



Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 4, 2012 | 10:30 AM

Howard Office Building, First Floor Conference Room

700 2nd Avenue South | Nashville, Tennessee

1. Approve December 7, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes ([attachment](#))

Requested Action: Approve minutes, or amend as necessary.

2. Public Comment

3. TCC Chair's Report

4. Regional Priorities for 2013-2015 TDOT Work Program ([attachment](#))

TDOT has requested that MPOs submit regional priorities for the FYs 2013 through 2015 state work program by the end of January. MPO staff will present a list of priorities and an overview of the proposed evaluation/prioritization process.

Schedule:

- 11/2 – Request for candidates
- 12/1 – Deadline for submitting candidates
- 12/7 – Presentation of candidates to TCC
- 12/14 - Presentation of candidates to XB
- **1/4 – TCC endorsement of regional priorities**
- 1/18 – Board endorsement of regional priorities

Requested Action: Endorse regional priorities for consideration by the Board.

5. MPO Active Transportation Program ([attachment](#))

Staff will present its recommendations for awarding \$2.5 million in MPO Urban Surface Transportation Program funding as part of the Active Transportation Program created by the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and funded through the FYs 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program.

- 11/2 – Call-for-Projects announced
- 10/7 – Deadline for submitting proposals
- **1/4 – TCC endorsement of awards**
- 1/18 – Board endorsement of awards

- 2/1 – TCC endorsement of related TIP amendments
- 2/15 – Board endorsement of related TIP amendments
- 2/17-3/19 – Public review and comment period
- 3/7 - First public hearing (TCC)
- 3/21 - Second public hearing / adoption (XB)

Requested Action: Endorse projects selected for awards for consideration by the Board.

6. MPO Mass Transit Program (attachment)

Staff will present information about the upcoming call-for-projects associated with the MPO's Mass Transit Program authorized by the *2035 Regional Transportation Plan and FYs 2011-15 Transportation Improvement Program*.

- **1/18 – Call-for-Projects announced**
- 3/2 – Deadline for submitting proposals
- 5/2 – TCC endorsement of awards and related TIP amendments
- 5/16 – Board endorsement of awards and related TIP amendments
- 5/18-6/18 – Public review and comment period
- 6/6 - First public hearing (TCC)
- 6/20 - Second public hearing / adoption (XB)

Requested Action: For information purposes only.

7. Tennessee Department of Transportation Report

8. MPO Director's Report

- Annual Obligations Report
- Update on MPO Staffing/ Hiring Process
- 2012 Business and Meeting Topics
- Upcoming Conferences
- Other comments

9. Other Business

10. Adjourn until February 1, 2012

Happy New Year!

Agenda Item 1. **8YWa VYf+** TCC Meeting Minutes

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE Of the

Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

December 7, 2011

Attendees: Mr. Kirk Bednar, Mr. Michael Briggs, Mr. Ralph Comer, Mr. Marc Corrigan, Mr. Billy Davis, Mr. Corbin Davis, Mr. Doug Demosi, Mr. Butch Gelband, Mr. Rick Gregory, Mr. Will Hager, Mr. Joe Horne, Mr. Jonathan Langley, Mr. Jim McAteer, Mr. Addam McCormick, Mr. John Pewitt, Mr. Rob Raney, Mr. Kevin Rigsby, Mr. Tim Roach, Mr. Fred Rogers, Mr. Bob Weithofer

Approve November 2, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Jim McAteer, Vice-Chair, opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Bob Weithofer moved to approve the November 2, 2011 minutes with Mr. John Pewitt seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

TCC Chair's Report

- a) 2012 Meeting Calendar
Mr. Jim McAteer, TCC vice-chair, presented an overview of the proposed 2012 meeting calendar. Mr. Pewitt moved to adopt the calendar as presented. Mr. Tim Roach seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing: Proposed Amendments to the 2035 Regional Plan

Mr. Félix Castrodad, MPO staff, said that the amendments to the 2035 Regional Plan have been out for the required 30-day public review and comment period prior to adoption. To date, no comments have been received. He gave a quick overview of the ten projects.

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

Mr. Pewitt moved to endorse the proposed amendments for consideration by the Board with Mr. Kevin Rigsby seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

More information about the 2035 Plan is available on the MPO's website at: www.nashvillempo.org/plans_programs/rtp/

The schedule for adoption is:

- 9/23 – Application deadline
- 9/23-9/30 – Staff review and processing
- 10/5 – TCC endorsement
- 10/19 – XB endorsement
- 11/1-12/3 – Public review and comment period
- **12/7 - First public hearing (TCC)**
- 12/14 - Second public hearing / adoption (XB)

Public Hearing: Proposed Amendments to the FYs 2011-2015 TIP

Mr. Castrodad said that the following amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Amendment Cycle FY12-A have been out for the required 21-day public review and comment period prior to adoption. To date, no comments have been received.

He said that money for these projects is new money coming from a variety of sources like NHS, IM, STP, CMAQ, Enhancement Grants, 5307, and Scenic Byway funds.

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

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

More information about the TIP, including proposed amendments, is available on the MPO's website at: http://www.nashvillempo.org/plans_programs/tip/

TIP #	RTP #	Project Name	Sponsor	Action
2012-62-167	1062-136	SR-248 Widening	TDOT	Add project to TIP
2012-42-168	1142-008	SR-99 Widening	TDOT	Add project to TIP
2008-19-001	1019-282	I-65 Noise Barrier Walls	TDOT	Add funds; change funding source; shift FY
2004-066	1012-229	I-65/ I-24 Widening	TDOT	Add funds
2011-510-017	1052-273	Airport Road Relocation	Gallatin	Add project to TIP

