

Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Addendum #1 to the Transportation Improvement Program

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About the Transportation Improvement Program

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a four-year work program that lists all regionally significant and federally-funded transportation projects and service enhancements scheduled across the MPO planning area. The program includes projects for all modes of surface transportation including highways and streets, public transportation, and walking and bicycling. Any project included in the TIP must be consistent with, or be selected from an approved Long Range Transportation Plan. Additionally, the TIP must be fiscally constrained by anticipated revenues, or identify funding mechanisms currently in place to pay for the proposed work.

The FYs 2017-2020 TIP was adopted by the MPO Executive Board on November 16, 2016 and identifies more than a billion dollars in federal, state, and local funding for transportation projects over coming years.

Members of the public and interested stakeholders are encouraged to use the MPO's web-based database application to view projects on an interactive map, access project level information, run custom queries and reports, and track adjustments and amendments. The application also provides an opportunity for those interested to submit written comments on individual projects to MPO staff.

- The web-based TIP database application is available at <http://TIP1720.NashvilleMPO.org>.
- For help using the database, please contact TIP@NashvilleMPO.org.
- For access to a PDF version of the TIP document, visit http://www.nashvillempo.org/plans_programs/tip/.

Purpose of the Addendum

Effective October 1, 2017, the Greater Nashville Regional Council (GNRC) is responsible for carrying out the staffing and administrative functions of the Nashville Area MPO in accordance with the *Transportation Planning and Policy Agreement* adopted on September 20, 2017. The agreement designates the GNRC as the MPO's sponsor agency, a responsibility previously held by the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) of Nashville-Davidson County.

This change was made to account for the steady expansion of the MPO planning area outside Davidson County that has occurred over the last three decades, and to better position the region to respond to challenges resulting from rapid economic growth and development. The integration of the MPO program into GNRC seeks to streamline and improve regional coordination among local governments across Middle Tennessee, align infrastructure planning with economic development initiatives, and bring Middle Tennessee in line with the state of practice in peer regions across the nation. Nearly 70 percent of metro areas across the U.S. with a population of one million or more people have the federally-required MPO function integrated into their regional council or its GNRC equivalent.

The purpose of this addendum is to communicate to members of the public and interested parties how the integration of the MPO and GNRC will affect the Transportation Improvement Program.

Additional information about the integration of the MPO program into GNRC can be found online at <http://COG.NashvilleMPO.org>

About the GNRC

GNRC is one of nine regional economic development districts established by the Tennessee General Assembly under the Tennessee Development District Act of 1965. GNRC is a public body corporate and politic and operates as a council of governments (COG). It is owned and operated by its municipal and county government members in order to deliver regional programs and services that are funded, in part, by state and federal grant programs.

GNRC's mission is to assist local communities and state agencies in the development of plans and programs that guide growth and development in the most desirable, efficient, and cost-effective manner, while ensuring the continued long-term livability of the region. GNRC is governed by a regional council comprised of city mayors, county mayors/executives, state legislators, appointments representing business/industry, and appointments representing minority populations and employs nearly 80 full-time staff.

Summary of Changes

Changes resulting from the MPO and GNRC integration described in this addendum:

- New office location and staff contact information as provided in Attachment B.
- References to the MPO's governing body in the adopted TIP will change, from "Executive Board" to "Transportation Policy Board," per updated MPO Organizational Bylaws amended on August 16, 2017. The change in name is intended to prevent any confusion with the pre-existing and separately functioning GNRC Executive Committee. The new name is derived from terminology used in federal regulations and planning guidance for references to MPO governing bodies.

Items unaffected by the MPO and GNRC integration described in this addendum:

- MPO's planning area or governing board membership,
- MPO governing board's decision-making authority,
- MPO's public participation process,
- MPO's project selection process,
- MPO's TIP development, adoption, and amendment process,
- TIP revenue levels, funding sources, or project award, and
- Any other items included in the current TIP that are not specifically identified on the list of changes.

