

MINUTES
Of the
EXECUTIVE BOARD
of the
Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
March 22, 2017

Attendees: Mr. KB Aboagye (for Gov. Bill Haslam), Mayor Rogers Anderson, Ms. Kim Ark (for Executive Anthony Holt), Mayor Bernie Ash, Mr. Steve Bland, Vice-Mayor David Briley, Mayor Paige Brown, Ms. Jill Burgin, Mayor Patti Carroll, Mayor Jamie Clary, Mayor John Coombs, Mayor Rick Graham, Mr. Gerald Herman (for Mayor Michael Arnold), Mayor Randall Hutto, Mr. Jim Kerr (for Mayor Shane McFarland), Ms. Pam Kordenbrock, Mr. Ken Martin (for Mayor Ed Hagerty), Mr. Ken McLawhon (for Mayor Jimmy Alexander), Ms. Caryn Miller (for Mayor Timothy Lassiter), Mayor Charlie Norman, Mayor Mary Esther Reed, Mayor Ann Schneider, Mayor Ken Wilber

Approve February 15, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Randall Hutto, Chair, opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Mayor Rick Graham moved to approve the February 15, 2017 meeting minutes. Mayor Patti Carroll seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adopt Proposed Amendments to FY 2017-2020 TIP

Ms. Michelle Lacewell, Interim MPO director, said that the following proposed amendments to the *Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* have been out for the required 21-day public review and comment period. She said that the second of the two required public hearings prior to adoption by the Board held today.

Mayor Hutto opened the public hearing. There were no comments. Mayor Hutto closed the public hearing

Mayor Ken Wilber moved to adopt the proposed amendments to the FY 2017-2020 TIP with Mr. Jim Kerr seconding. 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	2017-19-026	Consistent	Nashville Complete Trips: Transportation Demand Management Program	Metro Nashville	Add project
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

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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)

IMPROVE Act Presentation

Ms. Lacewell thanked the board members for their flexibility with the last minute meeting date change from March 15th due to President Trump’s Nashville visit. She said that due to the date change Commissioner Schroer was unable to attend to give the scheduled presentation. Mr. KB Aboagye requested that jurisdictions that have passed a resolution supporting the bill to please send him a copy and he will make sure that it gets to the right person.

Director’s Report

- Update on the MPO/GNRC Joint Committee Work
 Mayor Mary Esther Reed said that since the Board voted for the full integration of the MPO and the GNRC, the timeline for research on how this integration will work was extended two (2) months. The committee is working through the process to show how any challenges (staffing/HR/legal/fiscal/programing, etc.) would be handled. There have been two stakeholder meetings that raised several other questions on timeline, make-up of committees and processes, and need for significant lead-time to develop solutions related to contracting concerns. The joint committee will meet on March 29th to review the staff’s drafted FAQs and timeline for action, and will but updating the board during the April meeting.

Mayor Hutto asked what the next steps are. Ms. Lacewell said that at the joint committee meeting the structure of the organization and the program management will be discussed, hopefully to have answers to the questions that have been raised. Mayor Hutto asked if there have been a lot of questions from the mayors. Ms. Lacewell said that most questions have been expressed in conversations with each mayor individually but documented to shape the committee’s work.

Ms. Pam Kordenbrock said that FHWA has been involved with the joint committee and is looking forward to getting more information once the formal decision has been voted on.

Ms. Lacewell said that she, Mr. Michael Skipper, Ms. Shelly Hazle, and Mr. Sean Pfalzer went to the Weil Wright Symposium in Atlanta. She said that she and Mr. Skipper were members of a panel discussing regional governance.

- **FY 2018 UPWP**

Ms. Lacewell said that the draft FY 2018 UPWP is at TDOT for review. Adoption will be in August.

- **MPO Membership Dues**

Ms. Lacewell said that staff will present an increase in MPO dues for FY18. The increase will be presented to the Executive Committee next week for review prior to sending to the full board.

She said the Board will receive this information within the coming week budgeting purposes.

Vice-Mayor David Briley asked if the dues are based on population. Ms. Lacewell said yes. Vice-

Mayor Briley said that someone needs to come to the Metro Budget hearing to explain this. Ms.

Lacewell said she would be happy to.

Other Business

Mayor Rogers Anderson said that the Governor's IMPROVE act which has been amended made it through the Senate committee yesterday by unanimous vote. He said that the attachment which allows major cities and the surrounding counties around Davidson County to have a referendum on how to raise dedicated transit funding. This attachment is getting positive feedback and is moving strongly through the process. Mr. Steve Bland agreed. Mayor Anderson said that the structure on the ability to create a funding mechanism on the local level – how to pay for transit long-term is very important. He said that this is about the entire state, not just about Davidson County.

Ms. Jo Ann Graves said that in the House the votes for the IMPROVE Act are tighter than in the Senate and we need to contact our legislators to show support. She said that most of the public only sees this as a tax increase even though it is a tax decrease given the cuts that Governor has requested. The Legislators need to hear from those who support this bill. Ms. Lacewell said that the local options need to be open to as many ways to raise revenue as possible. Mr. Gerald Herman said that the noting that the gas tax increase needs to also promote that there will be a tax decrease on other items.

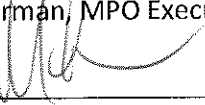
Mayor Graham said that the meetings on the Hill are live-streamed so you don't have to go to the meeting to see what is going on.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Date: _____



The Honorable Randall Hutto
Chairman, MPO Executive Board



Michelle Lacewell, Interim MPO Director
Secretary, Executive Board