MINUTES
Of the
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
Of the
Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
February 19, 2020

Attendees: Mr. KB Aboagye (for Gov. Bill Lee), Mayor Rogers Anderson, Mayor Bernie Ash, Mr. Steve Bland, Mayor Paige Brown, Mayor Mike Callis, Mayor Jamie Clary, Mayor John Cooper, Mayor Jeff Duncan, Mayor Rick Graham, Mr. Gerald Herman (for Mayor Michael Arnold), Mayor Anthony Holt, Ms. Gina Holt (for Mayor Ann Schneider), Mr. Eddie Hood, Mayor Randall Hutto, Mr. Jim Kerr (for Mayor Shane McFarland), Mayor Bill Ketron, Ms. Pam Kordenbrock, Mayor Rhea Little, Mr. Kenny Martin (for Mayor Ed Hagerty), Mayor Ken Moore, Mayor Mary Esther Reed, Mr. Dan Toole (for Mayor Timothy Lassiter), Mayor Billy Vogle

Call to Order

Mayor Mary Esther Reed, Chair, opened the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

Approval of the January 15, 2020 meeting minutes

Mayor Ken Moore moved to approve the January 15, 2020 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously on the second by Mayor Rick Graham.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Action Items:

a) Adopt Annual Update to the Safety Performance Target

Mr. Sean Pfalzer, Transportation Planning Manager & MPO Coordinator, said that we are required to annually adopt safety performance targets for five measures. He said that staff recommends the Board support the statewide targets. There were some concerns expressed at the Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC) that the target for fatalities is higher than the baseline for traffic fatalities. We are looking to revisit targets at the regional level as we update the Unified Transportation Plan.

The staff is requesting the Board adopt Resolution TPB-2020-01 endorsing the state safety targets for the annual update.
Mr. Gerald Herman said that the number of fatalities might be higher because there are more people and traffic. Mayor Rogers Anderson asked for a breakout of fatalities for 2-wheel, 4-wheel, and 18-wheel vehicles. Mr. Pfalzer said that crashes will be analyzed by mode. Mayor Anderson said he unsure what the rolling fatality rate refers to. Ms. Pfalzer said that safety measures and trends would be discussed in greater detail at next month’s meeting. Mr. Skipper, GNRC Executive Director, said that the numbers are important because we are talking about saving lives.

Mayor Bill Ketron moved to adopt Resolution TPB-2020-01 endorsing the state safety targets for the annual update. Mr. Kenny Martin seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

b) **Endorse Amendment to the FYs 2020-23 TIP**

Ms. Anna Emerson, Principal Planner, said that we have received approval from FHWA for the FYs 2020-23 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). She said that these amendments are for the FYs 2020-23 TIP, and consist of adding several new projects.

Mayor Ketron moved to endorse the amendments to the FYs 2020-23 TIP for public review and comment. Mayor Rick Graham seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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c) **Elect Transportation Policy Board Officers for 2020 Term**

On behalf of the nominating committee (Mayor Randall Hutto, Mayor Rogers Anderson, and Mayor Anthony Holt), Mayor Hutto presented the candidates for Chair and Vice-Chair. Mary Esther Reed was nominated for Chair and Mayor Billy Vogel was nominated for Vice-Chair. There were no nominations from the floor.

Mayor Ketron moved to elect Mayor Reed by acclamation. It passed.

Mayor Moore moved to elect Mayor Vogel by acclamation. It passed.

Mayor Reed and Mayor Vogel thanked the Board.
Mayor Moore moved to extend the terms until February 2021 to align it with the adoption of the Unified Transportation Plan. Mayor Anderson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Informational Items**

a) **Public Launch of the Unified Transportation Plan**

Mr. Pfalzer presented an overview of the public launch for the Unified Transportation Plan. He also went over the progression of activities scheduled each month until adoption. He gave a brief overview of the new Unified Plan website (www.solvethistogether.org) that will serve as a clearinghouse for the efforts already underway and a launch pad for the upcoming initiatives like the Downtown Interstate Loop Concepts Study.

Mr. KB Aboagye wanted to clarify that the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is now being called the Unified Transportation Plan (Unified Plan) and, if so, is the scope the same. Mr. Skipper said it was.

