

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE Of the

Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

May 3, 2023

Attendees: Mr. Andy Barlow, Mr. Darek Baskin, Mr. Duncan Bauer, Mr. Russell Brashear, Mr. Tom Brashear, Mr. Ceagus Clark, Mr. Paul Corder, Mr. Doug Demosi, Mr. Keith Green, Mr. Glenn Harper, Mr. Joe Horne, Mr. Jim Kerr, Mr. Bill McCord, Mr. Addam McCormick, Mr. Jake McQueen, Mr. Charlie Pieri, Mr. Kevin Rigsby, Mr. Marty Sewell, Mr. Josh Suddath, Mr. Micah Wood, Ms. Emily Wright

Mr. Andy Barlow, Chair, opened the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Approval of the March 1, 2023 meeting minutes

Mr. Jim Kerr moved to approve the March 1, 2023 meeting minutes. Mr. Bill McCord seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Amend the Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Anna Emerson, Principal Planner, introduced amendments to the FYs 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). She said that FHWA has requested revisions to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and once those are included, the STIP should be approved. She presented six amendments for consideration as part of the third amendment cycle. She said that these amendments add approximately \$13 million to the TIP.

Mr. Keith Free moved to endorse the amendments to the FYs 2023-26 TIP for consideration by the Transportation Policy Board. Mr. Ceagus Clark seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Endorse Updates to Performance Measure Targets

Mr. Daniel Capparella, Transportation Planner, said that federal legislation requires performance measures to track progress toward national goals of congestion reduction and system reliability. The State DOTs and MPOs must demonstrate how transportation investments make progress towards improving reliability which is a measure of how predictable

travel times are and is predominately impacted by the non-recurring causes of congestion (incidents, weather, work zones, etc.).

He said that state DOTs are required to assess measures on the National Highway System to carry out the National Highway Performance Program. The MPOs are required to establish performance targets and track progress towards target achievement through the TIP for the following travel time reliability measures:

- Percent of the person-miles traveled on the interstate NHS that are reliable.
- Percent of the person-miles traveled on the Non-Interstate NHS that are reliable.
- Freight truck travel time reliability index

Mr. Capparella gave a brief overview of infrastructure condition target setting requirements. MPOs are required to establish performance targets and track progress towards target achievement through the TIP for the following infrastructure condition measures:

- Interstate pavement in good condition
- Interstate pavement in poor condition
- Non-interstate National Highway System (NHS) pavement in good condition
- Non-interstate National Highway System (NHS) pavement in poor condition
- National Highway System (NHS) bridges in good condition
- National Highway System (NHS) bridges in poor condition

Mr. Bill McCord asked if the IMPROVE Act and the state bill just approved by the Legislature would be a basis for these measures to be reconsidered. He asked if we expect improvement in the condition of the roads and bridges, and asked if staff could look into what can be done to ensure that infrastructure condition does not deteriorate further. Mr. Capparella said yes staff will look into the worsening trend and bring information back to the TCC. Mr. Tom Brashear, Wilson County, asked for clarification on the baseline number for the measures. Mr. Capparella said that the baseline number is the existing condition of the infrastructure based on the baseline year.

Mr. Barlow asked if these targets represent statewide numbers. Mr. Capparella said that yes, these are statewide targets. The recommendation is to endorse the State's target numbers. Mr. Suddath asked if there is any reason for the targets decreasing. Mr. Capparella said that TDOT has not provided a narrative for that at this time. He said staff will coordinate with TDOT to obtain details on the justification of the target.

Mr. Keith Free moved to endorse the updates to the State Performance Measure Targets with a second from Mr. Doug Demosi. The motion passed with one no vote by Mr. McCord.

Presentation of the Draft Transportation Planning Work Program

Mr. Capparella said that the Transportation Planning Work Program is scheduled to be adopted in July by the Transportation Policy Board after state and federal review and comment.

