

MINUTES
Of the
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
Of the
Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
April 17, 2019

Attendees: Mayor Rogers Anderson, Mr. Andy Barlow (for Mayor Ed Hagerty), Mr. Steve Bland, Mayor David Briley, Mayor Paige Brown, Mayor Jeff Duncan, Mayor Rick Graham, Mr. Mike Harris (for Mayor Jill Burgin), Mr. Gerald Herman (for Mayor Michael Arnold), Executive Anthony Holt, Mayor Randall Hutto, Mr. Jim Kerr (for Mayor Shane McFarland), Mayor Bill Ketron, Mayor Mary Esther Reed, Mr. Jonathan Russell (for Gov. Bill Lee), Mr. Sean Santalla, Mayor Billy Vogle

Call to order

Mayor Mary Esther Reed, Chair, opened the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Approval of March 20, 2019 meeting minutes

Mr. Gerald Herman moved to approve the March 20, 2019 meeting minutes. Executive Anthony Holt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Ms. Jo Ann Graves, Executive Director of the Transit Alliance of Middle Tennessee, went over the goal of building support for the funding of a regional transit system. To achieve this, the Transit Alliance educates and empowers communities through the Transit Citizen Leadership Academy. She said that the next academy will begin soon and encouraged members to participate. She said that over 70 businesses, cities, counties, and private supporters have joined Transit Alliance to support a regional transit system and thanked the partners for their financial support. For more information, on the Transit Citizen Leadership Academy please contact her at joann.graves@thetransitalliance.org or Connect Middle TN Coalition at <http://thetransitalliance.org/>.

Action Items

a) Resolution TPB-2019-04: Amendments to the FYs 2017-2020 TIP

Ms. Anna Emerson, MPO staff, briefly went over each amendment. She said that they have been out for the required 21-day public review and comment period. To-date, no comments have been received.

Mayor Reed opened the public hearing. There was no public comment. Mayor Reed closed the public hearing.

Mayor Rick Graham moved to adopt Resolution TPB-2019-04 adding the amendments to the 2017-2020 TIP. Executive Anthony Holt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Amend #	TIP #	RTP #	Project Name	Sponsor	Action
2019-003	2019-14-086	Consistent	Nolensville Pike (SR-11/US41A) and McNally Drive Intersection Improvements	Metro Nashville	Add project
2019-004	2019-72-087	1972-357	Lebanon Road (SR-24) Widening from near Park Glen Drive to east of Benders Ferry Road	Mt. Juliet	Add project
2019-005	2018-76-068	Consistent	Lebanon Road (SR-24) Sidewalks – Phase 2	Mt. Juliet	Add funding
2019-006	2019-63-088	1963-356	Buckner Road Extension from Buckner Lane to Lewisburg Pike (SR-106/US431) with a New Interchange at I-65	Spring Hill	Add project
2019-007	2018-611-060	Consistent	Regional Multimodal and Rideshare Park & Ride	Williamson Co/TMA Group	Add funding
2019-008	2014-45-029	Consistent	Bus & Bus Facilities (Grouping)	Murfreesboro Public Transit	Add funding
2019-009	2018-85-053	1689-118	Bus Purchase & Replacement	RTA	Add funding
2019-010	2017-85-044	Consistent	Track Rehabilitation & Maintenance	RTA	Add funding
2019-011	2019-85-089	Consistent	Miscellaneous Support Equipment, Software, and Hardware	RTA	Add project
2019-012	2014-85-022	Consistent	Positive Train Control	RTA	Reduce funding
2019-013	2008-15-048	Consistent	Support Vehicles, Service Vehicles, Misc Support Equipment, Misc Shop Equipment, Operational Software	Nashville MTA	Add funding
2019-014	2018-62-055	1662-135	Murfreesboro Road (SR-96) Widening from near Wilson Pike (SR-252) to near I-840	TDOT	Revise scope

b) Endorse Public Participation Plan (PPP) for Public Review

Mr. Michael Skipper, GNRC Executive Director, said that the PPP details how the MPO interacts with the public. He said that the draft has been reviewed by TDOT, FHWA, and FTA. A required 45-day public review and comment period and two public hearings (June 5th at the TCC meeting and June 19th at the TPB meeting) is required prior to adoption. The document is on the website at http://www.nashvillempo.org/docs/PPP/TPB_PPP_Public-Review.pdf.

