



NASHVILLE AREA

# Metropolitan Planning Organization

## Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 5, 2014 | 11:00 AM

MPO Office at the Fulton Office Complex | Davidson Conference Room  
800 Second Avenue South, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor | Nashville, Tennessee

**Attendees:** Leslie Meehan (MPO), Liz Thompson (Walk/Bike Nashville), Becky Taylor (Clean Air Partnership), William Anderson (Veloteers), Dare Bible (TN Department of Health), Tom Evans (Bike/Walk Hendersonville and Bike Walk Tennessee), Michael Briggs (Metro Planning), Michele Etling (Meharry), Lt. Michael Gilliland (MNPd), Robert Hendry (Harpeth Bicycle Club), Josh Stone (MTSU), Bob Richards (TDEC), Joe Pagetta (Community Foundation of Middle TN), Mick Nelson (THDA), Justin Curatolo (MTA), Sara Holloway (Cumberland Region Tomorrow) Guest: Anne Passino (Southern Environmental Law Center)

1. **Welcome & Introductions – 10 Minutes – BPAC members introduced themselves.** Liz Thompson and Justin Curatolo are both new to the BPAC. Joe Pagetta is now with the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee.
2. **Active Transportation Grants – 5 Minutes – MPO staff announced that all 10 active transportation grant applications were funded.** These are the applications that the BPAC reviewed, scored and ranked over the summer. The total federal funding was \$9,610,391. Combined with the local match of 20%, the projects total **\$12,012,988.75**. The funding comes from both the 15% reserved amount of Urban Surface Transportation Program funds (one of the MPO's largest funding sources), as well as the Transportation Alternatives Program funding awarded to the MPO by TDOT, as authorized under the MAP-21 Transportation bill. See attached for award amounts and project descriptions. Nine projects are infrastructure and include transit hubs, greenways, bike share and sidewalks. The non-infrastructure project is a multimodal master plan for a section of Franklin Pike in Berry Hill.
3. **TDOT Multimodal Access Fund – 1 Hour 50 minutes**  
The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss the nine applications submitted to the MPO for consideration for the TDOT Multimodal Access Fund grant program. In October of 2013, the Tennessee Department of Transportation announced the creation of a new funding opportunity for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. The TDOT Multimodal Access Fund is created out of state gas-tax revenue and is a statewide competition to fund bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects that can be completed within a short timeframe. TDOT announced a call for projects for \$10 million per year, beginning in 2013 and continuing until 2015.

Each MPO and RPO in the state is invited to submit up to two projects for TDOT to consider for funding. Each project can be up to \$1 million in total project costs, and must be on a state route or within a 1/4 mile of a state route and connect to the state route.

*Because of the short timeline between the fund announcement and the application deadline, the MPO required all applicants to submit a brief abstract. The purpose of the abstract is for MPO staff to review potential project submittals to ensure projects qualify for the program and are reasonable in terms of scope and time-frame. The MPO reviewed abstracts and provided approval or feedback to member jurisdictions within 24 hours of abstract receipt. The MPO received 10 abstracts.*

*Upon abstract approval, applications were completed and submitted to the MPO by October 31, 2014. MPO staff reviewed nine applications received, and along with the MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, today prepared a ranked list of projects, including the top two projects, for approval by the MPO Executive Board at the November 12, 2014 MPO Annual Meeting and Executive Board Meeting.*

*Projects were reviewed based on scoring criteria provided by TDOT in the application guidelines and application. The categories included: safety, connections with other multimodal facilities, project priority in local plans, timeline and economic impact. For a full list of scoring criteria, a link the guidelines and application, and the timeline for project submittal and review, please visit the MPO website: [http://nashvillempo.org/plans\\_programs/tip/TDOT\\_MMAF.aspx](http://nashvillempo.org/plans_programs/tip/TDOT_MMAF.aspx).*

*After reviewing, scoring and discussing each application, the BPAC decided on the top two scoring projects are the most competitive projects for the MPO to submit to TDOT. These projects are the West 7<sup>th</sup>/SR-99 Multimodal Streetscape project in Columbia, which includes a multiuse path, sidewalk, bike lane and trolley stop; and the Lebanon Road sidewalks on SR-24 in Mt. Juliet, which includes over 1.6 miles of sidewalk connecting residential areas to commercial areas.*

