

## MINUTES

### TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE Of the

#### Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

February 7, 2018

**Attendees:** Ms. Kim Ark, Mr. Tom Brashear, Mr. Felix Castrodad, Mr. Paul Corder, Mr. Marc Corrigan, Ms. Kristin Costanzo, Mr. Doug Demosi, Mr. Keith Free, Mr. Elwyn Gonzalez,, Mr. Wayne Hall, Mr. Glenn Harper, Mr. Mike Harris, Mr. Gerald Herman, Ms. Billy Higgins, Mr. Joe Horne, Ms. Katrina Jones, Mr. Jim Kerr, Mr. Bill McCord, Mr. Addam McCormick, Mr. Larry Mizell, Mr. Kevin Rigsby, Mr. Jonathan Russell, Mr. Philip Stuckert, Ms. Diane Thorne, Mr. Matt Von Lunen

#### **Approve December 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Mike Harris, Chair, opened the meeting at 10:40 a.m. Mr. Tom Brashear moved to approve the December 6, 2017 meeting minutes with Mr. Bill McCord seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **TCC Chair's Report**

Mr. Harris told the members that the Nashville Metro Council approved putting the transit initiative on the May 1<sup>st</sup> ballot for Davidson County voter approval.

#### **Proposed Amendments to the 2017-2020 TIP**

Ms. Anna Emerson, GNRC staff, briefly went over the amendments. The MPO has proposed the following amendments to the *Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*. A 21-day public review and comment period and two public hearings are required prior to adoption by the Board.

Several clarifying questions were asked and answered.

Mr. Jim Kerr moved to endorse the TIP amendments for public review and comment. Mr. Brashear seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Amendment #	TIP #	RTP #	Project Name	Sponsor	Action
2018-005	2018-87-051	1714-354	I-24 SMART Corridor – Phase 1	TDOT	Add project
2018-006	2018-87-052	1714-354	I-24 SMART Corridor – Phase 2	TDOT	Add project
2018-007	2018-85-053	1689-118	Bus Purchase & Replacement	RTA	Add project
2018-008	2011-85-147	Consistent	Job Access & Reverse Commute Program (Grouping)	MPO	Add funds
2018-009	2014-85-025	Consistent	Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities (Grouping)	MPO	Add funds

**SCHEDULE:**

- 2/7 – TCC Endorsement for Public Review and Comment
- 2/21 – PTB Endorsement for Public Review and Comment
- 2/21-3/21 – Public Review and Comment Period
- 3/7 – First Public Hearing (TCC)
- 3/21 – Second Public Hearing and Adoption (TPB)

**Endorse Resolution for TDOT Safety Performance Measures**

Ms. Michelle Lacewell, Acting MPO Coordinator, said that the resolution is a resolution of support for the state’s performance measures. On January 24<sup>th</sup>, the TCC Workshop on Transportation Performance Management reviewed the Safety Performance Management Measures regulations that require actions by State DOTs and MPOs to assess performance targets established by TDOT.

Mr. McCord said that he has looked at several other states and their safety performance measures. He said that we need to aspire to a higher standard and need to adopt a higher standard than is noted in the resolution.

He moved to amend the resolution before the TCC endorsed it to change TDOT’s fatalities target to a two percent reduction in fatalities across the state. Mr. Brashear seconded the motion in order to open the discussion.

Mr. Jonathan Russell said that TDOT sets rates and FHWA is very accepting for the rates that TDOT set. He noted that since this is the first year the state is required to set these targets, there were set to be attainable and realistic to not jeopardize funding. He also stated that TDOT has to revisit these each year. He said that every MPO is open to setting their own standards but as far as TDOT is concerned, these rates are attainable and realistic. He said that the state does not want to set a goal that is not attainable for this first deadline.

Ms. Lacewell said that even if the TCC recommended an amendment to the resolution for the Policy Board, that does not change the TDOT targets. Mr. Harris said he understands the concern but that this is the first year and it takes time to become more progressive.

Mr. Felix Castrodad said that during the workshop it was understood that the goals can be changed in the future. Mr. Russell said that if TDOT sets target and doesn't attain them, then the state could face funding implications from FHWA. Noting that unlike MPOs, which have no consequences for falling short of set targets, TDOT risks funding impacts.

Mr. Brashear said that this is a legitimate concern, but agree that the TCC is not yet ready dictate a specific reduction rate to TDOT, suggesting the committee should request that a tangible goal be set by TDOT in the future. Ms. Lacewell said from the standpoint of the resolution, including a "Whereas" that says we should be more aspirational in the state's targets could be unclear. Mr. Brashear is concerned about the ambiguity of the language.

