

MINUTES
Of the
EXECUTIVE BOARD
of the
Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
February 15, 2017

Attendees: Mayor Rogers Anderson, Mayor Bernie Ash, Mayor Megan Barry, Mr. Steve Bland, Mayor Howard Bradley, Vice-Mayor David Briley, Mayor Paige Brown, Mayor Jamie Clary, Mayor Bonnette Dawson, Mayor Rick Gregory, Ms. Tanisha Hall (for Gov. Bill Haslam), Mr. Wayne Hall (for Mayor Patti Carroll), Mr. Gerald Herman (for Mayor Michael Arnold), Mr. Eddie Hood, Executive Anthony Holt, Mayor Randall Hutto, Mr. Jim Kerr (for Mayor Shane McFarland), Ms. Pam Kordenbrock, Mr. Ken Martin (for Mayor Ed Hagerty), Ms. Caryn Miller (for Mayor Timothy Lassiter), Mayor Ken Moore, Mayor Charlie Norman, Mayor Ann Schneider, Mr. Michael Skipper, Mayor Ken Wilber

Approve January 18, 2017 meeting minutes

Mayor Randall Hutto, Chair, opened the meeting at 9:02 a.m. Mayor Ken Moore moved to approve the January 18, 2017 meeting minutes with Mayor Ken Wilber seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

MPO Chair's Report

Mayor Hutto, referencing the endorsement of a list a projects for the TDOT 3yr work program during the January meeting, said that he appreciates the process that the MPO goes through to make sure that we all have projects on TDOT's list and the positivity of the meetings. He acknowledged the MPO/GNRC action item on the agenda, stating that this board has a unique opportunity with the considered merger with GNRC. He asked that the members look for opportunities to endorse Gov. Haslam's IMPROVE Act.

Endorse Proposed Amendments to FY 2017-2020 TIP

Ms. Anna Emerson, MPO staff, said that the following proposed amendments to the *Transportation Improvement Program* (TIP) require a 21-day public review and comment period and two public hearings prior to adoption by the Board. She briefly went over each proposed amendment.

Several clarifying questions were asked and answered.

Executive Anthony Holt moved to endorse the proposed TIP amendments for public review and comment. Mayor Megan Barry seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

More information is available at NashvilleMPO.org/plans_programs/tip/.

Amendment #	TIP #	RTP #	Project Name	Sponsor	Action
2017-002	2006-408	1062-160	SR-6/US-31/Franklin Road	TDOT	Add funds; clarify termini; update project length
2017-003	2009-72-036	1072-348	SR-109 Reconstruction & Widening	TDOT	Add funds; edit project length; clarify project description
2017-004	2016-82-230	1042-231	SR-96 Widening	TDOT	Add funds; edit project length; clarify project description
2017-005	2017-47-019	Consistent	Rutherford Boulevard Adaptive Signal Control	Murfreesboro	Add project
2017-006	2017-56-020	Consistent	Nashville Pike Sidewalk	Gallatin	Add project
2017-007	2017-59-021	Consistent	White House Cleaner Emissions Dump Trucks	White House	Add project
2017-008	2017-59-022	Consistent	Sumner County Cleaner Emissions Dump Trucks	Sumner County	Add project
2017-009	2017-59-023	Consistent	Gallatin Diesel Emissions Reduction	Gallatin	Add project
2017-010	2017-59-024	Consistent	Hendersonville Diesel Equipment Replacement	Hendersonville	Add project
2017-011	2017-77-025	Consistent	Lebanon ITS Phase 1	Lebanon	Add project
2017-012	2017-19-	Consistent	Nashville Complete	Metro	Add project

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	026		Trips: Transportation Demand Management Program	Nashville	
2017-013	2017-49-027	Consistent	Rutherford County Zero Emissions Vehicles	Rutherford County	Add project
2017-014	2017-19-028	Consistent	TDOT Region 3 Diesel Emissions Reduction Project	TDOT	Add project
2017-015	2017-47-029	Consistent	Smyrna ITS Phases 1, 2, and 3	Smyrna	Add project
2017-016	2014-75-021	Consistent	Hamilton Springs Station	RTA	Add project
2017-017	2017-72-030	1672-187	Mt. Juliet Rd (SR-171) Widening at I-40 Bridge	Mt. Juliet	Add project

SCHEDULE:

- 2/1 – TCC Endorsement for Public Comment and Review
- **2/15 – XB Endorsement for Public Comment and Review**
- 2/16-3/15 – Public Review and Comment Period
- 3/1 – First Public Hearing (TCC)
- 3/15– Second Public Hearing / Adoption (XB)

Endorse Recommendation from MPO/GNRC Joint Committee

During the Feb. 2 meeting of the MPO/GNRC Joint Committee an initial recommendation to pursue full integration of the MPO and GNRC staff and board leadership was endorsed unanimously. An endorsement is being sought for a 90-day extension of the MOA to work on a detailed plan of action. The work will engage TDOT and FHWA in the process.