TIP #	RTP #	Project Name	Sponsor	Action
2012-51-169	1151-001	Gateway Drive Extension	Gallatin	Add project to TIP
2012-51-170	1151-002	Greenlea Blvd Extension	Gallatin	Add project to TIP
2009-56-027	1056-300	Town Creek Greenway	Gallatin	Add funds
99-New-29	1057-178	Closed Loop & Signal Upgrade	Hendersonville	Add funds
2012-56-171	Consistent	Sanders Ferry / Drakes Creek Bike Trail	Hendersonville	Add project to TIP
2011-42-061	1042-167	Weakley Lane	Smyrna	Reduce scope
2012-44-172	1144-003	Sam Ridley Pkwy & Stonecrest Pkwy Intersection Improvements	Smyrna	Add project to TIP
2012-47-173	1147-004	Smyrna Signal System	Smyrna	Add project to TIP
2012-44-174	1144-005	Almaville Rd & Morton Ln Intersection Improvements	Smyrna	Add project to TIP
2012-61-175	1161-007	City Center Way Extension	Fairview	Add project to TIP
2008-56-082	1056-299	Lower Station Camp Creek Rd Greenway	Sumner Co.	Add funds
AM-006	1046-294	Hurricane Creek Greenway	La Vergne	Add funds
2012-69-176	1086-602	Carter Cotton Gin Battlefield Site	Civil War Trust	Add project to TIP
2012-66-177	1086-602	Tanyard Springs Connection Trail/ Bridge	Spring Hill	Add project to TIP
226	1046-298	Stones River Greenway Extension	Murfreesboro	Add/ combine funds
2012-85-178	1085-331	Communicating Dynamic Alternative Transportation Options at Employer Worksites	Williamson Co/ TMA Group	Add project to TIP
2011-15-148	1015-308	New Satellite Maintenance and Office Facility (Peterbilt)	MTA	Add funds
2008-15-049	1015-313	Administration Building Rehabilitation (Nestor St.)	MTA	Add funds
2012-15-179	Consistent	Express Bus Service to Madison	MTA	Add project to TIP
2012-85-180	1085-323	NE Corridor Regional Bus Services	RTA	Add project to TIP
2009-85-018	1085-319	SE Corridor Express Bus Service Expansion	RTA	Add funds
2012-69-181	1066-301	Timberland Park Improvements-Phase III	Williamson Co.	Add project to TIP

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Regional Priorities for 2013-2015 TDOT Work Program

Mr. Skipper said that TDOT has requested the MPOs submit regional priorities for the FYs 2013 through 2015 state work program by the end of January. He briefly went over the list of projects that was received by TDOT which need to be ranked according to the local priorities.

He said the list provided in the meeting packet includes projects already under consideration by TDOT, as well as projects submitted to MPO staff by the deadline as announced a prior meetings. He said that staff is recommending the use of the scores

that were calculated during the project evaluation process carried-out during the development of the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. The score represents a comprehensive measure of a project's relative cost/benefit to the region and is based on an analysis of existing and future travel demand, current and future population and employment patterns, environmental and social equity concerns, traffic safety, among other import planning factors. Staff sees no reason to create a new ranking process since for this exercise since the plan was so recently adopted. He asked for input from the TCC.

Mr. Bob Weithofer agreed that the effort put into scoring projects for the Plan is appropriate to be applied to the current prioritization effort. Mr. Weithofer said that as long as projects are not being moved between the horizon years, that using the RTP scoring criteria is OK. Mr. Skipper said that there are no projects wanting to be moved and there is no reason to move projects between horizon years unless TDOT has requested the change.

Mr. Billy Davis said that Metro has several projects that are already in development and need to be on the list:

- 1: Clarksville Pike Widening- SR 112 from Ashland City Highway-SR12 to Briley Parkway –SR155Project Nos. STP-112(6), 19046-2214-14 -ROW
- 2: Nolensville Pike Widening –SR11 from South Burkett Road to Old Hickory Blvd –SR254Project Nos. STP-11(43), 19028-1239-14- Environmental and PE
- 3: Harding Place SR255 from Donelson Pike - SR 255 to I-40Project Nos. M/STP-NH-255(1) , 19084-0204-54 – Environmental and PE

Mr. Skipper said that the request is to identify projects that are ready to move forward but have not yet been programmed in the TIP, except in the case where a project currently in the TIP is in need of funding to move forward towards completion. Mr. Skipper asked TCC members to submit to staff any last requests that met that criteria by December 9th in order to let the Board and TDOT know.

A TCC member asked if the list from TDOT was presented in any particular order. Mr. Ralph Comer said that the list is one alphabetically by jurisdiction. He said that projects are approved by the General Assembly on an annual basis only. Any project listed for FY14 or FY15 are considered illustrative at this point.

Mr. Skipper said that a letter will go to Commissioner Schroer in January with the ranked projects, along with other considerations like TDOT continuing to split the required match for FTA funds and other high priority projects that aren't necessarily moving forward in the next year or two.

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Presentation: Draft Report on FY 2012 Federal Funding Obligations

Mr. Castrodad said that a requirement of SAFETEA-LU is that each year the MPO is required to publish a list of all transportation improvement projects benefiting from the obligation of federal funds within 90 days of the end of the fiscal year. The list will be presented at the January meetings of the TCC for endorsement and the Board for approval. Mr. Weithofer asked if the presented list represents all of the TIP projects – TDOT and local. Mr. Skipper said all projects programmed in the TIP with federal funding obligated in FY 2011 – regardless of it being a state or local project -- will be included in the list, with the exception being those funded with FTA funds. Staff is still compiling that information.

Mr. Gregory asked what the date on the table is. Mr. Castrodad said that it was the obligation date of the project. Mr. Skipper said that the list shows just the federal dollars, not the entire project cost or the contract amounts. If anyone sees a discrepancy with local records, please let the staff know. Mr. Castrodad said that negative amounts represents a situation where funding was deobligated - usually when funds remain after a project is completed or closed-out. Mr. Billy Davis said that it would be a good idea if the charts differentiate between interstate, state routes, and local roads. Mr. Skipper said that was a good suggestion. Staff will create that information for the report.

Mr. Comer said that to date, TDOT has paid out 88% of the 2009 stimulus money. Mr. McAteer said that it would be a good idea to break out the percentage of obligated money not spent to date.

Tennessee Department of Transportation Report

Mr. Comer said that over the past several months TDOT (as has every State department) has done a top to bottom review to look at how to improve the efficiency. The TDOT website has the resulting new work chart. One new office in the Long-Range Planning Office will be the Community Impact Office to help with the interaction with local jurisdictions. He said that it will take a while to implement the changes. Mr. Roach asked if the Corridor Management Agreement process along SR-109 is still expected to be completed as planned. Mr. Comer said that the smart growth management team

said that this is still important and the draft memo agreements are moving forward. Mr. Roach asked if the draft summary will be available to others. Mr. Comer said yes.

MPO Director's Report

- Update on Active Transportation Program Call-for-Projects
Mr. Skipper said that the announcement of projects for the Active Transportation Program will be announced in January. He said that these projects will be in the TIP amendment cycle B for February-March 2012.
 - Preview of Transit Program Call-for-Projects
Mr. Skipper said that \$1.6M for transit projects was set aside in the RTP and the call for transit related projects will be in January. A subcommittee from TCC members will be established to review the requests and that the money will be available after June 2012 (TIP Amendment Cycle C).
 - Update on Federal Transportation Legislation
Mr. Skipper said that the House will wait to introduce a bill in February or March.
 - Other Comments
 - Mr. Skipper said that the hiring process for a new planner is moving forward and that in-person interviews will be done the first week of January. He said that 120 resumes were received.
 - Mr. Skipper announced the following staff promotions:
 - Ms. Leslie Meehan is now the Director of Healthy Communities. She will continue to show how transportation decisions impact health.
 - Mr. Félix Castrodad is now a Principal Transportation Planner. His duties include management of the project information contained in the RTP as well as the TIP.
- Both received a round of applause.

