

## **MINUTES**

### **TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE Of the**

#### **Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**April 3, 2019**

Attendees: Mr. Michael Barr, Mr. Marshall Boyd, Mr. Michael Briggs, Mr. Felix Castrodad, Mr. Paul Corder, Mr. Marc Corrigan, Mr. Doug Demosi, Mr. Richard Donovan, Mr. Glenn Harper, Mr. Mike Harris, Ms. Billy Higgins, Mr. Joe Horne, Ms. Emily Hunter, Ms. Katrina Jones, Mr. Jim Kerr, Mr. Bill McCord, Mr. Addam McCormick, Mr. Chip Moore, Ms. Melanie Murphy, Ms. Sharmila Patel, Mr. Kevin Rigsby, Ms. Sean Santalla, Mr. Josh Suddath, Mr. Doug Vann, Mr. Alex West, Mr. Matt White

#### **Approval of the March 6, 2019 meeting minutes**

Mr. Michael Briggs, Chair, opened the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Mr. Mike Harris moved to approve the March 6, 2019 meeting minutes. Mr. Joe Horne seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Public Comment**

Mr. Richard Forberg, Nashville, said that the Public Participation Plan (PPP) link on the MPO website is not working. He asked how he could get a copy of the PPP to review. Mr. Craig Casper, Interim MPO Coordinator, said that he would check the link.

#### **Public Hearing for Amendments to the FYs 2017-2020 TIP**

Ms. Anna Emerson, MPO staff, said that the proposed amendments have been out for the required 21-day public review and comment period. To-date, there have been no comments received.

Mr. Bill McCord said again that he was opposed to Amendment #2019-014 because he thought design of it encouraged sprawl. Ms. Melanie Murphy said that TDOT had changed the design to 5-lanes due to safety concerns.

Mr. Briggs opened the public hearing. There were no comments. Mr. Briggs closed the public hearing.

Ms. Billy Higgins moved to endorse the amendments for the Transportation Policy Board's (TPB) consideration for adoption at their April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Josh Suddath seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Endorse the Public Participation Plan for Public Review**

Mr. Casper said that the final draft is ready to go out for the required 45-day public review and comment period once the TPB endorses it at their April meeting. The MPO will present a letter to FHWA requesting a deadline extension for adoption. Mr. Casper said that the draft has been vetted by FTA as well as TDOT and FHWA.

Mr. Forberg asked if the final document will have the public input included. Mr. Casper said it would. Mr. Forberg asked how a non-profit can become a regional planning partner – there should be a process. Mr. Casper said that they would talk about it outside the meeting. Mr. Briggs said that the 45-day comment period allows for public comments.

Mr. Glenn Harper moved to endorse the PPP for consideration by the TPB for public review and comment. The motion passed unanimously on the second by Ms. Emily Hunter.

#### **Update on TIP Development for FYs 2020-2023**

Ms. Emerson said that she is continuing to get information on all projects that are in the TIP. She asked if there are any projects that need updates to please get the information to her within the next two weeks. Also, she indicated that the new projects listed are projects that are included in the RTP, and that the lead agency is now requesting to add to the TIP. She said that once the amount of sub-allocated surface transportation block grant (STBG) funds are known, new projects will be considered.

Several clarifying questions were asked and answered.

#### **Update on Federal Certification Review**

Mr. Casper said that two of the four corrective actions have been satisfied.

The PPP will go out for public review and comment after the April 17<sup>th</sup> TPB meeting. A letter will be sent to FHWA requesting an extension of the deadline for this action until June 19, 2019.

The Congestion Management Process (CMP) will be embedded into the next Regional Transportation Plan instead of being a stand-alone document. He said that the staff is in conversations with FHWA about schedules for this update.

Mr. Forberg said that the public needs to have input on the CMP. Mr. Casper said that is part of the process.

**Chair's Report**

Mr. Briggs said that the Nashville Commuter Challenge will be April 27-May 3, 2019. He encouraged everyone to participate.

**Staff Report**

Mr. Casper said that due to the road closures for the NFL Draft around this meeting location, the May meeting will either be moved to another venue or cancelled.

He said that the staff is continuing to update the Unified Planning Work Plan (UPWP).

The South Corridor Study has had the kick-off and more information will be forthcoming.

The Regional Smart Mobility study report is being written.

The staff is updating from Community Viz to UrbanSim.

He said that the Regional ITS Architecture update is stalled due to software issues.

**Other Business**

Mr. Harper mentioned that the American Society of Highway Engineers (ASHE) is having their national conference at the Gaylord Opryland Resort May 8-12, 2019. A link will be sent via email with further information.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Date: Michael Briggs

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Michael Briggs, Chair  
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