

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE Of the

Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

August 5, 2020

Attendees: Mr. Andy Barlow, Mr. Russ Brashear, Mr. Tom Brashear, Mr. Felix Castrodad, Mr. Ceagus Clark, Mr. Marc Corrigan, Mr. Doug Demosi, Mr. Chuck Downham, Mr. Keith Free, Mr. Glenn Harper, Mr. Mike Harris, Ms. Gina Head, Ms. Billy Higgins, Mr. Stanton Higgs, Mr. Reed Hillen, Mr. Joe Horne, Ms. Emily Hunter Wright, Ms. Katrina Jones, Mr. Jim Kerr, Mr. Addam McCormick, Ms. Kealan Millies-Lucke, Mr. Kevin Rigsby, Mr. Jonathan Russell, Mr. Sean Santalla, Mr. Matt Schenk, Mr. Marty Sewell, Mr. Josh Suddath, Ms. Dianna Tomlin, Mr. Matt Von Lunen

Approval of 6/3/20 Meeting Minutes

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

Mr. Ceagus Clark moved to approve the June 3, 2020 meeting minutes. Mr. Jim Kerr seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Endorsement of Amendment to the FYs 2020-21 UPWP

Mr. Sean Pfalzer, Transportation Planning Manager and MPO Coordinator, said that an amendment to the FYs 2020-21 UPWP is out for public review and comment.

The updates consist of 1) adding new regional planning activities for FY 2021 and 2) adding related planning activities conducted by partners within the region.

To date, there have not been any comments received. The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) is scheduled to adopt the amendment at the August 19th TPB meeting.

Mr. Doug Demosi moved to endorse the amendment for consideration by the TPB. Mr. Josh Suddath seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Presentation of Amendments to the FYs 2020-2023 TIP

Ms. Anna Emerson, Principal Planner, presented amendments for the FYs 2020-23 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that will be released for public review and comment prior to adoption by Transportation Policy Board on September 16. There was a clarifying question that was answered.

Amend #	TIP #	RTP #	Project Name	Sponsor	Action
2020-18	2020-47-105	CM	LaVergne Advanced Traffic Management System	LaVergne	Add Project
2020-19	2020-17-106	CM	Vanderbilt University MoveVU Program	Vanderbilt University	Add Project
2020-20	2020-67-107	CM	Brentwood Signal System Upgrades	Brentwood	Add Project
2020-021	2020-17-108	CM	Goodlettsville Traffic Flow Improvements & Traffic Signal Upgrades – Phase 3	Goodlettsville	Add Project
2020-022	2020-19-109	CM	Nashville Connector	Metro Nashville	Add Project
2020-023	2020-17-110	CM	West End Avenue (SR-1/US70S)/Broadway (SR-1/SR-24/US70) ITS Communication Upgrade	Metro Nashville	Add Project
2020-024	2020-19-111	CM	Clean Trips to School	Walk Bike Nashville	Add Project
2020-025	2008-51-032	1052-120	East-West Corridor (Albert Gallatin Ave (SR-174)/Hatten Track Rd Extension)	Gallatin	Add funds
2020-026	2011-41-144	1041-129	Cherry Lane Extension with I-840 Interchange	Murfreesboro	Program CONST; add funds

Environmental Quality and Social Equity Analysis for the Regional Transportation Plan

Mr. Ben Gramling, Environmental Planning Manager, presented an environmental analysis for the Regional Transportation Plan. He explained the importance of the topic and how it aligns with national goals and planning factors, supports the regional economy, and enhances quality of life.

He presented on conditions and trends that included air, water, land, and sociocultural resources. He highlighted threats and risk factors such as population growth, development patterns, policy and regulatory changes, and climate uncertainty. He also identified key findings and implications, strategies to minimize impacts, and recommended actions. Recommended actions included 1)set ambitious goals & track performance, 2)prioritize investments that have minimal impact and/or enhance opportunities for conservation/preservation, 3)implement a formal PEL framework to link regional planning and project development, and 4)expand purpose of regional environmental roundtable to establish shared vision for regional conservation/preservation.

For more information on the environmental data, visit the GNRC Data Portal:
www.gnrc.org/maps.

