

**MINUTES**  
**Of the**  
**TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD**  
**Of the**  
**Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
**January 16, 2019**

Attendees: Mr. KB Aboagye, Mayor Rogers Anderson, Mayor Bernie Ash, Mr. Michael Barr (for Mayor Timothy Lassiter), Mr. Steve Bland, Mayor David Briley, Mayor Mike Callis, Mayor Jamie Clary, Mr. Scott Collins (for Mayor John Blade), Mr. Gerald Herman (for Mayor Michael Arnold), Executive Anthony Holt, Mayor Randall Hutto, Mr. Jim Kerr (for Mayor Shane McFarland), Mayor Bill Ketron, Ms. Pamela Kordenbrock, Mr. Victor Lay (for Mayor Rick Graham), Mayor Chaz Molder, Mayor Ken Moore, Mayor Mary Esther Reed, Mayor Billy Vogle

**Call to Order**

Mayor Mary Esther Reed, Chair, opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

**Approval of 11/14/18 Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Rogers Anderson moved to approve the meeting minutes of 11/14/18. Mayor Ken Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Business Items**

a. Resolution TPB 2019-01 Adopting Safety Performance Measure Targets

Mr. Michael Skipper said that this resolution will adopt safety performance measures in compliance with the FAST Act. The staff recommends that this body adopt the measures adopted by the State until the RTP update when we can set our own targets. He said that the TCC as endorsed the statewide targets.

Mr. Gerald Herman moved to adopt Resolution TPB 2019-01 with Mr. Victor Lay seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Resolution TPB 2019-02 Approving Transportation Planning Agreement

Mr. Skipper said that this is an agreement between the MPO, TDOT, and the transit agencies across the region. This is in compliance with our certification review action plan and represents the first such agreement in the State of Tennessee as TDOT works with the other MPOs as well.

Mayor Moore asked if FHWA was agreeable to the document and Ms. Pam Kordenbrock said yes.

Mayor Moore moved to adopt the Resolution TPB 2019-02. Executive Anthony Holt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

c. Call-for-Projects for Transit and Technology Grant Program

Mr. Skipper said that this grant program was created in 2016 with the adoption of the 2040 RTP. This is essentially a \$20M program that the MPO has set aside to help accelerate the deployment of technologies across the region. He said that the staff is asking this body to release about 25% of this money in Round 1 of a call-for-projects that will deploy technology in the region to promote/implement strategies that encourage alternatives to driving alone or that help elevate civic engagement in the regional transportation planning process. He said that the second call-for-projects will be issued by in late 2019 or early 2020, following recommendations from the ongoing Smart Mobility Assessment and ITS Architecture Update, to fund projects that incorporate technology into area roadway infrastructure, advance the state of regional ITS or help expand and modernize area public transit service.

Mayor Clary asked what type of action is needed if there is not a resolution. Mr. Skipper said that an endorsement the call-for-projects.

Mayor Anderson said that several years ago the state legislators were testing smart technology. He asked that if there are other technologies concerning other areas that this be broadened as much as possible to include them.

Mayor Bill Ketron said that he introduced a bill to give real time information for things like insurance and to the troopers. He said that the state is still trying to update their computers to do this but it is coming.

Mayor Mike Callis asked what civic engagement means? Mr. Skipper said that, generally speaking, it means more creative ways to use technology and include citizens and stakeholders in the planning process. Mayor Callis asked who would spearhead this and Mr. Skipper said that there are a host of emerging technology companies that could help with this challenge.

Mayor Jamie Clary moved to endorse the call-for-projects with Mayor Anderson seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Call-for-Projects for the FYs 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update

Mr. Skipper said that the new TIP will be adopted in October and then it goes to the state for inclusion in the State TIP through 2023. Only projects that are already in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) will be considered.

Mr. Skipper said that any additional questions should be directed to Ms. Anna Emerson. Mr. KB Aboagye said that every project in the current TIP will make it into the STIP. He said that if there is a project that needs to move forward to the 2023 plan, they will be considered. Ms. Skipper said that Ms. Emerson will ask you for information on the projects. Mr. Aboagye said that local STBG funds need to be spent as fast as possible. Executive Holt asked what the time table is for getting new projects in. Mr. Skipper said that in May the Board will be work session to learn about transportation planning and programming. He said that there is finite list of projects in the 2040 RTP. Only those projects can be considered for inclusion in the TIP.

Mr. Skipper mentioned that the schedule is very ambitious and that everyone would need to meet the interim deadlines as laid out in order to make it happen. He asked TDOT to confirm that state projects would be submitted as scheduled. Mr. KB Aboagye indicated in the affirmative.

Mr. Victor Lay moved to endorse the call-for-projects for the TIP update with Executive Holt seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

e. Endorse Amendments to the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan

Mr. Skipper said that there are two amendments for the 2040 RTP:

- 1) City of Spring Hill for Buckner Road Extension from existing terminus at Lewisburg Pike with a new interchange at I-65
- 2) City of Mt. Juliet for Lebanon Road Widening from near Park Glen Drive to east of Benders Ferry Road

Mayor Moore moved to endorse these amendments for release for public review and comment. Mr. Lay seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Regular Reports**

a. Certification Review Update

Mr. Skipper said that staff had made progress to satisfy the corrective actions resulting from the recent Federal Certification Review. To date:

Action #1 Transportation Planning Agreement with TDOT – The TPB has approved the planning agreement which will now be passed along to the other parties for their approval and signatures.

[Action #2 Public Noticing – GNRC has continued to following the procedures included in the adopted PPP and remained in compliance with the TN Open Meetings Act]

Action #3 Public Participation Plan – Staff has drafted an major update to the PPP and sent along to TDOT for their review and comment.

Action #4 Congestion Management Process – Staff attended a training workshop hosted by FHWA and is preparing an action plan document for review by the feds.

- b. Mr. Skipper mentioned that he and staff are looking forward to working with recently announced TDOT Commissioner, Clay Bright.

### **Chair's Report**

Mayor Reed announced that staff member, Mary Connelly, has left to join a consulting firm. She thanked Ms. Connelly for all of her work. Mr. Craig Casper will serve as interim MPO coordinator until one is hired.

### **Other Business**

Mayor Reed asked if the Federal shutdown will cause problems? Ms. Kordenbrock said that FHWA is not shutdown. She said that funding is provided through the Highway Trust Fund and the FAST Act. She said that the feds are carefully watching the spending until a new federal budget is adopted.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Date:



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The Honorable Mary Esther Reed  
Transportation Policy Board Chair



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Craig Casper  
Acting MPO Coordinator