



MPO Transportation Coordinating Committee

10:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 9, 2019
NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION
Public Meeting Room – Music City Central
400 Charlotte Ave, Nashville, TN

1. Action Item

- a. **Approve November 7, 2018 Meeting Minutes**
(attachment)

Michael Briggs, Metro Nashville, Chair

2. Public Comment

Michael Briggs, Metro Nashville, Chair

3. TCC Chair's Report

Michael Briggs, Metro Nashville, Chair

4. Presentations:

- b. **Update on Regional Smart Mobility Assessment**
GNRC staff will provide an update on activities related to the Regional Smart Mobility Assessment (RSMA), including an overview of objectives of the effort and an update on findings from recent community meetings.

Peter Westerholm, Policy Director

- c. **TIP Update Announcement and Call for Projects**
The MPO is updating the TIP for fiscal years 2020-2023. To kick off the associated call-for-projects, GNRC staff will provide an overview of the update schedule, project eligibility, and the application process. Additional materials will be provided at the meeting.

Anna Emerson, Senior Transportation Planner

- d. **Technology and Transit Program - Call for Projects**
With the adoption of the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan, the MPO Transportation Policy Board created a program (TIP# 2017-85-5555) to dedicate Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds to improving or expanding public transit, rideshare, and TDM opportunities, and/or the deployment of technology solutions to improve regional mobility. GNRC staff will provide an overview of two upcoming rounds of funding opportunities from this program. The first call-for-projects will seek proposals that apply a technology solution to either 1) encourage area travelers to rideshare or use public transit or 2) improve civic engagement in ongoing conversations and planning initiatives related to transit and smart mobility. A second call-for-projects will seek proposals for a broader set of categories related to intelligent transportation systems and transit/roadway infrastructure.

Anna Emerson, Senior Transportation Planner

- e. **Call-for-Studies for the upcoming 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** –The UPWP allocates federal transportation planning dollars to studies and planning activities carried out by the MPO and its partners. Members are encouraged to submit project ideas prior to February 20, 2019.

Mary Connelly, Transportation Planning Manager

5. Business Items

f. Adopt Safety Performance Measures Targets

GNRC staff will review results from a survey administered to TCC members on safety performance measures target setting. The deadline for MPO Transportation Policy Board (TPB) action is February 27, 2019. More information on federal legislation focusing on Transportation Performance Management can be found here: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/TPM/>

Recommendation: Endorse regional targets for federally-required safety performance measures based on TCC survey feedback.

Craig Casper, Community and Regional Planning Director

6. Regular Reports:

a. Staff Report

Mary Connelly, Transportation Planning Manager

7. Other Business

8. Adjourn until February 6, 2019

Agenda Item 1a.

November 7, 2018 Meeting Minutes

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE of the

Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

November 7, 2018

Attendees: Mr. Andy Barlow, Mr. Tom Brashear, Mr. Michael Briggs, Mr. Felix Castrodad, Mr. Paul Corder, Mr. Marc Corrigan, Mr. Doug Demosi, Mr. Keith Free, Mr. Glenn Harper, Mr. Mike Harris, Ms. Billy Higgins, Mr. Joe Horne, Ms. Emily Hunter, Mr. Jim Kerr, Mr. Bill McCord, Mr. Addam McCormick, Mr. Darrell Moore, Mr. Kevin Rigsby, Mr. Jeff Roach, Mr. Jonathan Russell, Mr. Sean Santalla, Mr. Josh Suddath, Mr. Doug Vann, Mr. Matt Von Lunen

Approve October 3, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Michael Briggs, Chair, opened the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Mr. Paul Corder moved to approve the October 3, 2018 meeting minutes. Mr. Bill McCord mentioned a change that was needed. On a second from Mr. Jim Kerr the amended minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

TCC Chair's Report

Mr. Briggs said that the TCC will meet in December.

He noted the www.nashconnector.org site for information for all of Nashville's commuting options. He said that there were 500 participants in the commuter challenge. This challenge will be done again in the Spring.

Mr. Doug Demosi said that continuing education at APA will be launching their catalog on November 14th.

Safety Performance Measures Target-Setting

Craig Casper, GNRC's Community and Regional Planning Director, provided an update of safety performance measures target setting, including a regional analysis of required measures. The deadline for MPO Transportation Policy Board (TPB) action is February 27, 2019.

He said that the national goal is to achieve significant reduction in fatalities.

Mr. Casper discussed what other MPOs are doing throughout Tennessee and the country. All MPOs in Tennessee have decided to support TDOT's target numbers. Mr. Jonathan Russell said that TDOT's perspective is that there is no preference as to whether an MPO endorses the TDOT targets or create their own. He said that it is important to understand that this is a 5-year rolling average. SHIP funds can't be flexed if the targets aren't met.

