

**MINUTES**  
**Of the**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD**  
**of the**  
**Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
**June 21, 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 Ernest Burgess, Mayor Jill Burgin, Mayor Patti Carroll, Mayor John Coombs, Mayor Dean Dickey, Mayor Rick Graham, Executive Anthony Holt, Mr. Eddie Hood, Mayor Randall Hutto, Mr. Jim Kerr (for Mayor Shane McFarland), Ms. Pam Kordenbrock, Mr. Kenny Martin (for Mayor Ed Hagerty), Ms. Caryn Miller (for Mayor Timothy Lassiter), Mayor Ken Moore, Mayor Charlie Norman, Mr. Toks Omishakin (for Gov. Bill Haslam), Mayor Mary Esther Reed, Mr. Matt Von Lunen (for Mr. Michael Skipper), Mayor Ken Wilber

**Approve May 17, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Randall Hutto, Chair, opened the meeting at 9:04 a.m. Mayor Howard Bradley moved to approve the May 17, 2017 meeting minutes. Mayor Megan Barry seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Ken Moore introduced Ms. Kristine Tallent who is the new Assistant City Administrator of Finance and Administration and CFO for Franklin.

Mayor Rick Graham introduced Mr. Chuck Downham who is the new Assistant City Administrator for Spring Hill.

Mayor Mary Esther Reed introduced Ms. Hannah Roland an intern with the Utilities Department.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Public Hearing: Proposed Amendments to the 2016-2040 RTP**

Ms. Michelle Lacewell, Interim MPO Director, said that the following proposed amendments to the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) have been out for the required 30-day public review and comment period. To-date there has been no comments received. The amendments to the RTP must follow the same process and procedure outlined in the MPO's Public Participation Plan (PPP) for initial

adoption with one exception which is that public meetings are not required in each county. Today the Board needs to have a public hearing on the proposed amendments and vote to adopt into the RTP.

Ms. Lacewell said that at the last meeting the I-440 Reconstruction project was questioned. Since then there has been a meeting between all stakeholders and that TDOT has agreed to work with Metro Planning, Public Works, and Parks and Greenways to coordinate community outreach and project development as needed.

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

Mayor Moore moved to adopt the amendments into the 2016-2040 RTP. Mayor Barry seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Amendment #	TIP #	RTP #	Project Name	Sponsor	Action
2017-001	2016-14-228	NA	I-24 Interchange Modification at Hickory Hollow Parkway	Metro Nashville	Add Project to 2020 Horizon
2017-002	Pending	NA	W.A. Batson Parkway Extension (Phase 1)	City of Springfield	Add Project to 2020 Horizon
2017-003	Pending	NA	Saturn Parkway (SR-396) Extension	TDOT	Add Project to 2020 Horizon
2017-004	NA	NA	I-440 Reconstruction	TDOT	Add Project to 2020 Horizon
2017-005	Pending	NA	I-24 Conceptual Study and Improvements	TDOT	Add Project to 2020 Horizon
2017-006	Pending	NA	I-40 SmartWay Expansion	TDOT	Add project to 2020 Horizon

**SCHEDULE:**

- 5/3- TCC Endorsement
- 5/17 – XB Endorsement
- 5/17-6/21 – Public Review and Comment Period
- 6/14 – First Public Hearing (TCC)
- 6/21 – Second Public Hearing / Adoption (XB)

## Public Hearing: Proposed Amendments to the FYs 2017-2020 TIP

Ms. Lacewell said that the proposed amendments to the TIP have been out for the required 21-day public review and comment period. To-date there have been no comments received.

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

Executive Anthony Holt moved to adopt the amendments to the 2017-2020 TIP with Ms. Caryn Miller seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Amendment #	TIP #	RTP #	Project Name	Sponsor	Action
2017-018	2017-31-031	Contingent	W.A. Batson Parkway Extension (Phase 1)	City of Springfield	Add Project (contingent on RTP amendment)
2017-019	2011-42-143	1042-131	Bradyville Pike (SR-99) Widening	City of Murfreesboro	Add Type of Work
2017-020	2017-61-032	Contingent	Saturn Parkway (SR-396) Extension	TDOT	Add Project (contingent on RTP amendment)
2017-021	2017-89-033	Consistent	South Corridor Transit Feasibility Study	RTA	Add Project
2017-022	2013-85-207	Consistent	Music City Star Passing Siding	RTA	Shift Funds
2017-023	2002-029	1052-180	Walton Ferry and Old Shackle Island Road Improvements Project	City of Hendersonville	Edit Project Limits
2017-024	2016-82-229	1032-109	SR-65/US-431 Widening	TDOT	Add Funds; Edit Project Length
2017-025	2017-110-034	Contingent	I-440 Reconstruction	TDOT	Add Project
2017-026	2017-61-035	1062-137	Mack Hatcher Parkway West Extension	TDOT	Add Project
2017-027	2009-72-035	1072-348	SR-109 Widening	TDOT	Add Project
2017-028	2017-72-036	1072-237	Hartsville Pike (SR-141) Widening	TDOT	Add Project
2017-029	2017-52-037	1685-158	Vietnam Veterans Parkway (SR-386) Transit Managed Lanes and Widening	TDOT	Add Project
2017-030	2017-62-038	1062-234	Murfreesboro Pike (SR-96) Widening (Segment 1)	TDOT	Add Project
2017-031	2017-19-039	Contingent	I-24 Conceptual Study and Improvements	TDOT	Add Project
2017-032	2017-87-040	Contingent	Nashville Area I-40 SmartWay Expansion	TDOT	Add Project

