

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE Of the

Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

February 3, 2010

Attendees: Mr. Kirk Bednar, Mr. Michael Briggs, Mr. Kevin Comstock, Mr. Marc Corrigan, Mr. Billy Davis, Mr. Doug Demosi, Mr. Steve Foote, Mr. Butch Gelband, Mr. Grant Green, Mr. Rick Gregory, Mr. Joe Horne, Mr. Jim McAteer, Mr. Addam McCormick, Ms. Angie Midgett, Mr. Rob Raney, Mr. Dana Richardson, Mr. Fred Rogers, Mr. Jim Svoboda, Ms. Diane Thorne, Ms. Magi Tilton, Mr. Bob Weithofer

Approve January 6, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Fred Rogers, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. Mr. Bob Weithofer moved to approve the January 6, 2010 meeting minutes with a second from Mr. Steve Foote. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

TCC Chair's Report

- Recap Symposiums (1/19 School Siting, 1/28-29th Complete Streets)
Mr. Rogers said that both symposiums were good meetings and were timely issues. He thanked the MPO staff for coordinating them.
Ms. Leslie Meehan, MPO staff, said that we had gotten good feedback from both events. The expert speakers and breakout sessions helped answer many questions in both areas. She thanked The TMA Group for co-sponsoring the Complete Streets Symposium.
- Updates on Mayors Caucus & Transit Alliance
Mr. Michael Skipper, MPO director, said that the Caucus will meet on February 4, 2010. He said that following this meeting there will be a press conference launching the Regional Transportation Plan.

Preview of New MPO Brand and Website

Mr. Skipper said that the staff is excited to unveil the new MPO website. He said that the new tag line is livability, prosperity, sustainability, and diversity. The new logo's star represents the regional corridors that connect the area's unique communities, is a reference to the state capital, and is a symbol of leadership and guidance.

He gave a brief overview of the entire site. It will be a very user friendly – from telling what an MPO is to being interactive for the user (i.e. tracking projects). There is a place where people can go to find out how they can become / stay involved in the process.

There will also be pictures of seminars and videos of interviews, as well as links to federal legislation.

Update on ARRA-funded Projects

Mr. Skipper said that to-date 67% of the funds have been obligated. He said that all projects are ready for obligation and that within a week or so all of the projects will be obligated. Money (\$1.3 M) has been shifted to other projects in order to obligate it by the deadline. He said that if something happens that the money can't be spent on a certain project, part of the money will go to Metro resurfacing projects, and the rest will be used by TDOT for projects within the MPO area. Mr. Rogers thanked everyone for their hard work in getting these funds obligated.

More information can be found at: nashvillempo.org/economic_recovery.html

Public Hearing: Endorse Amendment to the FY 2010 UPWP

Mr. Rogers said that the Amendments to the UPWP require a 7-day public review and comment period. There has been no comments received to-date. He opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. Mr. Rogers closed the public hearing.

Mr. Jim Svoboda moved to endorse the draft amendment for consideration by the Board. Mr. Joe Horne seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Complete versions of the adopted UPWP and the proposed amendment are available at the MPO website.

The schedule for adoption is:

- 1/6 - TCC endorsement
- 1/20 - XB endorsement

- *1/22 to 2/2 - Public review and comment period*
- **2/3 - First public hearing (TCC)**
- 1/17 - Second public hearing / adoption (XB)

Update on the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan

Mr. Matt Meservy, MPO staff, gave an overview of the Regional Deficiencies Analysis. He said that the staff has been developing a land use model to help allocate population and employment to the TAZs which were fed into the travel demand model which includes the passenger trip model, freight trip model and soon-to-be mode-choice model to give travel volumes and speeds associated with these volumes. He said that currently the congestion management process identifies the travel times less than 70% as congested. These are based on volume only. He said that the region will be broken into CMP districts where more detailed picture of the congestion can be done. A holistic approach will be used to deal with congestion.

Mr. Skipper asked that everyone go through their list of projects that are in the last L RTP and do a purpose and need evaluation to see if they are still viable. Also, the project detail information (funding source, stage, etc.) need to be verified. Ms. Midgett asked if there is a project submittal form. Mr. Skipper said that form will be sent by the end of the week. A TCC workshop is needed in the next couple of weeks to finalize a draft of the project scoring and ranking criteria. The deadline for projects (old and new) details is February 19th. At the March 3rd TCC meeting the evaluation criteria will be presented. The final deadline to submit all required information is March 31st.

Mr. Weithofer asked if the February 19th deadline is for all of the projects. Mr. Skipper said yes, that all projects that local governments are comfortable submitting, are requested by that point. The March 31st deadline is the final deadline for the submission of information. Mr. Weithofer said that two weeks is a tight time frame for updating so some flexibility is needed. Mr. Skipper said that there will be some flexibility, but we must use the schedule to get the RTP approved on time.

Mr. Dana Richardson said that the amount of information needed needs to be minimized. Mr. Skipper said that staff will request information that is needed for project consideration.

Mr. Svoboda asked for clarification that the March 31st deadline is for the projects that have been endorsed by the local jurisdictions. Mr. Skipper said that if the projects are consistent with their Major Thoroughfare Plans then that suffices. If not, there needs to be a resolution from the local governing body endorsing the project is required. Mr. Billy Davis asked if it could be in the formally adopted capital improvement budget. Mr. Skipper said yes.

Mr. Michael Briggs said that some of his projects are not on the list even though they have been submitted. Should they be resubmitted? Mr. Skipper said yes. Mr. Briggs said that most of them were on TDOT highways and asked if there needs to be coordination with TDOT on submitting them. Mr. Davis asked if the locals should talk with Mr. Paul Degges at TDOT before submitting anything on a state route. Mr. Skipper said that the projects can be submitted to the MPO for coordination with TDOT. Ms. Midgett said that things have to be coordinated through the MPO but the local jurisdictions can contact Mr. Degges if they want to.

Mr. Kirk Bednar asked if locally funded projects that are regionally significant need to be submitted. Mr. Skipper said yes for information-purposes only.

MPO Director's Report

- **Upcoming TIP Amendment Opportunities**
Mr. Félix Castrodad, MPO staff, said that the last amendment cycle for this TIP will be March/April. The application deadline is February 19th. He said that any changes beyond this March/April cycle will be reflected in the new TIP.
- **Update on Regional Studies**
Tri-County Transportation and Land Use Study: Mr. Skipper said that there is progress on identifying the strategic corridors in the four focus areas. He said that schedule for local involvement in the development of the concept plan.
SW Area Land Use Study: Mr. Skipper said that there will be a meeting with RPM next week to decide on the next steps in modeling the alternative growth scenarios and the update of the Williamson County Major Thoroughfare Plan.
NE Corridor Mobility Study: Mr. Castrodad said that the Evaluation of Alternatives has been received from the consultants. Also, the mode choice model has been received which will provide a detailed analysis of each alternative. He said that we are on track to wrap up the study in April.
Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Study: Ms. Leslie Meehan, MPO staff, said that the final deliverables have been received. The findings will be launched in a press release. She said that the BPAC will look at the submitted projects to evaluate them according to the methodology established.
- **Other Comments**
Mr. Skipper handed out a letter from TDOT regarding the selection of CMAQ projects. The letter also included a list of projects that TDOT has agreed to fund with CMAQ money. All of the projects in the first tier have been funded. One project in the second tier has been funded (SR-52 in Portland). We were awarded \$3.3 M.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Date: _____

Fred Rogers, Chair
Technical Coordinating Committee

Michael Skipper, MPO Director
Secretary, Technical Coordinating Committee