Other Business

Mr. Gregory thanked Mr. Castrodad for all of the time he has spent discussing the NE Corridor study with the stakeholders. He also thanked Ms. Michelle Kendall, Parsons Brinckerhoff, for her meetings about TODs around transit stops. He also mentioned that HOT lanes have now made it to the newspapers so it is now a topic of interest in the public.

Mr. Gregory said that immediately following this meeting, Mr. Steve Tochnell will discuss the Williamson County traffic shed efforts and that all are invited to attend.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Date: _____

Tom Brashear, Chair
Technical Coordinating Committee

Michael Skipper, MPO Director
Secretary, Technical Coordinating Committee

Agenda Item 4. Regional Priorities for TDOT Work Program

**Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
 TDOT REGIONAL PRIORITIES FOR FYS 2013 THROUGH 2015 WORK PROGRAM
 Candidates, as of December 7, 2011**

COUNTY	ROUTE	PROJECT TERMINI/DESCRIPTION	LNTH	PHASE TO BE FUNDED	TDOT COST ESTIMATE	2035 ID	Plan Est. (2010 Cost)	Plan YOE Federal \$	MPO STAFF/ L RTP NOTES	11-15 TIP ID	11-15 TIP \$	PRIOR TIP ID	MPO STAFF/ TIP NOTES	2035 SCORE
Sumner	SR-109	Proposed SR-109 Portland Bypass	6.8	ROW	\$6,100,000	1051-222	\$63,639,544	\$89,045,586	Project submitted to the plan by TDOT with HNS as proposed funding source. HY 2015	2011-51-108	\$3,000,000	-	FY11-\$1 million (PE-N/NHS), FY13-\$2 mil (PE-D/NHS)	20
Sumner	SR-109	North of Cumberland River Bridge to SR-109 Bypass	1.3	Construction	\$9,200,000	1052-223	\$7,182,270	\$8,517,053	Project submitted to the plan by TDOT with HNS as proposed funding source. HY 2025	AM-018	\$4,357,730	-	FY11-\$2,107,730 (CONST/ HPP), FY13-\$2.25 mil (ROW/ NHS)	44
Williamson, Davidson	SR-11	South of Burkhitt Road to near SR-254 (Old Hickory Blvd)	4.4	ROW	\$10,700,000	1012-185	\$44,817,198	\$78,560,000	Project submitted to the plan by Metro Public Works with USTP funding. TDOT also listed as sponsor. HY 2035	-	-	-	Not in FY 2011-15 TIP	68
Wilson	I-40	SR-109 to SR-840 (Widen to 8 Lanes)	3.0	Construction	\$25,000,000	1072-214	\$96,773,888	\$114,599,196	2035 ID \$ is from SR-171 to SR-840. Submitted to plan by TDOT with IM as proposed funding source. HY 2025	2011-72-164	\$1,000,000	-	FY11 - \$750,000 (PE-N/ IM), FY12 -\$250,000 (PE-D/ IM)	47
Wilson	SR-109	Near SR-24 (US-70) to Dry Fork Creek	3.6	ROW	\$3,600,000	1072-348	\$78,800,000	\$93,314,600	2035 ID \$ is from SR-24 to Cumberland Bridge. Submitted by Wilson County. TDOT also listed as sponsor. NHS as proposed funding source. HY 2025	2009-72-035	\$1,200,000	-	FY11 - \$31.2 mil (PE-D/ NHS) - This is for the whole length from SR-24 to Cumberland River	60
Wilson	SR-109	Dry Fork Creek to the Cumberland River	3.5	ROW	\$3,400,000	1072-348	\$78,800,000	\$93,314,600	2035 ID \$ is from SR-24 to Cumberland Bridge. Submitted by Wilson County. TDOT also listed as sponsor. NHS as proposed funding source. HY 2025	2009-72-035	\$1,200,000	-	FY11 - \$31.2 mil (PE-D/ NHS) - This is for the whole length from SR-24 to Cumberland River	60
Wilson	SR-141	0.20 Mi. S. of Spring Creek to North of Lovers Lane	1.7	Construction	\$6,100,000	1072-237	\$21,600,000	\$17,280,000	2035 ID \$ is from Hartmann Dr Extension to Trousdale Co. line. Submitted by TDOT w/ STP as proposed funding source. HY 2015	2010-710-006	\$17,000,000	2008-121	This project is for the whole length between N of Tomlinson Rd to Trousdale Co line. FY11 -\$17 mil (CONST/ STP)	44
Wilson	SR-141	North of Lovers Lane to SR-26 (US-70)	1.6	Construction	\$8,400,000	1072-235/ 1072-242	\$15,008,247/ \$12,872,014	\$17,772,697/ \$15,242,980	The proposed project includes termini that span two MPO 2035 Plan projects.	2011-72-012	\$5,980,000	-	FY11 - \$5,980,000 (CONST/ STP)	57/54

Additional Projects Submitted by MPO Members as of December 1, 2011

Davidson	SR-255/ Donelson Pike	Realignment of Donelson Pike and modification of Donelson Pike/I-40 Interchange. From Hangar Lane to I-40	1.8	Construction	-	1012-158	\$32,000,000	\$56,092,752	Project submitted to the plan by MNA with U-STP as proposed funding source. IM funding eligible. HY 2035	-	-	-	Not in FY 2011-15 TIP	37
Robertson	I-65/ SR-76	Improvements to the SR-76/I-65 Interchange (Exit 108).	-	Construction	-	(68)	\$4,500,000	\$0	Project in plan's Needs List. Submitted by White House with U-STP as proposed funding source. HY 2025.	-	-	-	Not in FY 2011-15 TIP	43
Robertson, Sumner	Hwy 31W/ SR-4, McCurdy Rd/Sage Rd	Hwy 31W/ SR-4, McCurdy Rd/Sage Rd intersection improvements	-	Construction	-	(2015)	\$750,000	\$0	Project in plan's Needs List. Submitted by White House with U-STP as proposed funding source. IM funds identified. HY 2035. US completed	-	-	-	Not in FY 2011-15 TIP	35
Robertson	I-65	New I-65 White House Interchange including overpass bridge between Exits 104 and 108	-	ROW, Construction	-	1033-254	\$16,000,000	\$31,552,173	Project submitted to the plan by White House with HNS as proposed funding source. HY 2015	-	-	-	Not in FY 2011-15 TIP	45
Robertson	SR-76	Widen from New Hall / Cross Plains Rd to I-65	2.2	Construction	-	(83)	\$19,280,714	\$0	Project in plan's Needs List. Submitted by White House with U-STP as proposed funding source. HY 2025.	-	-	-	Not in FY 2011-15 TIP	45

