

MPO RESOLUTION 2016-001

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING "MIDDLE TENNESSEE CONNECTED," THE REGION'S UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR YEARS 2016 THROUGH 2040

WHEREAS, the Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is responsible for carrying out a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing transportation planning process throughout Davidson, Maury, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson, and Wilson counties; and

WHEREAS, the federal transportation acts known as Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) and Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST), passed by the United States Congress and signed into law by the President in 2012 and 2015 respectfully, require that the MPO adopt a regional transportation plan to help guide federal investments in transportation infrastructure across the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, various state, regional, and local agencies and organizations concerned with transportation planning for the MPO area have cooperatively developed a regional plan, titled "Middle Tennessee Connected," to identify necessary improvements to maintain the condition and performance of the transportation system and to prioritize those improvements for federal transportation funding; and

WHEREAS, the plan has been developed using guidance from the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration in order to meet the requirements outlined in Title 23, Part 450 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations; and

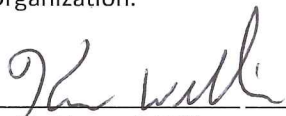
WHEREAS, the regional plan is consistent with state and local transportation plans and programs and has been determined to be in conformity with the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; and

WHEREAS, the MPO has involved the public and interested stakeholders in an open and transparent process which included opportunities for participation through local comprehensive planning efforts, regional and state transportation planning studies, public opinion surveys, and social media channels; and

WHEREAS, the MPO has published the plan for public review and comment for a period of no less than 30 days in a manner consistent with the organization's Public Participation Plan, has hosted a public open house in each county of the MPO, and has held two publicly-noticed hearings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Executive Board of the Nashville Area MPO, that "Middle Tennessee Connected" is adopted as the region's unified transportation plan in order to ensure the continued livability, sustainability, prosperity, and diversity of Middle Tennessee, and to serve as the basis for transportation planning and programming decisions for the region as whole.

Adopted this 17th day of February, 2016 by the Executive Board of the Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.



The Honorable Kenneth Wilber
Chairman, MPO Executive Board

Attest:



Michael Skipper, AICP
Executive Director and Secretary