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

Attendees: Mayor Rogers Anderson, Mr. Steve Bland, Commissioner Clay Bright (for Gov. Bill Lee), Mayor Paige Brown, Mayor Jamie Clary, Ms. Sabrina David, Ms. Fae DiMassimo (for Mayor John Cooper), Mr. Preston Elliott, Mr. Gerald Herman (for Mayor Michael Arnold), Mayor Anthony Holt, Mr. Eddie Hood, Mayor Randall Hutto, Mr. Thad Jablonski (for Mayor Chaz Molder), Mr. Jim Kerr (for Mayor Shane McFarland), Mr. Victor Lay (for Mayor Rick Graham), Mr. Kenny Martin (for Mayor Ed Hagerty), Ms. Kealon Millies-Lucke (for Mayor Mike Callis), Mayor Andy Ogles, Mayor Mary Esther Reed, Mr. Marty Sewell, Mayor Billy Vogle, Mr. Matt Von Lunen

Call to Order

Mayor Mary Esther Reed, Chair, opened the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

Approval of 7/16/20 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Victor Lay moved to approve the July 16, 2020 meeting minutes with Ms. Faye DiMassimo seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Mr. Mark Cleveland, Hytch, Inc. CEO, asked about the status of the Transit and Technology Program awards that the TPB approved in June 2019. He said that he understood that there are some processing issues involving TDOT Local Programs and was wanting an update from the staff. Mr. Sean Pfalzer, Transportation Planning Manager/MPO Coordinator, said that GNRC received the green light last week to proceed with the project initiation process. He said that GNRC submitted three project initiation forms this morning, and we will keep you updated as we work through the process with TDOT Local Programs. Mr. Cleveland said that there are four or five awards in total looking to do their part during this time.

Action Items
a) Public Hearing: Adopt Resolution TPB 2020-04 Amending the FYs 2020-21 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
Mr. Pfaizer briefly went over the proposed amendments to the FYs 2020-21 Unified Planning Work Program. He said they have been out for the required public review and comment period, and we have not received any comments. He also noted that the proposed amendment has been presented to and endorsed by the Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC).

The updates are to add new regional planning in FY 2021 for a regional traffic shed/impact fee analysis and to add related planning activities conducted by partners.

Mayor Reed opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. Mayor Reed closed the public hearing.

Mayor Billy Vogle moved to adopt Resolution TPB 2020-04. Mayor Anthony Holt seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**b) Adopt Resolution TPB 2020-05, Revising the Organizational Bylaws of the Transportation Policy Board**

Mr. Michael Skipper, GNRC Executive Director, went over the proposed edits. He said that the revisions include revising the process for Planning Oversight Committee (POC) consultant invoice review and adding language regarding virtual meetings. One proposal to extend voting membership to municipalities of less than 5,000 people will be deferred until after the Regional Transportation Plan adoption in February and the 2020 Census.

Mr. Preston Elliott said that TDOT does not have real problems with these revisions. According to the MPO Bylaws, the issue must be voted on next month not this month. Mr. Skipper said that this was introduced at last month's meeting for voting on this month. Mr. Skipper said that there is no specific requirement that an action be taken at two meetings.

Mayor Rogers Anderson said Article 6, Item E says, “the committee shall meet in person to conduct business unless meeting by electronic means is otherwise permitted by State law or by declaration of emergency.” He said that because this MPO meets in Davidson County there could be conflicting electronic guidelines by Davidson County health department versus those of other counties. Mr. Skipper said that we could be in a situation where the Executive Order is not extended to cover public meetings to be held virtually and simultaneously Davidson County’s guidelines for social distancing make it difficult to meet in person in Davidson County. In that case, we would have an in-person meeting in a county where we would not be in violation of that county’s social distancing requirements. The mayors in the Mayors Caucus have made it clear that they continue to support the extension of the executive order permitting virtual meetings through the end of the year. We will be following the State law.

Mayor Anderson reiterated that he did not want the board to get into trouble from a legal standpoint due to different jurisdictions making different rules. Mr. Skipper said that we are subject to the Tennessee Open Meeting Act and unless that is exempted through executive order at which point, we would have to find another location.
Mayor Paige Brown moved to adopt Resolution TPB 2020-05. Mayor Anthony Holt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Informational Items

a) Proposed Amendments to the FYs 2020-2023 TIP
Ms. Anna Emerson, MPO staff, presented the proposed amendments. She noted that these were the last cycle of amendments for FY 2020.

A clarifying question was asked and answered.

Mayor Reed said that these amendments are scheduled for adoption at the September 16th meeting.

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b) 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

Mr. Pfalzer said that due to the length of the meeting, the presentation on social equity will be deferred until the September meeting.

c) Draft Scenarios for Setting Roadway Safety Performance Targets as part of the Regional Transportation Plan

Mr. Pfalzer said that the national goal is to reduce 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 TPB elected to continue to support the State’s targets in February and then develop regional targets during the development of the Regional Transportation Plan. Doing this as part of the 2045 RTP process will also establish the basis for regional targets for subsequent years.

He said that FHWA does not directly assess MPO progress toward meeting safety performance targets but FHWA will determine whether a State DOT has met or made significant progress toward its safety performance targets. If not, a State DOT must obligate HSIP funds to safety projects and must develop an implementation 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

Mayor Reed noted that the targets are scheduled for adoption at the September meeting.

d) Weighting Regional Goals to Prioritize Projects and Transportation Needs for the Regional Transportation Plan

Mr. Daniel Capparella, Active Transportation Planner, said that the members received an email to complete a pairwise exercise through Decision Lens to prioritize the relative importance of the six goals in the Policy Framework. He asked that they complete the exercise by the end of the week.
Regular Reports

a) FHWA/FTA Report
Ms. Sabrina David thanked the members for taking the time to make the amendments to the UPWP.

She said the FHWA recognized that safety targets can be set by the individual MPOs or each MPO can support the State’s targets.

She reminded the members that the end of the FAST Act is September 30, 2020. She said that FHWA will share information about the next authorization as it becomes available.

She reminded the members that the Census is ongoing.

FHWA appreciates the MPO for finding ways to be responsive to the ongoing pandemic by offering virtual meetings.

b) TDOT Report
Commissioner Clay Bright encouraged the MPO to spend down unobligated balances. Mayor Reed said that the members would be interested in discussing opportunities to work with TDOT to spend down federal funds.

Mr. Preston Elliott thanked the MPO staff for the excellent presentations. He said that TDOT supports MPOs that want to establish regional safety targets to help reduce fatalities and serious injuries.

He said that there are still some grant opportunities available, including the IMPROVE Act Transit Capital Grant and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Transit Capital Grant applications are due August 31st and TAP applications are due October 2nd.

c) Chair’s Report
Mayor Reed thanked the staff and member jurisdictions for keeping the updated schedule for the Plan adoption. She said that some jurisdictions still need to get project information to the GNRC staff.

d) Staff Report
Mr. Pfalzer said that round one of the county workshops were successful. Staff is working to finalize some remaining project details necessary for project evaluations. He said that round two county workshops have been pushed back a few weeks in order for staff to get through their evaluation process.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Date: 9/16/2020
Mary Esther Reed

The Honorable Mary Esther Reed
Chairman, MPO Transportation Policy Board

Sean Pfalzer, Transportation Planning Manager
MPO Coordinator