Mayor Anderson asked if the land development discussion will include agriculture. Mr. Skipper said it will be included in the environmental impact discussion.

b) **Initial Revenue Projections for the Plan**

Mr. Skipper said that the Plan is the gateway for federal dollars. He said that the law requires a balanced budget over the life of the Plan. He said that in 2016 there was $8.8 Billion in available revenue for transportation investments, consisting primarily of federal dollars along with matching state and local sources. In projecting federal formula grants for 2021-2045, he said that we could anticipate $8.2 Billion (assuming no growth in revenues), $10.5 Billion (assuming 2% annual growth), and $14.4 Billion (assuming 4.4% annual growth).

He said that an analysis of more than a dozen peer regions revealed that the Nashville area is much lower than peer regions based on average annual transportation funding per capita. As a result, the Nashville region is overreliant on federal funding sources to address transportation needs.

Mayor Jamie Clary asked if more local money means more federal funds. Mr. Skipper said that additional local funding would increase opportunities to leverage federal discretionary grants, but the main takeaway is that fast-growing regions with significant transportation challenges are are raising local revenue to solve those challenges.

He said that the Revenue Briefing Paper will contain a primer that shows the history of transportation funding since 1956 and assess the current opportunities to leverage federal dollars. He said that in our greater need for funding we need to analyze options for expanding revenues.
He said that we need to gather information from each of the jurisdictions on how much local revenue is dedicated to transportation and what sources it is derived from. He said that staff will be reaching out to each jurisdiction to obtain the local revenue information.

For more information, go to https://www.solvethistogether.org/current-plan.

c) **Update on the Call-for-Projects for the Plan**
Ms. Emerson updated members on funding requests submitted through the Call-for-Projects for the Unified Plan, and notified them that all local governments need to identify additional needs and submit those project requests by the end of February.

She informed members that the Research and Data Analytics team is mapping all the projects. There are approximately $7.9 Billion in project funding requests thus far. Mr. Skipper added that very few new projects have been requested.

d) **Downtown Interstate Loop Concepts Study Kick-off**
Mr. Skipper said that part of the Unified Plan, GNRC is studying the issues and challenges in the Inner Loop around downtown Nashville. He said that the work is being performed by GNRC in partnership with Nashville Civic Design Center, Volkert, Inc., KCI Technologies, Stones River Group, and Cambridge Systematics.

The kick-off meeting on February 12 at the Nashville Downtown Partnership was well attended. Mr. Skipper said that the study is intended to get a big picture of ideas on how to improve mobility at the bottlenecks on the downtown interstate loop to support future development around the area.

Ms. Pam Kordenbrock said that any changes in the loop must be approved by TDOT, and then by FHWA.

Mayor Moore said that the complexity of the issue may require longer sessions of the Board.

**Regular Reports**

a) **TDOT Report**
Mr. Aboagye said that the Commissioner is working on getting replacement for Mr. Toks Omishakin. TDOT received an approved STIP from FHWA. TDOT received the final State Planning Finding Report which is done every three years. There was one finding to update the Congestion Management Process (CMP), which is on schedule to be completed with the Plan. He said that the final discussions are underway to determine awards for the Multimodal Access Grant and CMAQ grant programs.

b) **Staff Report**
Mr. Pfalzer said that the staff is continuing to work on the Congestion Management Process (CMP) with TDOT and FHWA.
The UPWP call for planning studies updates. We don’t anticipate any significant call for new studies.

He said that advisory committees continue to meet monthly. The Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Coordination met the end of January. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) met at the end of January and the next meeting is scheduled for February 26th.

c) Chair’s Report
Mayor Reed said it was a great roll-out of the Unified Plan in October, but we need to go back to our communities and educate them. She said that it is the Board’s role, not staff’s role, to solve the transportation issues. We might need extra sessions to study the issue.

Other Business

Mayor Cooper said that Metro-Nashville's listening sessions on transportation are still in process.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Date: ______5/21/2020_____

Mary Esther Reed
The Honorable Mary Esther Reed
Chairman, MPO Transportation Policy Board

Sean Pfalzer, Transportation Planning Manager
MPO Coordinator