Projects in TDOT Work Program and Totally Funded

Davidson	I-65	Trinity Lane to Dickerson Road	1.5											
Davidson	I-440	East of I-65 to West of I-24 (EBL)	1.2											
DeKalb, Hickman, Rutherford, Williamson, Wilson	SR-840	Nashville Smartway Remote Travel Time Assessment	-											
Williamson	SR-840	West of Leipers Fork Creek Road to SR-6 (Columbia Pike)	12.0											
Williamson	SR-253	Concord Road, Sunset Road to SR-11 (Nolensville Road)	2.3											
Williamson	SR-397	Mack Hatcher Pkwy East, SR-96 to SR-6 (US-31) Additional Lanes	6.5											
Wilson	I-40	SR-171 (M. Juliet Road) to SR-109	6.5											
Wilson	SR-141	Tomlinson Place to Trousdale County Line	3.8											



NASHVILLE AREA

Metropolitan Planning Organization

January 20, 2011

The Honorable John Schroer
 Commissioner of Transportation
 Tennessee Department of Transportation
 505 Deaderick Street, Suite 900
 Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Dear Commissioner Schroer:

On behalf of the local government and public transit agency members of the Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), I respectfully submit to you the region's priorities for the new three-year work program being developed by the Department. As endorsed by the MPO Executive Board on January 19, 2011, MPO priorities for state program funds fall into one of five emphasis areas:

- **Continued state participation in matching grants from the Federal Transit Administration.** Historically, the state has provided 50 percent of the required match for FTA Sections 5303, 5307, 5309, 5310, 5311, 5316, and 5317, among others.
- **Continued state funding for transit operating assistance** for regional public transit agencies including the Regional Transportation Authority, Nashville MTA, Franklin Transit Authority, and the Murfreesboro Rover. Historically, that state has partnered with local governments to provide non-federal operating funds to transit agencies.
- **Continued commitment of state funds and state-managed federal funds already identified in the MPO's current TIP.** The MPO requests continued state support for project funds included in the current state work program including funding for the SR 109 corridor in Sumner and Wilson counties, the I-65 widening in Williamson County, and the I-65 widening, I-40 @ I440 Interchange improvements, and the I-440 Eastbound widening in Davidson County, among others.
- **New funding for projects ready for construction.** The MPO has identified a list of fourteen projects that are ready for construction should funds become available in the next three years. The attached list of "First Tier Priorities," presents general information about each of those projects.
- **New funding for projects needing continued project development.** The MPO has identified sixteen additional projects considered high priorities for preliminary engineering, environmental review, right-of-way acquisition, or other pre-construction activities. The attached list of "Second Tier Priorities," presents general information about each of those projects.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the development of Tennessee's next three-year work program. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at skipper@nashvillempo.org or (615) 862-7204.

Best,

Michael Skipper, AICP
 Executive Director

CC: Mayor Karl Dean, Metro Nashville, MPO Executive Board Chair
Mayor Rogers Anderson, Williamson County, MPO Executive Board Vice-Chair
Mr. Tom Brashear, Wilson County, MPO Technical Coordinating Committee Chair
Mr. Jim McAteer, MTA/RTA, MPO Technical Coordinating Committee Vice-Chair
Ms. Jeanne Stevens, TDOT Long Range Planning Division Director

enclosure

NASHVILLE AREA MPO
REGIONAL PRIORITIES FOR THE UPCOMING TDOT 3-YEAR WORK PROGRAM
Endorsed by the MPO Executive Board on January 19, 2011

FIRST Tier Priorities – Construction/ Implementation Requests

Note: Projects are sorted based on the MPO project ranking methodology adopted with the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan.

1. **RTP# 1015-312: Transit Intelligent Transportation Systems**
 - **Requested by Nashville MTA**
 - TIP# 2008-17-021
 - Request for an additional \$3.25 million for IMPLEMENTATION over the next three years.
 - Ready for implementation. FTA 5307 funds programmed in TIP for FYs 2012-2014.
 - Project will provide/ install various ITS equipment (e.g., Computer Aided Dispatch, Automated Vehicle Locator, etc.) at MTA HQ operations centers in Nashville including Music City central, as well the fleet of buses which travel throughout the MTA and RTA service areas.
2. **RTP# 1015-313: Administration Building Rehabilitation at Nestor**
 - **Requested by Nashville MTA**
 - TIP# 2008-15-049
 - Request for an additional \$3 million to complete CONSTRUCTION.
 - Currently under construction.
 - Project will rehabilitate and renovate MTA's administration and maintenance facility off Nestor Street in Nashville. Project will provided additional office space, expand the customer service center, replace the roof, etc.
3. **RTP# 1015-308: New Satellite Maintenance and Office Facility at Peterbilt**
 - **Requested by Nashville MTA**
 - TIP# 2008-15-148
 - Request for an additional \$3 million to complete CONSTRUCTION.
 - Currently under construction.
 - Project will establish a new satellite maintenance and office facility in Davidson County.
4. **RTP# 1015-323: Operating Assistance for the Expansion Regional Bus Service**
 - **Requested by Regional Transportation Authority**
 - TIP# 2011-85-125
 - Request for \$1.05 million for IMPLEMENTATION over the next three years.
 - Current program limited only by available revenue.
 - Project will provide increased regional express bus service to locations throughout the RTA service area.
5. **RTP# 1056-300: Town Creek Greenway Extension from Triple Creek Park to Smith Street**
 - **Requested by the City of Gallatin**
 - TIP# 2009-56-027
 - Request for \$2.36 million for work through CONSTRUCTION.
 - Additional funding requested will be necessary to continue PE, ROW, and CONST for phase II of the planned greenway. A small amount of construction funding is programmed in the TIP for FY 2011 (U-STP).
 - Project would extend the greenway into downtown Gallatin and provide access to a municipal park, residential neighborhoods, and the Gallatin Civic Center.
6. **RTP# 1042-124: SR-99 (New Salem Road) Widening from Cason Lane to SR-96 (Old Fort)**
 - **Requested by the City of Murfreesboro**
 - Not in current TIP. In prior TIP as 2004-056, 2008-42-017.
 - Request for CONSTRUCTION.
 - PE completed with funding from previous TIP (2004-056, 2008-42-017).
 - Project would widen New Salem Rd from 2 to 5 lanes to provide additional capacity along an urban arterial. Project will include sidewalks and wide shoulders with curb and gutter.