*MPO staff will work with the two applicants to finalize their applications to make them as competitive as possible with the other applications that will be submitted from across the state. TDOT anticipates making award announcements in March.*

*Detailed feedback was also discussed for the other seven applications and sent to each applicant after the meeting. The BPAC wanted to strengthen not only the two applications submitted for the Multimodal Access Fund grant, but also provide feedback to make the other applications stronger for other grant opportunities.*

- 4. Next Steps, Announcements, other Discussion** – *The BPAC will be providing feedback to MPO staff on six tools that will be used to evaluate bicycle and pedestrian facility priorities throughout the region. MPO staff will email a description of the tools and instructions for weighting the tools to the BPAC. BPAC will provide feedback via email.*
- 5. Adjourn - Next Meeting: TBD** – *the next meeting will be held after the first of the year.*



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## MPO Active Transportation Program Grant Awards

### Background

The MPO's Active Transportation Program was created by the MPO's *2035 Regional Transportation Plan* as a way to increase active transportation options and support the development of walkable communities throughout Middle Tennessee. In December 2013, the MPO executive board approved nearly \$12 million in funding from a combination of two federal grant programs distributed to the Nashville urbanized area including the FHWA Surface Transportation Program and the Transportation Alternatives Program.

The following presents detail of the MPO staff recommendation to award nearly \$10 million to 10 projects across the region. Projects were evaluated and optimized by the MPO's Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee. More information at: [http://www.nashvillempo.org/plans\\_programs/tip/ATP.aspx](http://www.nashvillempo.org/plans_programs/tip/ATP.aspx)

### Award Recommendations

#### 1. Small Town Connections

City of Nolensville, Williamson County

**Award Amount: \$415,000**

Construction of a trailhead and bridge, and environmental work for the Nolensville multi-use trail.

*Project Cost: \$518,750*

#### 2. Lower Station Camp Creek Greenway

Sumner County

**Award Amount: \$1,045,000**

Design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of 2,000 linear feet from Station Camp School to Saundersville Station subdivision, including a pedestrian bridge over Station Camp Creek.

*Project Cost: \$1,306,250*

#### 3. North Nashville Mini Transit Hub

Nashville MTA, Davidson County

**Award Amount: 750,000**

Construction of a transit hub, sidewalks, and bicycle parking along Clarksville Pike (SR-112).

*Project Cost: \$937,500*

#### 4. Highway 31W (SR-41) Sidewalk and Bicycle Lanes

White House, Sumner County

**Award Amount: 1,600,000**

Construction of a three-quarter mile multi-use trail on Highway 31 from Clearview Court to the greenway trailhead.

*Project Cost: \$2,000,000*

**5. Citywide Sidewalk Improvement Program**

City of Gallatin, Sumner County

**Award Amount: 560,000**

Construction of 4 miles of sidewalks across 13 high-priority locations throughout the city.

*Project Cost: \$700,000*

**6. Belinda Parkway Pedestrian Connector**

City of Mt. Juliet, Wilson County

**Award Amount: 1,250,000**

Construction of nearly 2 miles of sidewalks between Providence Greenway and Jerry Mundy Park, connecting residential and commercial areas.

*Project Cost: \$1,562,500*

**7. Franklin Pike (SR-6) Multimodal Plan**

Berry Hill, Davidson County

**Award Amount: \$125,000**

Preparation of a multi-modal plan for a one-mile stretch of Franklin Pike between Wedgewood and Berry Road. The plan will engage the public and community stakeholders to develop recommendations for improved access management for automobiles, and new accommodations for pedestrians, bicycles, and transit users.

*Project Cost: \$156,250*

**8. Franklin-Cool Springs Bike Share Program**

Franklin Transit Authority, Williamson County

**Award Amount: \$2,065,000**

Implementation, administration, and maintenance of 23 bike-share stations of 10 bicycles each across Franklin and the Cools Springs area

*Project Cost: \$2,581,250*

**9. S. Lowry Street (SR-1) Streetscaping and Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements**

Town of Smyrna, Rutherford County

**Award Amount: \$320,000**

First phase of planned streetscape improvements to Lowry Street from Sam Davis Road to Jackson Street in downtown Smyrna. The design includes pedestrian and bicycle facilities and the replacement of a center turn lane with a landscaped median.