Ms. Shelly Hazle and Ms. Carson Cooper presented a social equity analysis for the Regional Transportation Plan that will be documented in the *Equity Issues and Trends Policy Brief*. Ms. Hazle discussed the importance of access to opportunity for residents, economic competitiveness of the region, quality of life for residents, and federal requirements. She also noted the key issues and challenges in the region include population growth, development patterns, housing affordability, limited transportation options, and COVID-19. Ms. Cooper presented on the location of the nine vulnerable populations through the region and identified highly vulnerable areas in which six or more of the groups are represented. The nine vulnerable populations include: 1) racial minority population, 2) ethnic minority population, 3) families living in poverty, 4) limited English-speaking households, 5) disabled population, 6) senior (65+) population, 7) unemployed, 8) single-mother households, and 9) carless households.

Ms. Cooper highlighted the key findings of the analysis, that include the following:

- 1) The region's population is growing, aging, and diversifying putting more pressure on the region's transportation system and housing affordability
- 2) Transportation outcomes are not equitably distributed across the region – vulnerable areas are disproportionately affected by costs, lack of access, and poor safety
- 3) Multimodal infrastructure is available but unreliable and unsafe due to infrequent service and lack of connectivity.

The recommended actions and strategies are to 1) prioritize equity and access to opportunity in all decision-making, 2) improve and expand the transit system, especially regarding connectivity, service frequency, and reliability, 3) implement complete streets policies and designs that enhance safety and mobility for pedestrians and non-motorized users, and 4) ensure outreach and engagement to all communities for all planning efforts.

To explore the data and trends, visit <https://www.gnrc.org/dashboards>.

Present Roadway Safety Performance Targets

Mr. Pfalzer said that the national safety goal to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads, and the MPO is responsible for setting safety targets annually to make progress toward that goal as part of its performance-based planning. He said that the MPO has adopted TDOT's targets in the past, are committed to developing regional targets as part of the update to the Regional Transportation Plan.

Ms. Ashleigh Reeves, Senior Research Analyst, presented the following scenarios for regional safety targets for traffic fatalities.

- 1) Support the State targets
- 2) Cap fatalities
- 3) 1% annual reduction by 2045
- 4) 50% overall reduction by 2045
- 5) Vision zero or 16% annual decrease out to 2045

Mr. Pfalzer said that the objective is to narrow down the number of target options to present to the Transportation Policy Board.

Mr. Michael Skipper, GNRC Executive Director, said the MPOs should coordinate with TDOT Highway Safety Office, transit operators, local governments, FHWA division office, and law enforcement on safety targets, but that ultimately the MPO can set its own regional targets. Mr. Sean Pfalzer stated that the MPO is not at risk of losing funding as a result of not meeting targets.

Presentation of 2045 RTP Goals Weights

Mr. Daniel Capparella, Active Transportation Planner, stated the initial results of the pairwise activity to weigh the priority of the six goals established by the RTP policy framework. The initial results show that the goal to improve safety was the top priority, followed by (in order of priority) maintain state of good repair, mitigate congestion, increase access to economic opportunity, minimize disruptive impacts, and align with policies and plans.

Mr. Pfalzer said that the staff is working with the TPB members to complete the same exercise.

Regular Reports

1) Chair's report

Mr. Harper reminded the members of the Power of 10 Conference on August 13th from 9 a.m. to noon. It will be held virtually.

2) Staff report

Mr. Pfalzer thanked the members for participating in round one of the county workshops. He said that updates are needed by August 7th. The second round of workshops will be mid to late August from 10 a.m. to noon.

Mr. Pfalzer said that the CMP update link was distributed that contains tech memos on steps 4, 6, and 8.

The IMPROVE Act Transit Capital Grant has \$21 million available in FY2021 with max award of \$3 million. Eligible applicants include public transit

providers currently receiving FTA 5307 or 5311 funds. The notice of intent is due on August 21. Mr. Jonathan Russell said he was not sure how long funds are allocated for or how long it will continue.

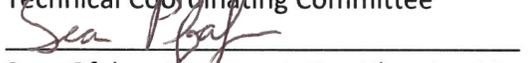
Mr. Sean Santalla said that if the state does not reach their safety target, they are required to use their obligation authority in an amount equal to their HSIP apportionment. There are no consequences to the MPO on setting their own targets. Mr. Skipper said the MPO needs to make sure that we are spending money on safety goals. Mr. Russell said that TDOT supports the MPO setting its own targets.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Date: 10/7/20



Glenn Harper, Chair
Technical Coordinating Committee



Sean Pfalzer, Transportation Planning Manager
MPO Coordinator