

MINUTES
Of the
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
Of the
Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
February 21, 2018

Attendees: Mayor Rogers Anderson, Mayor Megan Barry, Mayor Howard Bradley, Vice-Mayor David Briley, Mayor Paige Brown, Mayor Ernest Burgess, Mayor Jill Burgin, Mayor Patti Carroll, Mr. Felix Castrodad (for Mr. Steve Bland), Mayor Jamie Clary, Mr. Paul Corder (for Mayor Bernie Ash), Ms. Sabrina David, Mayor Dean Dickey, Mayor Rick Graham, Mr. Gerald Herman (for Mayor Michael Arnold), Executive Anthony Holt, Mr. Eddie Hood, Mayor Randall Hutto, Mr. Jim Kerr (for Mayor Shane McFarland), Mr. Ken Martin (for Mayor Ed Hagerty), Mayor Ken Moore, Mayor Charlie Norman, Mayor Mary Esther Reed, Mr. Michael Skipper, Mr. Josh Suddath (for Gov. Bill Haslam), Mayor Ken Wilber

Mayor Mary Esther Reed, Chair, opened the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Approval of 12/13/17 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Hutto moved to approve the December 13, 2017 meeting minutes with Mayor Bradley seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposed amendments to the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

Ms. Anna Emerson, MPO program staff, presented the TIP amendments for the board's review and endorsement. The amendments require a 21-day public review and comment period prior to adoption.

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

Endorse Amendments to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

Ms. Emerson briefly went over the amendments proposed. There was a clarification question asked and answered. RTP amendments require a 30-day review and comment period prior to adoption.

Mayor Barry moved to endorse the amendment for public review and comment with Executive Anthony Holt seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Adopting TDOT Safety Performance Measures

Ms. Mary Connelly, MPO program staff, presented an overview developed by TDOT Safety Performance Measures. She said that MAP-21 established a performance and outcome based program to help States and MPOs make progress toward national goals (in short, using data to monitor progress, make decisions, and achieve outcomes). Target setting requirements fall under final rules: safety, pavement and bridge condition, system performance/freight/CMAQ, and transit asset management.

Safety PMs requires States and MPOs to assess the following on all roads: number of fatalities, number of serious injuries, fatality rate (per 100 million VMT), serious injury rate (per 100 million VMT), and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. Safety PMs also propose targets (5 year rolling average) on a yearly basis.

She said that the TCC has recommended that we support the state-wide targets to ensure that as a region our goals and objectives are connected to our long range plan.

She explained that MPOs are required to consider the impact of projects to support the targets set by the state. MPOs should work together with State DOT to share data, review strategies, and understand outcomes, receive TAM Performance Measure targets from transit providers, update of planning agreements with TDOT and transit providers, and updates to TIP and RTP.

Mayor Rogers Anderson asked if funding for projects to be developed to meet these targets is available. Ms. Connelly said that the targets have a relationship to the state's funding, but not the MPOs. Mr. Josh Suddath, TDOT, said that TDOT controls safety funds. Ms. Sabrina David, FHWA, stated that regarding safety is applicable on all public roads regardless of ownership and regional classification. Mayor Anderson asked if the 5th bullet in the Resolution 2018-002 includes bicycles. Mr. Suddath said no.

Mayor Barry asked how we should communicate that the state has set fatality targets that show an increase in expected deaths. Mr. Suddath said that the state set fatality rates uses the federal code wording and to take a realistic look at reducing a trend long-term.

Ms. David said that this is the first time going we are going through target setting process and the FHWA is here to assist the state and MPOs figure out the process.

Executive Holt said it seems to be no clear method yet to access funds. Ms. David said that the state looked at the data which shows the trend is higher because there are more people in the state. Mr. Suddath said it was a very in-depth process. Executive Holt asked if this is a graded process. Mr. Suddath said doesn't impact at project level now. Ms. Michelle Lacewell, GNRC staff, said that this same conversation was held at the TCC meeting. She said that the board's support of the state's targets through this resolution is a required action to keep this MPO in line with this new regulation and rule-making.