Mr. Tom Brashear asked what the fatality rate is. Mr. Casper said it is per 100 vehicular miles traveled. Mr. Sean Santalla said that Tennessee (as do many other states) has a target rate that is higher than their actual occurrence.

Mr. Brashear asked if there is an opportunity prior to the next RTP where there can be an in-depth conversation with TDOT to have higher goal. A 2-year window might be better instead of having this conversation prior to February 2019.

Mr. Casper said there must be a discussion prior to 2021. Mr. Josh Suddath asked if it is acceptable for MPOs to choose only certain targets to adopt. He said that distracted drivers, enforcement, and driving habits are areas that the MPOs don't have a lot of influence in. He said bike/ped projects can make an impact on local smaller scale.

Mr. Casper said that the MPO can adopt own targets on 5 areas and still support the state.

Mr. Bill McCord said that there seems to be a big spread in the southeast region. He said it would be worth following other states to see what is happening there. He would like to see fatality numbers fall but now it has started to rise. He said that we can do better.

Ms. Mary Connelly said that there is an FHWA resource that demonstrates the rolling averages for all states as well as the targets that they set.

Mr. Paul Corder asked where do we go from here.

Mr. Casper said that the staff wants input from the members as to what else is needed to have a more in-depth discussions for January.

Mr. Andy Barlow said that setting targets can change how we select projects.

Mr. Brashear asked what the source was used to get regional numbers vs. statewide population. Ms. Connelly said that all the numbers are 2017 numbers. The population is from the census. The fatalities and serious injuries and VMT numbers are from TN Department of Safety and Security.

Mr. Briggs said it sounds like the members want both the state vs. regional baseline would be and pull out bike/ped information. Ms. Connelly said that the staff will bring those numbers to the next meeting in order to meet the February deadline.

Mr. Casper ask TDOT to find out how much SHIP money is flexed.

Mr. Corder asked what needs to be done for the 3rd option to be a possibility. Mr. Casper said this would be part of the long-range plan.

Mr. McCord said that the TCC voted on fatality rates a few months ago and asked what kind of feedback gotten from TPB. Ms. Connelly said conversation similar to this group's as they are concerned about the messaging of the targets. She said that the staff will do a better job of communicating this information.

Mr. Suddath said that last year there was a lot of discussion about this and there was a lot of disconnect as to what it means. He said that this presentation should be given to the TPB.

More information on federal legislation focusing on Transportation Performance Management can be found here: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/TPM/>

2018 Federal Obligations List

Ms. Anna Emerson said that the MPO is required to publish an annual listing of projects for which federal funds have been obligated in the preceding year as a record of project delivery and a progress report for public information and disclosure. She said that this is a list of all projects with obligated money.

Several clarifying questions were asked and answered.

TDOT Three-Year Work Program

Ms. Emerson said that each year TDOT seeks MPO input on candidate projects being considered for the State's upcoming 3-Year Work Program (2020 thru 2022). TDOT uses MPO feedback as part of their process to prioritize a growing list of needs competing for limited revenue. The MPO staff ranks the projects according to a 4-step methodology. Historically, the MPO places priority on projects already in the RTP and those that help improve safety and operations. Anyone with concerns about a local project please let Ms. Emerson know these concerns by November 14. Ms. Emerson apologized for the tight timeframe as the Transportation Policy Board will be asked for endorsement on November 14th.

Proposed Amendments to the 2017-2020 TIP

Ms. Emerson said that the MPO has two proposed amendments to the *Transportation Improvement Program* (TIP). Both amendments have been out for the required 21-day public review and comment period.

Mr. Briggs opened the public hearing. There were no comments. Mr. Briggs closed the public hearing.

Mr. Mike Harris moved to endorse the amendments for consideration by the TPB. Mr. Darrell Moore seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Amendment #	TIP #	RTP #	Project Name	Sponsor	Action
2019-001	2017-62-038	1062-234	Murfreesboro Pike (SR-96) Widening – Segment 1	TDOT	Add funds
2019-002	2012-47-173	Consistent	Smyrna Signal System	Smyrna	Program Construction Reserve funding

SCHEDULE:

- 10/3 - TCC Endorsement for Public Review and Comment
- 10/17– TPB Endorsement for Public Review and Comment
- 10/17– 11/14– Public Review and Comment Period
- 11/7 – First Public Hearing (TCC)

- 11/14 – Second Public Hearing and Adoption (TPB)

Staff Report

Ms. Mary Connelly said a workshop for our minor update to our TIP in December or January.

She said that a PowerPoint and other information regarding the performance measures will be emailed.

Other Business

Mr. McCord said bids for the bypass on the north end of Gallatin came in less than expected.

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

Date: _____

Michael Briggs, Chair
Technical Coordinating Committee

Mary Connelly, MPO Coordinator
Secretary, Technical Coordinating Committee