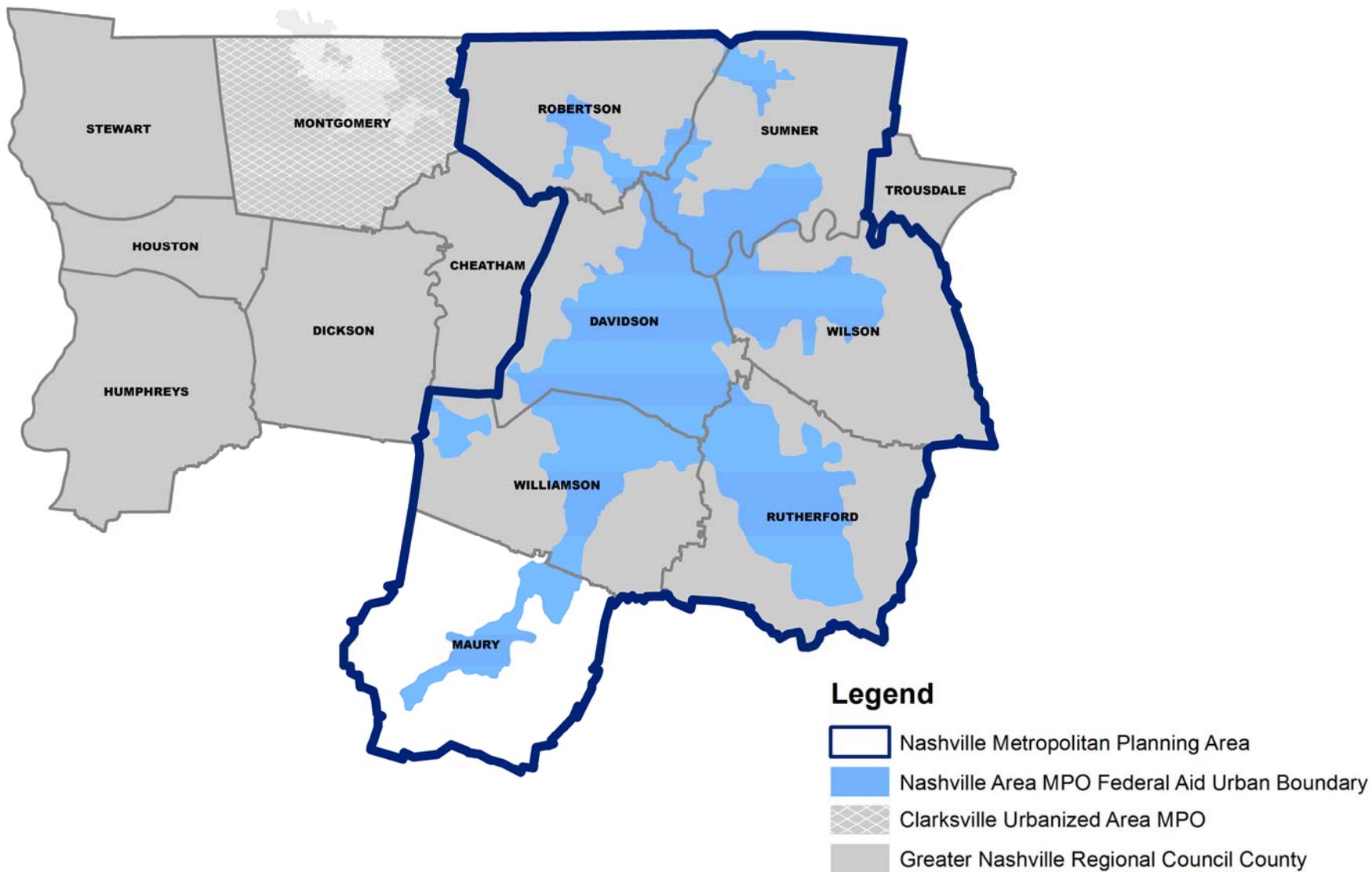
Next Scheduled Update

Under current federal law, the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program must be updated at least once every four years. As such, the FYs 2017-2020 TIP will be replaced by the FYs 2020-2023 TIP during the 2019 calendar year. Major revisions to the adopted TIP will be carried out, as needed, in the form of formal amendments. All amendments are publicly-noticed according to the procedures contained in the MPO's *Public Participation Plan* prior their adoption.

Proposed amendments will be posted to the MPO's website at the following link:

http://www.nashvillempo.org/public_notices/public_comment.aspx

Attachment A. Map of the MPO Planning Area



Attachment B. Office Locations and Key Contact Information

Office Location and Hours

GNRC offices for MPO and transportation planning program staff are located on the third floor of 138 Second Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37201. GNRC administrative offices are located on the sixth floor of 501 Union Street, TN 37219. Offices are open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on holidays.

Telephone/ Fax Numbers

- GNRC Main Number: 615-862-8828
- GNRC Fax Number: 615-862-8840
- MPO/ Transportation Planning Section: 615-862-7204

Websites

- Main GNRC Website: <http://www.GNRC.org>
- MPO/ Transportation Planning Website: <http://www.NashvilleMPO.org>
- Online Database for MPO's Transportation Improvement Program: <http://TIP.NashvilleMPO.org>

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*Emails sent to the old NashvilleMPO.org address will be automatically forwarded to GNRC.org addresses for all current GNRC staff who previously had a NashvilleMPO.org email address. In the meantime, please note the change in email addresses.



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