*Project Cost: \$400,000*

**10. Nolensville Pike Mini Transit Hub**

Nashville MTA, Davidson County

**Award Amount: \$1,500,000**

Construction of a transit hub at the intersection of Nolensville Pike and Harding Place. The project will include covered bicycle parking, improved pedestrian crosswalks, sidewalks, and signage.

*Project Cost: \$1,875,000*



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### TDOT Multi-Modal Access Fund **Regional Priorities**

#### Background

The TDOT Multimodal Access Fund (MMAF) provides state revenue to support bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects along state routes. TDOT has budgeted \$10 million per year, beginning in 2013 and continuing through 2015. Proposals must be for projects on a state route or connect to a state route, and not exceed a funding request of more than \$1 million. Each MPO and RPO is invited to submit up to two applications for funding.

The following presents detail of the MPO staff recommendation to endorse the top two projects from 9 submissions received from communities across the region. Projects were evaluated and optimized by the MPO's Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee following the call-for-projects issued on September 15, 2014. More information at: [http://www.nashvillempo.org/plans\\_programs/tip/TDOT\\_MMAF.aspx](http://www.nashvillempo.org/plans_programs/tip/TDOT_MMAF.aspx)

#### Recommended Priorities

##### 1. **West 7<sup>th</sup> Multimodal Streetscapes (SR-99)**

City of Columbia, Maury County

**Requested Funding: \$948,133**

Construct 2,150 linear feet of a 10 foot wide multiuse path on the north side of West 7th/SR 99 from Pop Gees Park (Hastings Street) to North High Street. Construct 5 foot wide sidewalks with bike lane on the south side of the street. Includes construction of Trolley Stop with staging, loading and unloading. Provides connection to historic downtown and connects with existing sidewalk facilities.

*Project Cost: \$998,035*

##### 2. **Lebanon Road Sidewalks (SR-24)**

Mt. Juliet, Wilson County

**Requested Funding: \$944,560**

Construct 8,650 linear feet of 5 foot wide sidewalk on Lebanon Road/SR 24 between Nonville Road and Glen Park Drive. Includes additional 500 linear feet of sidewalk on Park Glen Drive connecting to existing sidewalk in Park Glen Subdivision. Connects residential areas to commercial districts.

*Project Cost: \$994,274*

#### Other Submissions

##### 3. **Murfreesboro Road Sidewalks (SR-96)**

City of Franklin, Williamson County

**Requested Funding: \$760,000**

Construct 4,300 linear feet of sidewalk from Pinkerton Park to Mack Hatcher SR-397. Connects with Franklin Trolley stop at Pinkerton Park and with multi-use trail on Mack Hatcher.

**4. Hillsboro Road Multi-Use Trail (SR-106)**

Williamson County

Requested Funding: \$893,024

Construct 10 foot wide multiuse trail near Hillsboro Road in the Grassland Village community to connect residences with schools and parks.

**5. West Main Street Sidewalks (SR-24)**

City of Lebanon, Wilson County

Requested Funding: \$900,600

Construct 1,450 linear feet of sidewalk with grass buffer from West Baddour Parkway to Westview Plaza to provide access to commercial district and multifamily housing.

**6. Nashville Pike Sidewalks (SR-6)**

City of Gallatin, Sumner County

Requested Funding: \$950,000

Construct 6 foot wide sidewalk from Greenwave Drive to Lock 4 Road with pedestrian signals at two intersections in order to provide connection to commercial districts and the high school.

**7. Long Hollow Pike Ocana Park-n-Ride (SR-174)**

Sumner County

Requested Funding: \$113,031

Construct park and ride facility for future transit service and to serve as greenway parking trailhead for the Lower Station Camp Creek greenway.

**8. Multi-Use Trail (SR-100)**

City of Fairview, Williamson County

Requested Funding: \$370,500

Construct 2,700 linear feet of 10 foot wide multiuse trail between Glen Haven and Cumberland Drive connecting residences to schools, parks, and town center.

**9. Woodmont Boulevard Multi-Use Trail (SR-155)**

Metro Nashville-Davidson County

Requested Funding: \$1,937,974

Construct multi-use trail between Hillsboro Road and Belmont Boulevard to connect residential, campus, and commercial destinations.