

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE Of the

Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

June 2, 2010

Attendees: Mr. Kirk Bednar, Mr. Tom Brashear, Mr. Michael Briggs, Mr. Kevin Comstock, Mr. Marc Corrigan, Mr. Billy Davis, Mr. Doug Demosi, Mr. Steve Foote, Mr. Grant Green, Mr. Rick Gregory, Mr. Joe Horne, Mr. George James, Ms. Kia Lewis, Mr. Jim McAteer, Mr. Addam McCormick, Ms. Angie Midgett, Ms. Lisa Milligan, Mr. John Pewitt, Mr. Rob Raney, Mr. Dana Richardson, Ms. Britta Stein, Mr. Jim Svoboda, Ms. Diane Thorne, Ms. Magi Tilton, Mr. Bob Weithofer

Approve May 5, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Tom Brashear, Vice-Chair, opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Bob Weithofer moved to approve the May 5, 2010 meeting minutes. Mr. John Pewitt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

TCC Chair's Report

Mr. Michael Skipper, MPO chair, said that the MPO co-hosted with Cumberland Region Tomorrow and TDOT the Power of 10 Regional Summit on May 26th. The focus was on transportation and livability. The speakers talked about new federal policy initiatives in support of livability. The keynote speaker was Mr. Matt Kisber, Commissioner of TDEC. Mayor Karl Dean reflected on the call for the creation of the Mayors Caucus and the Transit Alliance. Mr. Julian Bibb, Chairman, and Ms. Jeanie Nelson, Executive Director, of Land Trust of Tennessee discussed open space preservation.

MPO Federal Certification Review

Ms. Britta Stein, FHWA, said that the MPO has completed its quadrennial certification review to make sure that it is following the federal processes. She opened the floor for

any suggestions or comments. She said that everything looked good and the review report should be out in a few weeks.

Update on ARRA-funded Projects

Mr. Skipper said that at the last meeting there was \$2.6 M of unobligated funds. He said that we were able to meet the March 2nd deadline for obligating the original amount. After that date, several projects came in under budget and that money needs to be reprogrammed prior to the end of this fiscal year or lose those funds. TDOT has asked that these funds be obligated prior to August. At the last TCC meeting, the members voted that the money would be used for project cost overruns with the remainder going to MTA. The Executive Board voted for this also. Anything left will go to TDOT for regional projects.

The projects to receive extra funding are:

- 1: White House Calista Road Resurfacing – cost overrun
- 2: Gallatin South Water Avenue Resurfacing – cost overrun
- 3: Gallatin Downtown Streetscaping Phase II – cost overrun
- 4: Mt. Juliet West Division Greenway – CEI costs
- 5: Springfield North Main Street Bridge Replacement – cost overruns
- 6: Nashville MTA Access Ride Vehicle Replacement – flood loss

Mr. Jim McAteer said that FEMA will only cover 75% of the vehicle value.

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

Public Hearing: Endorse Proposed Amendments to the FY 2008-2011 TIP

Mr. Félix Castrodad, MPO staff, said that the following amendments to the FY 08-11 TIP are completing a required 21-day public review and comment period. No comments have been received to date. He said that these projects did not make it to the TCC last month for approval but that the Board did approve releasing them for public review and comment.

TIP #	L RTP #	Project Name	Sponsor	Action
2009-89-020	Consistent	3R Improvement Bucket (ARRA)	MPO	Remove funds
2004-011	Consistent	N Main Street Bridge Replacement	Springfield	Add funds
2010-710-06	7023	SR 141 Reconstruction	TDOT	Add project

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

Mr. Rick Gregory moved to endorse the proposed amendments for consideration by the Board. Mr. George James seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The schedule for adoption is:

- 5/5 - TCC endorsement
- 5/19 - XB endorsement
- 5/21 to 6/15 - Public review and comment period
- **6/2 - First public hearing (TCC)**
- 6/16 - Second public hearing / adoption (XB)

Update on the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and FYs 11-14 TIP

Mr. Skipper showed the 4-minute video that was presented at the Regional Summit. It shows the major policies of the MPO and how these will be used in the updated RTP which has something for everybody. The 3 main components are: 1: expand mass transit options, 2: create walkable communities, and 3: preserve & enhance roadway corridors.

Mr. Brashear said that there has been a debate in the editorial section of the *Tennessean* regarding whether or not mass transit is an idea that should be embraced.

More information including draft documents at:

http://www.nashvillempo.org/plans_programs/rtp/

Selection of Officers for 2010/2011

Mr. Joe Horne presented the nominating committee's slate of officers for July 2010 through June 2011. The slate includes Mr. Brashear as Chair and Mr. Jim McAteer as Vice-Chair. Mr. Rick Gregory moved to accept the slate as presented. Mr. Pewitt seconded and the motion passed with Mr. Brashear abstaining.

MPO Director's Report

Studies updates:

Mr. Skipper said that the steering committee of the various studies will be reconvened soon. The staff is looking at the refined capital costs and ridership projections received from the consultant on the NE Corridor Study. The Tri-County consultant is working on the policy recommendations and the steering committee will consider the preferred growth strategies and look at the illustrations and concepts of the four focus areas. The staff is reviewing the draft alternative scenarios for the SW Transportation and Land Use study.

Funding Source

Mr. Skipper said that HUD has unveiled a \$100M pot of money for regional sustainable planning. This money will be awarded via competition. If anyone has any ideas as to how to use the money, please contact Mr. Skipper. He said that the maximum amount awarded will be \$5M to be spent over 3 years. He said that some ideas already presented are 1: doing a revisioning for the region, 2: funding portions of a household travel survey, and 3: creating a local land use tool to help assess developments on health.

Mr. Weithofer asked Mr. Skipper to send the members the parameters for these funds. Mr. Skipper said he would but that only a general description is out now. He said that more information is available at the HUD website under HUD Sustainable Communities Grant Program. He said that once the parameters come out there will be a small window of time to apply. He said that it is the intention of HUD to fund an initiative in every state with in the next 10-15 years.

He said that there is an opportunity to use Tiger 2 funds for local planning efforts.

Mr. Skipper said that the Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Study has received the ITE Best Planning Project award for 2010.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Date: _____

Fred Rogers, Chair
Technical Coordinating Committee

Michael Skipper, MPO Director
Secretary, Technical Coordinating Committee