

Nashville Area MPO Regional Plan - Highlights, Schedule, and Media Sequence

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WHAT IS THE PLAN & WHAT AUTHORITY DOES THE MPO HAVE?

- Required by Federal Law. Must look ahead 20+ years and include all regionally significant road, transit, walking, and biking projects, regardless of how they are funded.
- The plan may include an illustrative VISION that assumes revenues not already in place, but ultimately the plan must be FINANCIALLY-FEASIBLE based on a reasonable forecast of known revenue sources.
- The MPO is responsible for AIR QUALITY modeling of mobile source pollutants and must ensure the plan conforms to national ambient air quality standards. Federal funding may be withheld otherwise.
- The plan MUST ADDRESS regional GOALS for LIVABILITY, SUSTAINABILITY, PROSPERITY, etc.
- ANY project receiving FEDERAL HIGHWAY or FEDERAL TRANSIT funds MUST be approved by the MPO and included in the region's plan.
- The MPO has the AUTHORITY to select projects for funding and to AWARD funds to projects in the plan.
- The MPO MAY REQUIRE grant recipients to abide by its policies in order to receive federal funding.
- The MPO MAY SET-ASIDE money for projects that support significant policy initiatives like transit, walkable communities, livability, sustainability, etc.
- MPO authority is likely to be expanded in the future to provide an improved ability for metro areas to support the national economy.

REGIONAL PLAN MILESTONES

• **January 20 - MPO Board: Endorse the Public Launch of the 2035 Plan**

- *January 20-March 31 - Call for Projects*
- *February 1-5 - Launch New Website, Brand, and Initiate Media Blitz*
- **February 4 - Press Conference to Announce Call-for-Projects/ Mayors Caucus Meeting**
- *February 3-July 30 - MPO Analysis, Plan Development, Synchronization w/ Clarksville Urbanized Area MPO, TDOT, CRT, etc*
- *March 3 – MPO TCC: Endorse Guiding Principles, Goals, and Objectives and Project Evaluation Factors*

• **March 17 - MPO Board: Endorse Guiding Principles, Goals, and Objectives and Project Evaluation Factors**

- *May 19 - MPO TCC: Presentation of Draft 2035 Plan Initiatives and Overview of Regional Needs*
- *May 19 - MPO Board: Presentation of Draft 2035 Plan Initiatives and Overview of Regional Needs*
- **May 26 - Annual Convening the Region Summit w/ Mayors Caucus, CRT, TDOT: Unveil Draft Plan Initiatives and set of Choices to Regional Public & Private Leadership, Media, etc**
- *May 20 – October 29 - Public & Stakeholder Involvement through Speakers' Bureau, Social Media/website, etc*
- *August 7 – MPO TCC: Endorse Investment Strategies and Programming Policies*

• **August 21 - MPO Board: Endorse Preferred Investment Strategies and Programming Policies**

- *September 7 – MPO TCC: Endorse FY 2011-2015 Work Program (TIP) and 2016-2035 Plan Projects*

• **September 15 - MPO Board Meeting: Endorse FY 2011-2015 Work Program (TIP) and 2016-2035 Plan Projects**

- **September 29-December 3 – TDOT & Federal Review and Comment Period**
- September 20-October 15 – Finalize materials for public and stakeholder involvement period
- October 15-November 15 – Promotion of public and stakeholder involvement opportunities
- **October 20 – Formal Public Review and Comment Period Begins**
- **October 28-November 19 – Community Conversations/ 2035 Plan Workshops (AM & PM)**
- November 3- MPO TCC: Presentation of the 2035 Transportation Plan
- November 17- MPO Board: Presentation of the 2035 Transportation Plan
- **December 1 – MPO TCC: Public Hearing #1 / TCC Endorse Plan for Adoption**
- **December 15 - MPO Board: Public Hearing #2 / Adoption**