Mayor Hutto said that this is an opportunity for staff to put together a blueprint to implement the recommendations of the committee and address all challenges.

Mayor Mary Esther Reed (through notes given to Mayor Hutto) said that the committee unanimously agreed to merge and that this will bring significant beneficial change in the region. With the endorsement of the MPO and GNRC governing bodies the committee will continue to move forward with this process.

Executive Holt said that he is excited about the unanimously vote and will be beneficial to region with cost savings, more efficiency and stronger in numbers. He said that there are still details to work out. If this can be worked out it will show spirit of cooperation in region.

Mayor Hutto said that the weighed voting issue still needs to be addressed, and a change in organizational and leadership structure could provide the opportunity for the evaluation of options.

Ms. Michelle Lacewell, Interim MPO director, said that high level summary of the committee's work and recommendation is in the board packet for review. She said that the final endorsement will be in April.

Mr. Michael Skipper said that there are many MPO's in the country that the committee has drawn information and inspiration from along this process.

Mayor Moore agreed with Mayor Hutto, stated that this is an exciting time for both organizations.

Ms. Pam Kordenbrock said that FHWA will assist anywhere needed.

Ms. Tanisha Hall said that TDOT is excited about the merger but will want questions answered.

Vice-Mayor David Briley said that it is an appropriate time for region to discuss realignment of authority and financial responsibility for transit, transportation planning in the region.

Ms. Hall asked if any option other than full integration still on table. Mr. Skipper said yes, if the next phase of works identifies that full integration will not achieve the shared goals of the MPO and GNRC or there are fatal flaws that cannot be over come, then the committee can change the recommendation.

Vice-Mayor Briley said that the devil is still in details and looks forward to more information at coming meetings.

Ms. Lacewell said that all these concerns have been documented over last six months and this endorsement will allow further study of full integration

Mayor Charlie Norman asked if there is enough time to answer all questions by April. Mr. Skipper said yes.

Ms. Kordenbrock said that FHWA is waiting for details to better understand what is being proposed but will help in any way they can.

Vice-Mayor Briley said that he is assuming that integration would make change in MPO bylaws.

Ms. Lacewell said that with a vote to move forward, an action time line will be developed with specific steps that have to be achieved.

Mr. Skipper said that in April a formal document to integrate will be adopted

Mr. Gerald Herman said that according to the resolution, a 90-day extension but it will take a lot longer. Ms. Lacewell said that the 90-day extension is for the decision and agreement to move forward with integration.

Vice-Mayor Briley asked about the interim status of MPO director. Mayor Hutto said that it will stay same until a final decision is made by the board on integration. If there is no merger, then the status will be re-visited.

Mayor Rogers Anderson would like to see in documentation how the GNRC will handle state sunset. Mr. Skipper said that the GNRC is not on sunset list at state.

Ms. Caryn Miller moved to endorse the initial recommendation and amend the timeline of the MOA. Mayor Barry seconded with the motion passing unanimously.

Director's Report

- FY 18 UPWP schedule
Ms. Lacewell said that a draft will be presented in April
- Timeline for RTP amendments
Ms. Lacewell said that hopefully in March a schedule for RTP amendments will be presented.
- MPO membership dues
Ms. Lacewell said that MPO receives In-kind dues with Metro which has kept the dues the same. There might possibly be an appropriate increase to if we are no longer in Metro.
- Creative Placemaking Summit
There will be a Creative Placemaking symposium following the March 1st TCC meeting. If you are interested in attending, let her know.
- At the February TCC meeting, Region 3 gave a presentation on what they do.

Other Business

Executive Holt said that Governor Haslam and TDOT Commissioner Schroer will speak at Station Camp High School on February 22nd at 5:00 p.m. He encourages you to advocate for projects and mass transit to the Legislature.

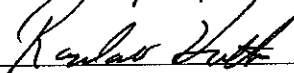
Mayor Barry said that Mayor David McCullough, Cheatham County, is not doing well. He is at Vanderbilt.

Ms. Kordenbrock introduced the new FHWA transportation planner, Mr. Sean Santalla.


Mayor Hutto said that he has been on this Board for 6 years and this Board has always worked together well. He said that change can be less than smooth. If you have concerns, contact Michelle Lacewell.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Date: 3/22/17



The Honorable Randall Hutto
Chairman, MPO Executive Board



Michelle Lacewell, Interim MPO Director
Secretary, Executive Board