

MINUTES
Of the
EXECUTIVE BOARD
of the

Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

August 16, 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 Jamie Clary, Mayor John Coombs, Ms. Sabrina David, Mayor Dean Dickey, Mr. Gerald Herman (for Mayor Michael Arnold), Executive Anthony Holt, Mayor Randall Hutto, Mr. Jim Kerr (for Mayor Shane McFarland), Mr. Victor Lay (for Mayor Rick Graham), Mayor Ken Moore, Mayor Charlie Norman, Mr. Toks Omishakin (for Gov. Bill Haslam), Mr. Jeff Peach (for Mayor Mary Esther Reed), Mr. Michael Skipper, Mayor Ann Schneider, Mayor Ken Wilber

Approve July 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Randall Hutto, Chair, opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Mayor Megan Barry moved to approve the July 19, 2017 meeting minutes with Mayor John Coombs seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Chair's Report

Mayor Hutto said that Mayor Ernest Burgess, Mayor Ken Moore, Mr. Mark Cates, Ms. Michelle Lacewell and himself met with Lt. Gov. McNally last week to discuss the legislation regarding weighted voting. The Lt. Gov. said that he thought that using lane miles instead of weighted voting was prohibited based on the language of the legislation. Mayor Hutto said that they let Lt. Gov. McNally know that the mayors across the region are concerned about this issue. The Lt. Gov. said that his staff will work with MPO staff and board members to identify a possible solution.

Mayor Burgess said that the discussion was constructive. He said the Lt. Gov. asked a lot of questions. The Lt. Gov. asked for the numbers on the federal aid lane miles would be and staff will provide that information to his staff. There will probably have opportunities for further discussions.

Ms. Michelle Lacewell, Interim MPO director, said that the conversation was good and we were able to communicate the value of weighted voting to MPO members and why it matters to the region.

Mayor Ken Moore agreed that the meeting went well, however there was neither a yes nor no given by the Lt Gov. The Lt. Gov. wanted to talk with other senators from the region. Mayor Moore said that he shared this information with his State Senator.

Mayor Hutto said that he appreciated TDOT and FHWA working with us toward the goal of integration. He thanked Mayor Mary Esther Reed and her committee for their work on the MOA over the past year.

Endorse Amendments to the FYs 2017-2020 TIP

Ms. Anna Emerson, MPO staff, briefly went over the proposed amendments. A 21-day public review and comment period are required as well as two public hearing prior to adoption by the Board.

Mayor Wilber moved to endorse the amendments for public review and comment. Mayor Barry seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Amendment #	TIP #	RTP #	Project Name	Sponsor	Action
2017-033	2016-14-228	1014-216	I-24 E Interchange Modification at Hickory Hollow Parkway	Metro Nashville	Add work phases/funding
2017-034	2017-76-041	Consistent	Cedar Creek Greenway – Phase 1	City of Mt. Juliet	Add project
2017-035	2011-15-135	Consistent	Fare Collection Equipment Purchase & Replacement; Smartphone Readers	Nashville MTA	Add funds
2017-036	2014-15-009	Consistent	Music City Central Renovation	Nashville MTA	Add funds; edit title/scope
2017-037	2017-15-042	Consistent	MTA Building Rehabilitation (Myatt)	Nashville MTA	Add project
2017-038	2017-85-043	Consistent	Park & Ride Intermodal Centers for Middle TN Commuter Rail	RTA	Add project
2017-039	2017-85-044	Consistent	Track Rehabilitation & Maintenance	RTA	Add project
2017-040	2016-212-224	Consistent	Main St (SR-6/US-31N) and Donald F. Ephlin Pkwy Signage and Landscaping	City of Columbia	Add funds
2017-041	2017-66-045	Consistent	SR-96 W Multi-Use Trail – Phases 1 & 2	City of Franklin	Add project
2017-042	2014-611-031	Consistent	Hunters Bend Elementary School	City of Franklin	Add funds
2017-043	2014-66-	Consistent	Nolensville Elementary	Town of	Add funds

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2017-044	2016-84-231	1624-109	SR-99 *(US-412) Interchange Modification	TDOT	Add type of work; Add funds
2017-045	2017-61-035	1062-137	Mack hatcher Parkway West Extension	TDOT	Edit Type of Work; Add funds
2017-046	2017-56-046	Consistent	Millersville Multimodal Connectivity (Phase 1)	City of Millersville	Add project
2017-047	2017-76-047	Consistent	Woodridge Place Sidewalks	City of Mt. Juliet	Add project
2017-048	2017-46-048	Consistent	Mercury Boulevard Sidewalks	City of Murfreesboro	Add project
2017-049	2017-16-049	Consistent	Opry Mills Multi-Use Path	Metro Nashville	Add project

Updated Resolution to Major Roadway Network

Ms. Lacewell said that a request to add a roadway to the functional classification network was added after the last meeting. To accommodate this requires the proposed list has been revised and the updated resolution needs to be endorsed.