Mayor Graham moved to endorse the PPP for public review with Mayor Bill Ketron seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Informational Items:

a) Update on TIP Development for FYs 2020-2023

Ms. Emerson said that the project application deadline has passed and the staff is still working on digesting all the information. She pointed out the list showing the projects status. She said that the initial draft will be turned in by May 31st. She said that a workshop to update everyone will be held May 17th.

The new TIP draft will be sent to TDOT for review and comment and then to FHWA and FTA. It will then go out for public review and comment in September. At the October TPB meeting, the FY 2020-2023 TIP will be adopted. It will then be sent to TDOT then FHWA/FTA for approval which will be in January 2020.

b) Update on Federal Certification Review

Mayor Reed said that there were four corrective actions. Two have been done and two are being worked on. She noted her letter to Ms. Pam Kordenbrock, FHWA, requesting an extension of the deadline associated with the corrective action #3 Updating the PPP to August 21, 2019.

Mayor Reed thanked the staff of GNRC/TDOT/FHWA for their hard work getting these issues resolved.

Mr. Sean Santalla, FHWA, thanked Mayor Reed for the communication with the staff regarding the PPP. He reminded the staff that a letter from TDOT on concurrence of extension is needed.

Mayor Reed said that updates would continue until all issues are resolved.

Regular Reports:

TDOT Report

Mr. Jonathan Russell said that he has asked the new TDOT Commissioner to meet with the TPB. He said he got a positive response.

Mr. Russell said that TDOT has been hosting a statewide MPO conference over the past years in different areas of the state and that this year it will be at the Embassy Suites in Franklin on June 4-7.

Ms. Michelle Lacewell said staff from TDOT, the Nashville Mayor's office, and WeGo engaged in a panel presentation on projects underway. She said that there was a lot of interest in the I-24 Corridor.

Chair's Report

Mayor Reed said that the third workshop for the members will be on May 15th at the Clarion Hotel in Nashville. This workshop is on community/regional planning programs at GNRC and transportation planning processes across Middle Tennessee.

Staff report

Mr. Skipper said that the South Corridor Study will look at major investments in transportation with a focus on rapid transit. He said that there are four open houses coming up. They are 4/29 in Columbia, 4/30 in Franklin, 5/2 in Brentwood, and 5/6 in Nashville. The format is an open house style from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. where people can come and go.

For more information go to www.southcorridor.org.

Mr. Skipper said that GNRC serves as a primary participant for the 2020 census and will assist you in modifying the census geography. For more information, contact Max Baker at mbaker@gnrc.org.

The GNRC and the Nashville Area Chamber have launched the Greater Nashville Qualified Opportunity Zones (Greater Nashville QOZ). These are a federal incentive designed to make sure there is new investment in local real estate or commercial activity within economically distressed communities. In Middle TN, there are 31 census tracts designated as QOZ across seven counties. The Greater Nashville QOZ network brings together information about each zone, its attributes and potential projects for investment put forth by the city or county. The website, www.GreaterNashvilleQOZ.org provides profiles on each of the zones in the region that include interactive maps and demographic data to assist those interested in exploring the prospect of investing through this program. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Max Baker at mbaker@gnrc.org.

Mr. Skipper thanked FHWA and TDOT for their input with the development of the PPP.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Date: 4/29/19


The Honorable Mary Esther Reed
Transportation Policy Board Chair


Sean Pfalzer, MPO Coordinator