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AGENDA - Meeting #4

MPO/GNRC Joint Committee on Regional Coordination

Thursday, February 2, 2017 @ 2:00 PM

Nashville MTA Music City Central Station | Second Floor Community Room

400 Charlotte Avenue | Nashville, Tennessee 37210

Start at 2:00 p.m.

- 1. Recap of 12/14 Committee Meeting**
- 2. Report from Meetings with Partners and Funders**
- 3. Presentation of Initial Staff Recommendation**
- 4. Committee Discussion and Action**
- 5. Next Steps**
- 6. Other Business**

Adjourn by 3:15 p.m.

More information including prior meeting notes, handouts, and other documentation available at **COG.NashvilleMPO.org**



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Background

In August 2016, the Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Greater Nashville Regional Council (GNRC) entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that established a framework for the two organizations to explore ways to enhance coordination among local communities and between regional organizations in Middle Tennessee. As part of that agreement, a joint committee was created to develop recommendations for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of regional decision-making and to better align transportation planning programs with other regional activities related to economic development, infrastructure investment, and quality of life.

A website has been created at COG.NashvilleMPO.org to serve as a resource to members of the Joint Committee, stakeholders, and members of the public who have an interest in the process.

Materials & Resources

General Information

- Key Terms Defined: COG, Development District, MPO, RPO: Describes the impetus for and functions of state or federally-enabled regional organizations and provides an overview of the agencies who serve those roles across Middle Tennessee.
- Shared Goals for Improving Regional Coordination: Ten separate reasons why the MPO and GNRC are exploring ways to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of regional coordination and collaboration.
- Memorandum of Agreement between MPO and GNRC: The initial agreement between the two agencies that defines the current effort to explore methods of improving regional coordination.
- Joint Committee Members and Key Partners: The list of mayors/ vice-mayors who have been appointed to the study committee, and a partial list of key stakeholder groups who will help shape their recommendations.
- Proposed Study Phases and Schedule: The initial scope of work and schedule adopted by the Joint Committee to perform the evaluation.

Agenda Packets & Meeting Notes

- Meeting Materials and Notes: Agenda packets and notes from each of the meetings of the Joint Committee to date.
 - Presentation by David Warm, Mid-America Regional Council (MARC): PowerPoint slides presented by David Warm, MARC executive director, at the MPO's Annual Partnership Luncheon on December
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14, 2016. A similar presentation was made with the members of the Joint Committee that same day. Mr. Warm focused on the benefits of the MPO's integration into the regional council that serves the Kansas City region. MARC also serves as the region's Area Agency on Aging and Disability, and performs a variety of services and programs on behalf of its member communities.

Review of Middle Tennessee Organizations

- Overview of Regional Organizations in Middle Tennessee: A quick reference guide to key regional public and non-profit organizations involved in efforts related to regional coordination or planning.
- Side by Side Comparison of MPO and GNRC: Detailed review of key attributes of each organization to include information about formation, governance structure, staffing, funding, and services.

Review of Peer Regions

- List of Peer Regions: Names, websites, and key attributes of ten peer regions being studied as part of the evaluation.
- Matrix of Services Provided by Council of Governments in Peer Regions: An overview of the services and programs offered by the GNRC and the ten peer regional councils of governments.

Additional Reading Material

- The Third Wave: Trends in Regional Governance: The article examines "the third wave" of regionalism, which is characterized by partnerships as opposed to top-down mandates. This iteration of regional governance relies on cross-sectoral alliances and is sustained by rich networks of affiliations among public, private and nonprofit sector organizations.
- Evolving Structures and Challenges of Metropolitan Regions: The first installment of a four-part series of articles examining the nature of metropolitan regions and the governance challenges they present today. This installment examines the changing structure of regions, focusing on the interaction of spatial order, technology, and economy.
- Chicago's Regional Comprehensive Plan: In 2005, the greater Chicago area formed the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) by combining the region's MPO with the area's regional council. Together, through this new organization, local communities and area leaders adopted a regional comprehensive plan that not only satisfies federal requirements for MPO long-range transportation planning, but addresses several other important regional issues as well.

Additional Resources

- National Association of Regional Councils: www.narc.org
- National Association of Development Organizations: www.nado.org
- Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations: www.ampo.org
- U.S. Department of Transportation MPOwerment Initiative:
<https://www.transportation.gov/fastlane/mpowerment-initiative-helps-local-planners-collaborate-and-innovate>