7. RTP# 1062-139: **SR-397 (Mack Hatcher Parkway) Widening** from SR-96 (Murfreesboro Road) to US-31/SR-6 (Franklin Road) aka **NE Quadrant**
 - **Requested by the City of Franklin**
 - *Not in current TIP. In prior TIP as AM-020.*
 - *Request for CONSTRUCTION.*
 - *Design and utility relocation underway.*
 - *The project will widen Mack Hatcher from 2 lanes to a 4-lane, median divided roadway as one part of a multi-phase effort to build a major context sensitive multi-mode arterial around the city to support significant growth pressures. The project will include components for ITS, non-motorized modes, street lighting, and drainage.*
8. RTP# 1053-264: **SR 386 (Vietnam Veterans Blvd) @ Forest Retreat Interchange**
 - **Requested by the City of Hendersonville**
 - *Not in current TIP.*
 - *Request for CONSTRUCTION.*
 - *Plans complete. ROW Acquired.*
 - *Project would provide access to industrial park; relieve congestion on New Shackle Island Rd; and prevent back-tracking for residents west of New Shackle Island Rd. Project should be coordinated with NE Corridor Mobility Study recommendations to ensure a properly designed interchange that could support transit vision.*
9. RTP# 1032-109: **SR-65/US-431 (Tom Austin Hwy) Widening** from SR-11 to Walling Road
 - **Requested by the City of Springfield**
 - *Not in current TIP. In prior TIP as 2010-32-004.*
 - *Request for CONSTRUCTION.*
 - *ROW is underway with state-STP through TIP# 2010-32-004.*
 - *Project will widen Tom Austin Highway from 2 to 5 lanes with sidewalks to help mitigate congestion created by commercial development along the corridor.*
10. RTP# 1054-263: **SR-386 (Vietnam Veterans Blvd) Ramp Improvements @ Indian Lake Blvd**
 - **Requested by the City of Hendersonville**
 - *TIP# 2008-52-034*
 - *Request for CONSTRUCTION funds for Ramp Improvements.*
 - *The city is widening the Indian Lake Blvd Bridge, but TDOT has requested that the westbound ramps be widened as well. The current TIP includes funding for construction in FY 2011 (U-STP) for the bridge, but none for the TDOT ramp improvements.*
 - *The project will help improve access/egress to Indian Lake Blvd. The bridge is being widened to mitigate congestion and improve flow of traffic generated by new economic activity at Indian Lake Village and surrounding developments.*
11. RTP# 1064-252: **SR-106 (Hillsboro Rd) at SR-46 (Old Hillsboro Rd) Intersection Improvement**
 - **Requested by Williamson County**
 - *TIP#: 2008-64-037*
 - *Request for CONSTRUCTION.*
 - *TPR completed in 2007. ROW acquired for SR-46 realignment. TIP includes PE in FY 2013 (U-STP).*
 - *Project would improve geometrical design of intersection to improve safety and create dedicated left and right turn lanes on SR-106.*
12. RTP# 1062-346: **SR-253 (Concord Road) Widening** from Sunset Road to SR-11 (Nolensville Rd)
 - **Requested by the City of Brentwood**
 - *TIP# 2004-058*
 - *Request for CONSTRUCTION.*
 - *PE complete. ROW nearly completed, ROW/ Utility relocation programmed in TIP (STP).*
 - *Project will widen Concord Rd., which serves as a major east-west connector in the southern portion of the MPO area, from 2 to 3 lanes with an adjacent 10 foot multi-use trail for non-motorized modes.*

13. RTP# TBD (Planning ID 132): **SR-397 (Mack Hatcher Parkway) Extension** from SR-106 (Hillsboro Road) to SR-96 West aka **NW Quadrant**
- **Requested by the City of Franklin**
 - *Not in current TIP. In prior TIP as 2009-61-034.*
 - *Request for CONSTRUCTION.*
 - *Agreements reached between TDOT and city for ROW/ ROW nearly completed.*
 - *The project will extend Mack Hatcher as a 4-lane, median divided roadway as one part of a multi-phase effort to build a major context sensitive multi-mode arterial around the city to support significant growth pressures. The project will include components for ITS, non-motorized modes, street lighting, and drainage.*
14. RTP# TBD (Planning ID 26): **Batson Parkway Extension** from SR-49 to US-431/SR-65
- **Requested by the City of Springfield**
 - *Not in current TIP.*
 - *Request for CONSTRUCTION.*
 - *PE completed. ROW acquired.*
 - *Project will continue the south bypass around Springfield connecting SR-49 to the existing W.A. Batson Parkway to increase access from the west and I-24 to new hospital and other community resources.*

SECOND Tier Priorities – Project Development Requests

Note: Projects are sorted based on the MPO project ranking methodology adopted with the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan.

1. RTP# 1072-110: **US-231 North (North Cumberland Street/ Hunters Point Pike) Widening** from Forrest Avenue to Old Hunters Point Pike
 - **Requested by the City of Lebanon**
 - Not in current TIP.
 - Request for PE.
 - No known TDOT activity.
 - Project would mitigate current levels of congestion (low level of service) by widening US-231/ SR-10 from 2 to 5 lanes with sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and curb and gutter drainage. The roadway is one of the few north-south connectors over the Cumberland River in this part of the region.
2. RTP# 1052-116: **SR-174/ SR-25 (Red River Road) Improvements** from SR-109 to US-31E/SR-6
 - **Requested by the City of Gallatin**
 - Not in current TIP.
 - Request TPR, PE, NEPA
 - Associated APRs conducted previously. No known recent TDOT activity.
 - Project would widen SR-174 from US-31 to SR-25 to three lanes, provide improved traffic flow over railway, and upgrade intersections to improve traffic flow to/from the SR-386, SR-109, SR-25, and SR-174 corridors.
3. RTP# 1072-246: **SR-24/ US-70 (Lebanon Road) Widening** from east of Cedar Creek to SR-109
 - **Requested by the City of Mt. Juliet**
 - Not in current TIP.
 - Request for PE.
 - TDOT conducted an APR at request of Sen. Beavers.
 - Project would widen SR-24/ US-70 from 2 to 4 lanes, with sidewalks and bicycle lanes. Improvements to this section will prevent bottlenecks caused by changes in capacity along the corridor, as other sections have been improved over the years.
4. RTP# 1018-202: **US-41/ US-31W (Dickerson Pike) Widening** at CSX Overpass
 - **Requested by the City of Goodlettsville**
 - TIP# 2011-12-021
 - Request for PE.
 - Previously studied, but no known TDOT activity. PE programmed in TIP for FY 2013 (Local funds only)
 - Project would widen Dickerson Pike and the CSX overpass to eliminate the bottleneck caused by the narrow railroad bridge. Project will improve the safety and operations of Dickerson Pike.
5. RTP# 1042-168: **SR-266 (Jefferson Pike) Widening** from SR-102 (Nissan Drive) to SR-840
 - **Requested by the Town of Smyrna**
 - Not in current TIP. Prior TIP# 2006-415.
 - Request for PE/NEPA and ROW.
 - TPR has been completed.
 - Project would widen a state route from 2 to 5 lanes and improve the geometrical design.
6. RTP# 1062-170: **SR-247 (Duplex Road) Widening** from SR-6/ US-31 to I-65
 - **Requested by the City of Spring Hill**
 - TIP# 2004-051
 - Request for ROW and CONSTRUCTION.
 - TPR conducted previously. City is currently funding (through TDOT Locally Managed Program arrangement) Environmental and Engineering phases.
 - Project would widen Duplex Road from 2 to 3 lanes from SR 6/US 31 to I-65 and include curb and gutter and bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Currently the road has vertical curve, drainage, and clear zone deficiencies. Duplex Road serves as the primary east/west route in the City of Spring Hill and carries as

