that is no longer small, 2) Nashville MTA needs to catch up with the growth that has already occurred, as well as continue to expand at a faster pace to keep up with projected growth, 3) The service is not attractive to most residents, and 4) more local funding is needed.

Key findings are that improving transit is Nashvillians' 2nd highest priority and that significant transit investments are needed, according to the *2014 Nashville Vital Signs Report*. He said that the opportunities are to 1) develop a high capacity transit network, 2) provide service more often and at more times of day, 3) create a frequent transit network, 4) make service more direct, and 5) offer premium services.

The MTA took surveys to gather information from the public and will have public meetings to find out their ideas. He said that the next steps are 1) develop in-depth strategy documents for each service improvement strategy, 2) strategies become the building blocks for the service scenarios and the final service plan, and 3) strategies will be posted on the nMotion website in batches for public review and comment. He said that the MTA will continue to collect responses to the third survey and gather feedback on the draft *Guiding Principles* and *Transit Strategies*. Public meetings will be August 11th and 12th.

Tom Brashear questioned the suggestion of using interstate shoulders for buses which isn't a great idea since this is where disabled vehicles usually are. Caryn Miller said they have to consider the emergency services use the shoulders. Brashear also said it is a perception issue with public over new projects. He asked if there will be any effort that would show local positives of new types of projects via local studies. He said that there is a negative perception of riding buses in the South as a whole. Mr. Castrodad said that these types of issues are going to be addressed.

For more information about the nMotion is available at [Http://nMotion2015.com](http://nMotion2015.com)

Mr. Castrodad said that the NW Corridor Transit Study between Nashville and Clarksville. He said that there have been public meetings. There are 5 corridors that are being looked at: 1) I-24, 2) the Nashville & Western line, 3) CSX alignment, 4) SR-12, and 5) US-41A. The next step is initial screening of the alternatives and studying land use and TOD along each corridor.

MPO Director's Report

- **Functional Classification Changes**

Mr. Skipper handed out a map showing the MPO Federal Aid Urban Boundary (FAUB) and Functional Classification Changes.

Mr. Davis asked if a list of changes (approved and non-approved) is available. Mr. Skipper said it is on the website. Mr. Brashear asked if a large PDF map with road names is available. Mr. Skipper said will update the maps with final changes and post it on the website.

Mr. Skipper said that the FAUB is used to determine the urban from rural in a classification standpoint. Ms. Angie Midgett will find out if safety funding can be used along rural areas

- **Update on the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Development**

Mr. Skipper said that over the next two weeks the staff will be in each county to discuss specific recommendations for funding and define the scope of the headline projects across the region. Mr. Briggs asked if these projects will be financially constrained or above the funding level. Mr. Skipper said that there will be a financial plan for each one of them but they may not be specifically constrained according to the federal rules. He said that funding may be allocated from a revenue forecast and, where there is a gap, discussions on how to fill in the gap will need to take place. Mr. Davis said that a discussion about a gas tax increase is taking place in the Legislature and we need to stay tuned and be involved by contacting your representatives. The Nashville Chamber of Commerce is working with partners – public and private sectors – launched its "Moving Forward" initiative which is trying to keep accountability and is the 'glue' which will hold all of the agencies/groups together.

- **Mr. Skipper introduced Ms. Hannah Plummer as new intern. She is working with Mr. Wesley Rhodes on a Cumberland River Compact project.**

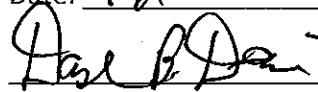
- **Mr. Skipper asked if anyone could name the location of the longest stretch of roadway that is uninterrupted by an intersection or interchange in the seven-county region. Answer next month.**

Other Business

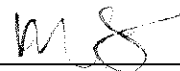
Ms. Angie Midgett introduced Mr. Jonathan Russell. He is the new Community Transportation Planner for Region 3 (Headquarters). This is the position that Katy Braden was previously in.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Date: 9-2-15



Doug Demosi, Chair
Technical Coordinating Committee



Michael Skipper, AICP
Executive Director and Secretary