

## MINUTES

### TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE Of the

#### Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

April 4, 2018

**Attendees:** Ms. Kim Ark, Mr. Andy Barlow, Mr. Michael Barr, Mr. Russ Brashear, Mr. Tom Brashear, Mr. Michael Briggs, Mr. Marc Corrigan, Ms. Kristin Costanzo, Mr. Doug Demosi, Mr. Richard Donovan, Mr. Keith Free, Mr. Glenn Harper, Mr. Mike Harris, Ms. Billy Higgins, Mr. Joe Horne, Ms. Emily Hunter, Mr. Katrina Jones, Mr. Jim Kerr, Mr. Bill McCord, Mr. Addam McCormick, Mr. Kevin Rigsby, Mr. Jonathan Russell, Ms. Sarah Sitterle, Mr. Philip Stuckert, Ms. Diane Thorne, Mr. Matt Von Lunen

#### **Approve March 7, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Mike Harris, Chair, opened the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Mr. Philip Stuckert moved to approve the March 7, 2018 meeting minutes. Ms. Emily Hunter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **TCC Chairs Report**

Mr. Harris said that a nominating committee will be formed at the next meeting consisting of the past three chairs. The new slate for Chair and Vice-Chair will be voted on at the June meeting.

#### **Proposed Amendments to the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)**

The proposed amendment to the 2016-2040 RTP has been out for the required 30-day public review and comment. Ms. Anna Emerson briefly went over the project and commented that to-date, there have been no comments received. There was a clarifying question asked and answered.

Mr. Harris opened the public hearing. There was no comment. Mr. Harris closed the public hearing.

Mr. Doug Demosi moved to endorse the proposed RTP Amendment for adoption by the TPB with Mr. Jonathan Russell seconding. The motion was unanimously passed.

Amendment #	TIP #	RTP #	Project Name	Sponsor	Action
2018-002	Multiple	1714-354	1-24 Congestion Reduction	TDOT	Increase cost and length

**SCHEDULE:**

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- 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)

**Let’s Move Nashville – Davidson County Transit Funding Referendum Presentation**

Ms. Michelle Lacewell, Interim MPO Coordinator, said that the MPO’s Transportation Policy Board (and the GNRC Board) adopted a resolution supporting the Let’s Move Nashville Plan at their last meeting.

Mr. Peter Westerholm gave an overview of the plan. He said that with 1M more people projected to be living in Middle Tennessee by 2040 the traffic congestion will only get worse increasing commute times. He said that building bigger and more roads won’t solve the problem so we need a solution that moves more people quicker.

He showed the dates that our peer cities voted to have a dedicated funding source for transit and that Nashville was really 20 years behind in getting this done.

Mr. Tom Brashear mentioned that most of the slides with data in the presentation don’t show the source and that they should so that people won’t think that the data is made up. Mr. Westerholm said that most of the data was from the Chamber of Commerce and the Mayor’s Office and that adding that information to the slides was a good idea. Ms. Lacewell said that on the website the source information is given.

Mr. Stuckert asked if future rising construction costs had been included in the projected cost of the transit plan. Mr. Westerholm yes.

Ms. Katrina Jones asked what would happen if the referendum is defeated on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Westerholm said that the IMPROVE Act only allows for one referendum per year. Ms. Lacewell said that if it fails by only a small margin, then it shows that the meter for mass transit has moved. She said if it does fail the next step could be a multi-county referendum.

Mr. McCord asked how passage would impact the RTP. Ms. Lacewell said that data from the MTA is being modeled now and since the next update for the RTP begins this fall so any changes will be incorporated into the new RTP.

Mr. Brashear said that a slide showing what was the most effective selling points in the peer cities would be helpful. He also said that a slide showing how voting no to invest in transit had impacted other cities.

Mr. McCord said that it would be helpful if comparable stats on what other cities are spending per capita per day is given.

For more information about public meetings regarding the plan, you can go to [www.transitfornash.com](http://www.transitfornash.com)

Mr. Harris asked how the upcoming South Corridor study would be included. Ms. Lacewell said that when the study is done it would be folded into the plan.

For more information on the plan, visit [LetsMoveNashville.com](http://LetsMoveNashville.com)

### **MPO Director's Report**

- Update on FY 2019 UPWP  
Ms. Lacewell said that the draft of the FY2019 UPWP is at TDOT for review. It will be presented to the TCC at the May or June meeting.
- MPO Dues  
Ms. Lacewell said that the percent for dues won't increase this year but there will be an increase due to population growth. She recommends budgeting for a 10% increase. The letter with dues amounts will go out next week and the invoice will be sent out in the fall.
- South Corridor  
Ms. Lacewell said that WSP is under contract for this study.
- Call for Project Cost Overruns  
Ms. Emerson reminded the members that the call for project cost overruns went out last week. This is for projects that are in the TIP and are ready for

construction. She said that we need to know this information so funds can be reallocated. The deadline for turning in this information is Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

- Active Transportation Program  
Ms. Emerson said that the BPAC is reviewing the applications and the awards should be announced in early May.

**Other business**

Mr. Harris asked if there was any word on the new MPO Coordinator. Ms. Lacewell said that the new planning director begins at the end of the month and that the announcement of the new MPO Coordinator will hopefully be in the next 2 weeks.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Date: 5-2-18

Mike Harris

Mike Harris, Chair  
Technical Coordinating Committee

Michelle Lacewell

Michelle Lacewell, MPO Coordinator  
Secretary, Technical Coordinating Committee