

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE Of the

Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

February 3, 2021

Attendees: Mr. Andy Barlow, Mr. Russ Brashear, Mr. Felix Castrodad, Mr. Ceagus Clark, Ms. Theresa Claxton, Mr. Marc Corrigan, Mr. Doug Demosi, Mr. Chuck Downham, Mr. Keith Free, Mr. Glenn Harper, Mr. Mike Harris, Ms. Billy Higgins, Mr. Reed Hillen, Mr. Joe Horne, Mr. Jim Kerr, Mr. Jonathan Marston, Mr. Eric McCann, Mr. Addam McCormick, Ms. Kealan Millies-Lucke, Ms. Sharmila Patel, Mr. Jonathan Russell, Mr. Matt Schenk, Mr. Josh Suddath, Ms. Dianna Tomlin, Mr. Nick Tuttle, Mr. Alex West

Approval of 1/6/20 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Glenn Harper, Chair, opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams.

Mr. Jim Kerr moved to approve the January 6, 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Jonathan Marston seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Endorse Draft 2045 RTP

Mr. Daniel Capparella, Active Transportation Planner, said that the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is out for the required 30-day public review and comment. He noted that it was advertised in three area newspapers – *Tennessean*, *El Crucero*, and *Tennessee Tribune*. He said that the first public workshop will be February 4th at 5:30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.

To access the draft plan, visit [www.https://GNRC.org/DraftRTP](https://GNRC.org/DraftRTP)

Mr. Sean Pfalzer, Transportation Planning Manager, provided an overview of the federal requirements for the plan, including that the plan must look out 20+ years, account for all anticipated federal transportation funding and regionally significant projects, be fiscally constrained, incorporate the 10 federal planning factors and national performance-based planning requirements, and updated every 5 years.

Mr. Capparella summarized the investments through 2045 by needs addressed, project category, and county.

Mr. Pfalzer noted the key takeaways, including that the region is extremely dependent on federal grant programs, buying power continues to dwindle as project costs increase, and the Plan is heavily committed to IMPROVE Act projects and local projects in the TIP.

A public hearing and scheduled adoption of the Plan will be on February 17, 2021.

There were several clarifying questions asked and answered.

Mr. Marston moved to endorse the draft plan for consideration by the Transportation Policy Board (TPB). Mr. Andy Barlow seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Endorse Updates to Performance Measures Targets

Mr. Pfalzer provided a background of performance-based planning requirements and measures for safety, infrastructure condition (bridges and pavement) and system performance (travel time reliability).

Ms. Ashleigh Reeves, Senior Research Analyst, provided an overview on how staff developed regional safety targets for traffic fatalities, fatality rate, serious injuries, serious injury rate, and non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries based on 1% annual reduction in each measure over the life of the Plan.

Mr. Pfalzer presented a staff recommendation to endorse regional targets for safety performance measures and state targets for infrastructure condition and system performance measures as part of the federally required performance-based planning.

Mr. Keith Free moved to endorse the updates to the performance measures targets with Mr. Doug Demosi seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation of Amendments to the FYs 2020-23 TIP

Ms. Anna Emerson presented Cycle B Amendments to the TIP as listed below. She said that the public review and comment period will be February 19th through March 17th. A public hearing and adoption by the Transportation Policy Board is scheduled for March 17th.

Amend #	TIP #	RTP #	Project Name	Sponsor	Action
2021-014	2019-32-093	1632-168	I-65 Widening from SR-25 to SR-109	TDOT	Add funds
2021-015	2021-17-114	Multimodal	Charlotte Ave (SR-24/US70)/Dr. MLK Jr. Blvd Connected Transit	Metro Nashville	Add project

Amend #	TIP #	RTP #	Project Name	Sponsor	Action
			Technology		
2021-016	2021-44-115	Safety	Veterans Pkwy/I-840 Interchange Lighting Project	Murfreesboro	Add project
2021-017	2021-44-116	Safety	Joe B. Jackson Pkwy/I-24 Interchange Lighting	Murfreesboro	Add project
2021-018	2015-111-069	Active Transportation Program	North Nashville Transit Center	Nashville MTA (WeGo)	Add funds
2021-019	2021-811-117	Multimodal	Regional Park & Ride Facility	RTA (WeGo)	Add project

Regular Reports

a) Federal Report

Mr. Sean Santalla said that the new USDOT Secretary is Pete Buttigieg and the new FHWA Deputy Administrator is Stephanie Pollack.

He said that the FY 2021 Highway Infrastructure Program funding has been allocated to the State. This includes traditional highway funding as well as COVID funding.

b) TDOT Report

Mr. Jonathan Russell said that the Urban Transportation Planning Grant applications were due on January 15th. There were applications submitted within the Nashville Area MPO. One project will be funded in each MPO and awards will be announced on February 5, 2021.

c) Chair's Report

There was none.

d) Staff Report

Ms. Emerson said that the latest federal COVID-19 Relief Bill included \$211 million for Tennessee. Of the state allocation, Tennessee MPOs with populations over 200,000 are estimated to receive a suballocation of \$22.4 million, with \$7.9 million of that suballocated to the Nashville area. The funds do not require local or state match, and must be obligated by September 30, 2024. She said that staff is awaiting additional information regarding the eligibility for the funding.

Mr. Pfalzer reminded the members of the Feb. 4th RTP public workshop via Microsoft Teams.

Other Business

Mr. Santalla noted that the following two links (listed in the chat box) are apportionment notices from FHWA FY 2021 Highway Infrastructure Program funding and COVID Relief funding.

Apportionment of COVID Relief Funding:

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/legsregs/directives/notices/n4510851/>

Apportionment of Highway Infrastructure Program Funding:

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/legsregs/directives/notices/n4510852/>

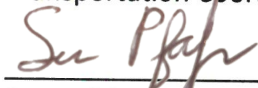
Ms. Billy Higgins said that an RFP is out for the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities and Job Access Reverse Commute grants. Grants are due on February 15. She noted that the GNRC staff will be reviewing the proposals.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Date: 3/3/21



Glenn Harper, Chair
Transportation Coordinating Committee



Sean Pfalzer, Transportation Planning Manager
Secretary, Transportation Coordinating Committee