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### Proposed amendments to MPO Bylaws

Ms. Lacewell reviewed the proposed amendments to the MPO Bylaws by article. Ms. Lacewell said that the amendments are being presented today for discussion purposes. The Board will vote on the changes at the July meeting. She said that the weighted voting issue has been changed from population-based to percentage of federal aid lane miles. Mr. Toks Omishakin said that the TDOT legal counsel feels that

the change still goes against the intent of the legislation because it still uses some form of weighted voting. He said that the MPO is going to meet with Legislators and the Lt. Governor to discuss this prior to a vote. Ms. Lacewell said that the staff has reached out to the Legislators requesting a meeting. She said that the wording will be agreed upon by all stakeholders prior to the vote in July.

Vice-Mayor David Briley thanked the staff and Mayors Hutto and Moore for meeting with him to discuss the issues. He said that he would meet with the Lt. Governor if that is beneficial. Mayor Charlie Norman asked if this would affect any federal money. Ms. Lacewell said no. Executive Holt wondered if changing the state statute on weighted voting should come before a vote on the change in the Bylaws. He is concerned that all stakeholders be on board. We just need to cover all our bases.

Ms. Lacewell said that nothing will be voted on without full agreement of TDOT and the Lt. Governor. Vice-Mayor Briley ask that if the Lt. Governor agrees then would TDOT agree. Mr. Omishakin said yes but that we need to make sure it is okay before the board votes on this specific change.

Mayor Patti Carroll said that it looks to her like the proposed changes to the bylaws, as a solution to weighted voting, may not reflect enough change to address the issue with the state. Ms. Lacewell said that using lane miles is the most plausible way to create a methodology for equitable representation that is not specific to the population and that each member would still only have one vote unless a 'critical issue' was enacted. Ms. Lacewell noted that staff would not bring back a proposed change for the board to vote on, specific to weighted voting, until MPO leadership has had the opportunity to meet with the Lt. Governor.

#### **Update on TDOT's I-65 Multi-Modal Corridor Study**

Mr. John Houghton, of Gresham, Smith, and Partners, presented an update to the I-65 Multimodal Corridor Feasibility Study. He said that this study covers the 122-miles of interstate between the Kentucky line and the Alabama line. It includes capacity, operations, freight, safety, multimodal options, and economic growth.

The corridor deficiencies and needs cover 1) growth and development, 2) Highways: interstate and arterial capacity, safety, and travel times, 3) transit, bike/ped, TDM and ITS.

He briefly went over the multimodal solutions in Phase 1 of the study. There are 61 highway, freight, and safety projects, 27 transit projects, 40 bike/ped projects, 19 ITS projects, TDM Coordinated and expanded services and other potential strategies and solutions.

The Phase 1 summary is that the goal is a world class transportation system that is seamless, efficient, and accessible.

Several questions were asked and answered. Mr. Houghton said that his group will come to any jurisdiction to speak on this study.

### MPO Director's Report

- **FY 2018 UPWP**  
Ms. Lacewell said that both TDOT and Federal partners have reviewed the draft of the FY 2018 UPWP. She said that the UPWP will be presented to the board at the July meeting to be endorsed for public review and comment. The board will adopt it in August.
- **MPO/GNRC Integration**  
Ms. Lacewell said that a letter has been sent to TDOT requesting that they reassign the grants to GNRC.
- **South Corridor Study**  
Ms. Lacewell said that the RFP for this study is in Metro Procurement and will be started soon.
- **A meeting on SR-109 is tomorrow.**
- **MPO Annual Conference in Memphis was good and thanked TDOT for their efforts.**

### Other Business


Mayor Hutto said that all stakeholders will continue to work on the Bylaws to make sure all are on-board with the changes.

He said that the ultimate goal on weighted voting is to see that the legislation is rescinded.

Mayor Ken Wilber asked Ms. Lacewell to send out a list to the members of all of the federal aid lane miles in each jurisdiction. She said she would.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Date: July 19, 2017

  
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The Honorable Randall Hutto  
Chairman, MPO Executive Board

  
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Michelle Lacewell, Interim MPO Director  
Secretary, Executive Board