

**MINUTES**  
**Of the**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD**  
**of the**  
**Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
**January 18, 2017**

Attendees: Mayor Rogers Anderson, Mayor Bernie Ash, Mr. Steve Bland, Mayor Howard Bradley, Mayor Ernest Burgess, Vice-Mayor Jill Burgin (for Mayor Regina Smithson), Ms. Theresa Claxton, Mr. Scott Collins (for Mayor Patti Carroll), Mayor John Coombs, Mayor Dean Dickey, Mayor Rick Graham, Mr. Gerald Herman (for Mayor Michael Arnold), Executive Anthony Holt, Mr. Eddie Hood, Mr. Jim Kerr (for Mayor Shane McFarland), Mayor Ken Moore, Mayor Charlie Norman, Mr. Toks Omishakin (for Gov. Bill Haslam), Mayor Mary Esther Reed, Mayor Ann Schneider, Mr. Michael Skipper, Mayor Ken Wilber

**Approve December 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Mary Esther Reed, Vice-Chair, opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Mayor Ken Moore moved to approve the December 14, 2016 meeting minutes with Mayor Howard Bradley seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment**

Ms. Margo Chambers, Nashville, said that the Nashville Area MPO needs a fiscal agent that holds public meetings and accepts public input. This board needs to resolve the MPO Board issue of representational equity because this could result in a higher cost/capita. She referred to the April 13, 2016 Executive Board agenda item which outlines scenarios to achieve population equity for MPO board members:

- a) Alt 1: Same size board, required agreement on suballocated funding
- b) Alt 2: Same size board, voting membership based on a strict population basis
- c) Alt 3: Expanded board, one seat per current member, additional seats based on population
- d) Alt 4: Hybrid board, one seat per member, plus an extra seat per 100K population
- e) Alt 5: Same size board, redefine process for votes on items of "Critical Issue"

**MPO's Chair's Report**

Mayor Reed thanked everyone for attending the Annual Partnership meeting in December. The attendance was over 200 and the speakers, TDOT Commissioner John Schroer and Mr. David Warm of Mid-America Regional Council, were very informative. She said that after the luncheon, Mr. Warm met

with the MPO/GNRC joint committee to discuss the possibility of merging and learn pros/cons of such a move.

### **Election of Executive Board Officers for 2017 Calendar Year**

Mayor Ken Wilber offered the slate of Mayor Randall Hutto for Chair and Mayor Mary Esther Reed for Vice-Chair. He moved to approve the slate as presented. Executive Anthony Holt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Priorities for TDOT Three-Year Program**

Ms. Michelle Lacewell, Interim MPO Director, said that each year, TDOT provides a list of projects and requests the MPOs to prioritize for possible inclusion in the state's three-year work that will be presented to the Tennessee General Assembly as part of the state's budget. She said that TDOT provided the list to the MPO and staff used the evaluation of project from the RTP process to order the list of projects. The TCC reviewed and endorsed this list at their January meeting.

Mayor Wilber moved to endorse the list of priorities for TDOT Three-Year Work Program. Mayor Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Comment Period for 2017 Annual Public Meeting**

Mayor Reed said that the MPO's *Public Participation Plan* (adopted 7-18-2007) calls for the board to hold an annual meeting to receive public comments pertaining to any of the agency's plans and programs. This meeting is in addition to the membership luncheon scheduled for November.

Mayor Reed opened the public comment period. Ms. Margo Chambers, Nashville, said that her previous comments applied here as well. With no further comments, Mayor Reed closed the public comment period.

### **Fy2018 Unified Planning Work Program**

Ms. Lacewell said that the staff is seeking help to identify studies and research needs for the upcoming year. She requested submission be sent by January 27 and the first draft for review will be in April.

*More information is available at [www.NashvilleMPO.org/plans\\_programs/upwp/](http://www.NashvilleMPO.org/plans_programs/upwp/).*

### Moving Forward Scorecard Presentation

Mr. Gary Garfield, chair of the Moving Forward Coordinating Committee, presented a preview of the first scorecard. *Moving Forward* is a regional transit initiative focused on ensuring a cohesive community effort in advancing regional transportation solutions by engaging business and community leaders in an annual, systematic review of the region's progress toward implementing regional transportation. He briefly outlined the 2017 scorecard and the next steps. He said that progress has been made but there is much work to be done.

The five objectives that outline a path to offering transit choices in Middle Tennessee are:

1. Support the completion of an RTA and MTA Strategic Plan update within one year (2016). This has been completed
2. Support the identification and passage of state and federal government revenue enhancements for transit with two years (2017). Federal revenue has been identified and the state revenue is still to be achieved.
3. Ensure at least 30,000 engagements with Middle Tennesseans in the transit conversation with two years (2017). This is underway.
4. Identify and secure a local dedicated funding source for transit in the region within three years (2018). This is still to be achieved.
5. Support breaking ground on the first rapid transit project in the region within five years (2020). This is still to be achieved.

### Director's Report

Ms. Lacewell said that the joint MPO/GNRC committee has had conversations with stakeholders for their thought, concerns, etc. The next meeting is in early February to review these and make recommendations to bring before this Board.

### Other Business

Mayor Bradley introduced Mayor Ann Schneider as the new Springfield mayor.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Date: 2/15/17

Randall Hutto

The Honorable Randall Hutto  
Chairman, MPO Executive Board

Michelle Lacewell

Michelle Lacewell, Interim MPO Director  
Secretary, Executive Board