

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Of the

Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

July 7, 2010

Attendees: Ms. Lora Baulsir, Mr. Kirk Bednar, Mr. Rick Bernhardt, Mr. Tom Brashear, Mr. Michael Briggs, Mr. Kevin Comstock, Mr. Marc Corrigan, Mr. Doug Demosi, Mr. Steve Foote, Mr. Butch Gelband, Mr. Grant Green, Mr. Rick Gregory, Mr. Joe Horne, Mr. George James, Mr. Mark Macy, Mr. Jim McAteer, Mr. Addam McCormick, Ms. Angie Midgett, Mr. John Pewitt, Mr. Rob Raney, Mr. Dana Richardson, Mr. Kevin Rigsby, Mr. Fred Rogers, Mr. Jim Svoboda, Ms. Diane Thorne, Ms. Magi Tilton, Mr. Bob Weithofer

Approve June 2, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Tom Brashear, Chair, opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Rick Gregory moved to approve the June 2, 2010 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously on the second by Mr. Mark Macy.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

TCC Chair's Report

Mr. Brashear thanked Mr. Fred Rogers for the outstanding service as TCC chair over the past two years. Mr. Rogers was presented a plaque by Mr. Michael Skipper, MPO director. Mr. Rogers received a round of applause.

Mr. Brashear also thanked the members of the TCC and the MPO staff for all of the hard work regarding the new TIP and RTP. He said that if anyone still needs to get information to the staff to please do so soon.

Endorse Draft Amendments to the FY 2008-2011 TIP

Mr. Skipper said that one of the two amendments listed below, the Truck Parking Facility project, has been withdrawn by TDOT due to the re-scoping of the project. He

said that the MTA project change may be able to be done by an adjustment to the TIP, in which case, it won't have to go out for public review and comment.

TIP #	L RTP #	Project Name	Sponsor
2008-15-049	8026	MTA Admin and Maintenance Facility Rehab	MTA
2010-89-007	Consistent	Truck Parking Facility	TDOT

The schedule for adoption is:

- 7/7 - TCC endorsement
- 7/21 - Endorsement (XB)
- 7/26 to 8/16 - Public review and comment period
- 8/4 – First public hearing (TCC)
- 8/18 – Second public hearing/adoption (XB)

Mr. John Pewitt moved to endorse the proposed amendment for consideration by the Board. Mr. Jim Svoboda seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Endorse FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Skipper said that the draft FY 2011 UPWP identifies MPO work tasks, federal funding levels, and the amount of match each member jurisdiction will be required to provide in regional member dues for the upcoming year. The UPWP must be available for public review for at least 7 days prior to adoption.

Mr. Skipper said that the draft was presented to the TCC in April. He said that the change from the April draft is the reprogrammed PL dollars that were restored. There is no new work included.

More information including draft documents at:

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

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Mr. Macy moved to endorse the draft UPWP for consideration by the Board. Mr. Kevin Rigsby seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2035 Regional Transportation Plan and FYs 11-15 TIP

Mr. Skipper said that the TCC has had a successful round of working meetings to prepare recommendations for the TIP and plan, but that staff is seeking a formal endorsement of those recommendations/ strategies from the full TCC prior to moving forward. These items include:

- 1) The overall project evaluation, scoring, and ranking by horizon year;
- 2) 15 policies to guide the programming through the TIP; and
- 3) MPO investment strategy for future urban STP funds;

Mr. Skipper said that TIP Policy #9 related to Construction Funding is pending review and approval by FHWA. The intent of the policy is to help the MPO to be more fluid with funding projects that are ready to go to construction. The approach of putting these funds into a bucket may not be allowed by FHWA.

Mr. Brashear said that this idea was gotten from other MPOs so there has to be a way to do it. Mr. Skipper said that the MPO will likely have to leave those funds technically unprogrammed, but will need to describe the intended use through the TIP policies to ensure that there isn't the appearance of having too much money, which certainly is not the case..

Ms. Angie Midgett said that the funds can't be put into a bucket due to regulations unless they are exempt type projects, i.e. air quality. She said that it is a good idea to leave the funds un-programmed if you know what they will be used for. Mr. Skipper said that the construction funding will not be assigned a TIP number up front to avoid the confusion about whether it's a formal bucket or not. Mr. Brashear said that's OK but don't want FHWA to take un-programmed funds back. Mr. Skipper said that all unobligated funds are subject to rescission even if they are programmed in the TIP, but that staff will be sure to effectively describe the intent of those unprogrammed funds so as not to leave anyone with the impression that they are not needed.

Mr. Rogers said that it is an excellent policy. He said that on policy #12 that both paragraphs are saying the same thing. Mr. Skipper said that there are two different scenarios. The first is what happens if there is cost overruns after the funds are obligated and is under contract. The second is if there are cost overruns on projects not yet obligated. He said that there will not be any overrun bucket in the TIP, so cost needs to be well thought out on the front end. It is very project specific.

Mr. Svoboda asked if the last paragraph under policy #9 is something new. Mr. Skipper said that a jurisdiction always has the right to come back to the MPO for more money. He said, however, if the TIP is done, the money will need to be moved from other projects so the Board will have to approve it. Mr. Rogers said that it is easy for a project to exceed the estimate by 10% and that maybe it should be 15%. Mr. Skipper said that

settling on an appropriate figure is a balancing act. If the amount is too liberal then effectively the money will be taken from other projects.

Mr. Svoboda moved to approve the draft policies and project lists for the TIP and Regional Plan. Mr. Gregory seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Skipper said that the Urban STP investment strategy is 1) Roadway capacity and safety – 70%; 2) active transportation enhancements – 15%; 3) public transportation / mass transit – 10%; and 4) system management & operations – 5%.

Mr. Bob Weithofer said that some projects can fit into multiple categories. He asked if there will be any flexibility to be in more than one area. Mr. Skipper said yes.

Mr. Dana Richardson asked that if there are not enough projects to use the money that has been set aside can it be shifted to other projects. Mr. Skipper said yes. Mr. Richardson asked that this be clear in writing.

Mr. Gregory asked how this strategy will mesh with the current and /or new transportation bills. Mr. Skipper said that these percentages show the regional goals. He said that strategy can be changed if needed. Mr. Gregory asked how it would be changed. Mr. Skipper said by the Board could change them as they consider future TIPs.

Mr. Doug Demosi moved to endorse the draft investment strategies. Mr. Kevin Comstock seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

More information including draft documents at:
http://www.nashvillempo.org/plans_programs/rtp/

MPO Director's Report

Mr. Skipper said that on Thursday, July 8th at 1:00 p.m. there will be a workshop at the Downtown Public Library regarding the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant.

NE Corridor:

Mr. Félix Castrodad, MPO staff, said that the steering committee has met as well as the corridor Mayors to go over the results of the detailed analysis of the operational costs, capital costs, and ridership projections. The technical memo and PowerPoint should be on the website by week's end.

Tri-County study:

Mr. Skipper said that the revised focus areas has been received and has been sent back to the consultant for revisions. The steering committee will meet when received.

Other Business

Mr. Skipper said that Congress is considering pulling \$2B from transportation to pay for other federal programs. Mr. Richardson asked if Mr. Skipper would send a copy of the rescission letter. Mr. Skipper said yes and that he will keep the members updated.

Mr. Rogers said that Mr. Michael Briggs will be moving from Sumner County to Metro Planning at the beginning of August.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Date: _____

Tom Brashear, Chair
Technical Coordinating Committee

Michael Skipper, MPO Director
Secretary, Technical Coordinating Committee