Mayor Anderson said he would vote against the resolution because the feds and state push down regulations onto the counties. He said that it is a matter of money and of policy and it is about each

individual county being able to use the money the best way for their citizens. I'm all for safety but until I can get something that I can read and understand. Mr. Suddath said that there is nothing that can make TDOT force locals to do anything. These are just targets. There are no mandates.

Mr. Gerald Herman said that at the TCC meeting it was all about targets and we need to support the state to get this done. It does affect MPO funding and there are no consequences at the local level if the targets are not met. However, there are consequences at the state level.

Mr. Suddath said that the MPOs can set their own targets. Ms. David said that the FHWA is working through this to make sure the requirements are met.

Mayor Barry asked, if this resolution isn't passed today, how it will impact funding. Mr. Suddath said that there is no immediate impact regarding funding. Ms. Lacewell said that our responsibility is to endorse the state's targets or set our own and because of the short time frame, the recommendation is to support the state's and develop our own later.

Mr. Suddath said that the deadline to set targets or endorse the state's targets is February 27th. Ms. Lacewell said that we should support the state's targets now so we can set our own. If we don't meet the deadline, freezing of TIP would occur.

Mayor Paige Brown said that she find the numbers meaningless. She said she needs to understand the methodology. Mr. Suddath said that the State has that information. Mayor Ken Wilber said that the word 'target' makes it seem like what you want. Mr. Suddath said that the wording is from the federal code. Mayor Barry said the data seems to be based not on road conditions completely but on other issues, like distracted drivers. Ms. David said that FHWA recognizes that this is a sensitive issue. Ms. Lacewell said that pavement and bridge conditions is the next target. Ms. Connelly said she could provide an analysis of and reasons for these numbers.

Mr. Herman moved to approve the Resolution 2018-002 adopting TDOT Safety Performance Measures as required by the federal FAST Act. Mr. Jim Kerr seconded and the motion passed with Mayor Anderson and Mayor Rick Graham voting no.

Call-for-Studies for 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Ms. Lacewell said that the UPWP allocates transportation planning funds to studies and planning activities carried out by the MPO and its partners. She said that if anyone has ideas for studies for the coming year to please contact her soon.

Public Comment Period

The MPO's Public Participation Plan calls for the first meeting of the calendar year to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on any of the Organization's plans/programs. Mayor Reed

opened the public comment period. There were no comments. Mayor Reed closed the public comment period.

MPO Coordinator's Report

Member Dues

Ms. Lacewell said that a letter will be going out soon with the estimate of the dues to be paid by December 2018 (actual invoices will go out in October). There will be no change in the rate per capita but encouraged members to budget about a 10% increase over 2017 amounts due to the increase in population.

South Corridor Study

Ms. Lacewell said that the finalized contract for the South Corridor study. She said that is working to have a presentation on the study scheduled for the March board meetings.

Smart Cities Assessment RFP

Ms. Lacewell said that the RFP has been issued for the Smart Cities Assessment. This is a compliment to the ITS architecture.

MPO Certification

Ms. Lacewell said that the MPO Certification (which takes place every 4 years) will be this spring with the results out in August.

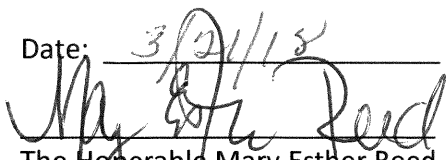
Chair's Report

Mayor Bradley said that there were initially six candidates narrowed down to three who were interviewed for the new MPO Coordinator and hopefully the new coordinator will be announced in March.

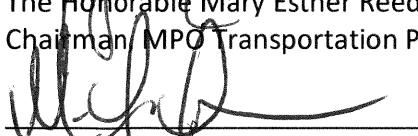
Mayor Reed thanked the members for being patient during the meeting with all of the changes.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Date: 3/21/18



The Honorable Mary Esther Reed
Chairman, MPO Transportation Policy Board



Michelle Lacewell, Interim MPO Director
Secretary, Transportation Policy Board