much as 8,000 vehicles per day with an increasing amount of traffic as the City continues to grow at a rapid pace.

7. RTP# 1062-140: **SR-397 (Mack Hatcher Parkway)** from US-31/ SR-6 (Columbia Pike) to SR-96E (Murfreesboro Road) aka **SE Quadrant**
 - **Requested by the City of Franklin**
 - *Not in current TIP.*
 - *Request for PE/ NEPA.*
 - *ROW purchased as part of recent upgrades.*
 - *The project will widen Mack from 2 lanes to a 4-lane, median divided roadway as one part of a multi-phase effort to build a major context sensitive multi-mode arterial around the city to support significant growth pressures. The project will include components for ITS, non-motorized modes, street lighting, and drainage.*
8. RTP# 1043-261: **New Interchange at I-24 @ Rocky Fork Road**
 - **Requested by the Town of Smyrna**
 - *TIP# 2011-44-058*
 - *Request for additional funding for PE/NEPA and ROW.*
 - *Waiting on approval of IJS from FHWA. PE programmed in TIP for FY 2011 (M-STP) and ROW for FY 2013 (M-STP). Smyrna has used local funds to design the roadway serving the interchange.*
 - *Project will alleviate congestion at the two other I-24 interchanges within Smyrna and provide additional growth opportunities for the area.*
9. RTP# 1042-204: **Epps Mill Road Widening** from Auldridge Drive to US-41
 - **Requested by Rutherford County**
 - *Not in current TIP.*
 - *Request for PE/NEPA and ROW.*
 - *BoCC has approved funding for preliminary study to widen all the way to Plainview Rd.*
 - *Project will widen Epps Mill Rd from 2 to 3 lanes with (continuous center turn lane) and improve access/egress to I-24 @ the Epps Mill Rd Interchange.*
10. RTP# TBD (Planning ID 58): **I-65 @ SR 76 Interchange**
 - **Requested by the City of White House**
 - *Not in current TIP.*
 - *Request for PE through CONSTRUCTION.*
 - *IJS for RTP# 1033-254 included provisions for improvements at this interchange. No other known activity.*
 - *Project will improve north and southbound ramps to include signalized intersections, dual south bound ramp lanes. Northbound ramps would be reconstructed west of current location toward I-65. Improvements will accommodate future widening of SR-76, improve access/egress to I-65 and mitigate traffic congestion.*
11. RTP# 1012-158: **Donelson Pike Realignment** from Hangar Lane to I-40
 - **Requested by the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority**
 - *Not in current TIP.*
 - *Request for continued development.*
 - *No known TDOT activity.*
 - *Project would realign the existing Donelson Pike to accommodate airport expansion and to improve operation and safety of the I-40 interchange.*
12. RTP# 1012-218: **SR-6 Ellington Parkway Widening** from North 1st Street to Broadmoor
 - **Requested by the Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County**
 - *Not in current TIP.*
 - *Request for continued development per NE Corridor Mobility Study.*
 - *PE and ROW completed for future widening.*
 - *Project would widen Ellington Parkway to accommodate additional vehicular and transit capacity. Improvements should be coordinated with recommendations from the MPO's Northeast Corridor Mobility Study for major transit investments.*

13. RTP# 1052-179: **SR-386 (Vietnam Veterans Blvd) Widening** from I-65 to Saundersville Road
 - **Requested by the City of Hendersonville**
 - *Not in current TIP.*
 - *Request for PE.*
 - *MPO and TDOT studies have been conducted to examine future traffic flows and potential transit improvements.*
 - *Project would address observed AM/PM traffic delay, improve safety (roadway departure lane), and incorporate transit accommodations per the MPO's NE Corridor Mobility Study (major transit investments).*
14. RTP# TBD (Planning ID 1033): **I-65 Interchange** at the proposed extension of Buckner Road
 - **Requested by the City of Spring Hill**
 - *Not in current TIP.*
 - *Request for IJS, PE, ROW.*
 - *No known TDOT Activity. The City of Spring Hill, Town of Thompsons Station, and Williamson County have entered into a joint resolution to fully fund an Interchange Justification Study and are prepared to move forward 2011.*
 - *The project would provide increased access/ egress to I-65 for Spring Hill and Thompson's Station area residents and businesses and help alleviate traffic congestion on roadways connecting to I-65 at other interchange locations.*
15. RTP# TBD (Planning ID 1073): **US 31/ Saundersville Rd Connector** (CSX Tunnel)
 - **Requested by the City of Hendersonville**
 - *Not in current TIP.*
 - *Request for PE, NEPA, ROW, CONSTRUCTION*
 - *TDOT has committed \$2million in LIC (short of the approx. \$5.5 m needed).*
 - *Project would build the mandated tunnel under the CSX tracks in order to eliminate the at-grade crossing.*
16. RTP# 1052-212: **I-65 Widening** from Rivergate Parkway to US 31W/SR-41 with HOV Lanes
 - **Requested by the City of Goodlettsville**
 - *Not in current TIP.*
 - *Request for PE.*
 - *No known TDOT activity.*
 - *Project would widen I-65 from 4/6 to 8 lanes including 2 HOV lanes to mitigate traffic congestion as capacity decreases along the corridor away from downtown Nashville.*

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Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
MPO ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
Call for Projects for FYs 2011-2015

Background & Funding Availability

- ✦ The Active Transportation Program is authorized by the MPO's *2035 Regional Transportation Plan* as a way to advance the region's policy initiative to support active transportation and the development of walkable communities.
- ✦ The *2035 Regional Transportation Plan* identifies approximately \$115 million in federal funds over the next 25 years for the program. Funding is awarded to specific projects through the region's Transportation Improvement Program in 4 or 5-year intervals. The MPO has programmed \$2.5 million in federal funds for the current *FYs 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program*.
- ✦ Grant recipients will be required to provide a non-federal match of at least 20 percent of the total project cost.