Mayor Howard Bradley moved to adopt the updated Resolution 2017_004 requesting amendments to the major roadway network and functional classification system. Mayor Barry seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

FY 2018 Unified Public Work Program (UPWP)

Ms. Lacewell said that the draft of the FY 2018 UPWP has been out for the required 7-day public review and comment period. To-date no comments have been received.

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

Mayor Burgess moved to adopt the Resolution 2017_005 approving the FY2018 UPWP with Mayor Moore seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Amendments to MPO Bylaws

Ms. Lacewell said that since the July Board meeting the staff has worked to clarify any remaining questions/concerns from TDOT and FHWA. The Resolution 2017_007 amends the Bylaws to support the integration of the MPO program and administration into the Greater Nashville Regional Council.

Mr. Toks Omishakin said that the MPO team has done a good job coordinating with TDOT and that TDOT has never taken a position of standing in the way of what the region wants. They just wanted to make sure that due diligence was done by the state transportation agency. He said that there are still a few questions that need answering but can be answered at a later date. He was pleased that the Planning Oversight Committee will now include TDOT. He said that they are ready to move forward

Mayor Burgess asked if they were not already on the Policy Board. Ms. Lacewell said yes they do but they have now been added to the Policy Oversight Committee. Mayor Burgess said that this group has always worked well together with few major differences and this needs to continue.

Vice-Mayor David Briley said that Nashville and the region have worked well together for the past 50 years. He said that now we are faced with a situation that could undermine this relationship. He said that Nashville is committed to continuing the regional collaboration but there is no guarantee that this will continue without correcting the issue of weighted voting. He said that with the 1/1 vote, Davidson County people might not feel as committed to the region as they now do. The idea of integration was to make for greater regional collaboration and planning and we are just glossing over the fact that we have a cancer in the MPO right now that may well prevent us from achieving anything that we aspire to. He said that he will abstain because losing weighted voting doesn't serve the constituents of Davidson County.

Ms. Sabrina David, FHWA, said that the agency appreciates being part of this process. She said that their main concern has been to make sure the process has been transparent and how decisions are being made.

Mayor Burgess said that the region must stick together especially with the growth that will be happening in the next 20 years. He said that a regular 40 minute trip this morning took 1 hour and 40 minutes and it won't get any better. This makes it imperative that this group continue to work together.

Mayor Barry said that the citizens of Davidson County must feel part of the process and have appropriate representation in this body. She said that the integration must move forward but the Board needs to commit to push the Legislators on the issue of weighted voting. It won't change if only Davidson County has this conversation with the Legislators.

Ms. Lacewell said that that the last "Whereas" in the Resolution acknowledges this body's continued commitment to address this issue as part of process.

Executive Holt said that the members need to continue to reach out to their Legislators on the issue of weighted voting.

Mayor Burgess moved to adopt MPO Resolution 2017_007 to amend the MPO Bylaws. Mayor Wilber seconded and the motion passed unanimously with Vice-Mayor Briley abstaining.

Mayor Barry moved that a plan of action to deal with weighted voting be presented at the next Board meeting and endorsed. Executive Holt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MPO Director's Report

Ms. Lacewell said the Planning Oversight Committee needs to have two individuals appointed by the Chair who represent a small city the urbanized area and a county government. Mayor Hutto named Mayor Ann Schneider of Springfield and Mayor Charlie Norman of Maury County. These appointments need to be approved today so the committee can meet prior to the next Board meeting to review the Sponsorship agreement. Ms. Lacewell said that the staff will work with Metro, Murfreesboro, and TDOT to identify their designated representatives.

Mayor Wilber moved approve these appointments with Mayor Moore seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

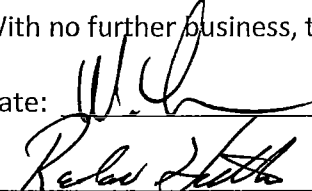
Ms. Lacewell said that the RFP for the South Corridor Transit Feasibility Study is moving forward.

Ms. Lacewell asked if FHWA has received any information on the Executive Order President Trump signed yesterday on infrastructure. Ms. David said not yet.

Ms. Lacewell acknowledged that over the past year this process toward integration has been a slow/fast crawl. She said that she appreciated all of the work that the Board, Executive Committee, and the staff have done over the past year. She said that the Board should be very proud of the staff who are trying to make sure that the jurisdictions have the abilities to carry out activities and projects. She thanked the staff for the wonderful support to her over the past year.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Date:



The Honorable Randall Hutto
Chairman, MPO Executive Board

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Michelle Lacewell, Interim MPO Director
Secretary, Executive Board