Mr. Paul Corder agreed that it is an important subject. Stating the TCC should endorse the resolution and work with TDOT to come up with a standard and strategy in the coming years. We need to look at what has worked. In the future years we need to come up with a number that makes sense.

Ms. Mary Connelly said that the intent is to merge the federal process with the RTP goals and to establish a process this year and go from there in the future.

Mr. Gerald Herman said there should be a statewide goal. We should separate ourselves from state with a letter to TDOT to encourage more aggressive goals. The MPO has its own internal goals. There is no reason for this MPO not to endorse TDOT's efforts.

The motion to endorse the resolution with an amendment of the state's fatality targets was defeated with all voting no except Mr. McCord and Mr. Marc Corrigan.

Mr. Herman moved to endorse the resolution as presented. Mr. Philip Stuckert seconded. The motion passed with Mr. McCord voting no.

Mr. Corder said that this is an important issue and future goals should come out of research.

### **Updates to the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan**

Ms. Emerson briefly went over the proposed amendment to the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). A 30-day public review and comment period and two public hearings are required prior to adoption by the Board.

Mr. Doug Demosi moved to endorse the proposed RTP amendments for public review and comment. The motion was unanimously approved on the second of Mr. Felix Castrodad.

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<b>2018-001</b>	Multiple	1714-354	I-24 Congestion Reduction/SMART Corridor	TDOT	Add project

#### **Schedule:**

- **2/7 – TCC Endorsement for Public Review and Comment**
- **2/21 – TPB Endorsement for Public Review and Comment**
- **2/21-4/18 – Public Review and Comment Period**
- **4/4 - First Public Hearing (TCC)**
- **4/18 – Second Public Hearing and Adoption (TPB)**

### **Call for Studies for upcoming Unified Planning Working Program**

Ms. Lacewell said that the UPWP allocates federal transportation planning dollars to studies and planning activities carried out by the MPO and its partners. She said that members are encouraged to submit project ideas prior to Feb. 21, 2018. For more information, visit [upwp.nashvillempo.org](http://upwp.nashvillempo.org)

### **Active Transportation Program – Applications Open**

Ms. Lacewell said that the MPO's Active Transportation Program is a competitive process to provide funding to advance projects that improve walking, bicycling, and

transit facilities. The program is coordinated with the MPO's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee whose members help evaluate projects for funding.

Mr. McCord asked when the next round of funding would be available. Ms. Emerson said it will be another couple of years. Ms. Emerson reminded the members that documentation on matching funds is necessary with your application.

**Schedule:**

- 1/29 – Applications Open
- 3/9 – Deadline for Applications
- 3/12-4/20 – Review and Evaluation
- 5/2 – Awards Announced: May 2

**MPO Director's Report**

- Update on MPO Coordinator search  
Ms. Michelle Lacewell said that the second round of interviews for the new MPO Coordinator has been done and it has been decided that the planning director position will be filled prior to hiring the new MPO coordinator. The results will be announce in the coming weeks.
- FAST Act Rescission  
Ms. Lacewell handed out a Q&A sheet about the FAST Act rescission. She said that the TAP funds from the state will be impacted first. If anyone has any questions, please send them to her.
- Obligations and preview of March TCC meeting  
Ms. Lacewell said that at the March TCC meeting there will be a short business meeting, then TDOT will discuss obligations. Mr. Russell said that the goal is to answer questions and to get projects moving forward as soon as possible.
- Request for TCC member presentations  
Ms. Lacewell said that in the future member presentations about things going on that might be of interest to others. Just let her know.

**Other Business**

Mr. Brashear asked if a letter could be sent to TDOT to find comparable statistical rates to use as a benchmark for performance measures. Ms. Lacewell said that the staff can draft that letter working with the Chairs and can be reviewed of the TCC if that is what the group would prefer.

Mr. Corder said that strategies to get to goal are very important. Ms. Connelly said she didn't know that the other MPOs were doing but most are struggling with the requirement and most have decided to wait a year before selecting specific targets. Mr. Herman said that a draft letter should be shown to the Board before sending. Ms. Lacewell said staff could discuss having the TCC and/or the TPB leadership sign the letter.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Date: 3-7-18

Mike Harris

Mike Harris, Chair  
Technical Coordinating Committee

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Michelle Lacewell, MPO Coordinator  
Secretary, Technical Coordinating Committee