Eligible Applicants

- ✦ Any public-sector entity located within the MPO's planning area may apply for STP grant funds being made available by this competitive call-for-projects including city governments, county governments, state government, and local or regional public transit agencies.
- ✦ Private non-profit organizations must apply through a public-sector agency partner in order to be eligible.

Eligible Project Categories

- ✦ *Infrastructure Improvements or Enhancements* - Projects that improve or expand the physical infrastructure to accommodate or improve access to non-motorized modes of transportation including sidewalks, bicycle lanes, shared lanes, transit stop amenities, bicyclist and pedestrian amenities, pedestrian crossings, intersection upgrades, greenways, etc. Funding may be used to implement a stand-alone project or supplement an existing project to ensure the inclusion of non-motorized modes (e.g., adding sidewalks to a road widening project).
- ✦ *Non-Infrastructure Programs* - Projects that increase a community's or the region's awareness and understanding of the specific needs of users of active transportation modes including planning activities and studies, public outreach efforts, and education and training programs. All projects must include an emphasis on increasing the safety of non-motorized travel in the region.

Proposal Content

- ✦ Each applicant must submit a fully completed application which includes, at a minimum, the following information. Additional information may be requested by the MPO's BPAC to assist in their evaluation.
 - *Project Description*
 - i. Project Profile/ Termini
 - ii. Project Purpose & Need, Main Objectives
 - iii. Project Narrative on the Benefits to Active Transportation
 - iv. Project Narrative on the Benefits to the Local Community and Greater Region
 - *Project Budget*
 - *Project Implementation Schedule, Milestones by Major Tasks*
 - *Letter/ Resolution from CEO, Principal Elected Official, or Local Legislative Body* certifying that local funds are available to meet the non-federal match requirements

Project Evaluation & Selection Process

- ✦ Project evaluation will be completed in three stages and involve participation by MPO staff and members of the MPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee:
 - *Quantitative Scoring by MPO Staff* – MPO staff will apply the scoring criteria uses during the development of the 2035 Plan which includes an analysis of LOS, latent demand, proximity of population and employment, traffic volumes, congestion, environmental features, Title VI populations, etc.
 - i. Projects will be scored and sorted into three tiers (high, medium, and low)
 - ii. MPO Staff and the BPAC will jointly review the applications to ensure a common understanding of each proposal, and then decide which application should continue into the second round of evaluation.
 - *Qualitative Assessment by BPAC* – The BPAC will perform a qualitative evaluation of each project, scoring applications from 0 (worst) to 5 (best) within the four factor areas assigned to each category of projects. A) *Infrastructure Projects*: 1. Promotion of Environmental & Personal Health, 2. Expected Utility/ Usage, 3. Contribution to the Built Environment, 4. Value over No Build/ No Action; B) *Non-Infrastructure Projects*: 1. Scope of Audience/ Reach, 2. Consistency of Message to Regional Goals, 3. Synergy with other Programs, 4. Sustainability of Effort.
 - i. Projects will be scored and sorted into three tiers (high, medium, and low)
 - ii. MPO Staff and the BPAC will jointly review projects in the lowest tier and decide which should continue into the third round of evaluation
 - *Qualitative Assessment by MPO Staff* – MPO staff will develop the final rankings for projects, taking into consideration FYs 11-15 TIP budget constraints, the performance history of projects sponsors, the long-term sustainability of the project (e.g., ongoing operations and maintenance), and consistency with the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan
- ✦ Project Selection will occur in three stages and involve participation by MPO staff, MPO BPAC, MPO Technical Coordinating Committee, and MPO Executive Board:
 - With the MPO BPAC serving in an advisory role, MPO staff will make recommendations for project awards to the TCC and MPO Executive Board
 - The MPO TCC will be requested to endorse MPO staff recommendations for consideration by the MPO Executive Board
 - The MPO Executive Board will be asked to adopt MPO staff recommendations.
- ✦ Upon action by the MPO Executive Board, letters will be mailed to award recipients with instructions on how to move forward with the contracting process.

General Schedule

- ✦ August 17, 2011: Announce call for projects
- ✦ **October 7, 2011: Deadline for Proposals**
- ✦ October 7 – 18, 2011: Round 1 Evaluation
- ✦ October 19 – November 30, 2011: Round 2 Evaluation
- ✦ December 1 – 28, 2011: Round 3 Evaluation
- ✦ January 4, 2012: MPO TCC Meeting – Endorse Staff/BPAC Recommendations for Awards
- ✦ **January 18, 2012: MPO Board Meeting – Endorse Staff/BPAC Recommendations for Awards**
- ✦ February 1, 2012: MPO TCC Meeting – Endorse Proposed Amendments to TIP
- ✦ **February 15, 2012: MPO Board Meeting – Endorse Proposed Amendments to TIP**
- ✦ March 7, 2012: MPO TCC Meeting – First Public Hearing for TIP Amendments
- ✦ **March 21, 2012: MPO Board Meeting – Second Public Hearing / Adoption of TIP Amendments**

Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
MPO Staff/ BPAC Recommendations for Awards
January 4, 2012

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

LEAD AGENCY	PROJECT NAME	COUNTY	COST	REQUEST	AWARD	HEALTH	USAGE	BUILT	VALUE	BPAC	TIP HISTORY	SPONSOR HISTORY	EQUITY BONUS	SCORE
Sumner County	Lower Station Camp Creek Greenway	Sumner	\$ 701,000	\$ 560,800	\$ 560,800	3.60	3.05	3.30	3.50	13.45	4.00	3.00	2.00	22.45
Gallatin	Downtown Streetscape Phase 3	Sumner	\$ 377,000	\$ 301,600	\$ 301,600	2.20	3.00	3.36	2.09	10.66	4.00	3.00	2.00	19.66
Nolensville	Small Town Connections Project	Williamson	\$ 620,000	\$ 496,000	\$ 496,000	3.55	3.73	3.45	3.64	14.36		3.00	2.00	19.36
Spring Hill	Multi-Use Trail Connector to Summit HS/ Spring Station MS	Maury	\$ 70,197	\$ 56,158	\$ 56,158	3.40	3.05	3.20	3.40	13.05		3.00	2.00	18.05
Fairview	Fairview Multimodal Connector	Williamson	\$ 812,000	\$ 649,600	\$ 178,035	3.20	2.88	3.40	3.45	12.93		3.00	2.00	17.93
White House	US 31W/ SR 41 Sidwalks/ Bike Lane Shoulder	Sumner	\$ 450,000	\$ 360,000	\$ 360,000	2.90	2.30	2.50	2.50	10.20		3.00	2.00	15.20
Mt. Juliet	Mini Greenway Connector to MSC Station	Wilson	\$ 27,100	\$ 21,680	\$ 21,680	2.73	2.32	2.36	2.43	9.84		3.00	2.00	14.84