He gave an overview of the planning topics and issues the work program hopes to address. The regional issues include a rise in serious injuries in fatalities, worsening traffic congestion, limited funding and financing options, and affordability and housing choice. He also highlighted a few recent accomplishments over the last year and a half, including data dashboards, applications and tools, forming the project delivery task force, a successful completion of the federal certification review, and adoption of the FYs 2023-2026 TIP.

He gave a brief overview of upcoming priorities for the next two years, including to form a regional safety task force, expand housing data into investment decisions, conduct a regional growth management study, and leverage region, state, and federal funding.

Mr. Capparella reminded members that the document will be available in June for public review and comment, and it is scheduled for adoption in July by the TPB.

Mr. McCord asked if model land development regulations will be included as part of the regional management growth study. Ms. Emerson said that she was not sure but will check back in a future meeting with more information. Mr. Tom Brashear mentioned a Northeast Corridor Traffic Shed study and asked if there are opportunities to fund studies like that going forward. Ms. Emerson said that she will bring that up with staff and will follow up.

For more information, go to www.gnrc.org/UPWP

Regular Reports

- **FHWA Report**

Ms. Emerson gave the report on federal grant opportunities. The Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant opportunity is a competitive program focused on reducing serious injuries and fatalities. There is more than \$1 billion available in FY 2023. The eligible uses include planning and implementation (must have a local road safety plan in place to apply for implementation. The deadline is July 10, 2023. For more details, visit <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>

- **TDOT Report**

Ms. Emerson gave the state report. TDOT's Multimodal Access Grant is open to eligible applicants in the MPO area. The max award is \$1.25 million with the minimum local match requirement of 5%. A notice of intent is due by May 16, 2023, and the full application is due July 18, 2023. Direct questions to Masonya Osei at masonya.osei@tn.gov. For more details, visit <https://www.tn.gov/tdot/multimodal-transportation-resources/bicycle-and-pedestrian-program/multimodal-access->

[grant.html](#). In addition, TDOT's Transportation Planning Grant will soon open to eligible applicants within the MPO area. There is more than \$2 million available statewide with a minimum local match requirement of 10%. Direct any questions to Jonathan Russell at Jonathan.russell@tn.gov. For more details, visit <https://www.tn.gov/tdot/long-range-planning-home/longrange-oct/longrange-planning-grant.html>

- **Chair's Report**

Mr. Barlow said that he has taken a job with TDOT in the Traffic Design Division and this is his last meeting as Chair. He said that it has been great working with the TCC members and that this group works well together. He said that he wants to foster more collaboration between TDOT and the locals.

Mr. Barlow announced that Mr. Matt White will be the new TCC representative from Mt. Juliet.

Ms. Emerson said that the staff has enjoyed working with Mr. Barlow. She thanked him for his service.

The nominating committee of Mr. McCord, Mr. Tom Brashear, and Mr. Doug Demosi will meet to identify candidates to fill the vacancy. The vote will be at the June meeting. Barlow was given a round of applause.

Mr. Free said that Mr. Barlow has done a good job as chair. He said that some of the issues discussed and voted on can be confusing and he put issues into a language that everyone can understand.

- **Staff Report**

Ms. Emerson said that the staff is working to produce a monthly staff report for members. This report will contain TIP obligations/tracking as well as the suballocated funding and project milestones. The report includes a list of TDOT and locally-led projects under construction along with performance tracking for safety, congestion, etc. Ms. Emerson said that the staff hopes this is a helpful resource and is open to suggested improvements.

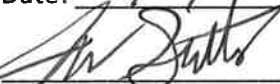
Mr. McCord suggested that staff break out safety data to motorized vs. non-motorized.

Mr. Barlow said that this is a great one-stop shop for projects. Mr. McCord asked if there is a target for obligation for each of these funding sources. Ms. Emerson said that we as an MPO do not have control over any of the funding sources other than our suballocated funds.

Upcoming GNRC meetings include the Regional Council on June 21 and Transportation Policy Board on July 19.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Date: 6/7/2023



Andy Barlow, Chair
Transportation Coordinating Committee



Sean Pfalzer, Transportation Planning Manager
Secretary, Transportation Coordinating Committee

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