NON-INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

PROJECT NAME	COUNTY	COST	FEDCOST	SCOPE	GOALS	SYNERGY	SUSTAIN	SCORE	TIP HISTORY	SPONSOR HISTORY	EQUITY BONUS	SCORE		
Metro Nashville	Music City Moves	Davidson	\$ 600,000	\$ 480,000	\$ 480,000	3.60	4.00	3.80	2.80	14.20		3	2	19.20

ROUND 3 BONUS POINTS

- 4 pts - Project has satisfactory history in the TIP
- 3 pts - Sponsor has satisfactory history with federal projects
- 2 pts - Top ranking project for each sponsor

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Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
MPO MASS TRANSIT PROGRAM
Call-for-Projects for FYs 2011-2015

Background & Funding Availability

- ✦ The Mass Transit Program is authorized by the MPO's 2035 *Regional Transportation Plan* as a way to advance the region's policy initiative to establish a bold, new vision for mass transit.
- ✦ The 2035 Regional Transportation Plan identifies approximately \$77 million in federal funds over the next 25 years for the program. Funding is awarded to specific projects through the region's Transportation Improvement Program in 4 or 5-year intervals. The MPO has programmed \$1.65 million in federal funds for the current FYs 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program.
- ✦ Grant recipients will be required to provide a non-federal match of at least 20 percent of the total project cost.

Eligible Applicants

- ✦ Any public-sector entity located within the MPO's planning area may apply for STP grant funds being made available by this competitive call-for-projects including city governments, county governments, state government, and local or regional public transit agencies.
- ✦ Private non-profit organizations are encouraged to coordinate with public-sector agencies for grant funding opportunities.

Eligible Projects Categories

- ✦ Any project that meets the federal requirements of the Surface Transportation Program that improves or expands infrastructure to accommodate existing or future transit service or promotes or implements various other transportation demand management strategies such as ridesharing, telecommuting, etc. shall be eligible. Funding may be used to conduct transit alternatives analyses for regionally significant transit projects, implement a stand-alone transit project, or supplement an existing project to ensure the inclusion of the appropriate transit accommodations. Highest priority will be given to the projects that help implement the vision for mass transit as identified by the MPO's 2035 *Regional Transportation Plan*.

Proposal Content

- ✦ Each applicant must submit a fully completed application which includes, at a minimum, the following information. Additional details will be provided with the call-for-projects announcement.
 - *Project Description*
 - i. Project Profile/ Termini
 - ii. Project Purpose & Need, Main Objectives
 - *Proposal Narrative*
 - i. Benefits to Regional Mass Transit Initiative
 - ii. Incorporation of the MPO's guiding principles: Livability, Sustainability, Prosperity, and Diversity
 - *Project Budget*
 - *Project Implementation Schedule, Milestones by Major Tasks*
 - *Letter/ Resolution from CEO, Principal Elected Official, or Local Legislative Body* certifying that local funds are available to meet the non-federal match requirements

Project Evaluation & Selection Process

- ✦ Project evaluation will be completed in three stages and involve participation by MPO staff and an evaluation committee appointed by the MPO Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC):
 - *Initial Evaluation by MPO Staff* – MPO staff will evaluate each project for its ability to meet current or projected travel demand. Staff will prepare an information sheet for each of the proposed projects detailing the characteristics of the areas/corridors affected by the proposed improvement including: levels of congestion and traffic volumes, existing and forecasted population and employment densities, environmental constraints or conflicts, social equity concerns, traffic safety, among others.
 - i. Depending on the number of proposals submitted, projects may be scored and sorted into three tiers (high, medium, and low) to eliminate low ranking projects from further consideration.
 - ii. MPO Staff and the TCC evaluation committee will jointly review the applications to ensure a common understanding of each proposal, and then decide which application should continue into the second round of evaluation.
 - *Qualitative Assessment by TCC Evaluation Committee* – The committee will perform a qualitative evaluation of each project, scoring applications from 0 (worst) to 5 (best) within the four factor areas assigned to each category of projects. A) *Infrastructure Projects*: 1. Promotion of Environmental & Personal Health, 2. Expected Utility/ Usage, 3. Contribution to the Built Environment, 4. Value over No Build/ No Action; B) *Non-Infrastructure Projects*: 1. Scope of Audience/ Reach, 2. Consistency of Message to Regional Goals, 3. Synergy with other Programs, 4. Sustainability of Effort.
 - i. Depending on the number of proposals submitted, projects may be scored and sorted into three tiers (high, medium, and low) to eliminate low ranking projects from further consideration.
 - ii. MPO Staff and the TCC evaluation committee will jointly review projects in the lowest tier and decide which should continue into the third round of evaluation.
 - *Qualitative Assessment by MPO Staff* – MPO staff will develop the final proposal ranking taking into consideration FYs 11-15 TIP budget constraints, the performance history of projects sponsors, the long-term sustainability of the project (e.g., ongoing operations and maintenance), and consistency with the *2035 Regional Transportation Plan*.
- ✦ Project Selection will occur in three stages and involve participation by MPO staff, MPO Technical Coordinating Committee, and MPO Executive Board:
 - MPO staff will make recommendations for project awards to the TCC and MPO Executive Board.
 - The MPO TCC will be requested to endorse MPO staff recommendations for consideration by the MPO Executive Board.
 - The MPO Executive Board will be asked to adopt MPO staff recommendations.
- ✦ Upon action by the MPO Executive Board, letters will be mailed to award recipients with instructions on how to move forward with the contracting process.

Proposed Schedule

- ✦ January 18, 2012: Announce call for projects
- ✦ **March 2, 2012: Deadline for Proposals**
- ✦ March 3-16, 2012: Round 1 Evaluation
- ✦ March 23-April 13, 2012: Round 2 Evaluation
- ✦ April 13-25, 2012: Round 3 Evaluation
- ✦ May 2, 2012: MPO TCC Meeting – Endorse Awards and Proposed Amendments to TIP
- ✦ **May 16, 2012: MPO Board Meeting – Endorse Awards and Proposed Amendments to TIP**
- ✦ June 6, 2012: MPO TCC Meeting – First Public Hearing for TIP Amendments
- ✦ **June 20, 2012: MPO Board Meeting – Second Public Hearing / Adoption of TIP Amendments**